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Seventy-fourth
Annual Encampment
Commandery-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War



Cincinnati, Ohio

August 21-25

1955



U. S. GRANT, 3rd
Major General, U. S. A., Retired
Commander-in-Chief 1954-1955

PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

JOINT G.A.R. MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, August 21, 1955 3:30 P.M.

Commander-in-Chief Grant and Acting National Chaplain Neil D. Cranmer, representing the Sons of Union Veterans, and National President Konrad with National Chaplain Phillips for the Auxiliary, participated in the Joint Service in Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, which took place at 3:30 P. M. in the roof garden of the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel. Chiefs of organizations presented a floral offering and the National Chaplains made a brief memorial address.

REVIVAL OF G.A.R. "CAMP FIRE"

Sunday, August 21, 1955 8:00 P. M.

A revival of the "Camp Fire" (Grand Army of the Republic Tradition) with a joint meeting of all affiliated organizations, under the auspices of the Sons and Auxiliary, and their General Committee was held in Taft Auditorium. The program follows:

Presiding, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Concert of Selected Military Music 661st. Air Force Band
Call to Order and Introductions William M. Coffin
General Chairman.

Advance and Massing of Colors
by various Military, Veteran and Patriotic Groups

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem Miss Lucy Monroe

Invocation Rev. Thomas R. Jones,
Chaplain, V. A. Hospital, Cincinnati

Greetings Hon. Carl W. Rich
Mayor of Cincinnati

Welcome from the Governor of Ohio, Hon. John W. Keefe,
Cincinnati Municipal Court.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Address, "The Boys in Blue Reminisce" Bruce Catton
Editor of "American Heritage" and Historian of Civil
War Period

Civil War Songs Miss Lucy Monroe

Illustrated Address - "Battlefields and Monuments of the Civil War"
Activity of National Park Service

Dr. Ronald F. Lee, Assistant Director, N.P.S.

assisted by Mr. Herbert E. Kahler, Chief Historian, N.P.S.

Selections S.U.V. Fife And Drum Corps, Harrisburg, Pa.

Retirement of Colors and Adjournment

We were fortunate and honored by having as principal speaker Mr. Bruce Catton, author of a series of best sellers on the Civil War and

now editor of American Heritage, who eloquently, and from his vast researches, described the type of men who fought on the Union side and reestablished a united country, regaling us with many incidents and anecdotes garnered from their diaries and letters.

CEREMONY AT LINCOLN STATUE

Wednesday, August 24, 1955 1:15 P. M.

The delegates and members of the several allied organizations assembled at the statue of Abraham Lincoln, in Lytle Park, and the wreath laying ceremony, under the direction of National Patriotic Instructor C. LeRoy Stoudt of the Sons, followed.

The program:

Assembly Call.

Posting of Colors and Color Guard about the statue.

National Anthem.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Music by S.U.V. Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps.

The Gettysburg Address.

Ceremony of Re-dedication, symbolized by the placing of a wreath at the foot of the statue, by the Chief National Officer of each organization.

Closing music by S.U.V. Fife and Drum Corps.

After the ceremony members of all five organizations embarked in busses for a Pilgrimage to General Grants' Birth Place, the little cottage at Point Pleasant, Ohio, and returned about 5:30 P. M.

JOINT OPENING - SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 22, 1955 10:00 A. M.

The Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Hall of Mirrors of the Netherland Plaza Hotel in charge of National Chief of Staffs John H. Runkle of the Sons, and Anne O. Clayton of the Auxiliary.

An impressive ceremony marked the opening with the National Aides and National Special Aides of the Auxiliary first entering the room, after which Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary came in and were introduced. The National Officers of both organizations entered the room, and were introduced; after which Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd. of the Sons and National President of the Auxiliary Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad were presented.

National President Konrad: Commander-in-Chief Grant and the Sons of Union Veterans, my Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; welcome to the sixty-ninth annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my National Chief of Staff, Anne O. Clayton for the beautiful and impressive opening. Anne has worked very hard this year in behalf of our Organization and I know when this Encampment draws to a close, we will have reasons to be justly proud of her.

I know that the Sons are quite anxious to get started with their Encampment and I will, therefore, turn this meeting over to Commander-in-Chief Grant at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and our Auxiliary, it is a great honor and pleas-

ure to be here with you at the opening of the Sons 74th Annual Encampment and, Sister Konrad, it is very kind of you to allow me to take charge at this time.

Thank you all for this beautiful ceremony, and for allowing the Sons to participate in it. I feel quite sure that this opening ceremony will remain in our minds for many, many years, and the memories of it will be very pleasant ones.

The last Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans authorized me to recognize very special service, beyond the line of duty, to our Order, by awarding a certificate of merit, in appreciation for what has been done. I should like to present the following certificates at this time to:

(a) Mrs. Edith B. Nile, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

(b) W. Earl Corbin, Department Commander of Ohio — certificates of commendation for their work in connection with preparation for the Encampment; and for obtaining an appropriation from the State of Ohio for expenses incident thereto.

(c) Ellinore L. Konrad, National President of the Auxiliary — a certificate of merit for her co-operation in every effort for the good of our Order; and in recognition of great leadership of the Auxiliary in the cause of better Americanism, and more active patriotism.

It is with very great pleasure, indeed, that we extend our greetings to the Auxiliary; and thank you for having us join with you in this opening ceremony.

National President Konrad: My Commander-in-Chief, I am overwhelmed with this presentation of the Citation of Merit. Needless to say I am surprised and delighted, and wish to thank you for this distinction, not only on my behalf but also for my National Organization.

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Sister National President Konrad, Commander-in-Chief Grant, Brothers and Sisters: I do not know what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War could possibly do without our Auxiliary.

Over the period of years during which I have been privileged to belong to this great organization, I have come to the realization that without the Auxiliary many of our Camps would have fallen by the way side. Many of the things the Camps were able to do must be credited to our Auxiliary.

Webster defines "Auxiliary" as a helper — and you, Sisters, representing the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, throughout the United States, have truly been helpers.

During this past year, you have had a very fine leader in Sister Ellinore Konrad and, as our Commander-in-Chief said in his talks throughout the Departments, not only a leader to the Auxiliary, but also to the Sons. We want you to know that we, Sons of Union Veterans, deeply appreciate it. Maybe we don't show it sometimes — men are like that — but we do appreciate everything you have done for us, and we hope that you will continue to support us as you have in the past.

And now I would like, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans, to extend greetings and wish for you one of the best Conventions you have ever had — may it be progressive and successful.

Sister National President, Commander-in-Chief Grant has asked me to present to you this little token of appreciation for all that you have done for, and on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We hope that you will live long to enjoy it, and that it wakes

you up every morning. (Presented R.C.A. clock radio from Commandery-in-Chief.)

National President Ellinore Konrad: Thank you, Brother John, for all those wonderful words. I should now like to present Past National President Celeste Gentieu of the Auxiliary.

Past National President Gentieu: National President, Commander-in-Chief, and Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, this is indeed a pleasure for me to respond to you. I am so proud that our Commander-in-Chief from the Maryland Department, has served our organizations for another year and we, from the Auxiliary in the Maryland Department, are honored to have him represent our Department. I hope that he will be re-elected next year. Not that I think Maryland should have all the honors, but I feel that next year will be an outstanding one for the Auxiliary, and it would be fine to have him representing the Sons of Union Veterans organization again. We, of the Auxiliary, hope to dedicate and unveil the monument of Comrade Woolson at Gettysburg National Park next year. It would be quite fitting if General Grant would be there with us as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons.

Thank you Commander-in-Chief Grant for the honor you have brought to us; and I hope that your Encampment will be a successful one. I thank you all.

National President Ellinore Konrad: Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and members of the Sons, I wish to thank you very sincerely for my gift.

Throughout my travels this year, I have had the pleasure and privilege to meet many members of the Sons of Union Veterans. For all the courtesies extended to me, I wish to offer my sincere thanks.

Our members have been ever mindful of their duties to our beloved Sons — to assist them in their principles and objects and to realize their ambitions and ideals. Your Sisters are vitally interested in all your undertakings.

I have a very pleasant duty to perform this morning; one that gives me a great deal of pleasure. I would like to present to you this check for \$500.00 from your National Organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with our love and best wishes.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Sister National President, I can't thank you enough for this gift. It is going to be a great help to us with our sadly diminishing numbers; and we certainly appreciate it more than anything you could have given us.

I would like to add my personal appreciation to the more eloquent words of John Runkle for the help the Auxiliary has given this past year. It has been my particular privilege to serve in the office of Commander-in-Chief for two years — with two of the most charming and gracious ladies possible, as my co-workers.

I cannot leave this room without expressing my personal gratitude, and affection, for your National President of this year; and for the understanding and sympathetic way she has helped, and the wise counsel she has given. In order that she might remember how grateful I am, I would like to present this little personal keepsake (presents personal gift — rhinestone bracelet — to National President).

National President Ellinore Konrad: I, too, have a personal gift for my Commander-in-Chief. In presenting it, I would like to say:

On memory's walls there are pictures fair
Today I bring them back to you,
The record of tasks that we have performed
Of duties and pleasures too.
Your friendship, kindness and deeds of love
Will ever treasured be
And my picture will hold only loving thoughts
Of this year you have shared with me.

(Poem written by National President Konrad) -
(Presented gift to Commander-in-Chief Grant).

Mr. J. S. Turner, Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau of Cincinnati was then presented. He extended the greetings and best wishes of the Visitors Bureau, together with a hearty welcome to the City of Cincinnati, and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Convention. (Past National President of the Auxiliary Gladys Sallman responded to Mr. Turner).

Past National President Edna S. Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, National President and Members of the Sons and Auxiliary: originally it was planned that the greetings of the Auxiliary would be extended to the Sons on our visit to your Encampment, but it has been changed and is to be done at this Joint Opening. I have been granted the privilege, by our National President, of taking just a small part in this program to bring you the greetings from the Auxiliary to the Sons.

Our National President has very ably expressed to our Sons of Union Veterans how very much they mean to us. We, their Auxiliary, have been organized to assist them, and we have tried to do everything in our power to help them at all times. All this she has told you, so I will not attempt to add to the words of our National President, in that respect.

I have been granted the privilege, by our National President, of presenting to you a gift, Commander-in-Chief Grant — the gift from the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to you — and to extend to you our best wishes for a very fine Encampment. With this gift goes all the love, respect and admiration of each member of the Auxiliary to you. We hope that you will always come to see us, be friends with us, and continue to remember us always.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you so much. I assure you that words fail me to express my appreciation; particularly when the presentation is being made by the lovely wife of the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans.

I can assure you that the Sons are most grateful to you for all that you have done, for all that we know you are going to do.

We were tremendously impressed with this opening ceremony, and congratulate the Chiefs of Staff, Miss Clayton and John Runkle, for their efforts in arranging and carrying it out. We would like to stay with you but, unfortunately, we have some business to do, so we must ask your permission to leave at this time.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, August 23, 1955 8 P. M.

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were held in the Hall of Mirrors of the Netherland Plaza Hotel, under the direction of National Chaplain Neil D. Cranmer of the Sons; and National Chaplain Myrtle B. Phillips of the Auxiliary.

Program

- Piano Prelude Florence R. Parsons
Past Department President, New York.
- Introduction Myrtle B. Phillips
National Chaplain
- Processional Department Presidents
and Commanders.
- Invocation Neil D. Cranmer
Past Commander-in-Chief
- Scripture Reading Myrtle B. Phillips
Psalm 91st. - National Chaplain
- Solo Mary M. Mandeville
Past Department President, New York
- Ceremony at Altar.
- Tribute to Grand Army of the Republic Albert C. Lambert
National Secretary.
- Tribute to Past Commanders-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman
Past Commander-in-Chief.
- Tribute to Past National Pres. H. Pauline Creighton- Gladys B. Sallman
Past National President.
- Tribute to National Press Correspondent, Florence M. Grundy
by Department President, Illinois
- Memorial to Past National Presidents Mayme E. Dwyer
Past National President.
- Memorial to Past Department Commanders Roy J. Bennett
Past Commander-in-Chief
- Memorial to Past Department Presidents Ida R. Klein
Past National President
- Memorial to Deceased Sons Neil D. Cranmer
Past Commander-in-Chief
- Memorial to Deceased Auxiliary Members Kathryn Joyce
Past National President
- Assembly Psalm 23
- Solo Mary M. Mandeville
- Benediction Neil D. Cranmer
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 22, 1955 11:30 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd: The Officers and members of the Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Department Secretary Bertram Isaacs, New York; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island; and Guard, Past Department Commander, Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts.

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council of Administration Members Frederick K. Davis and George W. Kimball (who arrived at a later session) and the National Chaplain, Rev. Hermon L. Brockway. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Department Commander A. Waller Lewis, Jr. to the Council of Administration; and Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer as Chaplain.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I wish to appoint the following Committees:

Credentials

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine, Chairman, Lawrence K. Boutin, Past Department Commander, Iowa, Chas. H. Bournestine, Department Commander, Illinois, Millard F. Brown, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Resolutions

A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Department Commander, Rhode Island, Chair-

man. Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Sr., Vice Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts. Homer L. Young, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Iowa. Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine.

Officers' Reports

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman. Chas. C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine. Edward E. Biering, Department Commander, Wisconsin.

Constitution and Regulations

Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief Massachusetts, Chairman. Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio. Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois. Milo C. Newer, Sr., Department Commander, Michigan. Russell H. Bogert, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Press

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman.
Hon. Chester R. Shook,
Myron Benson.

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Roy J. Bennett, Past Commander-in-Chief, Iowa Chairman.
H. S. Rainwater, Department Commander, California.
W. Earl Corbin, Department Commander, Ohio.

Fraternal Relations

To the Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans:
C. LeRoy Stoult, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
Dr. Karl Rothschild, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
To the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York Chairman.
J. Wilbur Coursey, Past Department Commander, California.
John A. Ruggles, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

G. A. R. PROPERTY RESOLUTION

Commander -in-Chief Grant: There is an item in my report which I wish to take out, before reading the entire report, and have considered at this time so that action may be taken on it now—in order that this resolution, if adopted, may be given to the other Orders meeting here with us and may be released to the press as soon as possible.

Resolution

"At their last Encampment, the Grand Army of the Republic provided by resolution, in accordance with Sec. 6 of their Charter, for the transfer of certain of their corporate property to the Smithsonian Institution but, so far as we can ascertain made no disposition or state-

In the meantime, Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the G.A.R., has deeded all G.A.R. property, not otherwise disposed of by the G. A.R. to the Sons of Union Veterans, and the deed has been legally ap-
ment of intention with reference to the remainder of their property, and even in the case of the property covered by the aforesaid resolution never made any legal transfer of the property in the form and manner required by said section of their Charter.

proved and recorded by the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

I present the following Resolution, binding our Order:

WHEREAS, the preservation and making available for purposes of historical research and for the suitable commemoration of the Grand Army of the Republic and its patriotic services, of all the records and memorabilia of its members and organized elements, is a matter of National importance; and

WHEREAS, the execution of this trust has been imposed upon us by Sec. 3 of Public Law 605; and

WHEREAS, Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the Grand Army has transferred to us title to "all property of any and every kind and nature owned by said Grand Army of the Republic, and wheresoever situate and all the records and archives thereof; except such property and records as are specifically mentioned and described in a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its 83rd and final Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28th to September 1st, 1949;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their Seventy Fourth National Encampment assembled, that they accept this trust in reverent memory of their fathers and will strive, by every proper and legal means, to effect the preservation and safe keeping of the said archives, records and memorabilia of their Sires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we will respect any disposition of their property and records made by Posts or Departments of the Grand Army, which ensures their preservation and their being available for historical and geneological research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we favor the preservation as memorials to the Grand Army of the meeting places or quarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, whether the same are owned by State or local governments, by trustees or by Memorial Association, and their use by our Order and the other Orders allied to the Grand Army as meeting places so far as such use is consistent with their memorial character and the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that in the execution of this trust we will seek and welcome the cooperation of our Auxiliary and of the three other patriotic organizations affiliated with the G. A. R.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR LOCKE: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, the immediate consideration of this portion of your report; that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, asking them to make an immediate report to this Encampment in order that we may take proper action forthwith. (Seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Baucr, and carried).

(Reports of the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary were distributed at this time).

Department Commander A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Rhode Island: Com-
mandery-in-Chief for distribution to the other organizations,
of this resolution; and we would recommend immediate adoption by
this Encampment.

National Counselor Locke: I move the adoption of the report of
the Resolutions Committee; and I add to that motion that the Na-
tional Secretary be directed to make such certified copies as may be
necessary, in order to show the adoption of the recommendations of

the Commandery-in-Chief, for distribution to the other organizations and to the press. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: : Thank you, Brothers. We are now under reports of Officers, and I will now read my report.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided as Commander-in-Chief Grant read his report:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

College Hill,
Clinton, N. Y.
12 July 1955

To the Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Seventy-fourth National Encampment,
Cincinnati, Ohio

1. Custom and our Regulations (Chapter III, Article VIII) require me to bore you at this time with a report, giving you some account of my administration of the affairs of our Order. Because of the special circumstances of this meeting, and the consequent need for me to speak at some length of the new and old problems that confront us; I shall omit or refer but briefly to statistical information, which should be covered adequately by the other officers, and to my activities, which have been relatively unimportant.

2. What I think is important to emphasize is that this Encampment is the beginning of a new era for our Order; Our first meeting as a Federal Corporation. Our previous Illinois Corporation has been officially recorded as superseded by the new Federal Corporation, so we have turned a corner. Today we must look to the future rather than to the past. Heretofore we have been sons holding on to the coat tails of our fathers and grandfathers, the Grand Army of the Republic. I yield to no one in admiration and reverence for that great body of men, the organized representatives of the nearly 2,000,000 Americans who helped to save our country from dismemberment in 1861 to 1865, restored our Union, and

"Saw Treason crushed and Freedom crowned,
And glamorous faction, gagged and bound,
Gasping its life out on the ground."

(Richard Realf)

3. But the Grand Army is no more,—those coat tails to which we cling so long are buried under ground. But one member of that great host remains with us, too ill and old to be with us at this meeting. Let us rejoice that he was with us last year to cheer and inspire us with his presence, and that we had the chance then, in paying our homage to him to express all we felt for his comrades who had preceded him to the Bivouac of the Dead.

