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Personal Aide—

Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch St., Waterloo, Iowa.

- Floral Tributes, placed by Department Presidents and Department Commanders.
- Vocal Selection, "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet" Mary Elliot
- Reading, "Where We'll Never Grow Old".....Isla M. Dow
National Chaplain, Auxiliary S. U. V. C. W.
- Scripture Reading, "The Twenty-third Psalm".....James A. B. Young
National Chaplain, S. U. V. C. W.
- Vocal Selection, "The Garden of Peace and Prayer".....Mary Elliot
- BenedictionRev. J. Kirkwood Craig
Past Commander-in-Chief

Prior to the Joint Memorial Services, a band concert was given by the Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans Reserve Band, under the direction of Capt. Charles H. Knecht, of Easton, Pa. This was followed by a concert by the Trenton Glee Club, Trenton, N. J.

JOINT OPENING—SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary took place in the Auditorium of the Hotel Jefferson on Monday, August 25, at 10 A. M. in charge of Mrs. Lenore Glass, Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary, and C. LeRoy Stoudt, Chief-of-Staff of the Sons.

The National Aides were presented, after which Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons and Mrs. Phyllis Dean, National President of the Auxiliary, were escorted in and introduced.

The National Officers of both organizations, the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents, the Encampment Committee, Department Commander George Kilmer of New Jersey; Department President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Henrietta Satterthwaite of New Jersey; City Auditor Robert Shrage, representing the Mayor of Atlantic City; Mrs. Sue Bennett, wife of the Commander-in-Chief; and James J. Dean, husband of the National President, were presented.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett and National President Dean each addressed the meeting briefly, after which greetings were extended to the Sons and Auxiliary by Mr. Robert Shrage, City Auditor, representing the Mayor of Atlantic City.

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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HOTEL JEFFERSON — ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

AUGUST 24-28, 1952

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

AUGUST 25, 1952 — 2 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett: The Officers and members of the Seventy-first 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 Andrew Richardson, New Jersey; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts; Guard, Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts; and Musician, Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council-in-Chief A. LeRoy Reynolds and Personal Aide Homer L. Young. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., N. J., as Council-in-Chief; and Past Department Commander H. H. LeGrand, Iowa, as Personal Aide.

The National Officers were introduced, and each were presented with a personal gift from Commander-in-Chief Bennett. The members of the Convention Committee were also presented with personal gifts from the Commander-in-Chief, and he expressed his gratitude to them for the splendid work done by them in connection with this Encampment.

COMMITTEES

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

Credentials

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.
Chester L. Charter, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.
Melville R. Riggs, Department Commander, California.

Resolutions

John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
 Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California.
 Ludwig E. Manoly, Past Department Commander, Maryland.
 William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Kenneth F. R. Hemminger, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

Officers' Reports

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
 Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 David G. Drake, Department Commander, Illinois.
 Robert H. McMahon, Department Commander, New York.

Constitution and Regulations

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 Roy C. Call, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 James J. Dean, Delegate, Massachusetts.
 Charles L. Messer, Past Department Commander, New York.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.
 J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire.
 J. Wilbur Coursey, Past Department Commander, California.
 George Kilmer, Department Commander, New Jersey.
 C. Edward Wetzel, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Press

Harold M. Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Restoration of Rank

Urion W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman.
 George E. Burrows, Department Commander, Rhode Island.
 Edwin Barnard, Department Commander, Vermont.

Fraternal Relations

All Past Commanders-in-Chief.

1953 Encampment

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.
 C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Does the Credential Committee have a preliminary report at this time?

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—PRELIMINARY REPORT

Department Commander Melville R. Riggs, California: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee wishes to report that we have 121 delegates registered.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you, Brother Riggs—it looks as though we will have a splendid attendance at this Encampment.

In the beginning of the year, I had something in my mind for the good of this organization, and after some inquiries I found that the financial burden would be too great to carry it out at this time. However, I expressed my wish in my own Department and someone there conceived the idea of fulfilling my desire. Therefore, today, I want to make the presentation of an American Flag to the Commandery-in-Chief, on behalf of the Auxiliary of the Department of Iowa.

National Secretary Lambert: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I accept this gift from the Auxiliary of the Department of Iowa, and wish to express our sincere thanks for this presentation.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: We are now ready for Reports of Officers.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided from his station, as Commander-in-Chief Bennett read his report (as attached).

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Des Moines, Iowa, August 1, 1952

To the Officers and Members of The Seventy-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GREETINGS:

One year ago in the City of Columbus, Ohio, I received the highest office within the gift of our Organization. I accepted its responsibilities and duties and I stand before you to give an account of my stewardship.

I accepted this office knowing full well the personal sacrifice in both time and money. It was the culmination of a dream of many years of service for our beloved Order. I had no illusions as to the condition of our Organization in membership or financial status—but I had hoped to enthuse our members and build up our membership.

I knew the ground work had been laid for a long range program, but that will avail us nothing if our membership continues to decline. I place great emphasis on increased membership. We must have it in order to keep up with the ever increasing expenses. We can do nothing with an empty pocketbook.

Like every other Commander-in-Chief, I have had my share of deep concern over the Brothers in some of the Departments. They seem to think that as we no longer have the Grand Army of the Republic actively with us, we have no incentive. How can we make them realize, that now we must work to keep the Grand Army of the Republic before the coming generations, in order that the history made by these men may not be forgotten.

I have also had moments of pride in being a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. When I stand on the battlefields where so many men and boys lost their lives for the freedom of our country, and when I visit the halls that the men of the G. A. R. held their meetings in, I am proud to be a descendant of such men.

Visitations

A record of the visits I have made in behalf of our Organization has appeared in each issue of The Banner, which is published every two months. Owing to the fact that so many of the Departments convened

on the same dates, it was necessary to have "called meetings" in some Departments. Called meetings were held in Nebraska on October 1, 1951, in Kansas on April 14, 1952, in Colorado on May 13th, in New Hampshire on June 29th and in Connecticut on July 1st.

I felt it to be a high honor that so many Brothers and Sisters came to pay honor to the Office I held, so soon after their Department Conventions. Cleon Heald, P. C. in C., Allan Spink of Connecticut, Brother Katterman of Kansas and Herbert Bray of Colorado arranged these very successful meetings.

Wherever I have visited throughout the West, Middle-West, and through the Eastern Departments, I have been received with splendid hospitality, and I hope to have a real place in the friendship of these Brothers and Sisters of our Order.

I have represented our Organization at many patriotic meetings during my year, and gave the Memorial Day address at the G. A. R. Plot on Memorial Day, in Des Moines, Iowa. The sons, Auxiliary, and the Allied Orders of the G. A. R., with many friends, were the largest group attending the service.

I realize the problems confronting some of the Departments and have given advice as best I knew how, and tried to give a helping hand. I have spent many hours in writing to these Departments, and in visiting with them and talking over their difficulties. In some cases it helped, in others I found them insincere from the beginning, with no desire to help; making promises with no intention of ever fulfilling them.

The future of our Organization would be assured if our members would work together for the common interests of our Order.

In making my official visits to the various Departments, I find that some are trying to operate on an empty pocketbook. Any group that hopes to exist and keep up their Department on one or two dollars per member for yearly dues are trying to do so on a financial basis that must have begun when our Order was founded.

When I leave such a Department, I am depressed; only to be enthused again by the next Department I visit which has everything you could wish for, with large active membership, fine energetic men, and loyalty and devotion to our Order. They are a successful and interesting group.

Honor Roll

The following have been reported as securing five or more new members, or have given distinguished service to the Order, and have been awarded Gold Ribbons as "Special Aides." Grover C. Scott, New York; George Hoyt, New York; Truman A. Vincent, New York; Harry G. Hinson, Delaware; George W. Palmer, California; and William Crum-bley of New Jersey. Also H. W. Gillett of Vermont; Eden C. Glover of Massachusetts; James Wolff, Massachusetts, and George DeWitt of Vermont.

Camps Reinstated

Two Camps have been reinstated during the year. Congratulations to the Department of Iowa for reinstating the Camp at Clinton, and to the Department of Rhode Island for reinstating the Camp at Westerly.

Finances

As the National Secretary-Treasurer's report is read, please take note that last year the deficit had to be balanced by cashing of Government Bonds. Loss of membership has cut deeply into our revenue. This is a problem that must interest every member of the Order.

Our Order

What do we have to offer to induce membership? We are a fine Patriotic Organization, it is true, but we must not stop there. We must not be satisfied, just to belong. Unless you keep telling everyone that you belong to the Sons of Union Veterans, and how you would like to see them become a member of our special group, you will not expand. Wishful thinking will get you nowhere.

We are living in a changing world—we are making history, and that is what men of today are interested in. Make your meetings interesting, and you will find your members will be right there. Organize a debating club and after regular meetings have a discussion of Civil War history, or topics of the day.

We must try to interest men between the ages of forty to fifty years. They are in the building years, the fire of youth is still burning bright, and the desire to be inactive has not set its seal upon them.

I stress earnestly the training of our youth who have no connection with Wars as yet, and are too young to be members of our parent organization. Teach them the history of the men who fought for and won the heritage of "Freedom for all people."

To us, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been given the job of preserving this heritage which has been handed down to us, by the men who fought the Civil War of 1861 to 1865. Let us keep awake and see that these liberties are not taken from us for false security. Let us see that they are handed down through our generation to generations to come. Perhaps we can do this through our Junior Camps.

Officers

The Commandery-in-Chief and myself wish to thank the Officers for their cooperation; for their messages to the membership as appeared in The Banner, and their visits to Departments and Camps. I am deeply indebted to my Sec.-Treas., Albert C. Lambert for the consideration and thoughtfulness he has accorded the Organization and myself; for the benefit of his wisdom, and the many favors he has conferred on me. The service our Sec.-Treas. renders is not to be underestimated, nor undervalued. Accept my sincere gratitude Brother Albert.

National Convention Committee

I wish to thank the National Convention Committee for their untiring work to make this convention outstanding. I tender my gratitude and sincere appreciation to them, and hope to thank them personally.

National Chief of Staff

I wish to thank P. C. in C., C. Leroy Stoudt for his ready acceptance as Chief of Staff. I know the amount of work it involves, but I also know he is just the man who can do it. I appreciate it, and thank you Roy.

National Committees

As very few of the Committee Chairmen have sent in reports of their activities, I shall await their reports at the Encampment, and comment on the reports I have received.

National Publicity

In Harold Drown of Massachusetts we have a Brother of untiring ability with a twenty-four hour a day record. Ever mindful of getting the most out of publicity, he avails himself of every opportunity. I wish to thank him for representing me at so many functions in the New England Departments.

Grand Army of the Republic Highway

I wish to congratulate Brother Vernon E. Cheney and his committee for the dedication of this highway on February 9, 1952 at Long Beach, Calif., and for the plans developed to re-dedicate this highway simultaneously in each State through which the highway passes. Also for his continuous efforts to induce "map companies" to make maps with "Grand Army of the Republic Highway No. 6." Also for his plan to have a commemorative G. A. R. Highway Stamp issued in 1953.

Chairman of Radio Program

Chairman of Radio Program, H. Harding Hale passed away on February 3, 1952. Dr. James O. Smith of Madison, Wisconsin, accepted the Chairmanship of this Committee to continue through the year. I wish to commend him on the programs he has sponsored on the radio network and for his use of The Banner. He is a reliable Brother, and will go far in any line of work for our order.

Grave Marking

Thanks to Bertrand O. DeForest Sr., National Grave Registration Officer, and his committee, for their efforts to complete the records of Grave Marking. Not only is his achievement beneficial to our Order, but to the States as well.

Junior Order

In the Junior movement I fully realize, as P. C. in C. Heald has said, that it is a problem of competent personnel to make it work. But this is so even in our own ranks. If we are to exist, youth is the solution. Whether they be "Drill Teams," "Honor Guards," "Drum Corps," or "Ball Teams," we must interest the young eligibles to our order.

The Banner

At our 1951 Encampment at Columbus, the Commandery-in-Chief voted to discontinue The Banner published at Dwight, Ill., after the November issue, as we were not financially able to continue at the new rate. No plan was adopted whereby the Commander-in-Chief was to reach the membership with a General Order.

Through the efforts of National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, the new Banner has been issued, starting January 1, 1952, which carries the General Orders, and very good and essential news. Brother Albert has edited this fine new Banner which has been received with enthusiasm. It has been partially paid for by subscriptions. This has been an added burden to our National Secretary, for which he should be reimbursed. Many compliments have been received on the splendid articles and cuts appearing in its columns. It bids fair to surpass the old Banner.

The Grand Army of the Republic

Only three men of the Grand Army of the Republic remain with us today. They are Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn.; James A. Hard, of Rochester, N. Y.; William A. Magee, of Van Nuys, Calif.

I had the pleasure of visiting with Comrade Hard and with Comrade Magee. They were in fine health and very alert. Both sent messages to Comrade Woolson. May these three comrades of the G. A. R. remain with us as long as God wills, and may their remaining days be filled with happy memories.

Our Auxiliary

To my National President, Phyllis M. Dean and her Staff of Officers, and to the Auxiliary membership, I wish to thank this great group

of women for their splendid and loyal support to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. No National President could have been more faithful to our Order. She took every opportunity to bring before the public that the Sons of Union Veterans, through their legal heritage, should lead the Allied Family of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In almost every Camp and Department, the Auxiliary is our support both morally and financially. My sincere and grateful appreciation to Phyllis Dean for the assistance and inspiration she has given us.

The Allied Orders

I sincerely regret the decision of the Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters of Union Veterans to hold a separate encampment in Boston this year. The invitation to meet with the Sons of Union Veterans at Atlantic City, N. J. was not accepted. To hold their meetings together would be an inspiration and of profit to all members of the Allied Family.

I have had the pleasure of meeting the National Presidents of the Allied Orders several times during my year, and they are a fine group of women.

Necrology

It is with sorrow that I record the passing of members of the G.A.R. and Brothers of our Organization, who have been active in the Commandery-in-Chief. Our tribute to their memory will be given at our Memorial Service. They have served their God, their Country, and their Organization well; may they rest in peace.

Recommendations

That the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee be continued until such time as present projects are completed.

That at some future date we design a marker for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for use at "City Limits," where Camps exist, similar to those now in use by many service clubs.

I recommend that the Commander-in-Chief ask for official called meetings to relieve him of Department Encampments where dates conflict. Six Departments had the dates from June 5 to June 11, in 1952.

Conclusion

Time waits for no man, and so in a few hours it will advise me that I am once more a Brother in the ranks, awaiting orders from a new Commander-in-Chief. I pledge to him, whoever he may be, my cooperation and untiring efforts through the years to come. Perhaps some of the effort put forth by my Brothers and which did not mature for me, may do so for my successor. I shall work for that end.

ROY J. BENNETT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: You have heard this splendid report of your Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I move that this report be received and turned over to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and carried. Rising vote of thanks and applause given the Commander-in-Chief by the Encampment.)

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: At this time, I will ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to present his report.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis:

August 25, 1952

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It was a rare honor when an elective office such as I hold was given at the last Encampment to my Oregon Department in the far Northwest. It has been appreciated.

No special duties are assigned my office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Early in my term I was asked to canvass the Departments west of the Mississippi to obtain new sponsors for our application for a Congressional Charter and check whether former sponsors were still alive and so minded. The names and information secured were turned over to the head of our Legislative Committee.

Our Columbus Encampment approved, at my request, the project of amending the Constitution of the United States to forestall a developing possibility that it might be superseded in various ways by Presidential agreements with other nations or by legislation adopted by the United Nations. This is a more serious likelihood than is generally recognized.

Soon thereafter I learned that Senator John W. Bricker of Ohio was similarly alarmed and would take the lead in furthering such a project. He proceeded rapidly and in February of this year, introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 130 asking Congress to submit to the States for ratification a suitable amendment to the Constitution. Nearly sixty other Senators joined in the resolution, including the somewhat puzzling Senator Wayne Morse from my home town of Eugene, Oregon. The Administration blocked this resolution in the Committee on the Judiciary, however, and no action resulted.

Attached is a copy of that proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I think we as an organization should maintain our support for this change and safe-guarding action.

Our last Encampment also approved my proposal that we endorse and encourage a political re-alignment of voters in the North and South. I predicted that this would be the only thing done by our Encampment that would gain wide newspaper publicity. My prediction was fulfilled. This was the only action of our Encampment that received general news comment. It gained considerable attention in Washington.

I continued my interest in this subject. A Committee to explore Political Realignment was formed in Washington, comprised of prominent men of both principal parties. This Committee made an extensive analysis and survey of this national problem. Decisions reached were incisive and too detailed for enumeration here. The final summary of the Committee can be consulted for any desired details. It is a national misfortune that millions of citizens are controlled in their voting by the Civil War rather than by present day issues. To the extent our attitude is corrective it will be constructive.

Many times you have probably asked yourself the question: What program will stimulate our membership and make us a dynamic, thriving organization? In recent years, grandsons have stepped forward and accepted the helm of leadership. With the energy of relative youth they have worked hard and capably; but the membership lags behind the leadership. I hope there are wise heads among us who can devise a continuing program that will vitalize our membership and move us forward

on the path of accomplishment and growth. On the vision and energy of our younger men, however, we must place our hope and reliance.

It has been a treasurable experience to be a member of your staff, and I am grateful to you Commander-in-Chief Bennett, to our National Secretary Lambert, and to all who have given co-operation.

During the coming two years, personal business will require most of my time and attention, and my own Department has asked me to examine its affairs and condition, but if I can be of service to the National Organization in some minor capacity, I shall try to do it.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK K. DAVIS,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Blair:

August 1, 1952

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It will soon be a year since I was honored by being elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate deeply the privilege of serving in this capacity. As I relinquish the office it is with regret that unforeseen circumstances prevented me from doing more than I did.

In October, I attended a reception given to you by the Iowa Department in Des Moines. At the same time, I attended the annual meeting of the Central Region of the Sons of Union Veterans, comprising eleven states of which Ohio is one. I was honored by being elected Patriotic Instructor. In November, I attended a reception given by Earnshaw Camp of Dayton, Ohio, to all Department and National Officers. I extended to them the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief.

In December, it was my misfortune to slip on the ice and break my right arm at the wrist and to also badly injure my back which caused me to be confined in the hospital for some time. I, was, therefore, unable to attend the Indiana, Michigan and Ohio midwinter conventions as I had expected to do. I also had to decline one or two other invitations.

On April 12, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary meeting and dinner of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Tent No. 14 of the Daughters of Union Veterans and also extended to them the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Ohio Department was very much pleased to have you at our Encampment in Columbus in June.

Before closing my report, I feel constrained to express my views about the future of our organization.

Every year the report of the National Secretary shows a heavy loss in membership. If we do not soon wake up and do something drastic, it will not be many years before we will fold up like the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am certain we do not want that to happen. I wish it were possible for every member of the Sons to take for his theme this

coming year, "My Camp and I". Our personal loyalty to our Camp will do much to offset the great loss we now have.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

LOUIS G. BLAIR

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Arnold:

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

The following letter from the First Mechanics Bank of Trenton, N.J. shows the balance as of August 20, 1952:

August 20, 1952.

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

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Albert C. Lambert, National Treasurer, we hereby advise that the balance in the checking account of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the close of business, August 19, 1952 was \$4,311.05.

Very truly yours,

(Roy M. Crockett)

Asst. Cashier

The First Mechanics National
Bank of Trenton, N. J."

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.