4. What I would impress upon you, and through you on all the members of our Order, is that the time has come for us to do our bit in our Nation's present crisis and future problems, as they did in theirs—with the same patriotic devotion, courage and confidence in the rightness of our American Constitution and the institutions springing therefrom — and that we recognize we must now do it alone on our own. You remember the words with which Mr. Churchill opened his first cabinet meeting after the disasters culminating in the Dunkirk

withdrawal: "Well, gentlemen we are alone. For myself, I find it rather exhilarating."

5. It is time for all of us to read and take to heart Past Commander-in-Chief Davis's little leaflet, "About Face."

6. To be sure, we must "tell the story, now the Boys in Blue are gone," but we must respond to President Lincoln's call, as they answered his call for volunteers, and dedicate ourselves "to the unfinished work" which they "so nobly advanced." Away with internal bickerings and jealousies, away with internal politics and egotism, and most important of all let there be an end to apathy and inertia. Let us so act in our Camps and Departments that our communities will recognize us as an organization that does things, that is alive and a force for good Americanism in every community. Let us get new blood into our ranks—those 2,000,000 soldiers in 1861-65 had plenty of posterity and there are plenty of eligibles, but you must find them and must be doing things to hold their interest.

7. In deciding upon Cincinnati as our meeting place this year, and inviting the affiliated orders to meet with us, and in taking on responsibility for the Joint Camp Fire and the trip to Point Pleasant we have assumed, perhaps with too much temerity, a certain leadership. Whether we can hold it depends on how the job is done. The next few days will tell. For leadership, my friends, is not a matter of precedence, or seniority or regulations, but a question of imagination and ingenuity, of efficiency and of human understanding.

8. I submit that it is important for us to maintain close cooperation with the affiliated organizations, that alone our influence in matters of national import can be but meager but that a united front of Civil War organizations should be effective, and that close cooperation with all patriotic and veterans organizations is bound to be effective. Therefore, I recommend to you closer contact with the American Coalition and with other likeminded organizations in your communities. It may properly be made the duty of the National Patriotic Instructor to establish and maintain such close contact on the National level, and have it a recognized part of his routine duties. To some extent, I have tried to establish it by my personal membership in many of them, but it takes time to build cooperation on a sound basis.

9. And let me add, such cooperation does not necessitate any relinquishment of our Order's independence, but it does require leadership and persistent effort. If we lack the brains and energy to lead, we shall inevitably be led. I have been careful in the negotiations incident to this simultaneous Encampment not to make any entangling alliances or in any way surrender our Order's independence for the future, and at the same time to be considerate of the wishes and interests of the other organizations. I only hope I have not been inept and made enemies for our Order. In any case, my successor will have perfect freedom of action.

10. The Ladies.—God bless them! have nimbler minds, more ingenuity, more energy and usually more time than we men. It is hard enough to keep up with them; but our cause needs their qualities and we need their cooperation and encouragement. I am glad of the opportunity to pay my respects to the graciousness, understanding and ability of Mrs. Bessie Smith Chairman of the ladies' rotating committee for this Encampment; in fact the most important innovation, namely the effort to adopt unanimously in all five organizations some resolutions on Matters of National Import, was her suggestion. We are also indebted to Mrs. Gilb, her local representative, for much ef-

fective help and good understanding in adjusting the programs among the somewhat conflicting needs of individual organizations. It has been a real pleasure to work with them.

11. The cooperation of our Auxiliary during the past year has been splendid. It has become evident that we are very fortunate indeed to have such competent and enthusiastic helpmates. It has been my rare privilege to be associated this year with the Auxiliary National President, Mrs. Konrad. No Commander-in-Chief has had such a loyal, efficient and brilliant National President to work with. I have profited greatly by her suggestions and advice.

12. But coming back to our new status as a Federal Corporation, in compliance with Sec. 2 of Public Law 605, a meeting of the Incorporators in person and by proxies was held on January 12, 1955 (Banner, Mar.-Apr. 19th, pg. 3), and the existing Constitution and Regulations of the Order (Illinois Corporation) were adopted, so far as not inconsistent with The Congressional Charter, with the exception of changing the authority for "Associate Members" to "Associates" in order to comply with Sec. 5 of our new Charter which limits "Members" to "male blood relatives of persons who served" in the Civil War. In the meantime, your Council of Administration has recommended and authorized a revision of the Constitution and Regulations, for which purpose I appointed a Committee consisting of P. C. in C. Moran, Chairman; and P. C. in C's Locke and Coffin.

13. Evidently Article II, "First to Seventh" inclusive will have to be changed to conform to the language of Sec. 3 of the law. This is required by the law itself, and reduces our purposes to a quotable length.

14. The National Encampment, as in the Charter of the Grand Army of the Republic, is designated by Sec. 6 of the law as the "supreme governing authority." Commandery-in-Chief is a military term and not properly applicable to the national encampment, a legislative body (as erroneously used in our present Constitution and Regulations). Correctly speaking, the Commandery-in-Chief is the executive and consists of the National Officers and, if you will, the Chairman of standing committees. This calls for amendment of Art. V, Sec. I, Third; and Sections 2 and 3.

15. You will note that the Constitution adopted by the Incorporators (Art. IV, Sec. 2) provides that "no form of government shall be considered as legally established until submitted to and duly approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at a stated meeting thereof" a saving clause thoughtfully retained by the Incorporators so that this Encampment, acting as a constitutional convention, might have a chance to consider the proposed Constitution, before it finally becomes effective as the basic Constitution of the new Federal Corporation. After consultation with our National Counselor I, therefore, rule (1) that the present problem is the adoption of a Constitution and Regulations by this National Encampment, a draft of which has been adopted subject to your ratification; and lest the question be raised, (2) that this is not a question of amending a constitution finally adopted, and so the requirement that amendments have to be proposed by a Department (Art. VIII), which you have not yet ratified, is not valid.

16. Under the circumstances, it is evident that any change in the tentative Constitution recommended by your Committee on Constitution and Regulations may properly be considered and voted on. Manifestly, adoption of the Constitution and Regulations for the Federal

Corporation is our most important business at this Encampment. This is a major job, and I ask all to limit their arguments and remarks to a minimum. It will be more to the advantage of our Order to leave minor changes of no great importance to amendment later, than to unduly take up the time of this meeting with their discussion.

16½. The one amendment to the Constitution under this head, which seems to me desirable and necessary is to permit amendments to be proposed by the Council of Administration, thus adding in Art. VIII, in the third line after "upon" the words, "recommendation of the Council of Administration or."

17. In my opinion and based on two years' experience you will never have an efficiently administered National organization until the election of officers on the different levels are better coordinated so as to have a team on every level — local, state and national, responsible for the leadership. This was fully discussed in my report last year, and I refer to that report and its recommendations now.

18. I recommend that provision be made for "life members" on payment of a fee that, when properly invested, will bring in an annual income commensurate with the cost of each membership, not less than \$100.00, which amount shall go into the Permanent Fund.

19. I also recommend that members at large on the national level be authorized, as they are now in Department (Reg. Chap. 1, Art. II, Sec. 6), for residents of states where there is no department or for members who do not desire because of changing residence to be assigned to any Camp or Department. Today we are primarily concerned with the establishment of a permanent national organization. I am convinced that there are many eligibles who would join if not assigned to a Camp and expected to attend meetings etc.

20. There are many minor changes which should be made, some to correct inconsistencies and others to do away with manifestly unnecessary provisions. I shall not take up your time with them now, but enumerate them in a supplementary statement for consideration by the Committee on Revision of C. & R. (Supplementary Statement was referred to said committee).

21. As our basic law calls for a designated representative in Washington, D. C. (Sec. 9b), I believe he should be ex-officio an officer of the Corporation and listed on our stationery as a member of the Commandery-in-Chief. He might well, as a matter of policy, be appointed by the National Council and be a member of the Legislative Committee each year.

22. As the 1946 G.A.R. Encampment passed a resolution indicating a desire that the five orders affiliated with it continue to meet together and work together, and as "in union there is strength," I recommend that we pass and transmit to the other organizations of the G.A.R., here assembled in Cincinnati, a resolution in substance as follows:

"Since our five organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic are actuated by the same inspiring tradition, inherited from them, and have similar purposes of patriotic endeavor, we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recognize that unity of action by all five organizations will always prove more effective and influential than action by one of us alone. To this end, I suggest the setting up of a Joint Committee, consisting of three members from each organization, which shall elect its own chairman and secretary and meet at least once a year, for the purpose of coordinating action and objectives

among us, as circumstances may make it inadvisable for us to always meet in the same place with our sister Orders, and we may for the better administration of our Order find it necessary to meet on occasion in a city where the accommodations are inadequate for the joint meeting of all five organizations, we regret that we find it in the interests of our Order to continue to retain our independent choice of a meeting place and of our program of activities. However, as the three Ladies organizations so graciously accepted our invitation to meet this year at the same time in Cincinnati, so we promise to give sympathetic consideration to any invitation to join in a similar manner in simultaneous meetings in the future; but the duties of the Joint Committee proposed in the foregoing paragraph shall not include the fixing of the place for annual meetings or the program therefor."

23. I recommend resolutions of thanks to Senator Thye, Congressman Blatnik and others who had a part in obtaining the legislation for the payment of Comrade Woolson's medical and hospital bills by the Veterans Administration; to our Auxiliary, for their support and comradeship throughout the year; and of appreciation to the other three Ladies' Organizations for meeting with us again this year.

24. Your attention is called to the progress made in the wise administration of the Permanent Fund. Already it amounts to nearly \$8,000.00, with an income of approximately \$240.00 a year. Your Council and its Finance Committee deserve your commendation, and especially the National Treasurer, Brother Lambert, who has carried the major burden of setting it up and administering it.

25. Your attention is also invited to the slow but sure progress being made by our National Graves Registration Committee, under the leadership of P.D.C. DeForest. I commend this program to all Departments and Camps as one of prime importance, and recommend active efforts on local and state levels to search out, and identify any unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans, and to report them to the National Graves Registration Officer.

26. The proper marking and maintenance of the G.A.R. Memorial Highway must remain a project of special importance to the Departments through which it passes. Let it not be forgotten, or neglected as a project already completed. Constant vigilance in regard to it is mandatory on us.

27. Among the important events of the year are to be noted the completion and dedication of the G.A.R. Memorial Gateway to the Scotland School For Veterans' Orphans, by the Pennsylvania Department; the joint dedication of flags for each side of the Lincoln picture in the Museum Casemate at Fort Monroe by the Auxiliary and our Commandery-in-Chief; the installation and unveiling of a commemorative tablet on the old Army Barracks in Detroit; the dedication of a memorial plaque in Beltrami Park, Minneapolis by Camp No. 8 of Minnesota; dedication of a Civil War cannon and memorial plaque by the Sons and Auxiliary in Seneca Park, Rochester, N. Y.; completion of the artist's work for the statue of Comrade Woolson being given by our National Auxiliary to Gettysburg National Battlefield Park as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic; the dedication and gift of furniture to picnic grounds along the G.A.R. Memorial Highway and the placing of a wreath on Memorial Day on the grave of the last Grand Army man of the State by the Department of Iowa; arrangements for us to lay a wreath on President Lincoln's Tomb on his birthday by our National Counselor, etc. I am sure there have been many

similar actions for the good of our Order which have not come to my attention, but for which some Brother merits recognition.

28. The importance of The Banner in keeping our far flung membership in touch with each other and with what our Order is doing cannot be emphasized too much. I think all will agree with me that our new Editor, Brother More, is maintaining the high standard of news and interest set by his predecessor. Every member should have The Banner but we cannot afford to furnish it free to all. Therefore, I ask the assistance of all of you in getting subscriptions to it in your Camps and Departments. To this end Camp bills for dues should include an extra item: "For Banner, \$1.00". You will be surprised at how many will pay the extra dollar without objection. As soon as possible, the size of The Banner should be increased by four pages (one double sheet).

29. In conclusion, I cannot find words in which to express my appreciation of the unusual honor of having been your Commander-in-Chief for two years. It was with great reluctance that I accepted this second term, only because at the time our Federal Incorporation Bill had not passed and I had a feeling that I could help it through the next Congress if it should fail of passage last summer. As a matter of fact, we got word of its passage just before our Encampment adjourned. But it is a great experience to be your Chief, and the candor due you impels me to confess that I have enjoyed the job, even though it has been a burden and called for more work and time than I could give effectively. I hope I have not disappointed you too much.

30. My heartfelt thanks go to the able and loyal National Officers, Staff, and Committee Chairmen, who made possible whatever success my administration has achieved. My thanks go equally to the many other members who have contributed with their time and minds to this last year's operations — and there are many of them, too many to be mentioned individually in this report.

For my successor, I wish your support in equal measure, and as happy a time in the position as I have had. To those I have unwittingly offended or whose letters I have been unable to answer, I offer my apologies.

Long life and success to the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR a patriotic corporation, established by Act of Congress, may they always be worthy of their sires!

U. S. GRANT, 3rd., Commander-in-Chief

Applause followed the reading of the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

National Counselor Locke: I move that this report, and all other Officers Reports presented to the Encampment be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports for their action, unless otherwise designated by the officer submitting them. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, and carried).

The following supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's report was presented:

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
For the Committee on Revision of C. & R.

Constitution:

(1) Article V, Section 1, page 4, third paragraph should be changed to read, "Of the National Organization, of which the National Encamp-

ment is the supreme governing body, the national officers, councillors and staff and the national council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief.

(2) Article V, Section 2 page 4, change the "Commandery-in-Chief to "National Encampment", in both cases. Then add: "Between sessions of the National Encampment the business of the Order shall be carried on by the Commandery-in-Chief, in accordance with policies established by the National Encampment or, when it has not fixed a policy, by the Council of Administration which shall have the authority and duty usually exercised by a board of directors."

(3) Article V, Section 3, page 4 — "National Encampment" should probably be substituted for "Commandery-in-Chief."

Regulations:

(4) When we come to our Regulations, I believe they should be re-named "By-Laws" to accord more directly with Sec. 2 of our basic law; but this is not a matter of real importance.

(5) Chapter I, Art. II, Sec. 6, page 10 evidently belongs in Chap. II under Departments and not in Chap. I.

(6) Chapter I, Article III, Section 2, page 11 — for several years it has been impossible to get five members to Camp meetings in Washington. Those who come look around, see "no quorum therefore no business can be transacted," and go home. Would it not be better to leave it to the Camps or Departments to fix the number required for a quorum?

(7) Chapter I, Article VII, Section 1, page 17 says, "Camps shall regulate their dues;" Section 2, page 18, requires that \$1.00 be paid to the Department for each member; Chapter II, Article VI, Section I, page 28, provides that "Each Department shall regulate its Dues and revenues" which is, of course, inconsistent with the \$1.00 per capita tax established by Article VII, Chapter I. Evidently corrections should be made by giving the Camps authority to fix their dues "in addition to the per capita tax to the Department"; and Departments' authority to fix "by 2/3 vote of the Department Encampment the amount that shall be paid it by Camps, and by majority vote any assessments against the Department Officers and Staff."

(8) Chapter II, Article VII, Section I, page 29 — calls for five members on all Department Committees; this is too many and not practicable of observance. Sometimes a Committee of one can do the job.

(9) Chapter III, Article II, Section I, page 31 mentions life members; Section 2, page 32, prohibits their election. Life members with a substantial fee should be authorized. Here and everywhere else "Commandery-in-Chief" should be replaced with "National Encampment" when appropriate to do so.

(10) Chap. III, Article III, Section 2, page 32, is one of the rare references to the "Council-in-Chief." Some not too difficult name should be adopted for the Board of Directors (Pub. Law 605, Sec. 7a) and adhered to throughout. While it is well to restrict the calling of a National Encampment of the Order "to the National Council," "The Commander-in-Chief or any three elected National Officers" should have authority to call a meeting of the National Council or Commandery-in-Chief.

(11) Chapter III, Article IV, Section I, page 33, "The representative of the Order in Washington, D. C." should be added. To Section 2 add: "The Order's representative in Washington shall be selected and appointed by the National Council".

(12) Chapter III, Article II, should provide for members at large on the national level.

(13) Chapter III, Article V, Section 3, page 35, it would be well to substitute "an allowance of \$1,000.00 per annum to reimburse him for incidental expenses on behalf of the Order" for "as Compensation, etc." thereby making it possible to deduct expenses actually incurred on his income tax return. The same change in language should be considered as to the \$200.00 in Section 4.

(14) Article VI, Chapter III, page 37 besides substituting "National Encampment" for "Commandery-in-Chief", the regulations adopted for the Permanent Fund last year should be incorporated.

(15) Chapter III, Article V, Section 6, page 36, seems to me just silly. The National Patriotic Instructor should be assigned some real duties, such as co-ordinating the work of Department Patriotic Instructors, establishing and maintaining contact with other patriotic veterans organizations on the national level with a view to closer co-operation in all patriotic work, representing the Order at Patriotic ceremonies, etc.

(16) Chapter III, Article V, Section 5, page 36; and Chapter V, Article I, page 41 — the requirements of bonds for officers not personally responsible for handling any funds or money seems to me a useless expenditure of money and time.

(17) Chapter III, Article VII, Section 2, page 37 — the duties of the Committee on Program and Policy have been taken over by the National Council and its three year program. Correction should be made accordingly.

What is very much needed is a National Committee on Membership, the chairman of which should normally be one of the Vice Commanders-in-Chief. In addition, the Committee should be composed of a representative from every Department.

(18) Chapter III, Article VII, Section 3, page 38 — the Washington representative should ex-officio be a member of the Legislative Committee.

(19) Chapter V, Article II should have added to it the badge of "Associates."

(20) Chapter V, Article VII, page 57 — add at beginning so that it reads: "Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of our Order and its elements, except..." It is really necessary in a moot case to know which rules to refer to.

General Comment: It will probably be best for the Committee on Revision of C. & R. to report changes of substance proposed, with the idea that an editing committee will be appointed next year to put the decisions into correct and consistent terms, the final draft so prepared to be submitted before the next National Encampment - in fact, as soon as possible - to the Departments for ratification. Pending such ratification by the prescribed number of Departments and if not so ratified, the said amended Constitution and By-Laws will nevertheless prevail until the next annual National Encampment.

U. S. GRANT, 3rd.
Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to Committee on C. & R., as designated by the Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 22, 1955 1:20 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

VISIT OF DR. ROBERT L. KINCAID

Dr. Robert L. Kincaid, President of Lincoln Memorial University was escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

He spoke about the University, the fine educational work which is being done there, thanked the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their support in the past, and asked for continued support of the organization in providing scholarships at Lincoln University.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now hear the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Cincinnati, Ohio 22 August, 1955

To the Officers and Members of the Seventy-fourth National Encampment:

Unfortunately a severe attack of illness last January, from which I am now practically recovered, incapacitated me for several months and prevented me from visiting Departments as I had planned to do.

I attended the meeting in Washington to organize under our Congressional Charter, and prepared the necessary votes for use on that occasion.

By authority of the Commander-in-Chief, I appeared on behalf of our Order before the sub-committee of the United States Senate charged with considering amendment or modification of the United Nations Charter. I quote from my opening remarks:

"The rallying cry of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has always been the words of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address: 'We here highly resolve that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth,' and more particularly not perish from the United States.

We believe that the covenant of the United Nations needs very drastic amendments to prevent its being used to take away government of the people, by the people, and for the people from the United States." My remarks and the brief which I filed are printed in full on pages 1733-1739 of the record of the hearings, and the American Coalition, in response to numerous requests, has printed and circulated my brief among its constituent societies.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I have, on several occasions, conferred with him in person, or by letter, on administrative and quasi-legal matters concerning our Order.

Although not within my prescribed duties, I have, when requested,

given advice and assistance at the Department level in matters involving our status as carrying on the work of the Grand Army.

I have taken advantage of every occasion to rebuke and correct the use of the term, "War between the States," and in all but one instance my criticism has been accepted in good spirit and correction either made or promised.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the staff of our present Commander-in-Chief and I have tried, to the best of my ability, to assist in carrying out his policies, which have certainly added prestige to our Order.

Recommendation

If our Order is to appeal to the present generation, it must relate its objectives to present day conditions. It is useless to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army, if we allow the government and the principles for which they fought to be overturned. These principles were never more in danger than now, due to the activity of well financed subversive pressure groups and apathy or misunderstanding on the part of our citizens at large.

Because, therefore, of its importance at this time, I recommend that we officially adopt as one of our major objectives the alerting of our members and of the communities in which we function to the danger of the United Nations or any of its allied agencies being used by designing or misinformed persons to take away or curtail any of those fundamental liberties which our sires, at a cost of so much blood and treasure, have bequeathed to us and which are embodied in our Federal and State Constitutions.

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

U.S. Grant III, Commander-in-Chief,
Officers and Members
Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.

1129 Bertch Ave.
Waterloo, Iowa
August 15, 1955.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

During the years I have been active in the Sons of Union Veterans, I have been more and more impressed with the significance of our organization.

I have had many happy and inspiring experiences and among these the two that shall always be the outstanding red letter days of my life are:

1. The final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis, in 1949. There, in that spacious auditorium, the last official meeting of the G.A.R. was held. It was there that the full realization came to me of the tremendous work we, the Sons of Union Veterans, have before us. It was there I made a vow that that great body of men who made up the Union forces of the Civil War should not be forgotten and the principles for which they fought should live forever.

2. The Encampment at Duluth, Minnesota, in 1954, where we honored Albert Woolson, the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was the second event. At this meeting, it was announced

that the long awaited national charter making our organization the successor to the G.A.R. had been granted by Congress.

The honor that was bestowed upon me by being elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to serve under command of Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, could not have come at a more opportune time. I deeply appreciate the confidence placed in me by being thus selected to serve on your Commandery-in-Chief staff, and I have endeavored to uphold the dignity of the office on every occasion.

It has always been my feeling that the Sons of Union Veterans should be the leaders in patriotic work in every community and I have always conducted myself with that ideal in mind. I have attended many organization meetings in Iowa the past year.

In September I was the guest of the Daughters of Union Veterans, honoring their Department Officers. In November, I had the honor of addressing the Gold Star Mothers of Iowa and Minnesota. On February 12, I was a guest at the Tri-City Lincoln day dinner in Rock Island, Illinois. I addressed the Iowa State Convention of Disabled American Veterans and also their Auxiliary. On May 14-15, I attended the Minnesota Department Encampment where I installed their Department officers. I attended the reception for the National Auxiliary President, Ellnore Konrad in Waterloo, Iowa. This was given by the Iowa Department.

I was honored by the Department of Iowa at receptions for National and Department officers, both at Waterloo and Des Moines. At each of these meetings, I extended the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief.

As I have said before, the job before us is tremendous and can be accomplished only by hard work. We need more members. We must get younger men interested who have initiative to push forward. There is only one way to obtain that membership - it is by being an active organization made up of active individuals.

Last year, I was elected President of the Waterloo Veterans' Association. This includes representatives from Sons of Union Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Amvets - for the purpose of co-ordinating all veterans problems and making a better America. Due to the fact that I am not a veteran myself, I felt especially honored to have the endorsement of all these groups to head up the organization.

Commander-in-Chief working with you and your staff the past year has been a pleasure. Let us all look to the future for a more active and greater organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMER L. YOUNG

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert read his report.

U.S. Grant, 3rd.
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1955

As National Secretary-Treasurer, I have the honor to report to you and the members of the 74th National Encampment relative to the fiscal transactions of my office for the year ending June 30, 1955.

In accordance with instructions of the Duluth Encampment, the books, records, assets, etc. have this year been audited by a Certified Public Accountant, J. S. Teunon & Co., Certified Public Accountants have completed their audit and survey and certified copies of their report are furnished to the Council of Administration and to the Congress of the United States. Attached to this report are excerpts from their report. The finances of the Commandery-in-Chief are in a very satisfactory condition. I wish to particularly call your attention to the Permanent Fund which shows interest and dividends received in the amount of \$206.00. The market value of the investments also show an increment of \$254.96 over the book valuation.

While the problem of decreasing membership is distressing, it is a natural result of many years of uninspired planning. The past few years however, have been outstanding in thoughtful planning and leadership and this will bear fruit in the near future.

The Banner has been published again at a modest cost, and Brother Leslie More is to be complimented on his fine efforts in editing and publishing it. Camps should be encouraged to add the cost of The Banner to their dues and have every member receive the paper. The members that do not attend Camp meetings need this contact with the organization more than regular attendants. Let them know what their organization is doing by putting them on the mailing list.

Our Auxiliary

Our Auxiliary, always a cheerful helpmate, has this year had an inspiring leader in National President, Sister Eleanor Konrad. She has demonstrated her love for her organization and ours by a year of unselfish devotion, always on the alert for what would be best for the Sons and Auxiliary.

Grand Army of the Republic

We thank Almighty God that Comrade Albert Woolson has been spared another year to give us an inspiring contact with that greatest of all veteran organizations, The Grand Army of the Republic. During the year, by action of the Council of Administration, checks in the amount of \$300.00 have been sent to him for his personal use. In addition to this a \$200.00 donation was made to help defray office expense in maintaining the Grand Army of the Republic National Headquarters.

John W. Emery

On September 12, 1954, just one month after his election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John W. Emery died suddenly of a heart attack. He will be remembered at our Memorial Services along with others that have passed away during the year. By unanimous action of the Council of Administration Col. Frederick Bauer was elected to fill the unexpired term of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Conclusion

It was my very great pleasure to be present at the meeting of the incorporators under our new Federal Charter, held in Washington, D. C. on January 12th, and also a meeting of the Council of Administration held in Boston, Mass. on April 29th.

As we approach this meeting in Cincinnati where the Allied Orders will meet simultaneously for the first time in six years, let us remember the warning of General Washington about "entangling alliances". While I have deep respect for their accomplishments of the past and splendid

work they are doing in memory of the G.A.R., I trust that we will keep our freedom of thought and action which resulted in outstanding National Encampments during the past few years. We must keep our independence without discourtesy to the Allied Orders.

My term of office expires this year, so that this is my final report in this capacity. It is shorter than usual as I do not wish to burden my successor with recommendations that he may not concur in. During the past eight years you have seen fit to adopt many of my recommendations, which I trust will benefit our beloved Order.

My association with you, General Grant, during the past two years has been a delightful experience. You have the remarkable ability of securing the friendship and respect of both sides in any controversy. Your excellent judgment of men and your capacity to incite their loyalty commands the personal devotion of your associates. We have indeed been fortunate in having you as Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1954 — July 1, 1955

RECEIPTS	General Fund	Legislative Committee	G.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund
Balance July 1, 1954	\$3,502.80	66.02	1,867.70	
Per Capita Tax	4,797.65			
New Member Fees	80.00			
Supplies	800.00			
Banner Subscriptions .	1,004.70			
Registration fee—Duluth	264.00			
Gift—Auxiliary	200.00			
Tax Refund	7.77			
Charter Fee	5.00			
Natl. Patr. Instr. Arnold ..			396.50	
Natl. Patr. Instr. Stoudt			457.50	
Library of Congress			48.00	
Fort Monroe Flags — Auxiliary refund			83.88	
Savings Account				892.61
U. S. Bonds—cashd				2,328.75
Donation—U. S. Grant, 3rd.				800.00
Donations				40.00
Interest on U. S. Bonds				80.00
Dividends on Common Stocks				126.00
Missouri Department				60.01
	10,662.30	66.02	2,853.58	4,327.37
DISBURSEMENTS				
Supplies	808.31			
The Banner	1,986.85			
Com'dr.-in-Chief, 1953-54	788.36			
Com'dr.-in-Chief, 1954-55	549.31			
Salaries	1,200.00			
Social Security	48.00			
Encampment Expense ..	1,067.90			
Rent	400.00			
C.-in-C. badge, 1954 ...	139.15			
Proceedings 1954	732.02			
Office exp.-post. tel. exp.	327.77			
Congressional Record ..		13.60		
Grave Marking Comm.			25.00	
Highway Committee			81.60	
Albert Woolson			300.00	
G.A.R. Headquarters			200.00	
Lincoln University Scholarship			250.00	
American Coalition			25.00	
Recordings			50.95	
Ft. Monroe Flag Pres.			167.77	
Legal Fee			521.50	
Pictures—Albert Woolson			15.00	
Investment—A. T. & T. ..				2,082.45
Investment—Pub. Ser., N.J.				1,739.59
	8,047.67	13.60	1,636.82	3,822.04
Balance, July 1, 1955 ...	\$2,614.63	52.42	1,216.76	505.33

Permanent Fund Investments

	Book Value	Market Value
Series G United States Bonds (Expire Nov. 1957)	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
12 Shares Amer. Tele. & Tele.	2,082.45	2,194.50
60 Shares Pub. Serv. Corp. of N. J.	1,739.59	1,882.50
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	\$7,022.04	\$7,277.00

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost supplies on hand, 7-1-54	\$ 2,444.96
Cost supplies purchased	808.31
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	3,253.27
Cost supplies on hand, 7-1-55	2,612.36
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Cost of supplies sold	\$ 640.91
Received for supplies	\$ 800.38
Cost of supplies sold	640.91
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Profit on supplies	159.47

Comparative Balance Sheet

	June 30, 1955	June 30, 1954
Cash		
General Fund	\$ 2,614.63	\$ 3,502.80
G. A. R. Fund	1,216.76	1,867.70
Legislative Committee	52.42	66.02
Savings Account		892.61
Permanent Fund	505.33	
United States Bonds	3,200.00	5,500.00
Common Stocks (market value \$4,077.00)	3,822.04	
Inventory of Supplies at cost	2,612.36	2,444.96
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	\$14,023.54	\$14,274.09

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Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1954		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1955		Delegate Representa- tion
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Calif. & Pac.	18	471	2	60	2	113	18	418	9
Colo. & Wyo.	4	68	..	4	..	3	4	69	2
Connecticut	20	449	..	3	..	29	20	423	9
Illinois	9	154	1	12	..	23	10	143	4
Indiana	10	169	..	9	..	21	10	157	4
Iowa	9	112	..	1	3	29	6	84	3
Kansas	7	76	..	2	..	4	7	74	2
Maine	24	485	..	8	..	31	24	462	10
Maryland	7	114	..	1	..	23	7	92	3
Massachusetts	82	1469	..	23	..	93	82	1399	29
Michigan	12	300	..	8	.1	23	11	285	7
Minnesota	6	88	..	..	..	3	6	85	3
New Hampshire	13	234	..	2	1	22	12	214	5
New Jersey	17	399	..	10	1	53	16	356	8
New York	40	813	1	26	2	77	39	762	16
Ohio	35	644	..	15	1	92	34	567	12
Oregon & Wash.	5	110	..	19	..	22	5	107	3
Pennsylvania	55	1453	..	26	4	264	51	1215	25
Rhode Island	12	163	..	9	..	3	12	169	4
Vermont	16	286	..	5	..	27	16	264	6
Wisconsin	10	155	..	9	1	25	9	139	4
Camp 21 So. Carolina	1	16	..	..	..	..	1	16	1
Camp 4 Missouri	1	20	..	..	..	1	1	19	1
Camp 30 Missouri	1	10	..	..	..	4	1	6	1
	414	3258	4	252	16	985	402	7525	

RECAPITULATION

	Camps	Members
Good Standing June 30, 1954	414	8258
Gain	4	252
	418	8510
Loss	16	985
Good Standing June 30, 1955	402	7525

Associates Included in above figures: California & Pacific, 5; Iowa, 1, Massachusetts, 4; New Jersey, 1; Oregon & Washington 6. Total, 17.

Camps Organized: Camp 25, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Camps Reinstated: Camp 1, San Francisco, Calif. Camp 25, Peoria, Ill. Camp 21, Fulton, N. Y.

Camps Disbanded: San Diego, Calif.; San Francisco, Calif.; Dav-
enport, Iowa; Clinton, Iowa; Ottumwa Iowa; South Haven, Mich.;
Pittsfield, New Hampshire; Somerville, N. J.; Glens Falls, N. Y.; Lyons,
N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Nazareth, Pa.; Elizabethtown, Pa.; Pottsville,
Pa.; Stroudsburg, Pa.; Keshena, Wisc. (Referred to committee on Of-
ficers Reports).

ALBERT C. LAMBERT

National Secretary-Treasurer.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Lambert. You know, the National Secretary-Treasurer does a wonderful job and we owe Brother Lambert a great debt of gratitude. I should like to, at this time, award a Certificate of Merit to our National Secretary-Treasurer for the splendid work he has done, and is doing, for this organization. We are indeed fortunate to have such a fine man in this position.

I also want to explain to you that the National Auxiliary usually presents a gift to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons. Last year, they gave me a beautiful watch. By my request, this year, they presented a check to me, in lieu of the usual gift. I think one of the most important things we can do is to build up our Permanent Fund; because our income is rapidly diminishing with our present loss in membership, it is necessary that we do all that we can to build up this particular fund. In order that you may know that I practice what I preach, I asked the Auxiliary to give me a check, which I want to turn over to the National Secretary-Treasurer at this time, for the Permanent Fund. (Applause of the Encampment).

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, consisting of:

Mrs. Dorothy Houghton Past National President, Kansas.

Mrs. Jessie Johnston, Past Department President, Wyoming.

Mrs. Laura Feaster, Department Senior Vice President, Ohio, was escorted in and introduced to the Encampment.

They extended greetings on behalf of their organization, and their National President, Mrs. Bessie Smith; as well as their personal good wishes for a successful and enjoyable Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer responded.

REPORT OF PERSONAL AIDE

National Personal Aide, Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, then gave a verbal report of his activities as Personal Aide during this administration.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The following Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted into the Encampment and presented:

Mrs. Bessie Coughan, National Press Correspondent, Rhode Island.

Mrs. Ruby Bragdon, National Field Officer, Maine.

Mrs. Viola A. Dunn, National Director of Juniors, Minnesota.

They extended the greetings of their National President, Mrs. Ruth Johnson and of their National organization for a harmonious and successful Encampment.

Delegate Louis T. Story, California responded to this Committee.

National Secretary Lambert then read the report of the National Chaplain:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

August 22, 1955

TO: Commander-in-Chief Grant, and the
Members of the 74th Annual Encampment:

Brothers:

This is the spiritual segment of our organization. Our constitution affirms that we "acknowledge a firm trust in God and believe that His guidance, which raised our free institutions through the heroic deeds of our Revolutionary ancestors and preserved and consecrated them through the service and blood of our patriotic fathers in the War of the Union, has continued in the affairs of the Republic." We have pledged ourselves "To perpetuate the memory of the service and sacrifices of our fathers and fore-fathers for maintenance of the Union; to oppose to the limits of our powers and influence all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship; the true history of our country and the love and honor of our flag." That, then, is the spiritual foundation of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The father of our country, George Washington, and the savior of our country, Abraham Lincoln, had a religious background and were often found alone in prayer as they faced the crisis of defeat in war. And today, it is heartening to find in all the addresses of the President of the United States and of our influential statesmen, strong emphasis reminding us that the spiritual is the guiding influence of our national and political economy.

And to bring the spiritual a little closer to our every day life, let me point out that in this callous world there is an effective virtue in human kindness. As William Wallace Rose says, "It may not amount to more than a gentle word, a friendly smile, or a silent handclasp, but this simple token of good will has saved many a soul from bitter cynicism, or changed perhaps the course of a human life."

One Brother of considerable ability and influence has written me about our present problem of youth delinquency. More religion in our

homes and a little more strap oil judiciously applied would help solve this problem.

We all desire a world peace that will allow us to be tranquil and confident in our daily pursuits and are told that this can be achieved only when nations have mutual trust. But, how can mutual trust be achieved with a nation that does not believe in God?

It has been a pleasure and a profound distinction to serve this year as Chaplain under our Commander-in-Chief, Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd. In my study of the life of his distinguished grandfather, I think that I found one of his outstanding characteristics was a deep seated modesty. This, no doubt, kept his real worth from being recognized earlier. And, I have detected this same brand of genuine modesty in our Commander-in-Chief which has enhanced his worth as a Brother beloved and given us the close ties of friendship these last two years of his efficient and inspiring leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON L. BROCKWAY
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is there a report of the Credentials Committee at this time?

PRELIMINARY REPORT — CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee reports a total of 109 registered.

National Secretary Lambert then read the report of the National Graves Registration Officer:

REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Hon. U. S. Grant, 3rd.
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War,
Washington, D. C.

27 Homestead Avenue
Derby, Connecticut
July 9, 1955

Dear Commander-in-Chief Grant:

Another year has passed in the annals of the office of Graves registration, and it again becomes my duty to make report to you, and thru you, to the members of our organization concerning the work that this office has been attempting to accomplish in the all-important project of perpetuating the memory of our heroic dead by permanently marking and registering their final resting places.

Demands from all parts of our nation have been constantly pouring into this office in connection with the work of grave marking, and correspondence has been promptly attended to. In some cases, I have been able to extend some assistance to groups of our Order who have been engaged in protecting the interests of the veteran graves in cemeteries, with most satisfying results, and it has been a pleasing accomplishment.