HAROLD E. ARNOLD

JAMES C. TATMAN

FRED H. COMBS, SR.

Council-in-Chief.

(No objections—adopted as read).

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Patriotic Instructor Emery:

Atlantic City, N. J., August 24, 1952

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present to you the Annual Report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

I would like, at this time, to thank you for appointing me to this position on your staff. Needless to say, I have been highly honored to thus help you and to serve our beloved Order.

I have, to the best of my ability, tried to carry out the duties of this office at all times. It was a pleasure and a privilege to represent you and the Commandery-in-Chief on several occasions.

In the several items in The Banner, I have tried to instill a deeper sense of our patriotic duty to our God, our Country and ourselves. I often wonder just how much we really believe in the things of patriotic nature, that mean so much to the welfare of our Country, the things for which "The Boys in Blue," our Dads fought and died—for which we became involved in World Wars I and II, and for which we have a police action in Korea. In this so called police action, I have often wondered if had this been a war action would so many lives of our American boys be so needlessly sacrificed.

To all my Brothers, both here at this Encampment and those unable to attend but who will read these words, I sincerely ask each one to rededicate himself to the true American way of life—the way of the Pilgrim Fathers—the way of the Pioneers—the way of the "Boys in Blue" to the only way of life that can be lived to the fullest for each one of us. I regret that for some time now we have had to read in the newspapers and to hear the radio commentators tell of the corruption in our government by officials who were unworthy to hold any public office, and who should never again hold any position of trust. Is it not true that the "Thirty Pieces of Silver" are still very much in evidence two thousand years after they accomplished their deadly work? This time, there will be no risen Christ to save man from his own destruction—it will devolve upon each one to seek his own salvation. Let us, in our daily lives, take seriously that part of the Camp Commander's description of the membership badge to a new candidate, which says of that motto, "Preserved by the Grace of God", that without the overruling hand of an all wise Providence the sacrifices of our Fathers could have availed nothing and that the favor of the same power alone can secure the preservation of our liberties.

During the next two months we are going to hear, see and read a lot about why we should vote for the various candidates whose names will appear on the ballot next November. I know that you and the members of your families and your friends will vote as your conscience dictates—that you will carefully consider which one can safely be intrusted to lead our Nation and the several States for the years that lie ahead. May the grace of the Heavenly Father be with you in this most important decision. Let no Brother, in good health and able to go to the polls, stay away and not vote. This is a sacred privilege and should be exercised by all. There are many in the world today who are denied this means of choosing their own leaders.

May I sincerely request each Brother take an active part in public affairs to the end that true Americanism will once more be restored to its rightful place. Please remember, Brothers, we have a sacred heritage—a heritage that means, or should mean much to us. Let us keep it as we received it, and pass it on to our successors with no spot of disgrace upon it.

America was, is, and shall be the greatest Country in the world, but the task to keep it thus is no easy one. It will require the utmost effort of every one of us, at all times, to keep it so. Brothers, we are equal to the task. Our answer must be "Yes, we will keep this land of opportunity to all who honestly seek it out."

I have carefully read the reports of the Department Patriotic Instructors, and sincerely believe that our beloved order is in good condition. As usual, there are delinquent reports from some Departments and several Departments report the same of Camps. The reports show that about the same days are still being observed as have been for the past several years: Lincoln's and Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, November 19th and in some places, U. S. Grant's birthday. The following

is a resume of the Consolidated Report of the National Patriotic Instructor—Form 61:

Camps reporting	415
Flags placed on graves	136,653
Cemeteries covered	1,250
Headstones placed	45
Flag holders placed	2,163
Graves given special attention	2,244
Flags presented	71
Radio programs broadcast	29
Parades participated in	416
School children participating	367,704
Memorial monuments erected	13
Funerals attended or conducted	212

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Sister Edith Emery for her contribution of the postage for the circular letter sent out for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, and to Mrs. Phyllis Press for her contribution of the mimeographing of this letter. I wish also to thank our very efficient National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for his help and advice throughout the year. To all Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors, I extend my sincere thanks for your splendid co-operation in soliciting funds for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund. The total received to date I am very happy to report is \$635.30. The detailed report of the contributions to this fund are as follows:

Department of California & Pacific:		Total
Camp No. 4, San Jose	5.00	
James A. B. Young	20.00	
California Department	25.00	\$ 50.00
Department of Connecticut:		
Upham Camp No. 7, Meriden	15.00	
Camp No. 16	3.00	
Charles F. Sherman, Trumbull	2.00	
Allen F. Spink, Hartford	1.00	21.00
Department of Illinois:		100.00
Illinois Department		
Department of Indiana:		
Connersville Camp	2.50	
Fort Wayne Camp	1.00	
Kokomo Camp	2.50	
Indianapolis Camp	2.50	
Lafayette Camp	2.50	
Richmond Camp	2.50	16.00
Muncie Camp	2.50	
Department of Iowa:		
Camp No. 33, Waterloo	5.00	
Camp No. 58, Fort Dodge	2.50	
Camp No. 84, Monroe	5.00	17.50
Camp No. 152	5.00	
Department of Kansas:		
Camp No. 30, Newton	5.00	
C. Katterman	1.00	
J. T. Rennaker	1.00	7.00
Department of Maryland:		
T. L. Butfer	1.00	
Frank C. Connor	5.00	

Department of Maryland (Continued):

J. C. Knappen	1.00	
L. E. Manoly	5.00	
James C. Tatman	2.80	14.80

Department of Maine:

Camp No. 3	5.00	
Camp No. 19, Westbrook	2.00	
Camp No. 46, Bath	3.00	
Camp No. 69, South Paris	2.00	
T. Bisbee	1.00	
Albert B. DeHaven	1.00	
W. Freeman	1.00	
W. N. Goodwin	1.00	
D. Grindle	1.00	
H. J. Higgins	1.00	
H. G. Hunt	1.00	
Walter Smith	1.00	
G. Webster	1.00	
C. C. York	1.00	22.00

Department of Massachusetts:

Camp No. 11	2.00	
Camp No. 50, Abington	2.00	
Camp No. 57, Easthampton	2.00	
Camp No. 60, Holyoke	5.00	
Camp No. 61, Dorchester	5.00	
Camp No. 104 Saugus	5.00	
Camp No. 112, Oxford	2.00	
Camp No. 150	5.00	
James Dean	10.00	
Walter Hatch	5.00	
Allan Howland	1.00	
George Lamarsh	1.00	
Carder Perkins	1.00	
Wm. C. Rule	1.00	
Frank Maguire	5.00	
Henry Weiler	5.00	
Wm. W. Tillson	2.00	
John W. Emery	1.00	
Winnecoettes	10.00	
Massachusetts Department	25.00	95.00

Department of Michigan:

Camp No. 8	5.00	
Nathan F. Sprague	5.00	10.00

Department of Minnesota:

Camp No. 8 Minneapolis	5.00	
George E. Bailey	3.00	
Dewey B. Mead	5.00	13.00

Department of New Hampshire:

Camp No. 15, Hillsboro	1.00	
Camp No. 38, Milford	2.00	
Jackson Carr	1.00	
Henry Smith	3.00	7.00

Department of New Jersey:

Camp No. 4, Trenton	8.00	
Camp No. 5, Trenton	5.00	
New Jersey Department	50.00	63.00

Department of New York:		
Camp No. 2, Brooklyn	5.00	
Camp 93, Binghamton ..	2.00	
Camp No. 140, New York City	2.00	
Camp No. 171, New York City	1.00	
Camps	34.50	
New York Department	15.50	60.00
Department of Ohio:		
C. Edward Wetzel	5.00	5.00
Department of Oregon & Washington:		
Frederick K. Davis	5.00	
F. L. Denton	1.00	
Hal. Thompson	1.00	
Charles Weigel	1.00	
Oregon Department	15.00	
Washington Department	5.00	28.00
Department of Pennsylvania:		
Camp No. 14, Johnstown	5.00	
Camp No. 40	5.00	
Camp No. 149, Chester	2.00	
Camp No. 160	10.00	
Hdqr. Troop, S. V. R., Philadelphia	10.00	
Pennsylvania Department	50.00	82.00
Department of Rhode Island:		
Camp No. 7, Providence	5.00	
Rhode Island Department	5.00	10.00
Department of Vermont:		
Vermont Department	10.00	10.00
Department of Wisconsin:		
Camp No. 34, Kenosha	2.00	
Franklin S. Hubbard	2.00	4.00
Total		\$635.30

I hereby submit the following recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1—That this 71st National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief request the Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, to set aside by Presidential Proclamation the first Sunday in November, 1952, as a special Day of Prayer, when the clergy of all faiths will be asked to lead us in prayer for the guidance of our Heavenly Father as we go to the polls on Election Day the 4th day of November, 1952.

Recommendation No. 2—That Form No. 60 be discontinued, and that only Form 61 be used for both the Camp and the Department Patriotic Instructors Reports.

Recommendation No. 3—That the incoming National Patriotic Instructor continue the practice of soliciting funds for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Recommendation No. 4—That the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from this fund to the General Fund, and that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase additional signs for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway. These signs to be sent to the several Departments who will erect them, on or before the 30th of May, 1953.

In closing my report, I would like to quote several verses from the poem, "The Last Review", by George Kimball, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts:

"The G. A. R. have closed their books,
How sad their friends must be
The Boys in Blue were good and true,
They kept our land most free.

Their little round bronze buttons, friends
We'll shortly see no more
For millions now have answered Taps
They've passed through Heaven's Door.

Although their labors are at an end,
In Heaven we shall meet;
For GOD and LINCOLN will be there,
The Boys in Blue to greet.

As Sons of Veterans we'll CARRY ON
Our ranks are growing thin,
But if each SON will do his share,
We're bound, my friends, to win."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

JOHN W. EMERY,

National Patriotic Instructor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California read the report of the National Chaplain:

August 25, 1952

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as the National Chaplain during your administration.

The following is my report of service rendered during the year:

In all, I have made 87 calls on the various branches of our Grand Army family, namely; The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Four visits to Camps of United Spanish War Veterans; four visits to Auxiliaries to United Spanish War Veterans, and one visit to a Camp of Sons of United Spanish War Veterans.

November 11, 1951, I visited in the hospital at San Jose, California, Brother James S. O'Dell, Past Department Chaplain of the California & Pacific Department.

January 10, 1952, I was asked by the Commander of the Portland, Oregon, Camp to officiate at the funeral of Brother Charles F. Carey. Brother Carey had been a member over thirty years and was Past Commander of his Camp, and had held several other offices.

February 9, 1952, I was asked by our Department Commander, Brother Elmer Wohlgenuth, to give the Invocation at the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway, in Long Beach, Calif. That evening in Los Angeles, at the "Lincoln Patriotic Club" dinner, I was asked to give "The Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

February 10, 1952, I received an invitation to speak at the West Adams Methodist Church in Los Angeles. I gave the evening message and spoke on "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

February 22, 1952, I was asked to speak at the Highland Park Odd Fellows Hall, Los Angeles, on the lives of Lincoln and Washington.

May 4-7, 1952, I attended the California and Pacific Department Encampment at Sacramento, California. I visited all branches of our order while there.

May 24, 1952, I was asked by the Helen Jean Christie Tent No. 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Los Angeles, to be their speaker at their "Memory Banquet", held in memory of their departed "Comrades."

May 25, 1952, I gave the "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" at the Sunday Memorial Service, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California.

June 13, 1952, I received an invitation from the Clara Barton Tent No. 14, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Los Angeles, California, to give a Flag Day talk.

June 16, 1952, I delivered a Flag Day talk at General W. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 of Los Angeles, California.

June 24-26, 1952, I attended the Department Encampment of the Oregon-Washington Department at Portland, Oregon.

August 17-19, I attended the National Conventions in Boston, Mass., of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.

JAMES A. B. YOUNG,

National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1952

Mr. Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is a privilege and pleasure to present to you, and to the members, a report of the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer.

As ordered by the 70th Encampment, I have printed new Membership Cards (Form B) and a new advertising folder which includes an application blank.

You will recall that the Encampment at Columbus last year voted to discontinue The Banner as printed at Dwight, Illinois. The decision regarding a medium to replace The Banner was left for the incoming administration. Much thought was given the matter. The cost of printing and distributing General Orders was investigated. It was obvious that we could not continue to distribute a publication of any type, free of charge, to the entire membership with the amount of per capita tax received. Feeling that those members sufficiently interested would pay a nominal charge, it was decided to issue a six page paper bi-monthly, with complimentary copies being sent to each Camp Secretary, each National Officer and each Department Officer. As each succeeding issue was well received, and subscriptions increased, the paper was increased to eight pages. This venture has been supervised by your National Sec-

retary without cost for supervision, etc., and as a result the cost to the Commandery-in-Chief has been very small. This has resulted in a favorable financial balance in the General Fund.

Subscriptions are being received regularly, and now exceed the number of complimentary copies. It is unfair, however, to expect anyone to continue to supervise, edit, manage, distribute, etc., The Banner without at least receiving compensation commensurate with time involved. The Council-in-Chief must provide for this with whoever will manage The Banner for the coming year. With a decreasing membership, and with inflation reducing buying power, we must realize that the future of our organization depends upon acceptance of our responsibility to support the organization financially, as well as in spirit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1951—June 30, 1952

	General Fund	G. A. R. Fund	Legis. Com.	Perm. Fund	U. S. Bonds
Balance July 1, 1951.....	\$ 69.25	\$2,117.34	\$102.00		\$5,500.00
RECEIPTS:					
Per Capita Tax.....	\$5,727.58				
New Members Fees.....	119.25				
Restor. Past Rank.....	10.00				
Camp Reinstate Fees.....	5.00				
Supplies.....	1,042.60				
Gift—Nat'l Aux.....	200.00				
Registration Fee.....	286.00				
Int. on U. S. Bonds.....	137.50				
Prem. on Dept. Com. Bonds	12.50				
Columbus Encamp. Comm.	62.43				
Banner subscriptions.....	295.96				
Natl. Patr. Instr. Davis...		453.21			
Natl. Patr. Instr. Emery...		162.50			
Colorado Overpayment...	15.80				
Permanent Honor Roll Fund				625.00	
	\$7,983.87	\$2,733.05	\$102.00	\$625.00	\$5,500.00
EXPENSES:					
1950-51 Vouchers No. 46-62					
1951-52 Vouchers No. 1-56					
General Expense.....	\$2,705.48				
C.-in-C. Heald.....	250.00				
C.-in-C. Bennett.....	1,000.00				
Encampment Expense.....	777.68				
Supplies.....	430.67				
Old Banner—3 issues.....	1,250.52				
New Banner—3 issues.....	607.26				
Colorado Overpayment.....	15.80				
Nat. Pat. GAR Fund Exp..		51.66			
Graves Registration Com..		25.00			
Legislative Com. Exp.....		25.00			
Harrisburg Drum Corps...		50.00			
Lincoln University.....		50.00			
Printing.....		41.75			
Adv. Folders.....		118.45			
Secretary G. A. R.....		200.00			
Congressional Records.....			15.08		
	7,037.41	561.86	15.08		
Balance June 30, 1952.....	\$ 946.46	\$2,171.19	\$ 86.92	\$625.00	\$5,500.00

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1951-1952

Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1951		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1952		Balance Dept.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Treasury	Instituted
									\$	
At Large	1	16	..	..	..	..	1	16		7/1/1886
Calif. & Pac.	19	480	..	48	1	67	18	461		3/22/1929
Colo. & Wyo.	4	78	..	..	..	8	4	70		5/15/1883
Connecticut	21	592	..	2	..	61	21	533		July, 1883
Illinois	17	248	..	2	2	68	15	182		6/12/1885
Indiana	12	198	..	9	1	23	11	184		6/2/1883
Iowa	12	173	..	13	..	14	13	172		June, 1883
Kansas	9	109	..	..	..	2	9	107		4/10/1883
Maine	25	593	..	21	..	64	25	550		6/15/1887
Maryland	7	145	..	8	..	14	7	139		7/17/1882
Massachusetts	86	1,828	..	27	3	208	83	1,647		6/24/1884
Michigan	12	336	..	..	1	77	11	261		1/1/1885
Minnesota	6	100	..	2	..	3	6	99		6/2/1883
Missouri	4	63	..	1	..	2	4	62		9/2/1884
Nebraska	4	63	..	..	4	63	..	..		Aug. 1883
New Hampshire	14	273	..	6	..	10	14	269		6/14/1883
New Jersey	17	442	..	8	1	33	16	417		11/6/1883
New York	43	1,019	..	46	1	93	42	972		8/1/1882
Ohio	37	808	..	11	1	104	36	715		6/8/1923
Ore. & Wash.	5	127	..	6	..	24	5	109		2/14/1884
Pennsylvania	70	2,081	..	70	5	275	65	1,876		Oct. 1883
Rhode Island	14	191	..	17	1	17	14	191		Sept. 1887
Vermont	19	374	..	8	..	27	19	355		
Wisconsin	10	229	..	3	..	57	10	175		
	468	10,566	2	310	21	1,314	449	9,562		

RECAPITULATION: Camps Members
 Good Standing June 30, 1951..... 468 10,566

GAIN: Camps Members
 Initiation 247
 Transfer 8
 Reinstatement 2 55 2 310

470 10,876

LOSS:
 Death 375
 Disbanded 19 235
 Hon. Discharge 34
 Transfer 15
 Dropped 631
 Suspended 2 24 21 1,314

Good Standing June 30, 1952..... 449 9,562

CAMPS REINSTATED:

Camp 15, Iowa; Camp 6, Rhode Island.

CAMPS DISBANDED:

California, Camp 24—Illinois, Camp 4, 25—Indiana, Camp 40—Michigan, Camp 4—Massachusetts, Camp 40, 101, 146—Nebraska, 4 Camps—New Jersey, Camp 17—New York, Camp 61—Ohio, Camp 110—Pennsylvania, Camp 18, 92, 98, 188, 121—Rhode Island, Camp 6.

Receipts from Departments

July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952

	Per Capita Tax	New Member Fees	Supplies
California & Pacific	\$ 265.20	\$ 21.50	\$ 99.65
Colorado & Wyoming	40.86		10.95
Connecticut	325.89	.50	17.35
Illinois	129.06	1.50	2.00
Indiana	107.31	4.50	9.50
Iowa	95.31	1.50	50.30
Kansas	45.48	.50	
Maine	331.11	5.50	51.35
Maryland	81.75	6.25	35.38
Massachusetts	979.11	8.50	98.99
Michigan	170.97		16.15
Minnesota	56.40	1.50	7.04
Missouri	28.76	1.50	.75
Nebraska	17.01		
New Hampshire	155.46	4.00	33.69
New Jersey	300.09	2.00	41.67
New York	566.43	18.00	195.15
Ohio	442.26	4.00	58.80
Oregon & Washington	53.25	2.00	36.45
Pennsylvania	1,135.17	29.50	203.35
Rhode Island	105.57	1.50	6.25
Vermont	172.28	3.50	61.95
Wisconsin	113.73	.50	1.88
At-Large	9.12	1.00	4.00
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	\$5,727.58	\$119.25	\$1,042.60

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	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
At Large	1	16	1	16		
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Iowa ...	12	173	1	13	..	14	13	172	185.98	6/2/1883
Kansas	9	109	2	9	107	112.90	June, 1883
Maine ...	25	593	..	21	..	64	25	550	41.55	4/10/1883
Maryland	7	145	..	8	..	14	7	139	130.55	6/15/1887
Massachusetts	86	1,828	..	27	3	208	83	1,647	277.21	7/17/1882
Michigan	12	336	..	2	1	77	11	261	124.38	6/24/1884
Minnesota ...	6	100	..	2	..	3	6	99	8.43	1/1/1885
Missouri	4	63	..	1	..	2	4	62	93.35	6/2/1883
Nebraska	4	63	4	63	9/2/1884
New Hampshire ...	14	273	..	6	..	10	14	269	247.73	Aug. 1883
New Jersey	17	442	..	8	1	33	16	417	1,200.60	6/14/1883
New York	43	1,019	..	46	1	93	42	972	1,407.59	11/6/1883
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	468	10,566	3	310	21	1,314	449	9,502		

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of supplies on hand June 30, 1951.....		\$3,296.28
Cost of supplies purchased		430.67
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Cost of supplies on hand June 30, 1952.....		\$3,726.95
		2,863.38
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Cost of supplies sold		\$ 863.57
Received for supplies	\$1,042.60	
Cost of supplies sold	863.57	
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Profit on supplies	\$ 179.03	

Fifty-year Badges Issued

New York, 19; Vermont, 2; Maryland, 1; Ohio, 3; California, 3; New Jersey, 2; Minnesota, 1; Massachusetts, 4; Pennsylvania, 8; New Hampshire, 4.

Twenty-five Year Pins Issued

New York, 90; Maryland, 10; Connecticut, 8; Pennsylvania, 55; New Jersey, 15; California, 10.

Vouchers 1951-52

1. Sept. 27—John H. Runkle Co.—C.-in-C. Bond.....	\$ 3.85
2. Sept. 27—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—stationery	41.75
3. Oct. 13—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Sept. Banner.....	417.12
4. Oct. 23—Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa.—stenog. serv. bal.	105.61
5. Oct. 23—W. M. Dickinson Co., Trenton—fire insurance.....	16.00
6. Nov. 1—A. C. Lambert, Trenton—salary July-Sept.....	360.00
7. Nov. 1—Collector Int. Rev., Camden, N. J.—withholding and soc. sec.	46.00
8. Nov. 20—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—printing	5.00
9. Nov. 27—Palmer Art Studio, Trenton—cuts for Banner.....	34.29
10. Nov. 27—Palmer Trout Co., Trenton—office supplies.....	9.76
11. Dec. 3—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—supplies.....	13.25
12. Dec. 7—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Nov. Banner, \$412.96; Ros- ters, \$46.46	459.42
13. Dec. 18—American Coalition, Washington, D. C.—donation...	25.00
14. Dec. 21—U. S. Govt. Print Office, Washington—congressional record	15.08
15. Dec. 27—Kirkham & Guthrie, Trenton—10M folders—appl blank, etc.	114.00
16. Dec. 29—Addressing Service, Trenton—env. for Natl. Patr. Instr.	4.45
17. Jan. 2—Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Cleveland—Camp Seal Camp 5, N. H.	9.48
18. Jan. 2—Addressing Serv., Trenton—postage 23.22 and addr. Jan. Banner	34.83
19. Jan. 3—Trent Engr. Co., Trenton—cut for Jan. Banner.....	4.19
20. Jan. 5—A. C. Lambert, Trenton—salary \$200, rent \$75.....	275.00
21. Jan. 5—Collector Int. Rev., Camden, N. J.—withholding tax..	50.00
22. Jan. 9—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—January Banner.....	94.00
23. Jan. 23—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—env. for March Banner...	8.00
24. Jan. 23—Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines—Travel.....	400.00
25. Feb. 1—Trent Engraving Co., Trenton—cuts for Banner.....	13.42
26. Feb. 1—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—5M membership cards....	18.00
27. Feb. 2—Fred C. Colwell, Rochester, N. Y.—Natl. Legis. Com..	25.00
28. Feb. 5—Secy. of State, Springfield, Ill.—annual report.....	1.00
29. Mar. 1—Trent Engraving Co., Trenton—cuts for Banner.....	13.94

30.	Feb. 28—Casey Florist, Melrose, Mass—flowers H. H. Hale....	10.00
31.	Mar. 3—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—650, 1951 proceedings.....	698.09
32.	Mar. 3—Addressing Service—postage \$33.93 and addr. Mar. Banner	50.90
33.	Mar. 5—Walter C. Mabie, Phila., Pa.—supplies	36.00
34.	Mar. 10—Ross Hall Studio, Sandpoint, Idaho—picture Comrade Broadwords	10.07
35.	Mar. 10—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—March Banner	104.00
36.	Mar. 13—Trent Engraving, Trenton—cut for May Banner....	4.14
37.	Mar. 14—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—env. for May Banner... ..	17.00
38.	Mar. 29—A. C. Lambert, Trenton—salary \$200, rent \$75.....	275.00
39.	Mar. 29—Collector Int. Rev., Camden, N. J.—withholding tax.	50.00
40.	Mar. 29—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, stationery.....	9.25
41.	Mar. 29—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—supplies.....	7.00
42.	Apr. 2—Collector Int. Rev., Camden, N. J.—soc. sec.....	15.00
43.	Apr. 4—Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa—travel.....	300.00
44.	Apr. 11—Grand Army of the Republic, Jamestown, N. Y.—donation	200.00
45.	May 1—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—10M membership cards....	29.00
46.	May 1—Trenton Engraving, Trenton—cut for July Banner....	5.19
47.	May 1—Addressing Service, Trenton—postage \$24.00 and addr. May Banner	42.00
48.	May 10, Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton—May Banner	150.00
49.	May 16—Trent Engraving, Trenton—cut for July Banner....	4.66
50.	May 20—Trent Engraving, Trenton—cut for July Banner....	6.10
51.	May 20—John Runkle Co., Harrisburg—Dept. Commdr. Bonds	5.34
52.	May 27—The Banner, Trenton—postage July issue.....	44.82
53.	June 20—A. C. Lambert, Trenton—salary \$200, rent \$75.....	275.00
54.	June 20—Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa—travel.....	300.00
55.	June 20—Edw. C. Baldwin, Trenton—supplies.....	3.50
56.	June 20—Collegeville Flag Co., Collegeville, Pa.—supplies....	4.80

Commander-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund Report

At the Encampment in Columbus last August "The Commandery-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund" was created. This fund is established by subscription from members of the organization and any other person or persons, in memory of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, or a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in an amount of not less than ten dollars. This fund is protected and invested, and the interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of the Commandery-in-Chief. In donating to this fund, you will permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran and at the same time build up a permanent fund for the perpetuation of the principles and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The following is a report of the amounts received for this fund to June 30, 1952:

Cleon E. Heald—In memory of Warren R. Ellis, Co. I 9th N. H. Vol.	\$ 10.00
Roy C. Call—In memory of Warren Call, 26th Maine Vol.....	10.00
Richard F. Locke—In memory of John M. Locke, Co. M, 2nd Mass. Cavl.	10.00
Albert C. Lambert—In memory of William Lambert, Co. F, 81st Pa. Vol.	10.00
Edna S. Lambert—In memory of John Simpson, Co. C, 3rd N. J. Vol.	10.00
P. D. C. Assn.—In memory of All deceased P. D. C.'s, S. U. V. C. W.	25.00
William Schneider—In memory of Peter Schneider, Co. F, 153rd Ill. Inf.	500.00
Roy J. Bennett—In memory of James W. Bennett, Co. C, 2nd Vt.	10.00

Harry S. Goodwin—In memory of Benj. F. Goodwin, Co. A, 17th Pa. Vol.	
Fredk K. Davis—In memory of Capt. Wm. W. Davis, Co. K, 79th Ill. Vol.	10.00
Albert B. DeHaven—In memory of Phillip P. DeHaven, Co. I, 83rd Pa. Vol.	10.00
John E. Sautter—In memory of Chas. G. Sautter, Co. G, 83rd Pa. Vol.	10.00
	10.00
	\$625.00

It was expected that at least 1,000 members would support this project thereby establishing a Trust Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. The interest on such a fund used each year in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic would make us proud of our Order. This fund is not for a select few, but for every member of the Order to support. It is a sad reflection on a National Patriotic Organization if, through apathy, they allow worthwhile projects to die for lack of support.

Our Auxiliary

Again this year our Auxiliary has proven its devotion and loyalty. Their encouragement is an inspiration to the Camps and members. National President Sister Phyllis Dean has been a champion of our cause. We are grateful for her courtesy and consideration. She and her members have devoted another year of fine service, and are to be commended.

Allied Organizations

Much publicity has been given the Grand Army of the Republic in THE BANNER. To this organization, we are indebted for our tradition and heritage. I have always received splendid co-operation from Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary, and express appreciation therefor.

Correspondence has been cordial and co-operative with all of the allied orders. I have had no occasion to meet their National Presidents personally, but fully appreciate their fine work in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund

An examination of the record will disclose that much good has been accomplished with this fund. During the past year, the Council-in-Chief authorized a payment from this fund in the amount of \$200.00 to the Grand Army of the Republic, to help defray expenses of continuing their National Headquarters. Plans are under way to further mark and dedicate the G. A. R. Highway, which will be explained in detail in the report of this committee. As our General Fund provides only for current expenditures, we must turn to this fund to do things in memory of the G. A. R. I trust that the practice of soliciting funds for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund will be continued.

State of the Order

The condition which I referred to in my report of last year is still prevalent. The National Organization can only be as strong as the Departments and Camps are strong. I urge upon them the desirability of accepting responsibility and working for the success of their Camps and Departments.

During the past year it has been necessary to suspend the Department of Nebraska for non-payment of per capita tax and failure to submit quarterly reports. The Commander-in-Chief personally visited this Department several times in an effort to have them accept their

responsibilities. Before suspending this Department, I officially notified them by registered letter, to which I received no response, therefore I offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief insist that the Department of Nebraska reinstate itself by payment of required fees, and in the event that said Department of Nebraska neglects to do so, that the Charter and assets of the Department and the various Camps therein be returned to National Headquarters.

There are times between meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief when the National Secretary-Treasurer must re-order various forms and supplies that have become unworkable, therefore I offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2—That when re-ordering forms and supplies, the National Secretary be authorized to modernize and condense such forms, when such changes are approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

At the Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, last year the sum of \$500.00 was voted to prepare a folder publicizing the Order. The actual amount used for this purpose was \$114.00. Feeling that added publicity would be desirable, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3—That the National Secretary be authorized to secure decalcomania transfers of the "Badge Medallion" suitable for use on automobile rear windows, etc., samples attached. The cost involved is \$187.50 for 2500, making it possible to resell them at 10c each to Departments.

Necrology

Since our last National Encampment, a great many loyal Comrades and Brothers have answered the last "Roll Call." Included amongst these were:

Comrade Douglas T. Story.....	April 23, 1952
Comrade Lansing A. Wilcox....	September 29, 1951
P. C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale.....	February 3, 1952
P. C.-in-C. Perle Fouch.....	July 15, 1952
Comrade Israel Broadwords.....	July 24, 1952

Tribute will be paid at the Memorial Service to them, and to those other fine Sons of Veterans who have departed during the year.

Conclusion

As your year as Commander-in-Chief comes to a close, you are to be congratulated on your constant interest and co-operation with the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Departments, and the general membership. Your devotion to duty has inspired them. You have the good wishes and appreciation of the membership for your earnest and conscientious efforts to serve this Order.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Bennett, and to my colleagues—The National Officers—I am indebted and express my appreciation.

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

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1952, to August 31, 1952

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund	Legis- lative Com.	C-in-C. Perm. Mem. Fd.	U.S. Bonds
RECEIPTS:					
Balance June 30, 1952.....	\$ 946.46	\$2,171.19	\$86.92	\$625.00	\$5,500.00
Per Capita Tax.....	1,434.73				
Membership Fees	38.50				
Supplies	85.86				
Dept. Commanders Bonds..	2.50				
Banner Subscriptions	23.10				
Insurance Rebate	2.00				
Registration Fees	304.00				
Auxiliary Gift	200.00				
Chief-of-Staff Fund	205.35				
N. P. I. Emery.....		472.80			
Perm. Memorial Fund.....				20.00	
	\$3,242.50	\$2,643.99	\$86.92	\$645.00	\$5,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

(Vouchers 57-84)

General Expense...\$909.66	
Encampment Exp... 621.55	1,531.21
Grave Mark. Com.. 25.00	
Publicity Com..... 25.00	
G. A. R. Hwy. Com. 37.50	87.50

Balance, August 31, 1952...\$1,711.29 \$2,556.49 \$86.92 \$645.00 \$5,500.00

No.

Vouchers

57. John H. Runkle Co., Harrisburg, Pa.—Dept. Com. Bonds....	\$ 9.80
58. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—With-holding and Social Security	57.50
59. Pennsylvania Railroad—Express Charges	5.23
60. Addressograph-Multigraph Co., Newark, N. J.—Addressograph	262.50
61. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—July Banner.....	150.00
62. Trent Engraving Co.—Cuts for Banner.....	11.84
63. Freyling & Mendels, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Flowers, P. Fouch	10.00
64. The Banner, Trenton, N. J.—Stamped Envelopes for Sept. issue	44.10
65. B. O. DeForest, Derby, Conn.—Grave Registration Com. exp.	20.00
66. Addressograph Corp. Newark, N. J. (plates for addressograph)	107.35
67. C. R. Schlechter, Reading, Pa.—P. C.-in-C. Bennett Badge)..	151.80
68. Palmer Trout Co., Trenton, N. J.—Office Supplies.....	14.75
69. Harold Drown, Stoughton, Mass.—Publicity Comm. Exp.....	25.00
70. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Shipping, postage, tel & tel— 1 year	82.15
71. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	2.50
72. Isla Dow Pullman, Mich.—One-half Memorial Service.....	9.75
73. John W. Emery, Easthampton, Mass.—Encampment expense	10.00
74. Louis G. Blair, Cincinnati, Ohio—Encampment expense.....	25.00
75. Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira, N. Y.—Encampment expense.....	14.00
76. James A. B. Young, Glendale, Calif.—Encampment expense.	115.00
77. Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa.—Encampment expense....	130.00
78. Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Ore.—Encampment expense....	136.00

79.	Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Ia.—Encampment expense.....	50.00
80.	Harold E. Arnold, West Warwick, R. I.—Encampment expense	14.00
81.	James C. Tatman, Wilmington, Del.—Encampment expense.	2.80
82.	Vernon E. Cheney, Glendale, Cal.—G. A. R. Hwy. Com. Exp.	37.50
83.	A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Encampment Expense.....	40.00
84.	Wengel Serv. Corp., Trenton, N. J.—Officers' Reports.....	75.00

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

National Counselor Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present my report at this time:

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Elmira, N. Y., August 22, 1952

To the Officers and Brothers, 71st National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

Of all the Offices I have held in Camp, Department, and Commandery-in-Chief in the past 37 years, I do not recall one in which my duties were less arduous than that of National Counselor. I've not been called on to render one legal decision. This, in my opinion, is largely due to the fact that the administration of Commander-in-Chief Bennett has been characterized among other good things, by well-nigh perfect harmony.

I have, however, answered a few inquiries, among which was one from Past Department Commander Herman Brockway of Ithaca, N. Y. asking whether husbands of Auxiliary members, or nephews of men in the Union Army could be taken in our Order. He stated he practically knew my answer, but wished official confirmation for some members of the Auxiliary who thought our eligibility had been broadened. I replied that we were still holding to the blood tie, and that to be eligible one must be a lineal descendant of a Union soldier, sailor or marine who had an honorable discharge.

When informed of the serious situation in the Department of Nebraska, I recommended to the Commander-in-Chief that this Department, with only one active and three inactive Camps and a membership of less than sixty-five, be attached to either the Department of Iowa or Colorado or, perhaps Kansas. When Commander-in-Chief, under a somewhat similar situation, I attached the Department of Washington to the Department of Oregon.

As I was not able to remain for the Installation of Officers at Columbus, I was installed as National Counselor by Past National Counselor Robert W. Doughty of Beacon, in a suitable ceremony at Newburgh, N. Y., on the occasion of a reception to Department Commander Milton H. Armstrong.

As Commander-in-Chief Bennett was unable to attend the important exercises at Grant's Tomb at New York, in April, commemorative of the birthday anniversary of General Grant, I represented, at his request, our Commander-in-Chief. As he also could not attend the Department Encampment at Albany, I extended his greetings there.

I had the privilege of meeting Commander-in-Chief Bennett at the Lincoln Dinner at Rochester, N. Y., and at the Department Encampment of Pennsylvania at Reading and, by the way, that wonderfully fine Encampment set the pace for any Department in our Commandery-in-Chief.

Recommendation: I recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief adopt suitable rules for the regulation and rights of honorary members, stating whether they are entitled to wear the badge or hold office.

I shall ever be grateful to you, Commander-in-Chief Bennett for the high privilege of serving on your staff.

Fraternally yours,
NEIL D. CRANMER
National Counselor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

COMMUNICATIONS-GREETINGS

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

August 15, 1952

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

My dear Sons and Brothers:

Knowing that you will soon be meeting in your annual Encampment, I take this opportunity to wish for you a successful and harmonious Encampment. I hope that your year has been a very successful one, and that the years to come will bring forth more interest in your organization.

I wish to extend thanks for your assistance through the years, and particularly for coming to the aid of our Secretary this year when help was needed. We are very proud of our official family, and it is our earnest hope that they will all continue to grow and prosper in the coming years.

With kind personal regards,

Yours in F. C. & L.
ALBERT WOOLSON
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
Grand Army of the Republic.

Additional communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at being unable to attend were received from:

General Dwight D. Eisenhower.
General Douglass MacArthur.
Arthur E. Summerfield, Chairman, Republican National Committee.
Senator H. Alexander Smith, N. J.
Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, N. Y.
Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, N. J.
Major Joseph Altman
Council-in-Chief A. LeRoy Reynolds, Illinois.
William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio
Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts
Past Department Commander Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Maine.
Department Commander A. N. Longfield, Minnesota.
Past Department Commander Jackson C. Carr, N. H.
Past Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.
Commander Homer Young, Camp 33, Iowa.
Camp Secretary George Clark, Camp 33, Iowa.
Blanche Renner, Xmas Chairman, Arlington Hall.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were presented by the National Secretary, after which they were referred to Committees:

From the Department of Indiana—"Relative to the use and display of the Confederate Flag"—(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore, Md.—asking the support of the National organization for the erection of a statue of Abraham Lincoln in Baltimore—(Referred to Resolutions Committee).

From the Department of New York—relative to Honorary members, (Referred to Special Committee on Revision of C. R. & R.)

From the Department of Pennsylvania—requesting the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies to make a study of the present Ritual and recommend changes, if necessary, at the 1953 Encampment—(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

U. S. Senate Resolution, relative to G. A. R. Highway Commemorative Stamp—(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: If there is no other business, we will recess until tomorrow morning.

(Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, read a letter from A. N. Longfield, Department Commander, about the G. A. R. Memorial Park and Monument in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, formerly the site of the G. A. R. Hall, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1952).

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: I move that we recess until 9 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and carried).

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 26, 1952

9:45 A. M.

The Encampment was opened with Prayer by National Chaplain Young.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis presided, in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief, who was ill. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief advanced to the chair of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California, was appointed Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the session. Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey, was appointed as Guard.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Are there any Committees ready to report at this time?

Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut: The Credential Committee wishes to report a total of 129 registered up to this time.