Many requests have been received from all quarters in our several Departments for headstone applications and these have been promptly dispatched. The graves of many veterans hitherto unmarked

now possess a granite or a marble headstone on which is inscribed for all generations to read, the heroic record of our war dead.

It is believed that this report should be as brief as possible, and because there has not been so much activity in the field of grave registration that would take much space to report, I shall only highlight the outstanding work which has been accomplished since last report.

To begin with, there have been some cases brought to the attention of this office which presented difficulties which local Camp Grave Marking Committees were attempting to cope with.

In a Massachusetts city cemetery, officials opposed the placing of flags on the individual graves of veterans. The Camp there was duly advised in the matter and efforts were made to present the case before the Adjutant General of the State for opinion.

In Indiana, a strong protest is being made by Camps of our Order against vandalism in the cemeteries and attempts to encroach upon the last resting places of veterans to make way for modern improvements and building.

In Connecticut, the Superintendent of the largest cemetery in one of the larger cities imposed rules which resulted in the removal of flag-holder markers from the graves of veterans and refusal to replace them except at Memorial time, and then only if the veteran organizations did the work. This was fortunately retracted due to public sentiment, the public press and veteran organization leaders—among them our own Camp members in that city. This office had a part in bringing this to a happy conclusion and Commander-in-Chief Grant added his appeal to our own to help the situation.

The placing of headstones has been one of the outstanding accomplishments of the term. A member of Connecticut's Department Grave Marking Committee has placed applications for some fifteen or twenty new headstones on graves unmarked by any sort of stone. Maine Department has placed many new headstones this year. Pennsylvania Camps have requested many new headstones in cemeteries there. All of these are steadily progressing our work toward the ultimate goal to have a headstone at the grave of every veteran of the Union forces of the Great Civil War.

There are many instances where we have been informed of efficient work in our great project, and some matters are still pending in various places. There is every indication that our Camps and our Departments are showing real enthusiasm in this splendid project and reports received at this office are most heartening indeed.

The Department of Colorado & Wyoming have a committee consisting of Past Department Commanders who are actively engaged in Grave Marking. In the Department of California, Nevada and the Pacific, a committee is organizing efforts to make great strides in the work of grave registration and marking; and this Department has not before had such a committee, I am told. Everywhere, we learn of new efforts and accomplishments, and it is indeed a fine thing for our Order that such interest is being shown. While there is still much work to be done, it is good to know that there is an organized well-instructed and efficient group of our members on the job.

In closing this report, I wish to take this opportunity to give credit to all of those members who are so busily engaged in this work, and to especially cite the following for their outstanding efforts in Graves Registration and Marking:

Benjamin H. Rose, and Samuel W. Morrell, of Connecticut Department;

Charles C. Webster, Maine Department;

J. Manning Green, California and Pacific Department;

Robert E. DeCamp and Marlin D. Billman, Pennsylvania Department.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served the Order under your administration as Graves Registration Officer, and I sincerely trust that my efforts will have merited your complete approval.

The allocated \$25 which is intended to cover all of the expenses of this office for the year, has been utilized for postage, "Ditto" copy and office supplies.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DeFOREST, SR.

National Graves Regis. Officer.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM LADIES OF G.A.R.

The following Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was then escorted in and introduced:

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, Pennsylvania,

Mrs. Mable F. H. Oatley, Department President, Rhode Island,

Mrs. Laura D. Jones, wife of the Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

They extended the greetings of their National President, Mrs. Nellie Howe; together with warm, personal wishes for a successful Encampment.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie responded to this Committee, after which they were escorted out).

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following communication from Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter:

St. Petersburg, Fla.

August 20, 1955

To my Brothers of the 74th Annual Encampment:

I regret that I am not with you this year, my third absence since 1912. This is all the more acute, in view of the important problems that will come before you. With the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially the granting of a Congressional Charter, our Order enters what may be termed a new era, one that will determine our future.

We have had brilliant and consecrated leadership, but have not progressed numerically. Decrease in membership regretfully continues. We will all concede that leadership, no matter how brilliant and consecrated will not, cannot, in itself bring results. What is further required is that the membership back the leadership by positive action. This has been lacking upon the part of too many of our members. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to our Order. We can make it more worthy of our heritage, one that will attain a real power for good in our country. There is a need for it—one that the present membership can, must produce. I still have Faith that we will.

Important problems will come to you at this Encampment. Let us have but one purpose in thought in deciding them—what is best for

the future of the Order we love. In that attitude, we can and will go forward.

The Sons of Veterans of the Civil War is an Order worthy of the membership of all who, by birth, are entitled to membership. May we the present members who have a direct responsibility, bring the Order back to its former greatness. We can. We have had success in the past—believe in the saying, "The greatest reward of success is the knowledge that we can do it again."

My brotherly greeting and best wishes to all of you. My hope is that I may be with you next year, our 75th Anniversary, and that we may, from this time, go forward in good deeds, and that the gain column will show results.

Faithfully yours in F.C. & L.,

(John E. Sautter)

Other communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at being unable to attend were also read by the National Secretary, from the following:

Comrade Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minnesota.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Florida.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Union W. Mackey, Michigan.

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

Lena G. Barrett, Past National President of the Auxiliary, Calif.

Past Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, Michigan.

Past Department Commander David Phelps, Minnesota.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTIONS

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

(1) Several resolutions from the Department of Massachusetts, relative to changes in the C. & R., and previously published in The Banner. (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(2) A communication from Kenneth E. Crouch, Bedford, Va., relative to Bill HR6392 for medical care by the U. S. Government for the three remaining Confederate Veterans—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(3) A resolution from the Department of California, relative to change in date of Memorial Day—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(4) A resolution from the Department of Iowa—similar to the one above—relative to Memorial Day—(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(5) From the Department of New York—relative to headquarters building in Washington, D. C. for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(6) From the Department of Indiana.
of Camps, Departments and National Secretary-Treasurer. (Referred

(a) Relative to a badge for present and past Secretary-Treasurer to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

(b) Relative to reunion of Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of

Confederate Veterans, at Gettysburg—(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(7) From Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York—relative to repair of Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument on Riverside Drive, N. Y.—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(8) Communication from Mrs. Fannie L. Diffinbaugh, Past Department President of the Auxiliary, Kansas—regarding "World Calendar."—(Referred to the Resolutions Committee).

(9) From the Department of Oregon & Washington—relative to change in Form B—(Referred to the Council of Administration).

(10) Letters addressed to Commander-in-Chief Grant from Congressman John A. Blatnik, and Senator Edward J. Thye of Minnesota—relative to bills for medical care by the U. S. Government for Comrade Woolson—(Referred to Resolutions Committee).

(11) Communication from the Monitor Historical Society—relative to preservation of the "Monitor."—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(12) Communication from The American Museum of Immigration—relative to our endorsement of this organization and its objectives—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

Past Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the greetings of the Encampment, in the form of a telegram, be sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter by the National Secretary. (Seconded by National Personal Aide Charles F. Dexter, and carried).

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

A special Committee from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was then escorted in and presented to the Encampment consisting of:

Mrs. Irene Mangel, Past National President, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Marie Buhler, Past National Senior Vice Pres., New York.

Mrs. Nellie Horn, Department President, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Edna Mae Fitzgerald, National Membership Chairman, Missouri.

They extended their greetings and best wishes for a happy and profitable Encampment.

Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster responded, after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief, having performed the very pleasant duty of visiting the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic as your Greetings Committee, I wish to report for that Committee.

We were very graciously received by them and had a pleasant visit with them. They welcomed us warmly, we made the presentation of the gift which you sent with us; and we bring back the personal greetings of the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am sure that she holds you in high esteem, Commander-in-Chief, for the very kind words she uttered in your behalf.

We enjoyed the visit and have completed our work assigned to us; and bring back the good wishes of their entire Encampment for a fine meeting for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Sherman. We will now recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 23, 1955 — 9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are very happy to have with us a past Vice Commander-in-Chief of last year, who saw Comrade Woolson just a few days ago. Perhaps he would like to tell us something about his visit to Comrade Woolson at this time.

Past Department Commander Dewey Mead, Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it was my pleasure to spend some time with Comrade Woolson last Saturday and Sunday. I can report to you that he continues in comparatively good health, considering the illness he had recently.

During the year, I have been up to Duluth several times; and I have kept in close touch with Comrade Woolson. He is now 108 years old, and it is too much to hope for that he will be with us much longer. We must be thankful that he has been spared to us this long.

He seems to be in good mental condition, and his physical condition is good, considering his advanced age. He talks much about the Order, and expressed his personal greetings to Commander-in-Chief Grant. He referred to the grandfather of Commander-in-Chief Grant as the greatest soldier the country has ever known.

He says his activities, of a patriotic nature, are over; and he leaves the duties of patriotism to you, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those are his own words, and he wanted me to bring them to you.

It is my intention to see Comrade Woolson at every possible opportunity; and I will not be far away from him at any time.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you very much. I think, if there are no objections, we can charge Brother Mead with the job of thanking Comrade Woolson for the messages to us—both written and verbal; and convey to him that we wish him continued good health and long life.

Is the National Patriotic Instructor ready with his report at this time?

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Reading, Pa.
August 15, 1955

Major-General U. S. Grant, 3rd.
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Having had the privilege of serving our Order during the past year as Patriotic Instructor, I hereby submit my report.

In this report, you will note I have neglected to include the in-

formation contained in the various Department Patriotic Instructors reports, because I consider the form obsolete, incorrect and of no value to the membership. Only fifteen of the 22 Departments have submitted a report; and those reporting only included 154 Camps of the 400 (approx.) in the Order. The reports, therefore, do not reflect the true activity of the members, and consequently do not justify the cost of printing the information in the proceedings. It is my opinion this form should be eliminated, or revised and drastically reduced, for much of the information requested thereon is of no value to the Order. I shall discuss this further on the floor of the Encampment.

The two most outstanding Patriotic endeavors of this Administration were the presentation of a stand of Colors by the Commandery-in-Chief to Fort Monroe and the presentation by the Department of Pennsylvania, of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Entrance at Scotland School for Veterans' Children, Scotland, Pa.

On January 19th, last, General Grant, P. C. in C. John H. Runkle, my wife, Mrs. Irene Murphy of Reading, and I journeyed to Fort Monroe, Va., where the Sons and the Auxiliary each presented a stand of Colors to the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum. These Colors flank a painting of Abraham Lincoln visiting the Fort in 1862. Commander-in-Chief Grant presented the Colors in the name of the Sons, and due to the illness of National President, Ellinore Konrad, which prevented her attendance, the presentation for the Auxiliary was made by Sister Anna Stoudt, a member of National Council. Every courtesy was extended to us by the Commanding General of the Fort, as well as by everyone with whom we came in contact, thereby making our visit very pleasant. The attendance of our Commander-in-Chief, inspired the Museum Committee to commission the same artist to paint a picture of the Civil War General's visit to the Fort in April, 1864.

The past June 4th, the Sons and Auxiliary of Pennsylvania dedicated a Memorial to the Grand Army, at Scotland School for Veterans' children, at a cost of over \$3,500.00. The Grand Army was instrumental in the founding of this school in 1895, but nothing had ever been placed there in memory of them. Our Commander-in-Chief and National President attended the dedication and much good publicity resulted.

The following is a list of the Donations to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund received this year:

Department of California & Pacific

E. M. Gardner, \$1.00; J. Val Loebel, \$2.00; L. J. Snow, \$1.00; Melvin and James Riggs, \$5.00; Camp 4, \$5.00; Lester C. Potts, \$3.00; Earl Riggs, \$5.00. Total \$22.00.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Camp 5, Colorado Springs, \$5.00; Clarissa Pickrell, \$1.00. Total \$6.00.

Department of Connecticut

Camp 25, Ansonia, \$5.00; E. D. Keyes, \$1.00; Charles C. Carmen, \$1.00; Herman Burkhardt, \$1.00; Camp 50, Hartford, \$2.00. Total \$10.00.

Department of Illinois

Hugh C. Beelman, \$10.00; Frank W. Biering, \$10.00; A. L. Biering, \$10.00; E. W. Eggman, \$5.00; Lester F. Stewart, \$1.00; Thrush Camp No. 25, \$7.00; Department of Illinois, \$50.00; Edgar Seibel, \$1.00; William Brigham, \$1.00; P.D.C. Geo. W. Lovering, \$1.00. Total \$96.00.

Department of Indiana

Raleigh Yingst, \$2.00; Department of Indiana, \$14.50. Total \$16.50.

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa. Total \$14.50.

Department of Kansas

C. A. Dorsey \$1.00; Frank Green, \$1.00; Charles Katterman, Jr., \$1.00; William H. Dix, \$5.00; Ernest Damoude, \$2.00; Bess Garwood, \$5.00. Total \$15.00.

Department of Maine

Rev. Arthur Soule, \$1.00; Camp 3, Bangor, \$5.00; Albert DeHaven, \$2.00; Charles C. Webster, \$5.00. Total \$13.00.

Department of Maryland

U. S. Grant, 3rd, \$25.00. Total \$25.00.

Department of Massachusetts

Ethel Sanford, \$1.00; Dr. Frank Maguire, \$5.00. Tiffit Camp No. 15, \$5.00; Bay State Camp No. 61 \$5.00; Ira Buxton, \$2.00; Francis Hubbard, \$1.00; Everett A. Nichols, \$2.00; Stanley Blanchard, \$1.00; Camp No. 56, Cambridge, \$5.00; May N. Berry, \$1.00; Camp No. 104, Saugus, \$5.00; Camp No. 43, Berlin, \$5.00; Camp No. 112, Oxford; in memory of Comrades Howard, Stevens, Waters, Brown, Schofield Paterson, Thompson, Johnson, West, Newton, Austin, Weite, Haynes and Andrews, \$20.00; Ernest Wells. \$1.00; Camp No. 30, Dorchester, \$2.00; L. D. Sargent, Lawrence, \$2.00; Department of Massachusetts, \$76.00. Total \$139.00.

Department of Michigan

Edgar M. Lindsley. \$5.00; Edith Helmie, \$1.00. Total \$6.00.

Department of Minnesota

Andrew Anderson, \$3.00; A. G. Mathews, \$1.00; Irving Best, \$1.00. Total \$5.00.

Department of Missouri

Charles M. Krebs, \$1.00. Total \$1.00.

Department of New Hampshire

Rev. J. K. Craig, P. C. in C., \$5.00; Robert Hicks, \$1.50. Total \$6.50.

Department of New Jersey

John L. Votta, \$3.00; Eugene Patton, \$1.00; W. P. Simmons, \$1.00; Anna Williams, \$1.00; Jennie Decker, \$1.00; C. L. Metz \$2.00; Rev. Joseph MacCarroll, \$1.00; Wallace Bergen, \$1.00; Albert C. Lambert, P. C. in C., \$5.00; Camp No. 5, Trenton, \$5.00; Morgan R. Seiffert, \$2.00; Arthur Hamer, \$1.00; H. Albert Seiffert, \$5.00; Department of New Jersey, \$25.00. Total \$54.00.

Department of New York

Auxiliary No. 31, \$1.00; Wesley Smeaton, \$5.00; Camp No. 93, Binghamton, \$2.00; Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, \$5.00; Camp No. 40, Ithaca, \$5.00; Grace Bramer, \$1.00; Camp No. 171, \$1.00; Harmon Hershey, \$5.00; S. Grove McClellan, \$10.00; Boys of Ward Island, \$1.00; Gerald Farley, \$1.00; Howland Camp No. 127, \$3.00; Camp No. 88, Waverly,

\$3.00; Fred Howe, \$2.00; Camp No. 89, \$1.00; P.D.C. C. L. Messer, \$2.00; Marshall Hope, \$1.00; Department of New York, \$41.00. Total \$90.00.

Department of Ohio

Chester Shook, \$5.00; Anne Lockyer, P.N.P. \$10.00; A. J. Roeder, \$1.00; Jane Marie Poole, \$1.00; J. C. Libbert, \$2.00; Harry S. Johnson, \$10.00; C. Edward Wetzel, \$10.00. Total \$39.00.

Department of Oregon & Washington

A. G. Fry, \$1.00; Department of Oregon & Washington, \$10.00; Frederick K. Davis, P.C. in C., \$5.00. Total \$16.00.

Department of Pennsylvania

R. G. Landis, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liddick \$2.00; Robert E. Swayne, \$2.00; Camp No. 40, Philadelphia, \$5.00; Harry Goodwin, Philadelphia, \$5.00; Mayme Becker, \$1.00; Paul Snyder, \$1.00; Harvey A. Gross, \$5.00; H. H. Haines, \$1.00; H. M. Ramier, \$1.00; J. W. Richley, \$1.00; Mary F. Maier, \$1.00; John E. Sautter, P. C. in C., \$5.00; Camp No. 31, \$2.00; Department of Pennsylvania, \$75.00; Meade Camp No. 16, Reading, \$25.00; C. LeRoy Stoudt, P. C. in C., \$50.50; Anna I. Stoudt, Reading, \$5.00; Irene Murphy, Reading, \$3.50; M. Lizzie Stichter, Reading, \$1.00; Carrie M. Heabner, Reading, \$1.00; John H. Runkle, P. C. in C., \$5.00; Penna. Girls at Cincinnati, \$8.00; R. G. Landis, \$5.00. Total \$221.00.

Department of Rhode Island

Woman's Relief Corps No. 2, Westerly, \$5.00; M. Gertrude Peterson, \$1.00; Department of Rhode Island, \$10.00; Camp No. 4, \$1.00; Camp No. 11, \$1.00; Camp No. 9, \$1.00; Camp No. 19, \$1.00; P.D.C. Fred Arnold, \$5.00; P.D.C. Harold Arnold, \$5.00; Dept. Commander A. Walter Lewis, Jr., \$5.00. Total \$35.00.

Department of Vermont

Ryle Farr, \$2.00; Camp No. 28, Chelsea, \$1.00. Total \$3.00.

Department of Wisconsin

A. Keuchenmeister, \$5.00. Total \$5.00.
Leroy Willis, Florida, \$1.00. Total \$1.00.
TOTAL \$839.50.

I wish to express to General Grant my sincere appreciation for the courtesy of my appointment; and to each of you whose names appear on the list of donations to the G. A. R. fund, I am indeed grateful.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

C. LeROY STOUTD,

National Patriotic Instructor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

National Counselor Locke: Last year, I did not submit a formal written report. I gave a brief, verbal report, and I should like to do so again this year.