Past Department Commander Harold M. Drown, Massachusetts: I am ready to submit the report on publicity:

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Stoughton, Mass., August, 21, 1952

Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, Officers and Members of the 71st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Greetings:

My efforts, as a forerunner for the Commander-in-Chief for which I understand the office held was originally created, have been sadly negligent—contrary to one year ago.

However, I feel the year on PUBLICITY in general has been the most productive it has ever been my privilege to enjoy. The volume of copy for the press has been heavy and constant, though concentrated largely in New England this year. Of course the prize item—the commemorative magazine cover of the BOSTON GLOBE to the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, on which days of energy were expended, was heralded nation-wide. (Presented copy of Boston Globe Commemorative Cover, dated May 25, 1952).

Much time was devoted to "discussion stuff"—re: Confederate propaganda and protest of the same, through forum items furnished incessantly. One summary brought comment from internationally known columnist Bill Cunningham; and this Southerner, of course was not in entire accord. His answers, however, sounded foolish to those who had seen the writer's full text, for only an excerpt, appearing in his paper, had irked him. This quarter page "salute" to "yours truly" phased me not at all; being elated to let it take its course, as beautiful publicity for our Order. Heavy mail of commendation and numerous requests on membership have come in.

I have submitted to Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, editor of THE BANNER, all copy I dared hope he would accept and desire to

state his co-operation has been fully responsive as it always has been. Photostats of all year's clippings accumulated are well in progress, the not fully complete. During portion of the year, I served as Publicity Secretary of the Massachusetts Department and news was written of their doings.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett has been an associate never to be ashamed of and with emotional pride, I have represented him on many occasions; notably at Stoughton on Memorial Day when allied veterans invited me to give the principal address. The full text of same was a lead story on the front page of a weekly in a town of twelve thousand population.

Other appearances as emissary were at annual banquet of Boston-North Metropolitan Association's 30th Anniversary of "friendly relations" group (300 patrons from G. A. R. affiliates); Lincoln dinner of Plymouth County Association; "Open House" at Norwell, Massachusetts, giving address on "Linked with Lincoln as of Today"; Installations of Milton Chapter, Gold Star Mothers; Stoughton Post 89, American Legion; and reception to New Hampshire Auxiliary President. Then, just before signing off on this report, an assignment was received to visit the National Conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R. and daughters of Union Veterans—all meeting in Boston.

Was also member of Commandery-in-Chief staff as guest for two receptions to National President, Mrs. Phyllis M. Dean, and at a like function for Mrs. Blanche Foster, Department President of Massachusetts. An extreme pleasure during the year was the presentation of a 50 year membership badge (on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Bennett) to James G. Wolff, Asst. Atty. Gen. for Com. of Mass., he having completed 53 years of devoted service to the Sons of Union Veterans.

If results obtained are judged successful, they cannot exceed the joy I have experienced in the doing. "The reward of a deed well done is to have done it."

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD M. DROWN
Public Relations Dept.

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

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California: I am ready to present the report of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee at this time. I would like to say, before presenting it however, that I feel greatly honored in the privilege of following Brother Drown in this series of reports. I have had quite some correspondence with our Publicity Chairman during this past year, and he certainly is doing a great job. To my mind, the outstanding and all important feature of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway is the great publicity we can derive from that project for this organization.

REPORT OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Atlantic City, N. J., 1952

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 71st Annual Encampment, Atlantic City, N. J., August 24-28.

My dear Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of this Encampment.

Your National Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway has the honor to submit to you the following report:

In taking up the duties and responsibilities of this Committee, your Chairman realized the period of inactivity that had transpired due to the illness and untimely passing of our beloved Brothers, National Chairman J. Clark Mansfield and our Highway Engineer, John G. Spielman; and was confronted with the problem of what procedure to pursue to best serve our Order this year. There being no projects under way, it appeared the best procedure would be to call the attention of our members and the committee to the many phases of this great project that were incorporated in its original plans and request suggestions as to what those of the different localities could do to start some phase of the great task lying before us.

The Department Commanders of the twelve Departments representing the fourteen highway States were appointed to serve on this Committee, except a very few who appointed someone to serve for them. Through the great generosity and outstanding co-operative spirit of our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Albert C. Lambert, almost a full page of the first issue of our new Banner, the January issue, was given for printing an article in which was pointed out some procedures that might be taken up as local projects for the year. Also a request for suggestions and comments, as I was not familiar with conditions in many Departments. It developed that this procedure was not as successful as was hoped.

The last report of your Highway Committee was presented August 22, 1950, at Boston, Mass., by our outstanding and immortal J. Clark Mansfield. In the first paragraph he stated that only the State of Nevada remained, with pending legislation required, to complete the naming of this great Highway from Massachusetts to California.

One year ago this month, Governor Russell of Nevada signed into law the bill culminating the dream of our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief, William L. Anderson in 1936, that some day there should be a great highway spanning America—a symbolic cord strongly binding together all our States in an indissoluble and impregnable union; standing as a great and lasting monument, and a conspicuous reminder of the high patriotism and priceless accomplishments of those whose services and sacrifices it commemorates.

Thus, the first chapter of this great historical drama was written into history after sixteen years of devoted and untiring service by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with the loyal support of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders, together with Federal, State and local officials and many individuals, under the outstanding leadership of our honored National Chairmen of past years.

But let us not be satisfied with what has thus far been accomplished; we have only laid the ground work and completed the foundation structure of this great project.

Last year, in his report, Past Commander-in-Chief **Cleon E. Heald** said, "The task now remaining before us is to make sure that U. S. Highway No. 6 is properly improved until one day it becomes the finest trans-

continental highway in America. Only then will it serve as a fitting memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic".

We must now set ourselves to the task of developing the many phases of this project, which now stands as a challenge to the Sons of our noble sires; to maintain the forward march with ever increasing interest and determination, to the ultimate achievement: That we shall have brought into being many remaining additions and improvements to the task, thus far so nobly accomplished if we are to make our highway the fitting memorial we hope it to be to the immortal memory of the valiant service of those whom it represents, both in war and in peace.

This can only be accomplished by the united interest and support of the Commandery-in-Chief, all our Departments and Camps, and the whole-hearted support of our entire membership.

We must unrelentlessly strive to create interest in the minds and hearts of our entire membership as well as our Allied Orders, our public officials and the citizens of every State. We must go forward, or we will go backward. We must guard well what we have thus far accomplished and push ahead or we might some day lose our highway to others.

Every effort should be made at all times to publicize our highway. This can be done in many ways such as newspapers, magazines, radio, television, pictures, dedications, and many other opportunities if we will always be on the alert for them.

The development of our highway will serve a two-fold purpose if proper interest and attention is given on the part of our members and we make full use of this, the greatest opportunity we can ever hope to have to attract public attention. This is the greatest single event and publicity undertaking in our history, accorded to the Grand Army of the Republic, and one which will continue to grow and expand through the years in the minds of our citizens. This can only reflect the Sons of Union Veterans to this and future generations, and if properly adhered to will stimulate the growth of our Order. This fact we must not overlook and let the opportunity slip through our fingers.

As a united body, under the leadership of your National Committee, co-operating with the Commandery-in-Chief and through our Departments and Camps, we must now set ourselves to the unfinished task remaining before us. This consists of many and varied projects to be worked out, some of which are:

1. To place the official highway markers in all our States where this has not been completed. One should be placed every ten miles on both sides of the highway, and additional markers at important points such as highway intersections, and in appropriate locations in Cities.
2. To start research work at once in all the fourteen Highway States to locate and make records of historical points of interest on or within reasonable distance of the highway, so that locations for appropriate historical markers may be established and projects started to install such markers as soon as time and conditions permit.
3. Make a survey of locations where other projects such as picnic grounds, rest stations, drinking fountains and other improvements might be worked out that will interest and add to the comfort and pleasure of the traveling public. No doubt many existing improvements of this highway can be dedicated to the highway if properly handled.
4. Locate places where beautifying can be done—such as planting shrubbery, trees and flowers. It is my hope that in California our golden ~~poppy~~ will some day be growing along our highway in all localities where climatic conditions will permit, from Long Beach to the Nevada state line. Most likely the seed can be obtained from our State, just as it is

supplied to our railroads; and now, the poppy grows in profusion along the railroad right-of-ways. Perhaps some of your States will co-operate in this way also.

5. These and many other projects should be considered very soon and immediate action taken in each Department to start such of them as conditions will permit. This work will depend largely on each of the twelve Departments and should be supported by all our members co-operating in this, the greatest and one of the most worthy and appropriate projects ever undertaken by the Sons of Union Veterans.

In many cases, the assistance and approval of this work must necessarily be obtained from either City, County or State officials and property owners in order to place monuments or appropriate markers in desired locations, as well as to create conditions whereby other projects can be carried out.

I can only earnestly and sincerely urge that every member in the organization realize the unlimited possibilities and opportunities for development and expansion of this far-reaching project, dedicated to the outstanding event of American history—the preserving of America as a United Nation. We should realize that all are a part of, and share equal responsibility in the future development of this great undertaking—one which can and should continue to grow in reality, through our far-reaching program of things to be done and in patriotic influence on all of the future generations as long as America shall endure. Let us all accept the fact that our Highway project has unlimited opportunities of service to our Nation and a perpetual responsibility of expansion and growth to our Order, and with vigilant watchfulness and never faltering determination see to it well that this highway shall endure to all future generations.

Final Highway Dedication

Each Department has held dedication observing the naming of the Highway in their several States. California observed the final dedication of Departments for the State of Nevada on February 9th, 1952, at Long Beach, California, with a most impressive and appropriate program, this being done because Nevada is a part of the Department of California and, at this time, there is no Camp in that State. Next month in September, 1952, the last sixty mile link of No. 6 Highway, stretching westward from Provo, Utah, to Ely, Nevada, will be completed. With the completion of this section, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U. S. No. 6, will become a first rate, paved highway from Coast to Coast, and will be opened for transcontinental travel.

The Chamber of Commerce and Mines of Ely, Nevada, under the direction of their Secretary, Mr. Darvin Lambert, formulated plans for the biggest highway opening observance in American Highway history, same to take place this coming month of September and to be participated in by all Chambers of Commerce and many civic organizations as well as all the No. 6 Highway Associations from Coast to Coast.

They are also petitioning the Post Office Department for a special issue 3c stamp commemorating the great event. After a year of work on their part and mobilizing a strong support from the Chamber of Commerce from coast to coast, as well as many other organizations such as stamp collecting societies, historical groups, and others, they have obtained the assistance of Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada to act as Chairman and sponsor the petition in the Senate. Senators Taft and Bricker of Ohio, and Senator Seaton have also come to the support of this petition, and I am pleased to state that I have very recently had a personal conference with Senator William F. Knowland of California, and he assured me that he will do all in his power to assist us.

The Chamber of Commerce of Ely came to your Highway Committee Chairman with a request that the Sons of Union Veterans join them in petitioning the Post Office Department for this stamp. This matter was submitted to our Commander-in-Chief, who immediately concurred in my suggestion that we become a part of this project. Mr. Darivin Lambert agreed to a request from your Committee Chairman that this stamp be issued as a Grand Army of the Republic Highway U. S. 6 Stamp, and that first day of sale be early in May, 1953, this date being arranged to coincide with other plans now being worked out for a nation wide dedication observing the completion of the naming of the highway and the final completion of its building, which has required twenty-five years, since it was first started in 1927.

Mr. Lambert has also recommended to his organizations that they defer their highway opening celebrations until next May so as to coincide with the program we are formulating, and hope to carry through to a successful culmination.

The Department of California & Pacific has done an outstanding service this year in the promotion of our Grand Army Highway project and rendered a worthwhile contribution to the lasting development of our worthy project. First, there was the dedication at Long Beach on February 9th. At the request of your Chairman, action was taken at our Department Encampment to set up a Monument Commission, to provide ways and means for erecting a very beautiful and appropriate monument at the end of the highway in Long Beach. This was done by our Department Commander, Brother Melville R. Riggs, and we can now report that results have gone far beyond our expectations and we expect to have the monument ready to dedicate early in May, at the time of our Department Encampment, to be held at Long Beach. Also, we hope to observe the first day of sale of our commemorative stamp on the same date, and that all of the twelve Departments of the Highway will hold completion dedications simultaneously with California, and also observe first day of sale of the stamp in each of these Departments. A full explanation of this event will be presented at a later time.

California is also working on plans at this time to complete the placing of Highway Markers in that Department and, under the leadership of our Department Commander, "welcome signs" will be installed at the entrance of all Cities in the Department where we have Camps, showing the time of meetings, the name, etc., of the Camps. Commander Riggs will no doubt explain this more fully in his report.

It is the earnest desire and request of your Chairman that you will carefully consider the importance and nation wide publicity to be derived from this combination of projects and coming events to be observed in May, 1953; and that not only this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, but also all Departments concur in, and support this most constructive program.

Recommendations

In closing this report, I wish to submit, for your consideration, the following recommendations based on what I believe to be the most constructive procedure for the future work of your Grand Army Highway Committee and to attain the greatest and most constructive results as well as to attract the maximum of public attention to this, the greatest of all American Highways:

1. That this Encampment concur in, and by resolution to the United States Senate directed to the Honorable Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, and the Postmaster General, the Honorable Jesse M. Donaldson, support our request for the issuance of a 3c Commemorative Postage

Stamp, to be issued early next May, commemorating the completion of the building and naming of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway U. S. No. 6.

Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts: I move that the recommendations be adopted as read, unless objections are raised. (Seconded by Past Dept. Com. Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; and carried).

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts. Isn't that very thing before the Resolutions Committee at this time?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: You could pass on to the next recommendation if it is being considered by the Resolutions Committee.

Past Department Commander Fuller: I feel that the Resolutions Committee should be given an opportunity to present their report on this matter.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Shall it be deferred?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Brother Fuller, if we approve it we are simply in advance of the report of the Resolutions Committee. Why not let it be adopted, and then it will be a guide to the Resolutions Committee.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: This comes before the Encampment in the report of a permanent Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move that the recommendation of this Committee be concurred in. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter).

National Secretary Lambert: This recommendation merely requests that we concur in the thought, and asks that the Resolutions Committee prepare a resolution covering it.

(Motion carried).

2. That the National Committee immediately start proceedings to request all companies making highway maps to remove all names now being used from Highway 6 in all States it crosses and designate No. 6 Highway as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway".

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: May I ask a question? Do you mean that the several states through which this highway passes are to remove all their State signs?

Chairman Cheney: No, just the names on maps.

(Adopted)

3. That the National Chairman be appointed for a term of three or more years, with the Commander-in-Chief or National Council having power to remove him from office at any time if not satisfactory and to fill the office so vacated, by appointment of another chairman. This seems advisable due to the fact that projects of this Committee usually require a long period of time for completion and a Chairman serving only one year would have very little opportunity to work on them before they would pass into new hands, which will only result in confusion and unnecessary delay.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: This proposed appointment of a Chairman to serve through terms of various Commanders-in-Chief apparently would require a change in the Constitution & Regulations of the organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am heartily in accord with the thought that the Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic High-

way Committee be continued. It is not part of the Constitution and Regulations in any way.

I want to bring out this one point—since the beginning of this project, each Commander-in-Chief has named a Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee. I am quite confident that, in those sixteen or so years, there has not been more than three or four Chairmen of this Committee. Each succeeding Commander-in-Chief, realizing the importance of the project and the work done by the Chairman of this Committee, has frequently re-appointed the same brother who was Chairman the previous year.

I do not have any objection to the idea itself, but I do not believe in cluttering up the Constitution and Regulations, I think we can best let it rest as a Committee, the Chairman of which is to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: We have had the recommendation from the Committee, and I believe that a motion is now in order to provide for this.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Will the National Secretary read the recommendation? (National Secretary reads)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I do not see anything in that which, in any sense, necessitates a change in the Constitution and Regulations. The recommendation is a little indefinite, but I know that the thought is that the Chairman be appointed for a term of three years, and not changed each year. I, therefore, think that this recommendation should be withdrawn.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am in hearty accord with what Brother Cheney recommends, but we have no regulation now covering the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee. For sixteen years we have gone along and finally completed a project, which is remarkably unusual with this organization. It is now suggested that we enact a law to cover it but, for the love of Mike, let us have some sense and stop passing laws.

I am in sympathy with this recommendation, but I don't think we need to pass a law to accomplish our purpose. I know of no time in the history of this organization when a Commander-in-Chief has seen fit to go contrary to a policy adopted by this organization and every succeeding Commander-in-Chief is in honor bound to abide by the decisions of this Encampment. Why not withdraw all objections and it will then be adopted and all succeeding Commanders-in-Chief will conform to the wish to the National organization without requiring legal action. (Adopted).

4. That the Committee, under the Commander-in-Chief, make a study of the advisability of organizing highway associations in the representative Departments in order that we, as an organization, may assist in directing public attention to our highway and thereby stimulate and help build up interest and travel.

Several Civic Highway No. 6 Associations now exist from coast to coast and will no doubt welcome any procedures our organization may attempt along this line and would co-operate with and support our efforts very willingly.

(Adopted).

Final

Many years of devoted effort and personal sacrifice has gone into the development of this highway, both in the building and the naming of same as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway". As of this date,

it is a most worthy and commendable accomplishment on the part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

But vigilance and sacrifice is the only way to victory. The future development and perpetuation of our beloved highway rests entirely in the hands of our members. We care not falter; we must go forward or we will go backward. We cannot stand on the present battle line.

It could well be that some day we might lose our great highway if we do not, through steady progress and unselfish sacrifice, see to it well, that it shall ever grow in magnitude, beauty and enduring development to the end that it will ever stand a lasting memorial and undying tribute to those whom it immortalizes, "The Grand Army of the Republic".

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

VERNON E. CHENEY,

National Chairman

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Cheney for that splendid report. Is the Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulations ready to report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran (reporting for Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, Chairman of the Committee).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF C. & R.

To the Officers and Members of the 71st National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed in accordance with the action of the 70th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby submit the following report:

Your Committee, after due deliberation, believes that because of continuing losses in Camps and membership, certain important changes must be made in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to establish definite objectives and continuity of a planned program.

We believe that the Council-in-Chief should become a part of a Council of Administration charged with the planning and promulgation of a definite long-range constructive program for the rebuilding of our Order.

We are also convinced that our elective officers must be assigned definite duties to insure the success and continuity of a long-range program.

In our opinion, the following changes in our C. R. & R. are necessary to properly and effectively accomplish this objective.

Amendments to Regulations

Duties of Officers, Page 34—Amend Section 2, Article 5, by adding:

(A) Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be responsible for promoting programs promulgated by the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

(B) Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be responsible for promoting membership and organization under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

Officers, Page 33—Strike out in Section I of Article 4, the words, "three members of the Council-in-Chief" and insert therein the following:

Council-of-Administration consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary-Treasurer, Junior Past Commander-in-Chief and two members to be elected; one man to be elected for one year and one man for two years, thereafter one man to be elected annually for two years.

Section 2, Article IV—Eliminate the words "and the members of the Council-in-Chief".

Section 5, Article V, Page 35 and 36—Eliminate the words "Council-in-Chief" wherever they appear, and substitute the words "Council of Administration".

Add new paragraph in Section 5, as follows: The Council-of-Administration shall in addition to the foregoing: Plan and promulgate a long-range (three or five year) program stating objectives and techniques for its execution thereby insuring continuity of action for the next and succeeding administrations.

Amendment to Constitution

Associate Membership: Addition to Article 7, by adding a new section, to be known as Section 3.