The task of acting as National Counselor to our Commander-in-Chief has been a most pleasant one. I have been tempted to accuse him of practicing law without a license, because in no instance where he has given an opinion could I find fault with him.

The matters which have been submitted to you by your Commander-in-Chief at the opening of this Encampment have been, more or less, self-explanatory; and it is unnecessary to take up any space in the proceedings to tell you about it, as you have already taken action on one of the most important items and you already know what it is all about.

You will recall that, at Duluth last year, I told you there was one matter upon which I could not report to you fully. Now, I am privileged to do so. That was the matter of the transfer of all the G.A.R. property from the Grand Army of the Republic to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was accomplished without argument, and without effort on our part at all. We had expected to approach Comrade Woolson with the request that he convey this property to us, but we did not have to do that. He volunteered to do it, and it is my opinion that the Sons of Union Veterans owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dewey Mead because to him, more than to any other person, is due the credit for having received this conveyance from Comrade Woolson. The transaction is complete, and the deed has been legally approved by a Judge of the U. S. District Court in Washington and it has been recorded in the District of Columbia.

Now, I was rather reluctant to take action too soon in connection with the matter because, while we have acquired a vast amount of valuable property, we have taken it only in trust — a trust which we reverently accept and which we will strive to carry out in accordance with the purposes and wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The conveyance covers all records of every kind and all property, including the relics, and all real estate, owned by the G.A.R. which had not been disposed of by the G.A.R. Posts during their existence. This is going to raise complications, and a vast amount of work will have to be done, perhaps in the immediate future, but I think we will be able to handle it. For instance, at one place in Illinois the G.A.R. owned their own building, which was called the G.A.R. Home. The G.A.R. Post conveyed 1/5 interest to the Camp, 1/5 each to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Daughters in this town, retaining a 1/5 interest in the Post. I have examined the records in the County seat and find the title is clear — so that property is now owned 1/5 each by the National body of the Sons of Union Veterans, and each of the other four organizations have 1/5 interest. That building was erected for the purpose of giving the societies of the G.A.R. a meeting place; and it is the opinion of the present administration that it belongs to the people of that town. At another place, a cemetery lot is involved; and I assume that there are many similar cases across the country which will arise in the future, and a lot of work will be necessary to solve the problems which will come up as a result.

We want the records of every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, so far as they are obtainable, returned to the communities from which they came — to become a permanent record in public libraries, or similar institutions, in those communities.

We need the help and co-operation of all the societies connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, so let us try to conduct ourselves that we will merit their aid and assistance.

You know, we have a Commander-in-Chief who is very resourceful. It was his opinion that the five organizations composing the G.A.R. family should make a statement of policy, or adopt a platform on which they could all agree, and release it to the general public. He requested that the heads of the other organizations appoint a representative to come and meet yesterday in the Headquarters of the Com-

mandery-in-Chief to try to adopt such a platform. Through a misunderstanding, one of the organizations was not represented. I have notified them that we will hold another meeting this afternoon; and probably before the close of this Encampment a statement of policy or platform will be adopted and it will, of course be presented to the Encampment.

That, Commander-in-Chief is the report of your National Counselor which I do not think it necessary to refer to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Locke. Is the National Chief of Staff ready with his report?

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

August 22, 1955

Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, 3rd,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

For the second consecutive year, I have been privileged to serve as your Chief of Staff, an honor which I consider second only to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

While the majority of the duties of the Chief of Staff are at the National Encampment, you as Commander-in-Chief assigned numerous other duties to me during the year.

On February 12, 1955, through your efforts, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were again privileged to join with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in the observance at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., which again gained our organization much recognition and publicity. It was gratifying to bring members of General John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, my own Camp, of Harrisburg to Washington, D. C. and carry the Colors of the Commandery-in Chief in the march with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. I trust this may be kept up, from year to year, and as years go by, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans will make a special effort to attend this worth-while service.

Our trip to Fort Monroe for the dedication at the Lincoln Casemate will also long be remembered. Affairs such as this cement relationships with our fellow citizens of the south and are a display of our organization's willingness to join with them in remembering our nations historic events.

On numerous occasions, I was called upon to represent the Commandery-in-Chief when you were unable to attend. Among these was the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in June. I am pleased to report that I extended, to both the Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary, your regrets at being unable to attend and your best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Another outstanding event during the past year was the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Entrance at Scotland School for Veterans Children, Scotland, Pa., where I served as Master of Ceremonies. This splendid project, spearheaded by Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt as Chairman, assisted by the Department of Pennsylvania Sons and Auxiliary, marked a new era in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Pennsylvania; and your presence at this dedication was extremely helpful in gaining for our organization considerable recognition in the central Pennsylvania area.

Commander-in-Chief, your two years of service to our organization is something that money cannot buy — your unswerving loyalty and desire to see the Sons of Union Veterans take their rightful place as logical successors to the Grand Army of the Republic is a guide for every member of our order to work harder and bring in every eligible as a member. Busy as you have been, you always found some way to further the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans.

While it may be preposterous to even think it, let alone say it. I wish it were possible to prevail upon you to continue the splendid progress you have made, and be our Commander-in-Chief for another term. I realize that no one is indispensable, but it is this — I feel you are irreplaceable.

May I express my sincere appreciation for the privilege conferred on me — the appointment as your Chief of Staff. Regardless of the details and work assigned to me, it was an honor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE

National Chief of Staff.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: At this time, I would like to say something, supplementing the report of the National Counselor, Brother Locke.

He is very free with his praise of others, but doesn't say much about himself. There are two things of importance which he did this year that I think you will be interested in hearing about.

Brother Locke, through his personal efforts, got Route 20 in Illinois, which goes by grandfather's old Galena home, named the U. S. Grant Highway — passed by Legislative action of the Illinois Legislature. It was primarily through his efforts that this was accomplished, and I wish to thank him sincerely for his efforts.

The other item is this — for some years, we have laid a wreath at the tomb of President Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., but the ceremony there is in charge of the American Legion, and we have never been on the program. However, this year, Brother Locke arranged with the custodian for the Sons of Union Veterans, and our other allied organizations, to have our own little ceremony when that wreath was placed on Lincoln's birthday. I think this was a fine accomplishment, and I hope that it will be continued.

I want to thank you, Brother Locke, very much for your valuable advice and counsel, legal and otherwise. It has meant a great deal to me in solving any problems that have arisen during this administration; and I am most appreciative of your services.

National Counselor Locke: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief, the pleasure was mine.

I just want to tell you that the custodian of the home at Springfield is very cooperative and treated us with the utmost courtesy. We were successful in arranging for the G.A.R. family to have priority to place that wreath this year; with our allied G.A.R. family going in first for our little ceremony, at the head of the line.

REPORT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

To: Commander-in-Chief Grant, and the
Members of the 74th. Annual Encampment:

Brothers:

As Chairman of the National G.A.R. Highway Committee, I beg to report as follows:

In compliance with the wishes of Commander-in-Chief Grant, I agreed to head the Committee again this year. Carrying on the same plan adopted last year, I got in touch with the Commanders in the various states through which the Route passes, and asked that the name of the head of their State Committee, or at least that of some interested Brother be sent me for my Committee, and the names submitted for the various states were as follows:

California & Pacific - Vernon Cheney.
Connecticut - Harry L. Clark.
Colorado - W. R. Coffey.
Indiana - Hugh I. Snider.
Illinois - Allan S. Holbrook.
Iowa - Roy J. Bennett.
Massachusetts - Wm. W. Haskell.
New York - Leslie More.
Ohio - W. C. Thobaben.
Pennsylvania - John H. Runkle.
Rhode Island - Harold E. Arnold.

Feeling that the greatest need of the Highway project was publicity outside of the members of the G.A.R. family, I conceived the idea of getting in touch with the map publishers and attempt to get the G.A.R. Highway marked as such on any or all of the maps printed by them, whether for states, individual gas or oil companies, or for any other purpose. I had some difficulty in finding out whom to contact, but after some writing and telephoning I succeeded in contacting, through a personal friend, the head of the map department in the Rand, McNally Company, one of the largest map publishers in the country, with offices just outside Chicago. A meeting was arranged for and I was given a very sympathetic hearing of my presentation. However, when the matter was laid before the policy committee of this company, they stated they could not comply with our wishes because it would form a precedent, and they would have to accede the same privilege to other organizations.

In their opinion maps were now too congested, and "anything other than Route number would not help motorist get from where he is to where he is going."

As to question of going to proper officials of gas or oil companies this same Rand, McNally official believed that request as above would be referred to the map publishers for editorial opinion and would meet similar objection.

By this time, it was too late to take up with state officials to attempt to get them to accede to our request on such maps for 1955 as are put out, for general distribution by the Governors or other State Officials. The Traffic Engineer of the Illinois Highway Department told me, however, that heretofore it had been their policy to put nothing but route numbers on such maps.

Needless to say, all this was extremely disappointing. In my letter to Department Chairmen, I asked them to contact their state officials

to see if our G.A.R. Highway could be marked as such on maps put out by state officials. So far as I know, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania are the only states which issue a map sponsored by their Highway Department, and on which "Grand Army Highway" appears, as well as the Route number.

The contact between my office as National Chairman and the Committee heads, in the various states, was broken in April by my sickness and confinement in hospital for nearly a month, and convalescence at home afterwards. All work had to be dropped. Later a final letter to Department Chairmen was sent out asking each to note whatever might have been accomplished within their jurisdiction concerning the G.A.R. Highway. Response to this appeal was not encouraging, but a short report appears from most Departments.

California. I am informed by Committee Chairman that he has traveled the Highway twice, making a survey and taking pictures. The route is well marked and official signs are in good condition. Progress is being made on the project at Long Beach which, when completed, will form a magnificent gateway to the Highway; and a monument will be erected in beautiful landscaped surroundings, dedicated to the memory of our fathers.

Utah, Nevada and Nebraska: Contact with State officials in these three states where we have no organization, specified that detailed conditions of the Highway in these states are comparable to those reported a year ago.

Colorado. No report of accomplishment.

Iowa. Past C. in C. Roy J. Bennett, Chairman, reports that they have the permission of the Highway Commission to place roadside tables and garbage cans at designated spots. They have the pledge of five such units. Roadside parks are maintained by Garden Clubs; there are three on G.A.R. Highway. All tables will have a marker of our order. Highway Commission will not consent to marking of Highway with other than route number.

Illinois. Traffic Engineer Harrison reports considerable widening and resurfacing, as well as re-location of curves on G.A.R. Highway during 1954-55.

An activity outside of G.A.R. Highway in this Department, and yet of similar importance, is here related because your Chairman is also Chairman of G.A.R. Memorials in this state. Largely through the efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, who succeeded in getting a joint resolution passed in the Illinois Legislature, without a dissenting vote, designating Route 20 as the Gen. U. S. Grant Highway. Route 20 passes through the northern part of the state of Illinois, from the Indiana line to Dubuque, Iowa. It goes through several important towns, including Rockford and Galena. Signs have been prepared and are now erected. Dedicatory exercises will be held in the near future, probably in Galena, an account of which will be forwarded to The Banner for publication.

Indiana. Highway matters in this Department are in better condition than reported last year. It is my understanding from Chairman Hugh Snider that new signs have been prepared by the Indiana Highway Department and the Route is now properly marked throughout.

Ohio. On Sunday, May 15, at Herman State Park, near Edgerton, close to the Indiana line and on Route 6, a bronze marker was dedicated, honoring the G.A.R. This is the second marker so placed and dedi-

cated, the other being near the Ohio-Pennsylvania line, and placed some two years ago.

Pennsylvania. On Saturday, June 4, a memorial entrance to the Scotland School for Veterans Children was dedicated to the memory of the G.A.R. Veterans. The money necessary, some \$3,000, was raised by a committee of Sons and Auxiliary, headed by Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt. Paper bricks were sold, honoring some loved one, and these, together with a copy of the final G.A.R. Encampment, and a badge of same, were sealed in the pier. The enrollment is nearly 500 children.

New York. No accomplishment reported.

Connecticut. No accomplishment reported.

Rhode Island. No accomplishment reported, although word from Chairman states that he has been working on a map of the state, one of the features of which would be the Grand Army Highway.

Massachusetts. A letter from Past Department Commander Hooper, late in 1954, stated that they had a Highway Committee of which Past Department Commander Haskell was Chairman. He stated that the committee was active, had made several trips over entire Route within the state, and had taken a number of pictures. The Committee was keeping in close touch with state authorities concerning the Highway.

This, Brothers, is not a picture of which we can be too proud. Some Brothers have worked faithfully and intelligently since this project was started. Their efforts should be a spur to others and must be if we are to make of it anything worth while, and the object lesson it might be to the younger generation.

There certainly must be something amiss when one can get a greater courtesy and a quicker and acceptable response to correspondence from a busy state official than from a Brother of the Order. Think what this means to one who is working for the benefit of all.

As chairman of this committee, I am not at all satisfied with such a report. I am thankful for the cooperation of those who recognized their responsibility, but what of those who failed to respect the confidence of the official who appointed him? There certainly is food for thought here.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Grant, goes deep appreciation for opportunity to serve you and the order for another term. You have been helpful in many ways. Your consideration and inspiration have spurred me when such was sorely needed. If my efforts have in any way helped toward the successful administration I know the Brothers will accord you, I shall be fully recompensed.

Sincerely in F.C. & L.

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, National Chairman,
Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that where there is no objection to Committee reports, and recommendations contained therein, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried). (Report of Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee adopted, as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Chairman of the Americanism Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Ashaway, Rhode Island

August 17, 1955

Major General U. S. Grant,
Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I think that the nicest thing about having served as the Chairman of the Americanism Committee this past year has been the honor of working with you. During these months now closing I have come to realize just how deep your love, not only for those principles for which our ancestors offered their lives, but for all things which are truly American really is, and I want you to know that I especially appreciate the appointment, for I know how close the responsibilities which it represents, are to your own heart.

I trust that the Brothers here assembled will forgive me for the length of this report, but my duties this year have placed me in close contact with several matters which have a vital and direct bearing on the welfare of this organization, and I feel that we should all be acquainted with these facts and discuss them openly together.

First, whatever way we turn, we are faced with the alarming situation that despite a few local gains, membership and interest in this organization is, and for some time past, has been, gradually decreasing.

This statement has been stressed by the leaders of our order in many instances, and may have been the suggestions as to ways to overcome the situation, but to overcome the situation we must find first the reason for its cause.

I think that it is safe for us to say that no organization in history was ever more completely recognized as the leader in American policies than the Grand Army of the Republic, the principles for which they were organized for nearly a century enjoyed the highest prestige of our Nation, and today the memory of their deeds and actions command the respect of the world. It is for us, their Sons, to see that this high standard of Americanism performance is maintained.

There can be no question in the mind of anyone here, but that we are living in an era that is more advantageous for our work than at any time since the founding of our Order. Right at this minute there is more public interest in the Civil War than there has been since the close of that bitter struggle. A very cleverly laid campaign by past leaders of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is reaping its results. Much of the Nation's best literature deals with Rebellion History. Battlefields, guns and ships, associated with the Union Army are becoming priceless American Shrines, and North and South alike, are realizing and appreciating that the personal sacrifice of the Boys in Blue, nearly one hundred years ago is the one and only reason that we today enjoy a United States of America. Had they failed in their duty, had they shirked their responsibility, had they put their own personal desires, their feelings, and their loved ones, before that or The Preservation of Our Union, can you let your mind picture what our country might be like today? Had our North and South ever become two separate Nations can you imagine what might have happened to you, your family, and your loved ones when the tyrants of Germany and Japan threatened to destroy every symbol of liberty in the world? Can you realize what still might happen, in the face of advancing Communism, if we Americans do not remain of one body and one mind?

Poison literature, communistic teachings and socialistic thoughts

are quietly, but steadily, finding their way into the minds of young Americans, and the greatest battle before our Organization is to become the power which will stop and completely halt this undercurrent of Anti-American activity.

As an individual, you say that your powers are limited but may I respectfully remind you, that as an individual, your thoughts, your actions, and your deeds, are moulding the America of tomorrow. Close to your heart is that little group of family and friends who look to you for guidance. There are the boys in your neighborhood who listen to what you say, watch what you do, and what they hear and see is developing into a decision that will someday affect the future of our land. Our National leaders, our representatives in Government have a grave responsibility in their hands in plotting a safe and secure course for our Ship of State; but the real responsibility lies with the individual citizenship of these United States — for no ship, however able may be its crew, will stay afloat with rotten timbers.

Education, therefore, continues to be the master mould in shaping the Destiny of America; and with this in mind, we of the Americanism Committee, present our first two recommendations:---

(1) That we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, actively promote through our individual membership, our Camps, our Departments, and our National Organization, an Educational Program For a Better America. This program shall be designed to mould American thought and activity into channels which are first, last and always completely American, and that we take the lead in public exercises, meetings and demonstrations to further the welfare of this policy.

(2) That the Commander-in-Chief elect be empowered to appoint an Educational Committee, who in turn will work with Department Educational Committees, to seek out and continually hammer at educational policies which are alien to the American way of life. That they study conditions extensively, and any major infringements which they may find shall be immediately referred to our National Council of Administration for definite and proper action.

As your Committee began its work last year, it was presented with a list of American Holidays, compiled by Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the late John W. Emery of the Massachusetts Department. It was his suggestion that various Camps and Departments make special observance of these Days through local and public exercises. In every Department, some emphasis has been placed on a part, or the whole of this program; and the results have been an increase in interest and in activity in the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans. The degree to which this interest and activity climbed has depended entirely upon the effort expended, and with this in mind, we present Recommendation number:

(3) That the membership of this Organization continue to observe the Days listed on Our All Year American Program, as published in the Proceedings of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and in the official publication of our Organization, The Banner.

We would further recommend that the Departments observe, by public exercises, those days which especially pertain to Civil War History, and to take advantage of these in every way possible to educate the public with the principles and objects of the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War. To this end, we respectfully call your attention to the following days on the program:

- February 12th — Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.
- April 9th — Appomattox Day.
- April 27th — General U. S. Grant's Birthday.
- July 12th — Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens
- November 19th — Dedication Day.

Most important of all; and the one which I call special attention to is Memorial Day, the National Sabbath. There is no Day in the entire year that is more closely associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and yet, Brothers, there is no other single factor that has threatened to destroy relationships between our Organization, and other Civic, Veteran and Patriotic, Societies than this one. Those of you who belong to large and powerful Camps may not have experienced this trouble but this Commandery-in-Chief is composed of many, many small Camps who are striving to exist, and to them this problem is very acute indeed.