Section 3—Departments and Camps may establish Associate Membership. Said Associate Member must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said Associate Member shall not hold elective office or be entitled to vote, but he may serve as an appointive officer or as a member of a committee. The wearing of the membership badge is prohibited.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEON E. HEALD, New Hampshire, Chairman
CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Massachusetts
THOMAS A. CHADWICK, Vermont
CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I move the adoption of this report.

National Secretary Lambert: That is a broad motion. I think each section of the report should be considered individually.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Wasn't part of that applicable to the Constitution?

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Only Associate membership.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: That part which refers to the Constitution is out of order, because it is not submitted in proper form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: This Committee was appointed to bring in revisions to the Constitution and Regulations. We are bringing in the report, as instructed by the last Encampment of this body.

National Counselor Cranmer: I rule that Past Commander-in-Chief Moran is correct.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: What do I understand to be the decision of the National Counselor?

National Counselor Cranmer: In answer to Brother Locke, I would hold that this, being a regularly appointed Committee, whose purpose was to prepare and submit a report, the section in the Constitution about promulgating it forty days in advance of the Encampment, does not apply.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am sorry, but I cannot agree with you. The Constitution of this Order provides the only manner in which it can be changed; and that is by notice, to the entire membership, forty days in advance of the National Encampment so that the membership will be advised as to the changes which are contemplated. This Committee can only make a report and make recommendations; but they cannot possibly be considered as being in compliance with the Constitution.

National Secretary Lambert: I rise to object to the ruling of the chair, and would like to state my reasons. First of all, I want to make it clear that I am very partial to the thought of Associate Membership. Those of you who attended the Encampment in Des Moines know that I supported the resolution covering this very thing. However, I am more interested in the rules and regulations of this Order. If you can ignore our Constitution today, you can do it again tomorrow. You have no right to change this Constitution, except as provided in that part of the Constitution referring to amendments. The rules have not been carried out so it is not fair for this body to pass on this unless the membership is advised in advance.

We are a corporation. As such, your Officers are permitted to do certain things, your Departments are permitted to do certain things and the rules governing them are prescribed in our regulations. The men who wrote those regulations realized that the time might come that, impulsively, we might do something which we might regret later.

I am partial to the idea, but it is in violation to our rules and, for that reason, I move that the ruling of the chair be over-ridden and that this matter not be considered until presented in proper form. (Seconded by several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The only proper action to take at this time is an appeal from the chair, for a change in that decision. The Constitution of the United States is the very instrument which brought this, and similar organizations into existence. That Constitution contains a system of checks and balances, and they have been responsible for the preservation of this country of ours, in spite of assaults from inside and outside. Ours is an organization which teaches respect for law. We organized ourselves seventy-one years ago, adopted a constitution, and established a method by which that constitution can be amended, and it can be amended in no other way. If we are to live up to all our principles, then we ought to recognize and respect the law which was adopted for the government of this body. I think the chair should be overruled.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This is not a new question before this body. Several times, when I served as your National Counselor, this same question came up. Each time, consistently, action has been taken in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations; and the Commandery-in-Chief is on record three or four times that the only way to amend the Constitution is in the manner described on page 6 of the Constitution. I have no objection to the thought, but it must be done only as specifically provided for by the amendment clause. On the recommendation which affects the regulations, it can be acted upon and approved; but that portion affecting the Constitution should not be considered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I know that I speak for the entire Committee when I say that we will withdraw our motion for the adoption of that part of the report pertaining to a change in the Constitution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: He is out of order. No motion can be made at this time.

National Secretary Lambert: Rather than make an issue of this matter, I move that the part of the report referring to the Constitution be tabled, as it is always in order to table a report, or any part of it.

(Seconded by Past Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut, and carried).

(Associate Membership matter tabled; remainder of report adopted).

National Secretary Lambert: In the absence of the National Graves Registration Officer, I will read his report.

REPORT NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Derby, Connecticut, July 22, 1952

Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Again it becomes my honor and privilege to submit to you, and thru you to the 71st annual National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, a report of my stewardship as Nat. Graves Registration Officer with regard to the progress made during the past twelve months in all important work of marking, registering, and otherwise caring for the last resting places of our heroes of the great Civil War, 1861-1865, in cemeteries across the nation, by the various Departments and subordinate Camps of our organization.

That there has been progress made along the lines of this project is reflected and made apparent by the splendid reports that have been received by this office from our Department leaders in the Grave Marking assignment. Requests for headstone applications continue to reach this office, and information and opinions upon a number of unusual situations with regard to veterans' graves have been rendered by this office throughout the year. Activity still continues year after year, and confirms my oft repeated statement that there is yet much to be done along the lines of grave marking before we can consider the work completed. This office has made every effort to keep the necessity of continued activity in this work before the Departments and the Camps, particularly those who are engaged in the project as individuals, and, in this respect, the columns of the new "Banner" have been utilized. A continual flow of correspondence is conducted from this office as the work progresses, and while much of the actual accomplishment goes unnoticed, we who have engaged in the work are fully cognizant of its detail, and the fact remains that somewhere another veteran's grave is marked for posterity and one more milestone in our tremendous job has been passed.

It is believed that there are those among our membership who may not come in direct contact with the grave marking project, who may be of the opinion that the decoration of the veterans' graves at Memorial time and on Armistice Day, with flag and flower, constitutes the scope of our endeavors in this work. This is not altogether the fact of the matter however. For, as much as we are interested to know that every Union veteran of the Civil War is remembered with the decoration on his grave, we are more concerned that the existence of a headstone at their graves bearing their names, their rank, and their military affiliation will insure their memory over the years. We are, therefore, determined that future generations of the general public shall remember them by means of complete lists of this information, plus the location of their graves, contained in the archives of every city, town and country hamlet across our broad land; placed there by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War. That every visitor to our cemeteries may find this data chiseled in stone at the head of each veteran's grave is our ultimate goal.

At this point, I wish to report the worthy achievement of a Sister of our Auxiliary, whose efforts might well be emulated by every Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War in our organization. It is with much satisfaction that I am privileged to report to you that every grave of Civil War Veterans located in the great state of Indiana is being listed and registered in bound volumes and placed in the State Library in Indianapolis by the lone efforts of Past Department President of the Indiana Department Auxiliary, Mrs. Margaret Horn of Lafayette, Ind. Volume No. 1 cloth-bound and gold lettered was presented to the State Library by Sister Horn in June, 1952, and she is continuing the job until every last Civil War Veteran buried in the Hoosier State will be among the volumes in the State Library. Other states, including my own, have already accomplished this same project, but we owe our thanks to Sister Horn for her wonderful work in the state of Indiana in memory of the "Boys in Blue" and in behalf of our organization. This office has offered its services to Sister Horn should it be of assistance to her in the completion of the work. I am sure the Camps of the Indiana Department will volunteer their services to this end.

There are many faithful Brothers in our Camps in every Department who are constantly engaged in this grave marking endeavor of our Order. I wish we might know every one of them and name them here. But to all those who devote their time and efforts to this work, it is an inherent duty inculcated by the love and respect of a veteran forbear and his comrades in arms, and they seek no reward or special citation, as they discharge these duties unheralded. And it is not a season-limited task they are performing for this organization and for the perpetuation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; it does not begin and end with Memorial time; it continues throughout the entire year to occupy them by one problem after another. We commend all of these Brothers highly. They deserve our sincere appreciation for their devotion to our cause.

I feel that special mention should be made in this report of the splendid services being rendered by Past Department Commander Chas. C. Webster of the Department of Maine, whose goal for a headstone at every veteran's grave in the Pine Tree State is fast becoming an actual realization. We commend him for his faithfulness, his devotion to this cause, and his achievements toward his ultimate goal.

We likewise commend Past Department Commander Homer L. Young of the Department of Iowa for his acceleration of this work in that Department and for his own devoted efforts to promote our program out where "the tall corn grows".

Progress in the grave marking project is manifest in many of the Departments:

CONNECTICUT: Attention has been focused upon an unusual case in one of Connecticut's cities where, according to reports received at this office, a cemetery association has allegedly exhumed and removed to a remote location, the bodies of two Civil War veterans in order to utilize the lots for resale. The matter is still under investigation and complete information is still unavailable, but Past Camp Commander Major Harold L. Scott, whose alertness uncovered the situation, is working on the matter in behalf of this office. It will be given careful and thorough consideration when all the facts are in our possession. Several years ago, under the capable supervision of the late Past Camp Commander Charles R. Hale, my predecessor in this office, the Connecticut State Library was furnished with complete files of vari-colored cards

showing the location of the graves, and complete information of veterans of all wars from the French-Indian War to the latest conflict, buried in the Constitution State. It is believed to be the most complete listing of veterans' war records and grave locations of any state in the Union, and it stands as a tribute to our organization. I am proud to have assisted Brother Charlie Hale in that great project.

INDIANA: reports a proposal under consideration whereby a trust fund may be made available for resetting and repairing veterans' Federal headstones in some cemeteries. It is reported that in many cemeteries the state of the headstones is deplorable. It is a common practice in some places to lift the headstone and lay it flat over the grave so as to facilitate mowing. But this trend depreciates the lettering on the stone and, in many instances they are cracked or chipped. However there is little that can be done to eliminate such practice. An outstanding achievement is the placing of a purchased mahogany granite stone in a little cemetery where 11 unknown Civil War Veterans lie buried in a single grave, victims of a train wreck on their way to the battle-front. The obtaining and placing of this memorial is the result of the survey being made by Sister Margaret Horn, and it was by her efforts that a marker has finally been located at the grave. The memorial stands 2 feet long, 14 inches wide and 1½ feet high, and is lettered; "In memory of Union soldiers killed in Big Four R. R. wreck, 1864. Erected 1952 by Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary."

IOWA newspapers carried congratulatory editorials directed to Past Department Commander Homer L. Young and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Waterloo, for their interest and labor expended in clearing an old burying ground where rest the mortal remains of our war dead, a truly worthy civic improvement project which reflected much credit upon our organization. An ambitious program is being outlined under the direction of Brother Young to be inclusive of all veteran organizations throughout the state of Iowa, designed to preclude the perpetual care of veterans' graves in all cemeteries with County budgeted funds. This is a far-sighted step in the right direction.

MAINE: Department has long been a bee-hive of activity in the matter of procuring headstones for veterans' graves. In one place alone, one of our Brothers has attended to the setting of 9 new headstones and awaits delivery of several more that he has on order. Another Brother working in a group of 3 towns has placed a number of new headstones and has applications pending for more, to be set in the Fall months. Department Chairman Charles C. Webster, who is responsible for much of this activity, has the work well in hand, and he comments that the splendid co-operation of the cemetery care-takers is greatly aiding the progress of the project in the Pine Tree State. "As Maine goes, so goes the Union" seems to predict great strides toward the ultimate success of our endeavors across the nation. We may well look to Maine for inspiration in the task we are attempting to complete. They have demonstrated how well it operates when it is given the proper impetus.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: does not have a grave marking committee but Camps do attend to decoration duties. Attempts to procure information for headstone applications have not proved successful in many instances. According to reports it would seem that there is a need for organized effort in this Department and for leadership in the grave marking project. There is little doubt that this Department has the material and that its members will do a job there one of these days.

NEW YORK: Department reports activity in this work in various accomplishments. Particularly commendable is the fine system of registration of veterans' graves which is possessed by Department head-

quarters, covering more than 9,000 veterans buried in greater Manhattan. Cards containing minute information regarding each veteran, with the location of the grave are kept on file at headquarters, and also in the city of New York official archives. Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs has an enviable record of many years devotion to this cause, and is largely responsible for these splendid records, representing our Order on the Mayor's Memorial Committee for the City of New York.

MASSACHUSETTS: Department headquarters has on file a complete list of Bay State cemeteries together with the location of every veteran's grave and his military affiliation. These records were made available through supplies of blank forms sent to every Camp in the Department some years ago. From these records the Department is making every effort to obtain headstones wherever it is possible to do so. According to recent reports, some have been placed this year, and 59 graves, probably more, have been given special attention in re-setting headstones, grading, re-seeding, etc. Nearly every Camp has a committee on grave marking. This is a great aid to our cause, for it is through individual Camps that the real job is being accomplished.

OREGON & WASHINGTON: Department needs a Grave Marking Committee to head up this important work, according to a report received at this office. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis has accomplished a commendable piece of work in Lane County, Oregon, in registering graves of all veterans in its 45 cemeteries. This northwestern territory was pioneer country and there are but few cemeteries which have regular caretakers. Many veterans' graves are scattered throughout small isolated, grass-grown burying grounds where little special care is possible. Cemetery conditions are unlike those in the Middle States and the East where burials date back many years before the Civil War. An active Department Grave Marking Committee might do a real job here. It certainly is a challenge to such a committee.

VERMONT: Reports no unmarked veterans' graves in the state where it has been possible to erect a headstone. Metal markers have recently been purchased at the expense of either the towns or, in some instances, by the Camps, to keep all veterans' graves supplied. A border-Camp is co-operating with a neighboring Department for the erection of a headstone at a veteran's grave in a little country cemetery across the state line. Such activity is indeed commendable.

At the time of compilation of this report, no recent news had been received of the activity in our other Departments. It is known, however, that in most of them there has been a grave marking work going on in one phase or another. It is rather because no member has been actually delegated to make report to this office that we have not heard from these Departments. But I wish to take this opportunity to extend encouragement, and appreciation to the many Brothers in the unheard-from Departments for their continued efforts in this project. To those who have made reports, I am most grateful and I commend all members who are engaged in the grave marking work and extend my personal thanks for a job well done. May we all continue to give it our best efforts until it is subsequently completed.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for the confidence you placed in me, in appointing me to this important post. I trust that my work has proved satisfactory to you and to the Commandery-in-Chief, and that you feel that progress has been made during my tenure of office. The business of registration and marking veterans' graves has been my particular hobby and has taken my interest since I was a very young boy trudging alongside my honored grandsire, Lieut. S. O. Dwinell of Kellogg Post No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic.

Derby, Connecticut, a veteran of the old 6th Vermont Vol. Infantry Regiment, and one-time Commander of Company K. It is the inspiration I gained from him, and the reverence I have for his memory which impells me to lend my devotion to this work in any capacity in which I may be called upon to serve, as long as the ability to carry on is afforded me.

The expenditure of \$25.00 allocated to this office has been necessary for "ditto" copy work, postage and supplies for mailing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

BERTRAND O. DEFOREST, SR.

National Graves Registration Officer

(Adopted as read).

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: I am now ready to present the report of my Committee at this time:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 28, 1952

Roy H. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

The past year has not been an outstanding one insofar as legislation directly affecting the good and welfare of our Order is concerned. True, there have been two bills of keen interest to us awaiting committee action in Washington for the past four years, but to date neither one has been given the consideration it deserves.

At the opening of the 82nd. Congress, Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York again introduced his HJ Res. 23—a Bill establishing November 19th of each year as Dedication Day, a special day on our National calendar to be re-dedicated to the ideals and principles of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the reading of that address in the public schools and armed service training centers throughout the land. Shortly afterward, Congressman Keating introduced his HR 481 a Bill allowing all Civil War Veterans, in case of emergency, to select the hospital of their choice at government expense. Both these bills were referred to the Committee of the Judiciary, where they have remained without action and none scheduled because they "were not in compliance with the policy of the administration."

Later on, Congressman Burdick of North Dakota introduced HJ 425, a Bill to establish June 14th (Flag Day) as a legal holiday and requesting the President to issue a special proclamation commemorating the birthday of the Flag of the United States of America. This bill was, likewise, referred to the Committee of the Judiciary and, likewise, pigeon-holed and for the very same reason, as Congressman Keating's two bills.

The one bright spot during the year was the passage of Public Law 356 on May 23rd. approving a 7½ per cent increase in Civil War pensions. The irony of this was that when this increase finally reached our surviving Civil War Veterans their number had been reduced from four to three.

Congressman Keating's interest in our proposed legislation remains as keen as ever and both his bills will be re-introduced in the 83rd. Congress. He is in entire sympathy with the principles and objects of our Order and will continue his fight for consideration of his proposed legislation.

It was thought for a time that we might be successful in having Congressman Keating with us during our Encampment, but his activities as a member of the Joint Congressional Investigating Committee, and his far more recent appointment to the Joint Congressional Campaign Expense Investigation Committee precluded any commitments of that nature.

Yours in F. C. & L.

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman
National Legislative Committee.

(Adopted as read).

Chairman Colwell: I should also like to read a letter to you from Comrade James A. Hard of Rochester, N. Y., who observed his 111th birthday on July 15th, and is the oldest Civil War Veteran alive. I would like this letter to be incorporated in the proceedings of this Encampment. (Reads the following letter):

Rochester, N. Y., August 18, 1952

Dear Fred:

Will you carry a message from me to the National Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary?

I am sorry I cannot be with you in person, and I send you my love and very best wishes for a successful gathering.

Very sincerely,

(JAMES A. HARD).

P.S. I hope you have as good a time as I did fifty years ago at Atlantic City. I was there attending the National Convention of the Union Veterans Union, of which I was National Commander-in-Chief. It was an organization made up of battlefield veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War.

I want to ask all you boys and girls to write to me whenever you can.

(J. A. H.).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Are there any other Committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF 1953 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Past Commanders-in-Chief Lambert, Cranmer and I were appointed a Committee to select your Encampment city for next year.

However, we feel that it should not be delegated to any three persons, especially when we have invitations from cities which are so widely separated. We received twenty-four invitations, which extended over the entire U. S. A. Of those twenty-four, there were only two or three which your Committee felt were worth considering. The others were not complete, in that they were only invitations from hotels.

One of the finest invitations received is from San Diego, California. This was quite complete including an invitation from the City, the State, the Chamber of Commerce, the Department and the local Camp and Auxiliary. That is the kind of invitation we like to receive. Secondly, we received an outstanding invitation from Buffalo, N. Y., which, also, is very complete.

However, your Committee is of the opinion that it isn't fair to again meet in the East. Personally, I feel that California is entitled to it, and I certainly will meet there if you want to go there. We gave a lot of con-

sideration to the California proposition, looking at it from every standpoint—particularly from the standpoint of the organization. It is our opinion that it might possibly bankrupt the organization to pay traveling expenses for our Officers, and would recommend that you take it into consideration.

Since we are considering an invitation from the west and one from the east, we feel that the mid-west should also be considered, in all fairness to the Camps in that area. We feel that Springfield, Illinois could be promoted in the mid-west.

We do not want to recommend any particular city, and wish to submit to you the three offering the finest inducements— San Diego, California; Buffalo, New York; and Springfield, Illinois.

We have an invitation from the Woman's Relief Corps to meet with the other three organizations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, next year; and it is the opinion of the Committee that this should not be considered.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I move that we accept the invitation from San Diego, in order to get it before this body. (Seconded by several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudf: I don't think it fair to San Diego or to the other cities submitted, to do it in that manner. I would suggest that it be done by ballot.

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: I think we should give this matter some serious thought as to which invitation is the best for our organization. Let me suggest that we recess for lunch, then return and ballot on our preference.

Past Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I will withdraw my original motion; and will now move that we recess, to return at 2 p. m. and vote on this matter. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor John Emery, and carried.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 26, 1952

2 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis presiding.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: When we recessed this morning, we said that upon re-convening this afternoon, the first order of business would be the selection of a location for the 1953 Encampment. The three cities which were submitted to you were San Diego, California, Buffalo, New York and Springfield, Illinois. At this time we will ballot on the selection of our Encampment city for next year.

I will appoint as Judge Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt; and as Tellers, Department Commander Melville R. Riggs, California and Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York.

Does the Credentials Committee have a report on how many are entitled to vote on this matter?

Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut: Your Credentials Committee wishes to report a total of 137 registered delegates at this time.

(Voting followed, after which the Judge and Tellers retired to count the ballots).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: While we are awaiting the report of the tellers, I believe we can continue with Standing Committee reports. (The National Secretary advised that there were no reports from the Americanization or Radio Committees).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Last fall, following the Encampment at Columbus, Commander-in-Chief Bennett asked me to be Chairman of the Committee on Congressional Charter and I accepted, on the condition that I would have free reign in connection with the matter.

I communicated with several members of Congress, and was advised that this current session was not a good time for us to present our request for a Congressional Charter, nor were we ready.

I have written to many Departments, asking for the names of four or five members of that Department who were prominent, and well known in civic affairs, but the responses were very few in number. In one Department in which we have two members of the Order on the Supreme Court of that State, these men were not included. The reason we want prominent men is because of the fact that this matter will be taken up with members of the Congress and if a prominent person is that Congressman's state is for it, we will remove considerable opposition. It is going to take quite some time to get that accomplished. You will shortly receive requests again for a list of four or five names from your Department and will you please respond promptly.

I have had experience in matters of this kind, have been a lobbyist for over thirty years, and I know that if you can remove opposition you can further your chances a great deal.

I am now working with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, asking that they make application at the same time that we do. If we can accomplish that, I feel that there will be no question that we will get the Charter and I hope that the objectives and purposes of ours will be identical with those of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I think we can look forward to a successful presentation of this matter within the next year.

Delegate James G. Wolff, Massachusetts: I rise to express my surprise at a statement made by Brother Locke. Do I understand that the possibility of our getting a charter is dependent upon the Sons of Confederate Veterans? I think we should go on our own initiative, and not be dependent upon them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The object of our organization is the perpetuation of the American form of government. I think they believe in the same fundamental principles as we do, and my good, common sense tells me that they are with us in this matter. Our possibility of getting a charter is not dependent upon them but if we work together, the chances of both organizations being granted a Congressional Charter are greatly increased.

Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine: I wish to present the report for the Committee on Survey of the Order. However, I should like to give a few words of explanation before I present the report.

This Committee on Survey could be a very important Committee for the future. Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, who is Chairman of the Committee and Past Department Commander Frederic G. Bauer of Massachusetts are not present at this session, or this Encampment; and Brother Coffin suggested that I act as Chairman of the Committee in his absence.

I have talked with the other three members of the Committee who are present, and we submit the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEY

August 26, 1952

Roy H. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief Bennett and Brothers:

Chairman Wm. M. Coffin and Frederic G. Bauer were unable to be present at this Encampment.

We do not have knowledge of any particular survey having been made. We do not feel that the organization is ready for a change at this time, radical or otherwise.

We do believe that a survey could be of help, but it should be made during the year by canvassing the Departments and active personnel of the Commandery-in-Chief, past and present, with the object of trying to find out if there can be anything that could be of help to our future.

To try to make a report on a survey of our organization without an exhaustive study would be wrong. We should have something definite to offer before asking action from any Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.
ALBERT B. DEHAVEN, Maine,
Acting Chairman.

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, Illinois
JULIUS ISAACS, New York,
WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, Missouri

(Adopted).

1953 ENCAMPMENT CITY REPORT

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I wish to submit the report of the tellers on your selection of a meeting place for the 1953 Encampment, as follows:

Total votes—105 (1 void)

Buffalo, New York	62
San Diego, California	40
Springfield, Illinois	2

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I move you that the Report of the Tellers, as just made be received and that we now unanimously vote for Buffalo as the place for the 1953 Encampment. (Seconded by Delegate Erich P. Kruss, Pennsylvania, carried and unanimous vote of the Encampment given).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: I will now discharge the Judge and Tellers, with thanks.

(Commander-in-Chief Bennett returned to the platform to preside).

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT PHYLLIS DEAN OF THE AUXILIARY, GEORGIA M. BONE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS, AND GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The following were escorted in, and presented:

Mrs. Phyllis Dean, National President of the Auxiliary,
 Mrs. Willma Combs, Past National President, Iowa,
 Mrs. Sue Bennett, Past Department President, Iowa,
 Mrs. Amy Noll, Department President, Iowa,
 Mrs. Ursula Shepardson, Past Department President, Massachusetts,
 Mrs. Stella Sanford, National Personal Aide, Massachusetts,
 Mrs. Reva Samuelson, Past Department President, Iowa,
 Mrs. Grace E. Hanson, Past Department President, Iowa,
 Mrs. Nettie B. LeGrand, Department Musician, Iowa,
 Mrs. Georgia M. Bone, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us this afternoon, especially since you have brought with you the National President of the Auxiliary and the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the girls from Iowa and Massachusetts.

At this time, I am honored to present to you Sister Phyllis Dean, the National President of the Auxiliary.

National President Phyllis Dean: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. National Officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, members of this seventy-first National Encampment and guests, I am very proud to stand here before you as the National President of our Auxiliary; also as a partner of Roy throughout the year. It has been a privilege to serve with him, to know him and his wife, and to love them both.

During the past year, I have been privileged to visit many of your Camps and have met many of you Brothers and, in spite of what I might have said to you at any time during the year, I honestly do not mean to discourage you. In one of the camps, I said that all you needed was a stick of dynamite to get you started and then you would be all right—that things would begin to happen then. I didn't mean it to discourage you, I meant to "pep you up" a little bit, to tell you that now is the time for action in our organizations.

Frankly, I think you are a very fine group of men and, if you only felt about your organization as I do, you would have ten times as many men here today. This National organization would not, and should not, be reduced to such a small number of men as are present here today because I think you are one of the finest patriotic organizations in this country. The men of the Union Army, in the Civil War, fought for the principles and ideals of this country and to protect the Constitution of the United States. That war united this nation and made it the great country it is today and, although we sometimes criticize it, we know that it is still the finest country in the world. There is none that comes up to it. We, in this country, have freedoms which have been given to mankind and no state or union can take away that freedom and make us slaves, as is being done in some countries of the world today. Abraham Lincoln fought to do away with that slavery here in this country and I wonder what might have happened, had it not been for him.

I challenge any veteran organization, and there are a great many in this country of ours, to come up to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You know very well that veteran organizations do wonderful work. They think of themselves and of their families, but they also think of their political, financial and material aspects. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not think of the material or political side. They get no pay for what they do, and do not expect any. Many of them have worked unceasingly in this organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for over fifty years to carry on this organization as a memorial to the veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War and I tell you that you can almost feel the spirit of those men here in this room today, looking down and saying; "Sons, I am glad that you will carry on, that you have been consistently protecting our freedoms and unity, and that you will always work for the organization." We still owe a debt of gratitude to the men of the Union Army and it is up to us not to let the citizens of our country ever forget that. Sons and Grandsons, your Auxiliary will fight for you and even ahead of you, if you tell us, in the work of our organizations.

Thank you for all your gracious kindness to me. You have received me in your Camps, have been splendid in entertaining me and extending many courtesies to me during this year. I love everyone of you because I love the order, and what it stands for. Thank you for giving me Commander-in-Chief Bennett. I recently have become attached to the Department of Iowa, so I am grateful to you Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for giving me Roy. Truly, you are a fine group of men.

Take back to your Camps that you, as Sons of Union Veterans, are needed in this country. Don't let anyone discourage you because you are not a veteran organization. You are a true, patriotic organization, true Americans everyone, and good citizens who are thinking not of material things but of the ideals of your country and mine.

Thank you, and bless you, and may we meet again, each and every one of us. I would like to meet you again, and hope that you can bring your other members who could not be here today to your next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, I have the very pleasant duty of presenting to you, for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this little financial gift from your Auxiliary to help your organization just a little bit. Sorry it wasn't more, but we hope it will give you a lift. (Presents check for \$200.00).

Also, from my National Auxiliary, from the Auxiliary and Camps in Iowa and from Jimmy and myself and some personal friends, I want to present to you just a little card. The gift itself you will find at home

when you arrive there after the Encampment. It is a great secret, and when you sit down on it I hope that you will remember the organizations, the fine visits we have had together throughout the country and our association together this past year. I hope you will rock, and rock, and think of the happy memories of this year and of your National President, who has become very fond of you and your wife. I will visit you someday to see you in this special gift of ours, and maybe I'll try it myself.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you, Phyllis. I am sure that I am going to enjoy that special gift and I can assure you that I will have many pleasant memories of this year as it has been a pleasure to work with you.

And now, I would like to present to you Past National President, Willma Combs of the Iowa Department.

Past National President Willma Combs: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this convention, I have had many happy occasions, and quite a few honors in my life; but today is one of the very happiest, and I deem it a great honor that my National President asked me to come and bring greetings to this national body of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from our Auxiliary.

It is a happy occasion for all the Iowa folks and I know for you, Commander-in-Chief Bennett, it means a great deal because, just a week ago, you were still in bed and we didn't know if you would be able to be here in Atlantic City. That's another reason why we are especially happy today.

We, in Iowa, have waited for quite a few years for this moment and I know that I speak for all of us when I say that we have been very proud of him, and I know that you Sons of Union Veterans have been proud of him. We know that as Roy and Phyllis have traveled from coast to coast, from north to south, they have made friends for the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary. While Roy may not have gained the goal set for himself in the beginning of the year, we know that he has been an inspiration, that he has spread good will to every Department visited and, if the results haven't been seen yet, the seeds have been sown and will bear fruit in the future.

Your Auxiliary is proud of the Sons and we want you to know that we stand beside you and are willing to do anything within our power to assist you in any project for the best interests of your Camps, and the organization in general. We want to help, we want to see you grow and prosper and so, Brothers, do not sell your Auxiliary short, because they are ready and willing to help you.

I trust that this Convention will be everything you hoped for it to be. We wish for you every success that is possible. May you grow and prosper, and may we continue to work together.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: It is now my privilege to present my wife, Mrs. Sue Bennett.

Mrs. Sue Bennett: Members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, I love you all very much because you are the husbands, brothers, and sons of the women of the Auxiliary; but my message today is for Commander-in-Chief Bennett.

Your Commander-in-Chief has worked with his bare hands, and his ability during this past year and I know that he has not been satisfied with the work he has done. He is a precision die-maker. I have seen him design, create and build many things, but it has taken much time. I have seen men come to his shop with just an idea for a machine. He has made blueprints, followed up by making the parts one by one, fitting

them together and building a machine 12 x 12 x 15. I have seen him make tiny parts, fashion them into a press, and build a machine to record the heart beats of a famous doctor—a machine 18 ft. long and 8 to 10 ft. high. He made the parts for that big machine, he measured, he cut and he pounded and fitted each piece into place, and finally it was completed. The creation, the design, all the work and the final completion took a great deal of time..

I do not feel that this year was not a successful one, in spite of the fact that it did not come up to his expectations. I do not feel that the success of a man can be measured by the work of just one year. He has given freely of his time and of himself; he has gained the friendship and respect of fine men and, therefore, I feel that he has been successful. May I say, Commander-in-Chief, that I am very proud of you. (Presents personal gift to him).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I want you to know that my wife has spent many hours getting out my correspondence for me this past year. A great deal of correspondence comes to the desk of the Commander-in-Chief during his term of office; but my good wife stood by me always, and we tried our best to reply to every letter written to me. She has been invaluable to me in carrying on my work this year. Had it not been for her, I am sure that I could not have accomplished what I did, and I know this organization joins me in being grateful to her.

I will now introduce to you the Department President of Iowa, Sister Amy Noll.

Department President Amy Noll. It is a great pleasure to be here and greet you. We, in Iowa, can hardly get along without Roy, and we have missed him during the past year. His Camp had to initiate three new members recently without him and are about to initiate four more now, and we are hoping he will be back to do it. Your Auxiliary in Iowa is proud of your work, and I am pleased to present this little gift to you in appreciation for all you have done.

Past Department President Ursula Shepardson, Massachusetts: I want to wish for you a very happy and prosperous Encampment, and the best of health to carry on.

National Personal Aide Stella Sanford: I owe a debt of gratitude to my National President for allowing me to be here at this time. As her National Personal Aide, it is a pleasure for me to come with her to your meeting. Brothers, I wish to advise you of the fact that the boys and girls of Westboro, Mass. are very fond of your Commander-in-Chief, and we feel that he has done a wonderful job for this organization during this past year. We congratulate you, Commander-in-Chief Bennett; and I hope that when you return to your home you will not do anything but rest until your health has fully returned to you.

Past Department President Reva Samuelson, Iowa: It gives me great pleasure to bring greetings to you and wish for you a wonderful Convention, and to say to you that it is a privilege for your Auxiliary to do whatever we can for you.

Mrs. Nettie B. LeGrand, Department Musician, Iowa: I am very glad to be here. I think you are all very nice, and extend best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Past Department President Grace Hanson, Iowa: Brothers, Commander-in-Chief, I am very happy to have had the privilege of coming in with the Iowa delegation to bring sincere greetings to you.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: It now gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Georgia M. Bone of Hartford, Conn.

National President Georgia M. Bone: Commander-in-Chief Bennett, and Brothers, it is a pleasure to come to this Encampment to extend greetings to you Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Bennett, I sincerely hope that your health has improved to the point that it will permit you to complete your Encampment, and that it will be a very successful one.

On behalf of the National organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend greetings to you from your Sisters and want to tell you that we are willing to help you in any way we can. I am sorry that we are not going to meet together next year, as it was my heartfelt prayer that we do. I sincerely trust that, in the very near future, we will again meet together as a family because we do belong together. I hope you will remember that and take favorable action on it, in the not too distant future.

I want to present to you, Commander-in-Chief this little gift and trust that you will be able to use it many times.

Thank you for receiving me, and I hope this Encampment will be everything that you desire.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you so much. It certainly is a pleasure to have you all here with us today.

I will now call on Past Commander-in-Chief Heald to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, National Presidents of the Auxiliary and the Daughters, and the members of this delegation from our Auxiliary, there are moments in the life of everyone when it seems that he is inadequate to the assignment which lies before him and, certainly, at this moment, when I am privileged to respond to you, that moment has arrived for me, for two reasons:

(1) Over the years, you girls have heard, from the lips of men of our organization, nearly every adjective in the dictionary describing how we feel about you. Those have all been words of sincerity, and, if I were to repeat those same adjectives, there would be nothing original on my part.

(2) I have, on my wrist, a watch which is very familiar to you girls of the Auxiliary, presented to me last year when I retired as Commander-in-Chief, and which I have worn very proudly. I have been instructed that we must vacate this room at 3:30 P. M. and I notice, by that watch, that the hour of 3:30 has arrived and, therefore, I must be brief. However, I am going to take a minute to speak to you, in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from the depths of our hearts.

The outstanding event of our Encampment is the visit of the National President of the Auxiliary to us. We look forward to your coming, and our Encampment would be null and void if you failed to pay us that visit.

I know that, at times, we are a detriment to you but I want you to know that we are only men, and we are aware of the shortcomings of men; so we know that you understand and forgive those shortcomings.

We are going through a process of evolution which came about in 1949 when the Grand Army of the Republic ceased to exist. From that moment on, we came into a new era. A process of evolution always is painful and sometimes, very difficult, but I am confident we have the main objective in mind—that objective is our desire to build this order, for the future, as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. I say to you, and to your organization, that if we are going to perpetuate the Grand Army of the Republic, it is not going to be by lip service but by making sure that our representative type of government is not permitted

to disappear from the face of the earth. That is our big job—to preserve the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic, not by lip service but by true Americanism.

It has been an extreme pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to express to you the appreciation of this Encampment for your coming to visit us. We appreciate, Sister Dean, what you have done for our order. Seldom, if ever, has a National President of the Auxiliary championed our cause so consistently and efficiently as you have done. We realize what a great service you have rendered to us, and we sincerely thank you.

May you girls come back to see us often. We are always happy and delighted to entertain you at our Encampments. Thank you so much.

(The Committee was then escorted out, and the Encampment recessed until Wednesday morning).

National Patriotic Instructor's Report

Your Committee commends the National Patriotic Instructor for the manner in which he performed his duties. The report shows that he realizes the important part that his office plays in the affairs of our order, and we suggest a careful reading of this report by the members.

As to recommendations, he submits:

No. 1 That this 71st National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief request Hon. Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, to set aside by Presidential proclamation, the first Sunday in November, 1952, as a special Day of Prayer, when the clergy of all faiths will be asked to lead us in prayer for the guidance of our Heavenly Father, as we go to the polls on Election Day the 4th day of November, 1952.

The Committee concurs, and asks that the National Secretary see that provisions are complied with. (Committee sustained).

No. 2 That Form 60 be discontinued, and that only Form 61 be used for both the Camp and the Department Patriotic Instructor's reports.

The Committee takes no action, because the matter is taken care of in a recommendation of the National Secretary, in which the Committee concurred. (Committee sustained).

No. 3 That the incoming National Patriotic Instructor continue the practice of soliciting funds for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

The Committee concurs. (Committee sustained).

No. 4 That the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund to the General Fund, and that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase additional signs for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway.

The Committee does not concur, because of inability to secure signs which would be uniform.

Words of commendation from this Committee are due the National Chaplain and National Counselor. Both officials are worthy brothers, alive to their duties and anxious to comply with every call made upon them.

The National Chaplain had no recommendations in his report. The National Counselor had one recommendation—That the Commandery-in-Chief adopt suitable rules for the regulation and rights of honorary members, stating whether they are entitled to wear the badge or not in office.

The Committee takes no action, due to report of Special Committee on Revision of Constitution, Rules and Regulations, appointed as a result of action taken at the 70th National Encampment. (Committee sustained).

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, Chairman, Illinois
 CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Massachusetts
 CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine
 DAVID G. DRAKE, Illinois
 ROBERT H. MCMAHON, New York.

Chairman Holbrook: That completes all matters before this Committee at this time, and I move the adoption of the report as a whole. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor John W. Emery, and carried)

National Patriotic Instructor Emery: I would like to ask that the first recommendation in my report relative to the first Sunday in November being set aside as a special Day of Prayer be taken into the Auxiliary for their action.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Emery, you have the permission of the Commandery-in-Chief to take that recommendation before the Auxiliary in person.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Your Committee on Resolutions present the following:

(1) From the Department of Pennsylvania - that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to appoint a committee on Ritual and Ceremonies, who shall, during the coming year, make a study of the present Ritual and recommend such changes as they deem desirable and necessary at the 1953 Encampment.

Your Committee feels this Resolution has great merit; and in view of the various changes in our procedure of operation during the past year, particularly with the elimination of the password, revision of the Ritual is necessary. We, therefore, approve this resolution. (Committee sustained)

(2) From James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Department of Maryland, relative to erection of a statue of Abraham Lincoln in the city of Baltimore, asking for support and endorsement of the Commandery-in-Chief on this project.

Your Committee believes this to be a worthwhile project, and have no objections to approving the action of the members of James Garfield Camp No. 1, Department of Maryland, as a project of the Camp. However, it shall be distinctly understood that, under no circumstances, shall this be construed as approval by the Commandery-in-Chief as a project sponsored by, or on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Committee sustained).

(3) From the Department of Indiana, relative to the use or display of the flag of the Confederate States of America, or that of any foreign state or nation within this United States, for purposes other than for historical display in accredited museums.