Our Oath of Obligation plainly and unquestionably reads: "to always observe the Day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, Sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865, and to do all in my power to persuade others to do the same." Each and every man in this room has taken that obligation, and I ask you frankly, is there more than one interpretation to these words?

Looking backward over the past decade and more, we have gradually seen the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic diminish in importance on Memorial Day. They themselves have entirely left the picture, and in 93 cases out of a hundred, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are completely ignored when making official plans for local Memorial Day observance. This, in itself, is terrifying enough, but there is still a more damaging side to this picture — and the time has come when we can no longer evade it if we are to meet our responsibilities to our individual membership.

Large sums of money are appropriated by Government Agencies throughout the Nation to the official groups in charge of Memorial Day, and in order to more securely control the financial affairs of Memorial Day, Camps and members have been the object of ridicule by their more powerful contemporaries. They have been subjected to a well organized campaign toward oblivion and as in all such instances, one of two things must happen. He will either fight, or he will drop out of the picture. One by one, members have failed to show up with their Camps on Memorial Day, and gradually Camps themselves dropped from our rolls.

On the other hand, there have been a few who have, one way or another, dealt with this opposition individually. These have been a few who have turned their back on ridicule, these are the few who went into their own pockets to pay expenses locally incurred, these are the few who have made their trips to the cemeteries, who have fought on in the face of increasing opposition, these are the few who make their trips to the lonely Camp Rooms, yes, these are the few who are here today, and the few like you at home who love this Organization above all else, but for one reason or another couldn't come. These are the few gentlemen, who need definite help from

this organization, and somehow or other, we must see that they ha— it.

The question asked of this parent organization is, "What is th— proper observance of Memorial Day?"

Dedicated to the sacred memory of the Grand Army of the R— public, that same earth in every cemetery in our land that holds a— that is mortal of our Fathers, has closed over the Sacred Dust of ou— Sons. Is one's memory more cherished than the other, one's sacr— fice more costly? They are on the same level — plain in the sight C— our Understanding Father, and how are we to carry out our obl— gation and still be true to the dictates of our heart? To this enc— we propose recommendation number:

(4) That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to wor— with local Departments, who in turn will work with local Camp— and to honestly study and observe Memorial Day conditions, its effect— on the interest and welfare of the individual camps, and to make re— ports and recommendations of their findings at the 1956 Encampme—

It was my privilege this year to spend Memorial Day in th— National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia; and in those hours tha— I spent there the membership of this organization was very close to my heart, and many and many a time I wished that you all were there. The grounds in the Cemetery are of great natural beauty— There are gentle slopes and ravines, ancient trees and on the broad level plains, long lines of headstones, rank after rank, in orderly array, mark forever the final resting place of so many men who sleep here in Arlington, close to the heart of the nation to which they gave their lives.

Commanding the immediate attention of all visitors, high on the summit of a hill, overlooking the city of Washington, is Arlington House, the home of the Confederate General, Robert E. Lee. Almost at the doorstep is the small marble amphitheatre, erected by the Grand Army of the Republic. Known as the Temple of Fame, and bearing the names of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and Farragut; Memorial Day Services were held by the Grand Army of the Republic for forty seven years. Memorial Day, this year, I stood alone at this spot.

Just to the west is the Civil War Monument to the Unknown Dead. Around this Monument, and protected by a circular path of flagstones, 2,111 Unknown Soldiers of the Civil War are resting in a common grave. Their bodies, in parts or whole, were picked up on the Battlefields of Virginia after the disastrous Battle of Bull Run, and interred within these sacred grounds. Here the Potomac Department, Woman's Relief Corps hold Memorial Day Services. Here the United States Air Corps Band assembled, and here, Brothers, besides the members of that Band were two men — Mr. Robert F. Sutphin, President of the G.A.R. Memorial Day Committee for the District of Columbia, and myself.

Make no mistake! I take no credit! Merest chance brought me to Arlington last Memorial Day, not premediated planning to take part in a Civil War Memorial Service there; but in view of the existing circumstances, so close to the heart of our Nation, I make Recommendation number:

(5) That the Commander-in-Chief elect be empowered to appoint a Committee to work with local authorities there to assure a dignified Service to the memory of our Dead at this Sacred Spot.

and that this Committee accept as a part of its obligation the official representation of this Order at these Services, excluding of course, the presence of ranking National Officers.

I further recommend that this Committee be charged with the authority to start preliminary plans for a National Pilgrimage of the members of this Organization to this Spot, and further recommend that the date of such a Pilgrimage be set for Memorial Day of 1961, during the First Year of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Civil War.

Much valuable material and assistance has been received this year by your Americanism Committee from the American Coalition of Washington, D. C. Lack of funds has been a hindrance in forwarding much of this valuable information to the various Departments, but this deficiency has been made up in as great a measure as space would possibly permit, through the splendid cooperation of the editor of The Banner. I would recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not only read carefully the valuable information in our Publication, but make a determined effort to have a 100% subscription to The Banner from your Camp membership.

We further recommend number:

(6) That our Secretary express to the American Coalition of Washington, D. C. our appreciation of their cooperation, and that we, at this time, renew our annual contribution to the Coalition.

During the past year, many things have arisen on the American Stage which are of vital interest to us all but perhaps none is more startling, or more far reaching in potentiality than the announcement of Corporal Robert F. Marx of the United States Marine Corps, that he had discovered the sunken hulk of the Ironclad Monitor off Cape Hatteras. Hotly disputed by men of authority, this might still be, and in all possibility is so, and I do not think that we can let the Corporal's announcement pass without the serious consideration of this Encampment.

If this is so, it will soon command the attention of the entire world, and especially of men of influence and prestige, and we cannot afford to let the occasion pass unnoticed. I, therefore, propose Recommendation No:

(7) That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War become a member of The Monitor Historical Society of Washington, D. C. and that our present Commander-in-Chief, Major General U. S. Grant, III, be commissioned as our Chief Representative in its membership during the term of his natural life.

(8) That this National Organization hold a public dinner or press conference meeting in either the city of New York or Washington. That this Conference be presided over by our present Commander-in-Chief, Major General U. S. Grant III, that he have as his guests, (1) The Commander-in-Chief elect of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Corporal Robert F. Marx of the Marine Corps, and Mr. Raynor T. McMullen, President of the Monitor Historical Society; that the latter two explain their theories and plans in regard to the Monitor over a television broadcast. Further details relative to this matter will be covered in our final recommendation.

As we approach the Hundredth Anniversary of the Civil War we realize more fully than ever before that the target of the Confederate Forces was the Capital of our Nation. Realizing this, at the very

this organization, and somehow or other, we must see that they have it.

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(4) That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to work with local Departments, who in turn will work with local Camps, and to honestly study and observe Memorial Day conditions, its effects on the interest and welfare of the individual camps, and to make reports and recommendations of their findings at the 1956 Encampment.

It was my privilege this year to spend Memorial Day in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia; and in those hours that I spent there the membership of this organization was very close to my heart, and many and many a time I wished that you all were there. The grounds in the Cemetery are of great natural beauty. There are gentle slopes and ravines, ancient trees and on the broad level plains, long lines of headstones, rank after rank in orderly array, mark forever the final resting place of so many men who sleep here in Arlington, close to the heart of the nation to which they gave their lives.

Commanding the immediate attention of all visitors, high on the summit of a hill, overlooking the city of Washington, is Arlington House, the home of the Confederate General, Robert E. Lee. Almost at the doorstep is the small marble amphitheatre, erected by the Grand Army of the Republic. Known as the Temple of Fame, and bearing the names of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and Farragut; Memorial Day Services were held by the Grand Army of the Republic for forty seven years. Memorial Day, this year, I stood alone at this spot.

Just to the west is the Civil War Monument to the Unknown Dead. Around this Monument, and protected by a circular path of flagstones, 2,111 Unknown Soldiers of the Civil War are resting in a common grave. Their bodies, in parts or whole, were picked up on the Battlefields of Virginia after the disastrous Battle of Bull Run, and interred within these sacred grounds. Here the Potomac Department, Woman's Relief Corps hold Memorial Day Services. Here the United States Air Corps Band assembled, and here, Brothers, besides the members of that Band were two men — Mr. Robert F. Sutphin, President of the G.A.R. Memorial Day Committee for the District of Columbia, and myself.

Make no mistake! I take no credit! Merest chance brought me to Arlington last Memorial Day, not premediated planning to take part in a Civil War Memorial Service there; but in view of the existing circumstances, so close to the heart of our Nation, I make Recommendation number:

(5) That the Commander-in-Chief elect be empowered to appoint a Committee to work with local authorities there to assure a dignified Service to the memory of our Dead at this Sacred Spot.

and that this Committee accept as a part of its obligation the official representation of this Order at these Services, excluding of course, the presence of ranking National Officers.

I further recommend that this Committee be charged with the authority to start preliminary plans for a National Pilgrimage of the members of this Organization to this Spot, and further recommend that the date of such a Pilgrimage be set for Memorial Day of 1961, during the First Year of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Civil War.

Much valuable material and assistance has been received this year by your Americanism Committee from the American Coalition of Washington, D. C. Lack of funds has been a hindrance in forwarding much of this valuable information to the various Departments, but this deficiency has been made up in as great a measure as space would possibly permit, through the splendid cooperation of the editor of The Banner. I would recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not only read carefully the valuable information in our Publication, but make a determined effort to have a 100% subscription to The Banner from your Camp membership.

We further recommend number:

(6) That our Secretary express to the American Coalition of Washington, D. C. our appreciation of their cooperation, and that we, at this time, renew our annual contribution to the Coalition.

During the past year, many things have arisen on the American Stage which are of vital interest to us all but perhaps none is more startling, or more far reaching in potentiality than the announcement of Corporal Robert F. Marx of the United States Marine Corps, that he had discovered the sunken hulk of the Ironclad Monitor off Cape Hatteras. Hotly disputed by men of authority, this might still be, and in all possibility is so, and I do not think that we can let the Corporal's announcement pass without the serious consideration of this Encampment.

If this is so, it will soon command the attention of the entire world, and especially of men of influence and prestige, and we cannot afford to let the occasion pass unnoticed. I, therefore, propose Recommendation No:

(7) That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War become a member of The Monitor Historical Society of Washington, D. C. and that our present Commander-in-Chief, Major General U. S. Grant, III, be commissioned as our Chief Representative in its membership during the term of his natural life.

(8) That this National Organization hold a public dinner or press conference meeting in either the city of New York or Washington. That this Conference be presided over by our present Commander-in-Chief, Major General U. S. Grant III, that he have as his guests, (1) The Commander-in-Chief elect of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Corporal Robert F. Marx of the Marine Corps, and Mr. Raynor T. McMullen, President of the Monitor Historical Society; that the latter two explain their theories and plans in regard to the Monitor over a television broadcast. Further details relative to this matter will be covered in our final recommendation.

As we approach the Hundredth Anniversary of the Civil War we realize more fully than ever before that the target of the Confederate Forces was the Capital of our Nation. Realizing this, at the very

beginning of the struggle, Army Engineers hastily constructed around the City of Washington, a complete Circle of Forts and Battery Installations. Most important of these was Fort Stevens, in the Brightwood section of the City, for it is on this site that the only battle of the Civil War, fought within the boundaries of the Capital of the United States, took place.

A confederate force, after a round-about route through western Virginia suddenly arrived in the State of Maryland, and began to advance upon Washington. The city itself was in a panic, the fighting force of the Union Army south of the Potomac, and every available clerk and man in Government Service was pressed into the defense of the Capital. On the 12th of July, 1864, when the battle was at its height, a carriage drew up at Fort Stevens, and Abraham Lincoln entering the Fort, advanced to one of the ramparts still standing, and stood with his men, watching the battle, until asked to retire by the Commanding Officer for the security of the Nation. It is the only spot in the world where a President of the United States has actually stood under the shell of enemy fire.

Recently inaugurated in the City of Washington is a project to link together all of the old Civil War Forts that defended the Capital, by a six lane freeway, which when completed will completely circle the City. As these Forts of necessity were erected on the highest points, Fort Memorial Drive, will not only tend toward Government restoration and supervision of all these Forts as National Parks, but will afford excellent views of the City, and will link the memory of the Union Army forever with the beauty of the land they died to preserve. We, therefore, propose Recommendation number:

(9) That the Legislative Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be as influential as possible in the continuance of the project already started by the Congress of the United States, and do all in their power to have the Drive as nearly completed as possible before the Centennial Anniversary of the Civil War.

There is one other matter of interest to us especially centering around the City of Washington to which I wish to call your attention. Recently in talking with Colonel Randle Truett of the United States Department of the Interior, and in charge of the Lincoln Museum, formerly Ford's Theatre, he made the remark that he would like to see the President's Box, and stage at the Old Theatre restored and set as it was at the time of Lincoln's assassination.

I should also like to mention that it has been recommended by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer that the Sons of Union Veterans stage plays at Ford's Theatre; and that the Committee investigate the possibility of this project.

Of the seventy four years which lie behind us both pleasant and bitter memories remain with us, as we have stood elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder, with the Union Line of Blue — but that Blue has vanished, leaving us an adult organization, with adult problems to face on our own accord.

How we will respond to this new responsibility is being watched by the other organizations of America, and by our actions in the immediate years, we will be graded in their respect. Let us not be afraid, let us not be humble, ours is the most priceless heritage in America, and of it we can be justly proud.

Therefore, let us ask the blessing of God on our deliberations. Let us seek His Guidance in our decisions, that we may carry on together

those grave responsibilities which those who have gone on have left behind with us.

Above their Rest, there is no sound of weeping
 Only the voice of songbirds thrill the air
 Many their graves, yet each is in God's keeping
 There is none missing from His tender care.
 They are not lost, that only which was mortal
 Lies underneath the sod, arched o'er by God's Eternal Skies
 Deathless they wait, beyond that Heavenly portal
 In that great Land, where valor never dies.
 In that great heart of coming generations
 Their fame must live, their glory must not cease
 E'vn when there comes to all earth's troubled Nations
 God's perfect gift of Universal Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WALLER, LEWIS, JR. Chairman
 Americanism Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that this Committee report calls for a program that goes beyond the usual routine we have had in the past; and it seems to me that it should, perhaps, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. I would like to ask the National Counselor for his opinion in this matter.

National Counselor Locke: Although a Committee report is usually considered on the floor of the Encampment, in this case it could very properly be referred to the Committee on Resolutions as there are a number of matters there which can very well be handled by the Resolutions Committee; and the action of the Encampment can be taken on their report to us. (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Brother Colwell, are you ready to report for the Legislative Committee?

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 20, 1955.

Gen. U. S. Grant, III, Commander-in-Chief
 Officers and Delegates
 74th National Encampment
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Cincinnati, Ohio

My Brothers:

None of us who attended our 73rd National Encampment at Duluth, Minn., will ever forget that memorable Wednesday, August 11, 1954, when the news of the granting of our Congressional Charter reached us on the afternoon of that epoch-making day. With that memory still fresh in our minds, we started the past year, hopeful of further accomplishments.

According to pre-arranged plans our loyal and good friend, Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York, introduced to the 84th Congress first session, on January 5th of this year, his H.J. Res. 53 — designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day of each year. Like all other similar bills requesting special days on our national calendar (and there were more than fifty this year) Mr. Keating's H.J. Res. 53 was referred to the

House Committee on the Judiciary, where it still remains awaiting that committee's consideration. In compliance with my request, as expressed in the Banner, that our members write their own representatives requesting their support and favorable consideration; and having received very encouraging replies from Chairman Cellers, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, ex-Chairman Chauncey Reed and several other Representatives in reply to my personal correspondence on the subject; Mr. Keating's resolution was not reached before the adjournment of Congress on August 3rd last.

Representative Keating is in Europe on official business, but a letter from him just prior to his departure advised me "that you may be sure I shall renew my efforts in behalf of H.J. Res. 53 at the beginning of the next session of the 84th Congress." Knowing Ken Keating as I do there is no doubt in my mind that he will do just that and work just as hard for its passage as he has done in the past. His appraisal of our desire for national recognition of Dedication Day is that it is "worthwhile legislation" and his efforts to secure it for us will continue untiring.

If I am continued with our National Legislative Committee, I shall make every effort to secure the presence of our United States Marine Band at our coming 75th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pa., next year. They were a highlight of many National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, as many of us well remember, and to have them with us at our 75th Encampment would be a fitting tribute to "the grandest Army that ever marched beneath one flag."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman
National Legislative Committee.

(Adopted as read).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Are there any other Committees to report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief I wish to report for the Greetings Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans. I want to say that we were very graciously received in both cases, and have performed the official duties assigned to us. Both the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters asked me to express to you their thanks for the many courtesies that you have extended to them, their pleasure in having worked with you during this past year, and their good wishes for a very fine Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you very much. I think the Committee on Resolutions is ready to report.

REPORT OF CONDITIONS ON RESOLUTIONS

Department Commander A. Waller Lewis, Rhode Island: Your Committee on Resolutions have considered the several Resolutions presented to it by this Encampment, and wish to report as follows:

(1) A Resolution proposed by our Commander-in-Chief, recommending that this organization extend to Congressman John A. Blatnik of Minnesota, its grateful appreciation of his services efforts and interest in the successful passage into law H.R. 5907, and

(2) A similar Resolution, proposed by our Commander-in-Chief, extending to Senator Edward J. Thye of Minnesota, the appreciation of this organization, for his interest and efforts in the passage of Pri-

vate Law No. 94. These bills are legislation authorizing the payment of the costs of medical treatment and care for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Albert Woolson, sole survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic, by the United States Government.

We endorse these two resolutions heartily; and recommend that our National Secretary send these letters at the dictation of the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move you that where there are no objections on Committee Reports, now being given, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried). (Adopted).

(3) A letter from Kenneth E. Crouch, of Bedford, Virginia, asking the support of this Encampment for House Bill H.R. 6392. This bill calls for the payment of medical care and treatment by the United States Government, for the last three surviving members of the Confederate States Army.

We, of the Resolutions Committee, feel that this is a matter of deep concern to our Order, and have given the subject profound consideration.