While your Committee is whole heartedly in sympathy with the sentiment expressed in this resolution, we believe the resolution to be too far reaching for approval of the Commandery-in-Chief. It would be impractical for us to make any endeavor to prohibit the display of flags of foreign nations which would mean that the Embassies of the various nations in the United States would not be permitted to display their country's flag. Many hotels and places other than accredited museums now display the flags of countries of the United Nations as a symbol of friendship.

Furthermore, were we to attempt to suppress the display of the Confederate flag, we might as well re-open the Civil War for this would mean that on Confederate Memorial Day, the graves of Confederate Veterans would go undecorated; at gatherings of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, the display of the Banner under which their fathers fought, would be prohibited and the result would be a widening and further division of the North and South. We do not regard the Stars and Bars as a flag of any country, but rather a banner or symbol of a defeated rebellious army. Your Committee feels that to approve this resolution would cause more and more display of the Confederate Banner,

and it has been proved many times that to ignore the issue would lessen the desire to display this banner, and the fad will die out. We, therefore, do not recommend the adoption of this resolution. (Objections were raised by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts; and Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be approved. (Seconded by Past Department Commander U. S. Grant, 3rd, and carried).

(4) Relative to issuance of a special Grand Army of the Republic Highway U. S. 6 Stamp, early in 1953.

We believe this resolution to be of great importance in connection with a project which our organization has given much time and effort to, and we heartily endorse and recommend the adoption of this resolution. (Adopted).

(5) From the Department of Illinois - that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three to study the full program of Patriotic Education, Inc., and report to the Patriotic Instructor the possibilities of participation by the Illinois Department in the program of that organization.

We approve this resolution. (Committee sustained).

The following is presented by the Resolutions Committee:

(A) The Initiation team, composed of members of James A. Garfield Camp No. 4 of Trenton, N. J., are to be highly commended for their splendid exemplification of the Ritual on Monday evening. This is proof of what can be done by an energetic Camp. The sincere thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to each and every member of this group of loyal members, through whose efforts the initiation and exemplification of the Ritual was brought to us at this Encampment.

(B) To the Boy Scouts of Trenton, Troop No. 3, we extend our thanks and appreciation for their participation in our parade. We realize that to bring these boys from Trenton to Atlantic City required much effort on the part of their leaders, and to them we owe our gratitude.

(C) The hospitality of Atlantic City is proverbial. We have met here on two previous occasions. The business of this city is primarily "Recreation", and though we are here to do the business of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, yet the opportunity of viewing the broad expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, and enjoying the lung filling of salt breezes may be considered compensation for a long trip by auto or rail.

(D) The presence among our midst of the distinguished grandson of the peerless leader of the Union Army during the great Civil War gives us the unique opportunity of paying tribute to his life-long service in the military department of our Government and, as the son of General Frederick D. Grant, who also devoted his career to the military department and had membership in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. We, therefore, extend to General U. S. Grant, 3rd a most enthusiastic welcome. His membership in our Order is graciously accepted as proof that he is in hearty sympathy with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(E) The presence of the Honorable Senator Harold M. Hannold, president of the New Jersey Senate and acting Governor, and his words of welcome at the banquet Tuesday evening, together with the announcement that his application for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans was enthusiastically received, and is further proof that the time to strike is when the iron is hot. We shall welcome this distinguished brother as a member of our Order.

(F) The Jefferson Hotel has provided unexceptional facilities for our meetings, courtesy suite for our Commander-in-Chief, banquets, etc., all of which is deeply appreciated and for which we return grateful thanks.

(G) The public officials of the city, particularly Mayor Joseph Altman, has cordially welcomed our presence and extended all possible courtesies, which will remain in our minds as proof that Atlantic City has not failed to respond to any request pointing to our comfort.

(H) Through the loyal assistance of Major General D. W. McGowan, in command of the National Guard of New Jersey, two battalions of the National Guard have been provided for our parade on Wednesday evening. For this co-operation, we are deeply grateful.

(I) The co-operation of the members of Janeway Camp No. 11 of the New Jersey Department in assisting in making this Encampment a memorable one is indelibly fixed in our minds. It is another proof that we should always meet in a city where the Sons of Veterans are organized.

(J) The Department of New Jersey has given the most active support, in every way, to make this Encampment a profitable and one long to be remembered. We thank them sincerely.

(K) Our Auxiliary has always been a tower of strength, and never has failed to loyally support every action of the Sons and, at times, they might be given credit for marching abreast, if not a bit in advance, thus stimulating the Sons to renewed activity. Some Camps have been preserved to our Order, when otherwise they might have fallen by the wayside.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE, Chairman, Pennsylvania

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, New York

EARL F. RIGGS, California

LUDWIG E. MANOLY, Maryland

WILLIAM O. FULLER, Massachusetts

KENNETH F. R. HEMMINGER, Pennsylvania

Chairman Runkle: I ask that the Committee be not discharged, in the event that something might arise before the end of the Encampment.

Past Department Commander U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland: I suggest that any reference to my presence be omitted.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: If there are no objections, we will accept the report of the Committee, as a whole.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: What happened to the Resolution submitted by the Department of New York?

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: That Resolution was referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulations, of which I happened to be serving as Chairman. It was contained in that report, and action was taken on it yesterday. The resolution from the Department of New York was not submitted through the proper procedure. (Report of Resolutions Committee adopted, as a whole).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations has no formal report to make for the reason that the Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulations reported yes-

terday; and in that report were contained all the items which should have come before us.

The report of that Committee called for an amendment to the Constitution, an amendment on which we could not act at this Encampment, and I want to call your attention to the fact that, to be properly presented, a resolution must be submitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer not later than forty days before the next Encampment, and he will then publicize the resolution to the entire membership, and give proper notice as required by law.

In this connection, due to the amended rules resulting from the report on that Committee, I move that the incoming National Counselor be directed to make a temporary set of Rules and Regulations, in accordance with action taken yesterday, and that his revision stand as the regulations and rules until the next annual Encampment of this body. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. Moran, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: At this time, I wish to commend the men from James A. Garfield Camp No. 4 of Trenton for the splendid performance of the ritualistic work on Monday night. The perfect performance of the work, together with the pictorial slides pictured to those candidates a most inspiring sight. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I also want to thank the Convention Committee, who have served so well and have given us this wonderful Encampment here.

Thanks too, to each one of you in this Encampment for coming, and to all of you who have been so wonderful this year. I will never forget one moment of it. I only regret that I was not able to be present during portions of this Encampment and thank you for being so understanding and sympathetic.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: At the Encampment in Columbus, we set up the Commandery-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund, the regulations of which are given in the report of the Nat. Sec-Treasurer under the heading of "Commandery-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund Report." This is a very important fund and a very important function of the Commandery-in-Chief. I believe that some effort was made, under the supervision of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to solicit contributions in Departments and Camps. I am horrified that there are only 12 contributors and only a total of \$625. There are members of my own Camp, who, I am sure, would participate in this fund; but the communication relative to this fund was received by our Senior Vice Commander of the Camp. The Senior Vice Commander reported to the Camp, but did not know if he or the Treasurer were authorized to collect the money.

It would seem to me that this project is too good to lose, and I move that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three, one of which would be the National Secretary, to prepare complete information, give it publicity and thereby create a little more enthusiasm for this project. (Seconded by Delegate Wm. Schneider, Missouri).

National Secretary Lambert: You are a little confused about the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the letters received by your Camp Senior Vice Commander. The National Chief-of-Staff, Brother Stoudt, was given permission to raise a Chief-of-Staff fund, the proceeds of which are to be used for the military ball. The financing of the ball was to be done by those voluntary contributions, and was in charge of the Department Senior Vice Commanders and the Camp

Senior Vice Commanders. That fund is separate, and entirely apart from the Permanent Memorial Fund.

There is only one way to subscribe to the Permanent Memorial Fund—to be sent direct to the National Secretary-Treasurer, by any individual, in the amount of \$10.00 or more. You send your money, the name of the veteran, and his military record.

You have been given notice about this fund in the pages of The Banner, and we have attempted to clearly convey the message to our membership through that medium.

You cannot pay 60c to the national organization in per capita tax, and expect to receive free newspapers, etc. We were forced to ask you to subscribe to The Banner; and I believe the response the first year has been very encouraging. Copies of The Banner have been distributed to the members of this Encampment, and I trust that it will be the means of interesting the brothers who are not getting it now to subscribe to it. You will receive information from the pages of The Banner which, I do not believe, you could receive in any other manner. I, like the Commander-in-Chief, was flattered that General Grant had not only read, but retained, and quoted from The Banner in his address at the banquet last night. However, to have it you must subscribe to it. If you read The Banner, you will keep abreast of our program and our national aims.

Reference has been made to the Permanent Memorial Fund. It is something worthwhile. We deliberated two or three years before establishing this fund, and it would be a disgrace to allow it to lag. Anyone in business knows that if you have something to work with, it goes a long way in the perpetuation of your order. The interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of this National body, and we are hoping that the interest will be in such an amount that it will allow us to do something worthwhile.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Thank you for the explanation, but the purpose of my rising was to see if it wasn't possible to have some more promotion on this program. I do not question that the information has been in The Banner pertaining to this fund. One copy of The Banner goes to the Secretary of each Camp, but our Camp has not had any of these copies, except the one giving information regarding the National Encampment.

My purpose, in my suggestion, is to have somebody help the National Secretary to prepare ideas and formulate a program, and let the general membership know that they all have an opportunity to help build up this fund.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: If such a Committee is created and a letter giving information on this fund were sent to the Secretary of each Camp, it would not reach the general membership any more than it does through The Banner. I am sorry if you Brothers have not been receiving the news.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: You were speaking about the funds. This past year, there were three funds, to which contributions could be made:

- (1) Permanent Memorial Fund—to which \$10.00, or more, could be given, by individuals.
- (2) G. A. R. Memorial Fund—To which contributions could be made by individuals, Camps and Departments.
- (3) National Chief-of-Staff Fund—To which anyone could contribute.

There has been some confusion because of these different funds, and it might be well not to add any more if it can be avoided.

National Patriotic Instructor Emery: I think that Brother Lambert has done a splendid job of the new Banner, and I move that he be given a rising vote of thanks. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried. Rising vote of thanks given by the Encampment to National Secretary Lambert).

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I would suggest that, in the future, the Registration Committee be instructed to take subscriptions for The Banner.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I will accept the suggestion, and if any Brothers wish to subscribe to it, at any time during the Encampment, you may do so. The Credentials Committee will take your subscriptions for "The Banner" for the remaining issues of 1952, and all of the year 1953.

National Secretary Lambert: In the last issue of 1952, a blank will be provided for renewal of subscriptions now in existence.

G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: The National Chaplain, and myself, are from the Pacific Coast; and we were sufficiently interested in the G. A. R. Highway to go to Massachusetts, and go out to Cape Cod to see the eastern terminus of the highway. We wanted to see the markers there designating it as the G. A. R. Highway. I wish the National Encampment would hear the experience of the National Chaplain when he went to Provincetown to see the marker at the eastern terminus of the G. A. R. Highway.

National Chaplain Young: I did make a trip to Cape Cod to see that marker. I asked a policeman, also the Chamber of Commerce and, in both cases, was told that they had never heard of the G. A. R. Highway. I was finally sent to a Mrs. Fields, who had a restaurant, and she told me that Highway No. 6 was out at the east end of town. I walked about three miles, and found a sign saying, "This is the beginning of Highway No. 6." I went further down the road, asked a postman, and he replied, "Never heard of it." I went on about a half mile, and came to a sign on a long board about eight feet high. On top of that board was a wide piece of metal which said "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." They say there is another marker, but I couldn't find it.

Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts: The sign at the eastern end of the G. A. R. Highway is located at New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts: All historical markers have been taken down in that vicinity while Highway No. 6 is being re-located and rebuilt.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I have been assured that all signs will be replaced just as soon as the project is completed. The same thing happened at Long Beach, Cal., where the highway ends, when they were taken down while the posts, to which they were attached, were being painted.

We made one mistake by placing markers at city limits. It is much better to have them placed one mile from the city limits, to get away from the highway designations and speed limit signs.

Past Department Commander, Vernon E. Cheney, California: I would like to say that I do not believe this matter of the highway in

Massachusetts has been quite clarified. It appears that some think that this highway ends before it enters Provincetown.

I wish to thank the Department of Massachusetts for giving to California our great Past Commander-in-Chief William Anderson, and the Department of California most graciously and willingly accepts the residence of Brother Anderson, and we will see to it that he is well taken care of in California.

He has been a great help to me. I have obtained a lot of valuable information from him with regards to the G. A. R. Highway. I have with me photographs, news articles, and other information which designates that Highway No. 6 runs through Massachusetts to the tip of Cape Cod. Regardless of markers, or anybody's idea, it is now clear in my mind that the highway goes from the tip of Cape Cod to Long Beach.

(The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided, as the Commander-in-Chief, together with the Fraternal Relations Committee, left the Encampment, to pay their respects to the Auxiliary).

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In submitting the report of the National Chief-of-Staff, I do so with a great deal of regret that only about 10% of the Camps in this organization are represented in this fund.

Last year, when I suggested this fund, I felt it should be worked through the Department Senior Vice Commanders and the Camp Senior Vice Commanders as they have nothing definite to do. My thought was that they might raise the money through some project of their own, and not have to take it out of their Camp treasury. However, I will venture to say that in 90% of the cases it came out of the Camp treasury, and in only eight or ten cases did it work otherwise. I set no definite amount, but I felt that any man, over a period of months, could easily raise \$5.00. If not, that man is not showing much zeal, or very much interest in the organization, yet these are the men who are elected as Department Commanders.

There was no thought that it should be sent through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Camp (reads copy of letters sent to Department Senior Vice Commanders and Camp Senior Vice Commanders). I think that is stated clearly enough that there should be no question as to where it was to be sent.

I hereby wish to submit the following report:

Reading, Pa., August 20, 1952.

Mr. Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Having had the pleasure of serving you during the past year, as your Chief-of-Staff, I am happy to submit my report incident thereto.

You will recall at the National Encampment last year, I suggested, and the Commandery-in-Chief accepted the suggestion of establishing a Chief-of-Staff Fund, to be raised through the Camp Senior Vice Commanders. I, therefore, submit a report of that fund, in the order in which the contributions were received.

the Auxiliary song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," and sang it to us as we came in.

We found, as always, a splendid body of women in that Convention, one larger by far, than our Encampment.

We had a fine time over there, and they send back their love and best wishes to all the Sons. In other words, your Committee visited the Auxiliary, performed our duty, and now ask to be discharged.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you very much. You will now be discharged, with thanks. Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

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

Proposed Budget for 1952-1953 Term

Receipts:

Per Capita Tax—9,000 members at .60.....	\$5,400.00
Membership Fees—300 members at .50.....	150.00
Registration Fees—150 members at \$2.00.....	300.00
Sale of Supplies	1,150.00

Total \$7,000.00

Disbursements:

The Banner (Supervision \$400.00)	\$1,600.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary	1,200.00
Supplies	700.00
Encampment Expense (1953)	800.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies)	40.00
Rent for National Headquarters.....	400.00
Miscellaneous (incl. P. C.-in-C. Badge).....	320.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	165.00
Proceedings	600.00
Officers' Reports and Rosters.....	150.00
American Coalition	25.00

Total \$7,000.00

Recommendations:

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

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

(2) That the travel expense to the 1953 Encampment be allowed as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. ARONLD,

JAMES C. TATMAN,

FRED H. COMBS, SR.,

Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted as read. (Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Blair, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that we recess until 1:30 P. M., to return and remain in session until the business of this Encampment is completed, together with nomination, election and installation of Officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 27, 1952

2:10 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

National Secretary Lambert: We were talking about the Permanent Memorial Fund this morning. I know that you will be interested to know that, in addition to the amounts that have been received and recorded in the Officers' Reports, the following have been handed to me during this Encampment.

Henry Towle	\$20.00
Allan S. Holbrook	10.00
C. LeRoy Stoudt	10.00
John W. Emery	10.00
James A. B. Young	20.00
Charles L. Messer	10.00

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you, Albert. I am sure that we are all glad to hear of the additional contributions to that fund. Is there any new business at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We had an unfortunate incident here in Atlantic City this year when one of the boys from the Pennsylvania Reserve broke his ankle. The Salvation Army arranged to take him and his car, back to Philadelphia.

I think that act by the Salvation Army expresses the kind of service they render to the people of America, and I feel we should have the National Secretary-Treasurer write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the local chapter of the Salvation Army for the services rendered to James Donegan of the Pennsylvania Department; and I will so move you. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John B. Davis, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The G. A. R. Hall here in Atlantic City was too small to accommodate the Reserve. The Odd Fellows accommodated some of our men in their hall, and I would suggest that a letter of thanks also be sent them; and included in the motion of Brother Runkle. (Agreed to by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and the second and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I desire to again make a motion that I have made at previous Encampments and which does not, in any way, conflict with the budget, as submitted. I move that an appropriation, not to exceed \$200.00 be drawn from the G. A. R. Fund, to be expended by the Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, as necessary. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Roy C. Call, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Is there any further business at this time?

Delegate Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Massachusetts: Relative to arranging the date of the National Encampment for next year, I would like to say that there are quite a few railroad men who belong to this organization,

and the week before Labor Day is a hard time for us to get off. During that week, many people are traveling by train and it is difficult to arrange to be off at that time. It may seem like a small matter to you, but I would like to suggest that the Committee consider arranging the date of the next Encampment shortly after Labor Day, rather than before the holiday.

National Secretary Lambert: Now that we have decided to go to Buffalo, we must ask the hotel what dates are available. We indicated to them that it would be the latter part of August, or the first part of September, but we have no way of knowing how many other organizations have scheduled their conventions in Buffalo. We shall immediately ascertain what is available, after which we will communicate with the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National President, and then establish the date.

A great many folks cannot take their vacations after Labor Day, and a number of school teachers, parents and grandparents could not attend in September because of the beginning of school at that time. However, we will attempt to take all these things into consideration when arranging for the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I believe the Credential Committee is ready for their final report at this time.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut: The Credential Committee presents a final report:

Number of members enrolled, 151, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	13
Past Commander-in-Chief (Registered, not present) ..	1
Past Department Commanders	48
Department Commanders	12
Delegates	77

Total 151

Registration Fees, \$304.00, (including \$2.00 donation.)

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Chairman, New Jersey,
 CHESTER L. CHARTER, Minnesota,
 FRED H. COMBS, SR., New Jersey,
 ALLEN F. SPINK, Connecticut,
 MELVILLE R. RIGGS, California.

Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief, Runkle, and carried. (Complete report, as per Encampment Roll).

National Secretary Lambert: I move that, at this time, all Committees now be discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Emery, and carried).

Past Department Commander John B. Davis, Massachusetts: If there is no further business, I move that we proceed with nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by several, and carried).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Iowa, when Past Department Commander H. H. LeGrand gave way to Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, frankly I am so elated and so excited over the events which are to transpire in this Encampment within the next hour that I may seem rather inadequate in what I say here and now.

Illinois gave to the nation our beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, General U. S. Grant, General John A. Logan; and it also gave to this nation Captain William Watts Davis, Captain of the 79th Illinois Infantry. Captain Davis did his full duty to Illinois and to his country. More than that, Captain Davis gave to this organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War one whom I am positive will lead us forward as we have never gone before. He is a man of character, a man of keen ability, a true American, and I feel sure there isn't a man in this Encampment who has ever heard Fred Davis say anything with which any good, loyal American could disagree.