We are reminded of the spirit of the terms of Surrender, as presented by General Grant to Robert E. Lee—no feeling of animosity, no expression of victory; only a deep desire to help the war torn South regain its dignity. We are reminded of the stories from the picket lines, and the exchange of tobacco, symbol of friendship between the opposing ranks. We are reminded of days when Hell reigned on earth, and friend had to fight friend, brother fight brother; but most of all, we are reminded that out of that chaos of Hell came an undivided America, a new birth of Freedom, and a new interpretation of fraternity. This is what our Fathers fought for, and in their memory, we recommend that this Encampment go on record as supporting this bill. We further recommend that our National Secretary draft letters of support and mail the same to the Congress of these United States; that our Departments be obligated to take similar action; and that a copy of our intentions be mailed to the Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Sons of America, the Daughters of the Confederacy, to Mr. Crouch, and to the three surviving members of the Confederate Army with our best wishes for their happiness during the rest of their natural life. (Adopted).

(4) We refer to the Resolutions from the Departments of Massachusetts and Iowa regarding the proposed legislation in several States to change the date of Memorial Day from May 30th, to the Monday nearest the date.

We heartily disapprove of any such change and wish to place every member of the organization on the alert to this danger and, therefore, recommend adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampment assembled, go on record as being against changing the date of Memorial Day; and should such matter be brought up as a Bill before Congress, this Organization urges each member to contact his Congressman protesting any such action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War enlist and request the support of all Veteran and Patriotic organizations in protesting any proposed change from the present date of May 30th of each year for the observance of Memorial Day.

Past Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts: I understood from the Chairman of the Committee that the recommendation was to be included in their report that all Departments of the Commandery-in-Chief were to be alerted to contact the members of their State Legislatures and attempt to defeat any such legislation in the individual states.

The Committee did not go into detail about the Resolution from the Department of Massachusetts, and I would like to say a word about it. In 1954, Massachusetts passed legislation which changed all holidays to the nearest Monday to the date on which they would fall. The American Legion presented a petition to the Massachusetts Legislature, asking that they remove from that list Memorial and Veterans Days. The primary failure was that the American Legion presented the bill, but did not oppose the bill itself and did not fight for it so that it was left, and died; so that all holidays, beginning in 1956, will fall on a Monday. It has been brought to our attention that similar legislation is being presented in practically all of the States, throughout the United States; and if 50% of the States adopt it, it then becomes a national enactment and cannot be changed. It will then become effective, all over the country; and so we wanted to bring it before the Commandery-in-Chief so that the Departments will be alerted to defeat any such proposed legislation in their own State.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think the Resolution covers that. (Adopted).

(5) On this same subject, the Resolution from the Department of California requesting our Commander-in-Chief issue an order to the Sons of Union Veterans charging them with the duties as prescribed by General Logan for all future years.

We respectfully refer to the recommendation of the Americanism Committee to first appoint a Memorial Day Committee, to make a complete study of the Memorial Day problem. We feel that after such a survey, we would be in a better condition to judge for future years, and respectfully request, that the California Department place this Resolution before the organization when that survey has been completed. (No objections - adopted)

(6) Resolution from the Department of New York — that the Commandery-in-Chief take such steps as may be considered practical or feasible to establish in the city of Washington, D.C. a suitable building for office space and accommodations for our designated agent, as prescribed by Law 605, and for the housing and display of such possessions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic — the building to be known as the "National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated."

We recommend the adoption of this Resolution, on the grounds that the steps we consider practicable or feasible is the appointment of a Committee by the Commander-in-Chief elect to study the possibility of such an undertaking and make a report at the 1956 Encampment. (Adopted).

(7) The Resolution from the New York Department, regarding the condition of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument on Riverside Drive, urging Mayor Robert Wagner to take immediate steps to repair and restore the monument to its former beauty. Information advises us that this monument is owned by a Private Fund, and is not the property of the City of New York and, in such case, we would amend the Resolution asking the Mayor for whatever support he could

give us in seeing the proper authorities take care of the condition as reported by the New York Department.

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: The City of New York, Department of Parks, owns the property on which that monument has been erected. We have been given to understand that funds have been appropriated for repairs to that monument — this is done through joint Patriotic Societies of New York. (Adopted)..

(8) The letter, addressed to Commander-in-Chief Grant from the Department of Kansas, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, asking us to pass a Resolution endorsing a change in the present calendar to conform with the one proposed by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

We can see no advantage to any change in our calendar. We have already opposed the proposed change of Memorial Day; and heartily disapprove of any such Resolution relative to a change in our present calendar. (Adopted).

Chairman Lewis: These are the only matters which have been thus far considered. We will present the others which have just been referred to us at a later session.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Lewis. We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 23, 1955 — 1:40 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to ask if there are any Committees ready to report.

Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific, gave the report of the 1956 Encampment City Committee. However, by action of the Encampment it was passed over; and the Committee instructed to report as a later session — on a motion made by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts; seconded by National Personal Aide Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, and carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer; Commander-in-Chief, I have a Supplemental report for the Committee on Resolutions:

(9) From the report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That we actively promote, through our individual membership, our Camps, our Departments, and our National organization, an Educational Program for a Better America.

(Your Committee is in favor of that, and recommends that it be referred to the Council of Administration for implementation as to how it can be carried out. (Adopted).

(10) Recommendation from the report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That the Commander-in-Chief elect be empowered to appoint an Educational Committee who, in turn, will work with Department Educational Committees, to seek out and continually hammer at educational policies which are alien to the American way of life; that they study conditions extensively, and any major infringements which they may find shall be immediately referred to our Council of Administration for definite and proper action.

Your Committee recommends appointment of such a Committee, one of whose functions shall be working for the interest of Lincoln Memorial University. (Adopted).

(11) Recommendation from the report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That the membership of this Organization continue to observe the Days listed on our All Year American Program, as published in the proceedings of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief; and that the Departments observe, by public exercises, those days which especially pertain to Civil War History, and take advantage of these in every way possible to educate the public with the principles and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Your Committee agrees, and refer it to the Council of Administration for implementation. (Adopted).

(12) Recommendation from the Report of the Chairman of the

Americanism Committee — That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to work with local Departments who, in turn, will work with local Camps to honestly study and observe Memorial Day conditions, its effects on the interest and welfare of the individual Camps; and to make reports and recommendations of their findings at the 1956 Encampment.

Your Committee recommends appointment of such Committee; and refer it to the Council of Administration for implementation. (Adopted).

(13) Recommendation from the Report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to appoint a Committee to work with local authorities there to assume a dignified Service to the memory of our Dead, at the Civil War Monument to Unknown Dead in Arlington Cemetery, on Memorial Day; and that this Committee accept as part of its obligation the official representation of this Order at these Services excluding the presence of National Officers — and that this Committee be charged with the authority to start preliminary plans for a National Pilgrimage to this Spot on Memorial Day of 1961.

Your Committee favors this recommendation; and refer it to the Council of Administration for implementation. (Adopted).

(14) Recommendation from the Report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That we express to the American Coalition of Washington, D. C. our appreciation of their co-operation, and renew our annual contribution to the Coalition.

Your Committee concur, and recommend that the budget Committee be asked to increase our contribution to the American Coalition. (Adopted).

(15) From the Report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War become a member of The Monitor Historical Society of Washington, D. C., and that Major General U. S. Grant 3rd, be commissioned as our Chief Representative in its membership during the term of his natural life.

Your Committee recommends that this Encampment approve the purposes of this Society, and refer it to the Council of Administration as to our participation in its activities. (Adopted).

(16) From the Report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee—That the Legislative Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be as influential as possible in the continuance of the project already started by the Congress of the United States, to link together all of the old Civil War Forts that defended the Capitol, by a six lane freeway which, when completed, will completely circle the city, and do all in their power to have the Drive as nearly completed as possible before the Centennial Anniversary of the Civil War.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(17) From the Report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee — That this Encampment empower Commander-in-Chief Grant to establish and appoint a Committee of three members, to be known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Committee for A Better America.

Your Committee recommends no action because it is already being handled by the Americanism Committee; and it can continue to be handled by them. (Committee sustained).

(18) From Commander-in-Chief Grant, relative to the endorsement, by this Organization, of the project of the National Committee of the American Museum of Immigration, in recognizing the contributions of the various countries of the world to our heritage, to build, by voluntary contribution a \$5,000,000.00 Museum at the feet of the Statue of Liberty.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(19) A letter from the Monitor Historical Society, Inc., asking for support in their project to locate, salvage and establish the U. S. S. Monitor as a National Shrine.

Your Committee wishes to report that the matter has been already referred to the Council of Administration, as it is not clear if they take in organizations as members and, therefore, we make no recommendation. We express our sympathy with the project, but do not pledge ourselves to any monetary support. (Committee sustained).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: These are all the matters on which we can report at this time. There will be a further report at a later session.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Bauer. Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready with their report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Your Committee on Constitution have considered the several matters referred to it, and wish to report, as follows:

(1) From the Department of Massachusetts (as published in The Banner)— Constitution — Article II, "Purposes and Objects" — eliminate sections "First" to "Seventh" inclusive, and substitute the following: "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to co-operate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(2) From the Department of Massachusetts (as published in The Banner) — Constitution, Article V, page 4 — add a new paragraph to Section 1.

"Fifth — Eligibles from states where no Department exists, may become members at large to a Camp attached to National Headquarters.

Dues for members in this Camp shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include subscription to The Banner.

Members of such Camp attending the National Encampment

may elect from their membership, one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on same ratio provided representation of Departments.

Membership fee for members at large shall be \$5.00 which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this new paragraph. (Adopted).

(3) From the Department of Massachusetts (as published in The Banner) — Article VIII, Constitution, "Amendments", page 6 In the fifteenth line, eliminate the words "by not less than ten Departments," and insert "by not less than 50% of the Departments."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this recommendation. (Adopted).

(4) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report, Article V, Section 1, Constitution, page 4, third paragraph should be changed to read: "of the national organization, of which the National Encampment is the supreme governing body, and the National Officers, councillors and staff and the National Council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(5) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report — Article V, Section 2, Constitution, page 4 - change "Commandery-in-Chief" to "National Encampment," in both cases. Then add: "Between sessions of the National Encampment the business of the Order shall be carried on by the Commandery-in-Chief in accordance with policies established by the National Encampment or, when it has not fixed a policy, by the Council of Administration which shall have the authority and duty usually exercised by a Board of Directors."

In Section 3, "National Encampment" should be substituted for "Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee recommends adoption of these changes.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, a point of order. Just for the record, I would like a decision by the Commander-in-Chief.

According to our present method of amending the Constitution, it calls for previous notice. There has been no previous notice given for the last two items. I understand these are presented because our present constitution conflicts with our Federal Charter. I would like, as a point of order, a decision as to why we can consider a change in the Constitution which has not been given advance notice in The Banner.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The explanation is that the incorporators of our Order, in accordance with the law, met and adopted a Constitution and By-Laws. They adopted the old Constitution, so far as it is consistent, and in compliance with the Law; and, therefore, I rule that the changes which are necessary to make it conform with the Law were to be presented by this Committee and would not need advance notice, because the Law calls for them to be made. This is simply done to comply with the Law. (Adopted).

(6) From the Department of Massachusetts—Article IV, Regula-

tions, Chapter I, page 12, Section 2. On line 3, after words, "Camp Council," add, "Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer." On line 13, insert period after words, "Camp Officers," and eliminate the rest of the paragraph.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

(7) From the Department of Massachusetts—Chapter III, Article I, Regulations, page 31, change first paragraph to read: "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is incorporated under and by authority of a charter issued by the Congress of the United States." (Public Law 605 - 83rd Congress, 2nd Session.)

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(8) From the Department of Massachusetts — Regulations, Chapter V, Article II, page 45, add a new paragraph to Section 6, as follows:

"Members may wear a miniature of the badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief the ribbon shall have the yellow center with three gold stars thereon; for presiding and Past Department Commanders, the ribbon shall have the red center with two silver stars thereon; for all other members it shall have the blue center. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders may wear a bronze star on the ribbon. Members who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of War may wear a silver palm on the ribbon."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this paragraph.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I do not object to this, but I wish to ask a question. No provision has been made for furnishing them. I would hesitate to get them without first ascertaining the demand; and I think something should be said about who is to provide them and how they are to be supplied.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: As you authorized me to look into the matter of miniature badges, I have done so. Of course, we naturally checked into the miniature insignia in bronze; and found that the cost of the dies would be \$500.00 or \$600.00. I then checked with a jeweler in Washington; and it turns out that the medal would cost approximately \$6.00 in sterling silver, \$7.00 in silver gilt and \$13.00 in 10 k. gold; and the dies would cost about \$12.00.

I think we should have a miniature badge, but I doubt if we would go to the expense of \$500.00 for dies for the bronze one. The National Secretary-Treasurer has two of these miniature badges, which were made in 1939 in Pittsburgh, and I have one of them.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think you have answered one part of the question on what it is going to cost. As to who is going to buy them, I think it was the intent that they are to be bought by the individual.

National Secretary Lambert: Are we to stock them, how many of them are to be stocked, and how much of an investment are we to make? Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: They are to be supplied only as they are ordered. It would be better to stock two or three only.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: It might be wise to put that into the recommendation. (Adopted).

(9) From the Committee on Constitution & Regulations—Chapter III, Article VI, Regulations, page 37—the present article is hereby numbered as Section 1, and new sections are added as follows:

"Section 2—The fiscal year of the Commandery-in-Chief shall close on June 30 of each year.

Section 3—The life membership fee and dues for members at large of the National Organization shall be fixed by the National Encampment, or in the absence of action by it, by the Council of Administration.

Section 4—All life membership fees and all money accruing from the sale of rights to securities shall be placed in the Permanent Fund."

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: I want to ask a question. You say the fiscal year—what do you mean?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: We mean that our fiscal year will end on June 30.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: A lot of the Departments close their books on June 30th, and wouldn't have time to get the reports in. How are we going to do it if we vote a fiscal year, ending June 30, and some of the Department Encampments are not held in May and June, but in July?

National Secretary Lambert: I know what Walter is thinking of. For our reporting purposes to the Department of Internal Revenue, as far as our financial records and books are concerned, it has always been June 30th. Even if the reports are received from the Departments in July, it is still included as I have always said the fiscal year closed

(10) From the Committee on Constitution & Regulations—Chapter III, Article IV, Regulations, page 33—Section 1 is amended by adding, after the words "(or National Secretary-Treasurer)" the words "National Historian."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(11) From the Committee on Constitution & Regulations—Chapter III, Article V, Regulations, page 37—the present section 9 is hereby re-numbered as Section 10, and a new section added as follows:

Section 9. The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or to members of the Order, co-ordinate the work of the Department Patriotic Instructor, and maintain and establish contact with other patriotic organizations on a national level.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(12) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report: Article VII, Chapter II, Regulations, page 29—change Section 1 to read: "The regular committees of the Department Encampment shall consist of such members as provided in the Department By-laws."

This change is presented by the Committee, believing that the Departments are better able to decide about their own By-Laws than we are here at the National Encampment, and recommend its adoption. (Adopted).

(13) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—Add new sentence to Chapter III, Regulations, Article VII, Section 3, page 38, as follows: "The Washington representative shall be a member ex-officio of the Legislative Committee."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

(14) From the supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report — The following is presented by the Committee — Add a new paragraph to Chapter III, Regulations, Article VII, Section 2, page 37 — "There

shall be a Membership Committee consisting of one member from each Department, of which a National Officer shall be Chairman."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted).

Chairman Moran: That is all that your Committee on Constitution and Regulations is ready to report on at this time. A supplemental report will be made later.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Moran. Is the Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Cincinnati, Ohio
August 23, 1955

To the Officers and Members of the
Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

We wish to report on the Officers Reports, as submitted to us; and your Committee was indeed pleased with the clarity and neatness of the several reports of the various National Officers.

Commander-in-Chief's Report

The report of the Commander-in-Chief is one of the utmost importance, and our Order has indeed been fortunate in having had the benefit of valued services. To you, General, we give a fervent, "Thanks for everything."

The recommendations offered by the Commander-in-Chief are as follows (Reference is to paragraph Numbers):

No. 15-19 inclusive—Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

No. 26—Referred to the Resolutions Committee, and taken care of by them.

No. 28—That active efforts be made on local and state levels to search out, and identify any unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans, and to report them to the National Graves Registration Officer.

Your Committee recommends concurrence. (Adopted).

No. 31—That Camp bills for dues should include an extra item; "For Banner \$1.00." also, that as soon as possible the size of The Banner should be increased by four pages.

Your Committee would like to leave this open. We don't know whether the increase of four pages in The Banner is a recommendation or not.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think the major part of that will be taken care of by other reports and I don't think your Committee need do anything about it.

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We wish to commend Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer for his fine report, and for the work he has done during this past year. He has been an asset to the organization, and to our Commander-in-Chief in all of the projects undertaken by this Organization.

His report contains one recommendation — That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War officially adopt, as a major objective, the alerting of our members, and of the communities in which we function, to the danger of the United Nations, or any of

its allied agencies, being used by designing or misinformed persons to take away or curtail any of those fundamental liberties which our Sires, at the cost of so much blood and treasure, have bequeathed to us, and which are embodied in our Federal and State Constitutions.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We wish to commend Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Young for his fine report, and his sincere efforts in the fulfillment of his duties during this administration. You have done a fine job, Brother Young, and we congratulate you.

There were no recommendations in his report.

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Our Organization has been fortunate in having Albert C. Lambert as its National Secretary; his handling of the affairs of this office and the manner in which he has brought about the many improvements show that he is just the man for this important office.

There were no recommendations in his report.

National Patriotic Instructor's Report

We wish to express our thanks to National Patriotic Instructor C. LeRoy Stoudt for doing such a good job this year. He has given much of his time and effort in his work for this Organization, and we are indeed grateful to him.

There were no recommendations in his report.

National Chaplain's Report

The report of our National Chaplain shows that he has done a fine job this year, and wish to commend him for his efforts. We regret that, because of ill health, he is unable to attend this Encampment.

Report of National Chief of Staff

National Chief of Staff John Runkle is to be commended for his many activities as Chief of Staff this year; especially his participation in the Lincoln Day ceremony of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in Washington, D. C.

There were no recommendations in his report.

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

The report of Brother DeForest is a fine and encouraging one, and definitely shows his untiring efforts in this work so important to our organization. Our sincere thanks to you, Brother DeForest, for your good work — we do appreciate it.

There were no recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman, Pennsylvania

CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine.

EDWARD E. BIERING, Wisconsin.

Committee On Officers' Reports

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: That concludes the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports; and I move the adoption of the report, as a whole. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Usually we have a Press Committee, which is appointed, along with all the other Encampment Committees, at the beginning of the Encampment. We haven't had an official Press Committee this year because Brother Coffin, who was Chairman of the General Convention Committee, and also Chairman of our Sons Convention Committee, has actually been doing the press and publicity release work; and I think he has done one of the finest jobs we have ever had. Brother Coffin, we thank you; and I would suggest that in lieu of his making a report, you all read the papers, and join me now in giving him a hand. (Applause by the Encampment for Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin).