I have known him for twenty years and I can't begin to tell you of the satisfaction I feel when it is now my esteemed privilege, not on behalf of the Departments of Illinois or Oregon, but of this entire organization of Sons of Union Veterans, to place his name in nomination for Commander-in-Chief of this order.

Brother Davis is in such physical condition perhaps, that he cannot travel all over the country, but there isn't any reason why this organization cannot be guided by his keen, intelligent judgment which, I can assure you, will be given in full measure by him for this national organization, and for all Departments of this order.

At this particular time, and with the many problems to be faced by this organization during this year, and the years to come, there is no one better fitted to assume the leadership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I, therefore, have the pleasure and high honor of nominating for Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis of Eugene, Ore.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: On behalf of the Department of New Hampshire, and personally as one of the great admirers of the man who has been nominated, I wish to second the nomination of Frederick K. Davis of Oregon for Commander-in-Chief.

If New Hampshire were to second the nomination of any other man at this time it would be with the thought in mind that, in this period of transition which was brought about in 1949 with the closing of the books of the Grand Army of the Republic, it would be for a man to become the executive head of this organization; and that man, in our opinion, is Frederick K. Davis.

I, who have so recently spent a year in the office of Commander-in-Chief, feel that the time has come when this organization must stop and take account of itself. I feel that the time has come when we must have definite objectives, worked out for a long range program, and we must present our aims, our ideals, our aspirations and our work in a program which will appeal to the next three or four generations. We were founded on sentiment, have existed on sentiment, and I would be the last to say it should be discarded; but we cannot continue to exist merely through lip service to the Grand Army of the Republic. We have come

to the time when we must offer to America a program which is geared to the affairs of today. We must further the cause which we hold dear to us--the preservation of constitutional government in America. When we have done that, and only then, will we have fittingly honored the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

New Hampshire and I, as a great admirer, say to you that we want and need the superior mentality and executive ability of this man to guide this organization during this coming year. With him as a leader, to outline a program on which we can build a firm, practical foundation for the future, we shall advance to undreamed heights of accomplishment.

I know that I speak for every man in this room when I second the nomination of one of the great men in our organization, Fred Davis for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, New Jersey: On behalf of the Department of New Jersey, I am happy to second the nomination.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: In behalf of Pennsylvania, and for myself, I would like to say a few words. In 1914, through the goodness and kindness of this organization, I became a Past Commander-in-Chief. In the thirty-eight years since that time, it has been my pleasure to either nominate or second the nomination of many of our good brothers who have followed as Commander-in-Chief; and now it gives me pleasure equal to that of any other time since 1914, when I can second the nomination of Fred Davis for Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The roll having been called, and no other nominations having been made, I move that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for Frederick K. Davis for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I appoint as Judge of Tellers, Past Commander-in-Chief John Runkle; and as Tellers, Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California, and Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts.

National Secretary Lambert: I should like to amend the motion of Brother Sherman, that he be elected by standing vote of confidence of this Encampment. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Emery, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Davis, you have been elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: I do, Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll, when Department Commander Melville R. Riggs, California, gave way to Maryland.

Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: The Department of Maryland yields to the Department of Pennsylvania, and asks for the floor subsequent to the nomination by the Department of Pennsylvania, before nominations are made by any other Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I have heard the expression of the privilege of Brother Locke in nominating Brother Davis for Com-

mander-in-Chief, and Brother Sautter, and others have taken pleasure in seconding that nomination. I wanted to use that word "pleasure" in making this nomination, but it has been used so much here today that I hesitate to use it again.

Frankly, it is a great deal more than just a pleasure which this organization has extended to me, at this moment. You have given me every honor in this organization, and I have appreciated all those honors; but I want to say that the job I am about to do is just about the highest honor I have ever received, or can receive, in this organization.

I have known this Brother for a good many years, and during that period we had occasion to meet quite often. We haven't been able to get together as often as I would have liked in the last few years, and I have missed our meetings. Years ago, I tried to get him to allow us to elect him Commander-in-Chief of this organization. He was always too busy, serving in the Army for many years. He felt he couldn't give the job the time and effort he should and, therefore, declined. He is still a busy man, but he does feel that he could serve in the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

We are hoping that, by next year, he might be in a position where he can accept it, and follow Brother Davis. I agree with Brother Locke that this year is going to be a great year for us, one in which we will lay plans for our future and if we can get this fellow to follow in the footsteps of Fred Davis, I am sure that our long-range program will be off to a good start and the foundations for future success will have been laid. He didn't promise anything for next year, but thinks he will have time to serve us this year and will do everything he can for us.

I feel that we are honored in having him serve us in this capacity, for with one of our leaders having such an illustrious name I am sure that we can't help but show progress.

I am not going to attempt to tell you anything about this candidate. You all know him. I won't say he is bashful, but I do know that he doesn't want any fanfare or great build-up. I say, again, that it is one of the greatest honors that I have ever had in this organization to place in nomination General U. S. Grant, 3rd of Maryland for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Ludwig E. Manoly, Maryland: We, of the Maryland Department, ten in number here today, second that nomination. It is a privilege and an honor to present to you such an able man as General Grant, and I know he will do a fine job.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I move that we dispense with the calling of roll, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: You have discontinued the calling of the roll, and I move that this election be determined by a standing vote of all present. (Seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis and carried. Unanimous rising vote given General Grant.)

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Do you accept?

Past Department Commander U. S. Grant, 3rd: I do.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll. California gave way to New Jersey.

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey: The members of the Department of New Jersey would like to place in nomination for this office the name of a brother who has been interested in this organization since early boyhood. As a boy, he turned out with us on Memorial Day and he was with us on other patriotic and special days whenever it was possible for him to be there. As soon as he reached the age limit, he became a member of this organization. He is Past Commander of his Camp, a Past Department Commander also, and it is a great pleasure to nominate Andrew Richardson for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that we dispense with the calling of the roll, and that the Brother be elected in the same manner as the two previous candidates. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Emery, and carried).

Elected by unanimous, rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Richardson, do you accept?

Past Department Commander Andrew Richardson: I do, and shall serve to the best of my ability.

Council of Administration

Two Year Term:

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Nominations are now open for a two year term to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll. Department Commander Melville R. Riggs, California gave way to New Hampshire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Yesterday, by your action in creating a Council of Administration, you laid the ground work for the program about which I spoke a few moments ago.

There are many men in this room who are competent to serve on the Council of Administration and to assist the Commander-in-Chief in the great task before him. However, we have in the Department of New Hampshire a man whom we consider one of our most prominent and ablest members. He has served his Camp in all capacities and is the present Department Commander. It was through his influence, during my administration last year, that Granite State Camp No. 5 was organized, and he has been the guiding light in its success. I offer, with great pride, the name of Lawrence J. Parker for a two year term on the Council of Administration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move that Brother Parker be elected to a two year term on the Council of Administration in the same manner as the officers we have previously elected here today. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried. Elected by rising vote of the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Do you accept? (The answer was in the affirmative).

One Year Term:

Nominations are now open for a one year term to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll to Maryland.

Past Department Commander Elmer P. Corrie, Maryland: The Maryland Department believes in youth as well as men of experience. The men of today were the youth of Yesterday in our organization. I believe we have led the Departments in this organization in giving this

youth the opportunity to be our Department Commander, and we are more than proud of him.

The young man whom I will present for a one year term has served in all the various offices of his Camp, and has served two successive terms as Department Commander. He is a member of a great patriotic family of those who represent the Grand Army of the Republic, and he has been a tremendous help in our organization. He has served faithfully as a member of the Camp in Wilmington, and has done a great deal for the Department of Maryland. He began his career in the National Body as the door-keeper, one of the most humble of jobs and he is now serving you on the Council-in-Chief. The background which we present for the work he has accomplished in his Camp, in the Department and in the National Body fits him to serve you in this capacity, and we have the honor to present to you James C. Tatman for a one year term on the Council of Administration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I move that the second member of the Council of Administration be elected in the same manner as the preceding officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried. Elected by unanimous rising vote of the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Tatman, do you accept? (The reply was in the affirmative).

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Your Judge and tellers have had a very strenuous job, and now wish to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Your wish is granted, and you are now discharged with thanks.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief elect Davis appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald as Installing Officer, and Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle as Installing Guide.

He appointed:

Patriotic Instructor - Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine.

Chaplain - Past Department Commander Rev. Herman L. Brockway, New York.

Counselor - Past Department Commander Col. Frederick G. Bauer, Massachusetts.

Chief of Staff - Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,

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

Commander-in-Chief, Frederick K. Davis, Oregon;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, 3rd., Major General U. S. A. Ret., Maryland;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Andrew Richardson, New Jersey; Council of Administration,

Lawrence H. Parker, New Hampshire (2 yrs.);

James C. Tatman, Maryland (1 yr.);

National Patriotic Instructor, Albert B. DeHaven, Maine;

National Chaplain, Rev. Herman L. Brockway, New York;

National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey;

National Chief of Staff, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania;

were installed in Ritualistic form).

Commander-in-Chief Davis: To you I say, my Brothers, and I do not use the term in a light or casual way, which we sometimes do here in the Encampment, as that term has a deep significance to me. We are not brothers in the flesh, but brothers of the obligations that we have all taken in the past at the altar; and we are brothers in the common project of maintaining the unity of our organization, and furthering it as a great national organization.

We have had a very successful encampment here in Atlantic City. I don't think that I have ever attended an Encampment where there was such unity of opinion, and such harmony throughout.

I hope the stenographer took down what the nominating speakers said about me. I would like my wife to read it, as it is going to be a big surprise to her. I am reminded of the lady in Oregon whose husband died. She went to the funeral and heard the many nice things said about her husband by friends, and she listened attentively to the wonderful eulogy that the minister gave for him. When he had concluded it, she turned to a friend and said, "I think I better look into the coffin and make sure that is John." I am sure that when my wife reads those nominating speeches, she won't think they were talking about me.

At the beginning of this Encampment, several of your members talked to me about this office but I stated to them that business matters, which must be settled during this year and next, deter me from accepting, but my opinion in the matter did not prevail. However, I do feel that we all have an obligation to the organization, and although I believe you gentlemen have over-estimated the results which might accrue by my election to this office, I felt it was my duty to accept and I can assure you that I will do all my power to serve you well.

We are a charitable organization, and I hope that everyone of you Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will have a generous measure of that quality this year. In previous years, you have had grandsons of Civil War Veterans as Commanders-in-Chief, Cleon Heald, John Runkle, Roy Stoudt and Roy Bennett, these were all younger men, who could travel from coast to coast. Brothers, I feel that I should make it plain to you that I could not undertake to travel a great deal, or be as active as I might like to be, as I could not physically endure it. There will be many Encampments I will miss; and I will not see some of you until next year at the National Encampment. I sincerely trust that you will understand. I have a deep anxiety in my heart because I feel that you might have an idea that I have a magic formula that will clear away the obstacles which confront this organization. I have none, and as of this moment, I have no plans for the answers to some of these problems. It will take time, and a great deal of thought to analyze them, and then attempt to do something about them.

We now have a Council of Administration, and I hope that we can place a great deal of confidence in it. This in itself, is a new project and I hope that we can work out plans which will bring results we hope to have. I, personally, think this is a fine staff of officers which you have given me to work with. I am not well acquainted with all of these officers yet, but I certainly shall take advantage of the opportunity to get to know them well during this year. I think a great honor has come to this organization in having as our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, General U. S. Grant, 3rd. We will appreciate your advice and counsel. I sincerely hope that all officers will accept the responsibilities that is theirs.

I would like every Past Commander-in-Chief present to rise. (13 responded, consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Charles F. Sherman, Walter C. Mabie, Allan S. Holbrook, Richard F.

Locke, J. Kirkwood Craig, Albert C. Lambert, Henry Towle, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Neil D. Cranmer, Chas. H. E. Moran, John H. Runkle and Cleon E. Heald). I don't believe I would be here if it were not for your inspiration and I ask each of you to give your full support to all the efforts made this year. You have served your Camps, your Departments, have had the highest honor in this organization, have attended many Encampments and know the problems of this Order better than anyone else, are familiar with the obstacles which have confronted us in the past and those which we will encounter in the future. I ask that you all be my brothers, in the true sense of the word. I feel sure that I can depend on you and I thank you.

Let us go from this Encampment with a will to accomplish all that we can, to do our utmost, with faith in our thoughts and courage in our hearts. God bless you on your way.

Presentations

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: There has, again, come to me a duty which always gives me a great deal of pleasure. Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett, will you please rise.

You have reached the end of the road as head of this organization and I am, therefore, privileged to call you, and to welcome you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief. To you, at the moment, this may not mean all that it has meant to me, and to many of the other brothers who have reached the end of that same road.

You know your obligation, and we also know that you desire to continue the work that has been so close to your heart for so many years. We do not ask of you any pledge as to what you will do because we are convinced that you will, in the years that lie ahead, continue in your firm devotion to this organization. We also know that you will possess the same desire to see it advance, as you have in the year that has just passed. In that year, as Commander-in-Chief, you have given this organization the best that you could, and no more can be asked or expected of anyone. It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to pin upon your breast, and over your heart, this badge, which I am sure you will wear with pleasure and pride, and with the full knowledge of the obligation that its wearing brings to you.

May I express the wish Brother Bennett, that you may be spared to live, as I have, for many years as a Past Commander-in-Chief and that, in those years, you may see this organization become what you had hoped and prayed, that which, in the province of God, we all hope and trust that it will be. I congratulate you and welcome you, with all my heart, into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Sautter, I wish to thank you for that presentation and, as long as God gives me breath, I will carry on this trust which has been conferred upon me. It has been an honor to have Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter with us so many years, and a personal pleasure for me to have him here today.

National Secretary Lambert: Roy, many of us who are Past Commanders-in-Chief had a very pleasant surprise, at the conclusion of our term in that office, when the late Horace H. Hammer presented a lapel pin to each of us, as his personal gift. It has been my pleasure, as his successor, to continue that practice; and at this time, I would like you to accept this lapel pin from me as my personal gift to you. Thank you for working so splendidly and co-operatively during this past year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you, brother Albert. Albert has been my right hand man. Whenever I called for anything, it

anytime, it was given to me without any delay. I could trust that Albert would take care of anything I asked, and would do what was best for the organization at all times. He is a wonderful National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle then escorted in, and presented to the Encampment, Mrs. Davis, wife of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I would like to introduce to this Encampment the best wife in the U. S. A. I know all of you feel the same about your wives but, somehow, my wife is especially precious to me because she has been my partner all the way, and has stuck by me when I needed her most.

Mrs. Davis: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, that report was highly exaggerated. I think that, under the pressure of this present moment, my husband has over-estimated me.

I am proud of the honor that has been bestowed upon him, and I am glad to be one of the first to pledge my love, my loyalty, and my support to him in a job that is going to be difficult. I have all the confidence in the world in him and during this year, I am going to try to be to him, and to you, what the Auxiliary is supposed to be, a helper and a partner. We have been partners twenty-six years, and hope we may have many more years for each other and for this organization, to which he has been elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thank you so much. I know that he will do a fine job, and I will do whatever I can to help him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brother Davis, it is with great pleasure that I can step forward and deliver into your hands this badge of the Commander-in-Chief of this organization. If this badge could talk and give you the story of its many travels, the trips it has made back and forth across this country, it would give a vivid history of the service given to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In pinning this emblem on your chest, I know that you will carry it with you and will wear it with pride, teaching the people what it stands for and the significance it carries with it. Wear it proudly, and may God bless you.

I pledge to you the same as I have pledged to my father and grandfather—that I shall be ready and willing to help you and this organization anytime, day or night, that I can be of service. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you very much. I know that I can depend upon you for any assistance which you can give.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I have no address to make at this time. I want, merely, to express my appreciation for your confidence which is extended by electing me to this office, and I hope that I may be of help to you.

I sincerely hope that, under your leadership, this organization may enjoy a successful administration, and I am at your service.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richardson: Commander-in-Chief, fellow officers and members, I want to pledge to you my support, and sincerely hope that I am able to carry out any responsibilities and obligations that may be required of me. I will endeavor to carry this order forward at all times. If you call on me, I shall endeavor to carry out any orders that you may request. Again, I thank you, Commander-in-Chief, and the members of this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move that the proceedings of this Encampment, as taken by the official stenographer, be adopted as the official proceedings of this Encampment, when approved by the re-

tiring Commander-in-Chief; and this Encampment do now adjourn.
(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried).

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.
Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the
Seventy-First Annual Encampment.

Roy J. Bennett
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert
National Secretary.

Annamæ D. Berhalter
Official Stenographer.

Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:
 * * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,
 and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction
 thereof * * * "

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1952 Membership. Delegates	
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	461	11
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	70	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	533	12
Illinois	10	July, 1883	182	5
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	184	5
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	172	4
Kansas	9	June, 1883	107	3
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	550	12
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	139	4
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1,647	34
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	261	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	99	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	62	2
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884		
New Hampshire	11	Aug., 1883	269	6
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	417	9
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	972	20
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	715	15
Oregon	22	June 8, 1923	109	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	1,876	39
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	191	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	355	8
Wisconsin	21	Sept., 1887	175	5

SEVENTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT ROLL
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(Asterisk (**)) indicates registered, but not present).

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(Only members present listed)

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	Vernon E. Cheney,	4041 Altamont Ave., Oakland 5, Cal.
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	Louis Story,	208 N. Rose Ave., Compton 2, Cal.
	James A. B. Young,	1158 Elm Ave., Glendale 1, Cal.
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	C. Brown Newton,	860 Tower Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Delegates,	James Y. Ledwith,	200 York St., New Haven, Conn.
	Charles E. Clark, Jr.	Woodbridge, Conn.

ILLINOIS

Com.,	David G. Drake,	449 N. River Rd., Montgomery, Ill.
Past Com.,	Richard F. Locke,	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
	Allan S. Holbrook,	Dwight, Ill.
	George W. Lovering,	4154 W. 5th Ave., Chicago 24, Ill.
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IOWA

Past Com.,	Roy J. Bennett,	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa
	H. H. LeGrand,	Monroe, Iowa
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	Charles C. Webster,	7 John St., Springvale, Maine
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	Henry S. Bowen, Jr.,	8 Judson St., Beverly, Mass.
	William W. Tillson,	5 Bow St., Taunton, Mass.
	Ira Buxton,	375 So. Main St., Andover, Mass.
	James J. Dean,	Westboro, Mass.
	James G. Wolff,	36 Bayard St., Allston, Mass.
	Frank D. Smith,	Smith Lane, Northbridge, Mass.

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Delegates,	Thomas A. Davis,	Brunswick Apt., Division St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
	Donald F. Peacock,	1435 Branard St., Detroit, Mich.

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Past Com.,	Chester L. Charter,	3543 24th Ave., So. Minneapolis 6, Minn.
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Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph M. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt		
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum St., Hartford 3, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	4110 S. Tangerine Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. 51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	New Jersey	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Massachusetts	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Nebraska	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Illinois	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Indiana	
1924	*Wm. M. Coffin	Pennsylvania	
		Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 S. 9th St., Phila., 48, Pa.
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	

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1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	3618 5th Ave., Highway Highlands, Cal.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Cal. & Pacific	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Cal.
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	New Hampshire	823 Union St., Manchester, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland 7, Me.
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.
1944	Urien W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.
1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	309 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	72 Carlton St., Holyoke, Mass.
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner	

The Post System

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

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	*Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

Commandery-in-Chief Encampments

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1931	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	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
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Illinois	Springfield

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
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
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey

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