Is there a report of the Credential Committee?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Albert E. DeHaven, Maine: Commander-in-Chief, we now have a total of 115 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you for that report.

I want to mention to you that I have already written to the Park Commission in New York relative to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive asking that necessary repairs be made to this monument, so that part of your wish is carried out. However, I think we have to go to the Mayor; and it might be well to take action that the proper officers be contacted with reference to the preservation of this monument. (It was so moved by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, seconded by Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York and carried).

The Department Commanders and Delegates from the various Departments then spoke to the Encampment on what is being done in the way of activity in their several Departments.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 24, 1955 — 9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, I should like to make a report of my visit to the banquet of the Woman's Relief Corps. I was cordially received, and spent a very pleasant time with the ladies of the Relief Corps. They have done quite a year's work, and certainly are to be commended for their efforts. I was introduced, extended our greetings and told them we would have to get back. They sent back their best wishes to you and the Encampment. I wanted to make a proper report to you on it.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you very much, Brother Bauer. We now have a Brother from Wisconsin to be obligated. (Alfred Black, Wisconsin, obligated by the Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the budget Committee of the Council of Administration ready to report?

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Council of Administration Member Scott: The budget Committee of the Council of Administration present the proposed budget for 1955-1956, together with our recommendations:

Proposed Budget 1955-1956

Receipts:	
Per Capita Tax - 7200 members at .60c	\$ 4,320.00
Membership Fees - 200 Members at .50c	100.00
Registration Fees - 150 members at \$2.00	300.00
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00
Sale of Supplies	800.00
Banner Subscriptions	1,000.00
Total	\$ 7,020.00
Disbursements:	
The Banner	\$ 2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00
Supplies	500.00
Encampment Expenses (1956)	600.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies)	100.00
Rent for National Headquarters	400.00
Miscellaneous (incl. F. C. in C. Badge)	210.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	160.00
Proceedings - 1955	700.00
C. P. A. Audit	150.00
Total	\$ 7,020.00

Recommendations:

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

\$25.00 for Committee on Grave Marking

\$40.00 for American Coalition

\$300.00 for Lincoln University.

(2) Due to continued decrease in membership, we believe that to retain our standards of procedure, a raise in per capita tax is inevitable. Therefore, we recommend that the Per Capita Tax due from Departments, be raised to 25c per quarter, starting with the September, 1956 quarter.

We further recommend that the present 50c membership fee be eliminated, and that Chapter I, Article VII, Section 2 of the Regulations be eliminated, and Section 3 be re-numbered as Section 2, starting with the September 1956 quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE W. SCOTT, California & Pacific,

FREDERICK GILBERT BAUER, Massachusetts,

HOMER L. YOUNG, Iowa.

Budget Committee,

Council Of Administration.

Council of Administration Member Scott: I move the adoption of the report, together with its recommendations. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie). (Committee report adopted).

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Council of Administration be authorized to take into consideration the expenses of Dewey Mead in connection with his assignment as Special Aide; and that adequate provision be made from the G.A.R. Fund. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried).

Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota: I don't think this action is necessary at all. I have been going up to Duluth since 1938, and enjoy meeting and being with Comrade Woolson; and I do not think any such action should be taken.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you for being so good about it; but we want to take care of it in the proper manner.

Mr. Mark Egan, representative of the Pittsburgh Convention Bureau was escorted into the Encampment, and presented. He spoke about the Encampment being held in Pittsburgh next year, and extended an invitation to meet in Pittsburgh in 1956.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Brother Moran, are you ready to report for your Committee?

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present a supplemental report.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Your Committee has considered the following additional matters, on which we should now like to report:

(15) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—

Chapter 1, Article III, Section 2, page 11, Regulations—change to read, "The number of members necessary for a quorum shall be determined by the Camp By-Laws."

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

(16) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—Chapter I, Article VII, page 17—change section 1 to read, "Each Camp shall regulate its dues fees for revenue, provided that the minimum dues shall be \$5.00 per annum.

Your Committee concurs.

Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California & Pacific: Our dues are \$3.00 and I don't see any reason why this body should govern the dues at all — that should be up to the Camps.

Chairman Moran: Your Committee, in considering this matter, analyzed it this way. We have a loss of approximately 1,000 members a year to our National organization; and the organization cannot exist without revenue — that is an impossibility. In two years time, your membership will be down to such a number that we will not be able to function as we should. We want the organization to continue to exist, so we must do something about it.

For forty-five years, our dues have been \$3.00. In the meantime, prices on all commodities which you buy have increased considerably; and there is no reason why we should not do the same. We must do it in order to get in more revenue. We don't want to see this organization die, we want to see it live; that is the reason your Committee is making this recommendation.

Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific: I would like to say a word, and pass my approval on this subject. As Brother Moran said, necessity prompts the presentation of this recommendation. An additional \$2.00 a year doesn't mean that much to the individual member, and I know of no better place that it can be put than into an organization such as this.

Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California & Pacific: I don't think you should do this — you will lose a lot of members who are being kept on the rolls by Camps and by individual members of the Camps.

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: While I am in accord with Brother Moran's recommendation, I still can't see how you can regulate the dues of a Camp — you can't tell them what they must charge for dues.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I would like to make a statement of fact — five years ago in the Encampment, a similar question came up, and I pointed out that, in other organizations of which I am a member, there was no great loss of membership when the dues were raised. Several organizations had no losses at all, and others only negligible ones.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, this question that is before the Encampment now was before it five years ago. I can only relate the experience we had in Harrisburg as an example of what happens when you raise your dues — at least, it did in Harrisburg. We used to charge 5c a week dues — then raised it to \$5.00 a year. We increased our membership, because many people feel that it is too cheap to be good if we don't charge sufficiently. The income of most people today is many times over

what it was twenty-five or thirty years ago, so it should not be a hardship if the dues are increased now.

I still think that many Camps will disobey anything you set up, as to minimum dues, but I also know there are Departments and Camps who would like to increase their dues and fees. If we, of the Commandery-in-Chief, can set up this amount of dues to go by, it will help the Departments; and we will have some money with which to work.

Chairman Moran: I move the adoption of this amendment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and carried).

(17) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—Chapter III, Regulations, Article IV, page 33—add new paragraph to Section 1 to read as follows: "The Order's representative in Washington shall be selected and appointed by the Council of Administration."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this change. (Adopted)

(18) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—In Article VI, Chapter III, Regulations, page 37, substitute "National Encampment" for "Commander-in-Chief."

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

(19) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report—Chapter III, Article V, Section 5, page 36—eliminate "Commander-in-Chief" so that it will read — "The Council of Administration shall designate the amount of bond to be furnished by the National Secretary and National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer)."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this change, which deletes the Commander-in-Chief, as it is not required that he be bonded. (Adopted).

(20) From the Department of Indiana, recommending that an appropriate badge be designed and approved for present and past Secretary-Treasurer's of Camps, Departments and the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(21) From the Department of California—relative to a change in the dates prescribed in the Regulations for Camp elections and installation of Officers, and for Department Encampments.

Chairman Moran: These amendments to the regulations are offered as applying only to the Department of California and Pacific. I do not know what our membership, as a whole, would think of changing our regulations each year to give something different to an individual Department, and for this logical reason, your Committee refers it to the Encampment for action.

Council of Administration Member Wallace W. Scott, California: Commander-in-Chief, the reason for presenting this resolution is that we, in California, would like to have it so arranged that the Camp and Department Commander would serve at the same time. The Department Commander goes in with one set of officers in the Camp, and gets another before he goes out of office. It not only interferes in the Camp and Department, but also in the National organization.

The only reason it referred only to California is that we didn't want to try to tell the rest of the Departments what to do. Our pri-

mary thought is that the Camp and Department Officers can work, as a team through the entire year. However, we do not want to dictate to other Departments what they must do.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is there any objection to the proposal?

Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California & Pacific: We are not objecting to the recommendation of the Committee, but to the regulations as they are now written. The Camp roster comes out in February and then, in April or May, we select our Department Officers and have to get a new one. What we are trying to do is to get them together.

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, a point of information. The Department of New York presented a resolution at the Duluth Encampment, which was to be turned over to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations. I wonder if that has been done.

Council of Administration Member Scott: It was my privilege to be on that Committee last year; and when this matter came up, it was voted that the resolution from the Department of New York was to be turned over to Chairman Moran, to be included in this report. The resolution from New York was identical, with the exception of five words, to the one sent in by our Department.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We have before us the recommendation of the Department of California for action.

Council of Administration Member Scott: I move that the Resolution from the Department of California be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California & Pacific).

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: I think it is out of order. I don't think you can legislate for only one Department.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Personally I have included in my report for the past two years, that you should change the prescribed dates of election so that you would get your terms together, and work together through the year. However there are some Departments which are not ready to accomplish that.

I agree with the point of order, and with the recommendation of the Committee that the Constitution and Regulations should not be written so as to apply to an individual Department.

I wonder whether it wouldn't be best to do this, and I think it would be perfectly legal, that is, to authorize the Council of Administration, which acts for the Encampment, to approve, in individual Departments, changes to the prescribed dates of elections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I think, personally, that this resolution, presented by the Department of California, is going to be good for all of us. As it is now, no Department Commander can adopt a program and carry it out because he has two sets of Camp Officers with which to work. I think we should just omit that portion of the resolution which pertains to California and Pacific, and adopt their resolution, making it applicable to all Departments. I will so move, Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific). (Previous motion withdrawn).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: What you are proposing is a motion that this recommendation of the Department of California be

adopted in the regulations, and that it be revised to make it applicable to all Departments. That is a substitute motion. Since the original motion has been withdrawn, this one takes precedence, and can now be acted upon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Several of the Departments have their Department Encampment the last of June — we must keep that in mind, and do something to take care of their problem too.

National Secretary Lambert: This is not an objection to anything that has been proposed, but I think you will agree with me that it should be done in proper form. Do not make a motion from the floor of our Encampment — do it properly. The C. & R. Committee must come in with something definite as to what is being deleted, or what is being added to the Regulations so that we know what we are doing.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: As I understand it, Brother Stoudt's motion is a change in the regulations, as proposed by the Department of California, but making it applicable to all Departments.

Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California & Pacific: We worked this out in California, but have it so arranged that it can be used in any Department. We allow two months for the election before the Department meetings. Then, the installation of officers is to be after the Department meeting, so that the two will be serving at the same time. As it is now, the Camp Officers are in for three to four months and then they have a new Department Commander. I think, if adopted, this could well apply to any Department.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Brother Moran, will you please read the proposed change from the Department of California? (P.C. in C. Moran read the recommendation from the Department of California.)

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: I believe that the best thing to do would be to re-word a lot of that proposition, for a very important reason. It says that the Camps shall elect certain Officers, but does not include all of them — it must include all elective Camp Officers.

Then too, it says the Camps shall elect officers two months preceding Department Encampments, and install them within a short time following the Department Encampments. You cannot elect officers in April and May and expect them to present a decent Memorial Day Program. In Worcester, Mass., we present a Memorial Day Program; and it would not be advisable to elect Camp Officers at the time specified in that resolution.

National Secretary Lambert: I am in sympathy with what California is trying to accomplish, and I think we must recognize that if any Department has such problems, the answer should be found. However, might I suggest that you bear this in mind — to look at it from the standpoint of our Auxiliary, and take them into consideration in taking your action. We tell them how much we appreciate them and it is true that we couldn't get very far without them, so let us consider them now. They coincide with our Camp elections and installations; and they make a big affair out of installation. They are, of course, going to ask us what is to be done in the different Departments and perhaps it will not work out to great advantage for them. Keep that in mind, please. I am for the change, but I don't think we are tackling the problem properly.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: We have two propos-

tions here — one on the change of the date for election of Camp Officers, and the other an amendment to the Constitution & Regulations. I move that this subject be re-referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations, and that the operation of the Section, "Election of Camp Officers" be suspended, until after the next Encampment. In that way, it can be tried to see if it will work. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like very much to end this discussion and, as presiding officer, am of the opinion that this would not be at all acceptable to some of our Departments. I, therefore, suggest that if Brother Stoudt will withdraw his motion, we can act upon the Council of Administration being given authorization to make exceptions for individual Departments. I think that will be better than suspending any section of the regulations; and the matter will be left to the Council to decide. I think the Committee has something to present on this matter. (Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt withdrew his motion). (Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer withdrew his motion).

Chairman Moran: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee presents the following:

Add sub-section (b) to Section 1, Chapter II, Article III, page 23 of the Regulations:

(b) The Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.

I move the adoption of this new sub-section in the Regulations. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California & Pacific, and carried).

(22) From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report — Chapter V, Article VII, General Regulations, Page 57 — change to read, "Roberts rules of Order shall govern the meeting of our Order and its elements except as in the ritual and herein otherwise provided."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this change. (Adopted).

Chairman Moran: Your Committee has one other matter to be submitted, and we will present it tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Moran. Are there any other Committees ready to report now?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: The Committee on Resolutions submits the following:

(20) From the Department of Indiana — That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War go on record as favoring a joint Encampment or reunion between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Confederacy, the said reunion to take place at the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Your Committee is heartily in favor of such a meeting, but would recommend the insertion of the words, "if practical" so that it would read — "to take place, if practical, at the Gettysburg Battlefield." (Adopted).

(21) From the Department of Michigan — That Thomas Irwin

Starr of Detroit, Michigan, be granted Honorary Associate Membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for his outstanding contribution to this organization in his assistance in organizing Camps No. 4 and 5 at Detroit, Michigan.

Your Committee recommends that Honorary Associate Membership be granted to Thomas Irwin Starr. (Adopted).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: There is still one Resolution to be presented to the Encampment, which is the Resolution of thanks. With your permission, we will complete it and present it at the session tomorrow morning.

PRESENTATION OF HARRISBURG FIFE & DRUM CORPS

The Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps, under the direction of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle then came into the Encampment and played several musical numbers, after which they retired.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the sum of \$200.00 be allocated, from the G.A.R. fund, for the G.A.R. Highway Committee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: This is the fifteenth year we have had the benefit of the thorough, efficient and loyal service of our fine stenographer, Mrs. Berhalter.

I think it is quite outstanding that a girl will give of her time and effort, year after year, in the work of our organization; and I think it only fair and right that we include, in the record, our appreciation and commendation to her for her splendid work with us during these past fifteen years.

National Counselor Locke: I would like to second that motion, and would suggest that we make it unanimous, by a rising vote of thanks to her. (Motion carried, and rising vote of thanks given by the Encampment, with applause to Mrs. Berhalter; after which she extended her thanks to the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: You will recall that, in my report as National Patriotic Instructor, I do not have any recommendations; and I stated in that report that I would present them from the floor. It is my humble opinion that Form 61, consolidation of Camp Patriotic Instructor's reports, should be eliminated or at least revised and drastically reduced. It is quite unnecessary, and is of no value, in my estimation. I did not recommend it in my report so that we might discuss it, and then take action on it.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I don't think that the Encampment can designate a new form. I suggest that your recommendation, together with your material in connection with it, be referred to the incoming Council of Administration to do whatever they can on your proposed change.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I don't see the need of the report at all, so there is nothing to submit.

National Secretary Lambert: You are now talking about Form 61 — do you not want to include Form 60? Form 60 is the Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report; Form 61, the Department, consolidation of Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that the use of Form 60, Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report; and Form 61, Department

Consolidation of Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports be discontinued. If the incoming administration thinks it is necessary to have such reports, they are to be submitted to the Council of Administration for consideration, and adoption at the next Encampment. (Seconded by Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York, and with consent of movers of previous motion, this amendment carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 25, 1955 9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The first thing I would like you to take into consideration this morning is somewhat of an innovation, tried this year at the suggestion of Mrs. Bessie Smith, National President of the Daughters — that at this Encampment there would be presented to each of the organizations, one or more resolutions, on subjects of national importance; so that all five organizations might adopt it as our stand on national issues which we think might have some value and, at least, would be recognized as the opinion of a group of people interested in the Civil War. We felt that if the five, or even three or four of our organizations should unanimously adopt these resolutions, it would be worthwhile and would be given some recognition by the press; whereas if each one adopted a different set, they would not even be published. Brother Locke has been our representative at the meetings, held with the other organizations, and he will now report on the resolution which they recommend.

National Counselor Locke: I wish to present the following statement of policy on national issues:

"The Grand Army of the Republic served the nation in a dual capacity — first, in saving the union; and second, in building and developing the greatest nation in the world.

As one of the organizations forming the Grand Army of the Republic family, and for the purpose of advising all Americans of our stand on national issues, we submit, briefly, the attitude of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon the vital questions of the day:

(A) We are emphatically in favor of the principles of the so-called "Bricker Amendment."

(B) We congratulate the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, and its operatives; and express our appreciation of their services.

(C) We are in favor of a reduction in foreign aid.

(D) We are in complete accord with, and express our appreciation of the work of the Hoover Commission.

(E) We are unalterably opposed to the recognition by the United Nations, of the government of "Red China."

(F) We whole-heartedly support the McCarren-Walter Act, and are opposed to any softening of its provisions.

(G) We appreciate the fact that the Sons of Confederate Veterans hold to substantially the same principles as our organization and look forward, with pleasure, to closer association with them in helping to promote closer co-operation in a common cause.

(H) We hope for better results from the United Nations in seeking world peace."

National Counselor Locke: I move the adoption of this statement of policy. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried. The same resolution was later adopted by our Auxiliary and the three other organizations simultaneously in session).

REPORT OF 1956 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, as Acting Chairman on the Time and Place Committee, I would like to present our report:

Your Committee on Time and Place beg to make the following recommendation —

That the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania;

Provided, however, that if all the Allied Organizations indicate, within thirty days, their desire to meet with us, that the meeting be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — where proper and sufficient hotel accommodations are available.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY J. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN, Iowa,
H. S. RAINWATER, California & Pacific,
W. EARL CORBIN, Ohio
1956 Encampment City Committee.

Department Commander Rainwater: I would like to say that this is the identical report that we presented before. There is no other report to be made, as far as we are concerned, and it is now in your hands. We feel that this would take care of the situation if only the Sons and Auxiliary, or even one more of the organizations met with us next year; and it also takes care of what is to be done if all five organizations meet together.

The Ladies of the G.A.R. have unanimously voted to go with us next year — the other two organizations have not as yet decided and are meeting again today. We have tried to work it out so that we might have co-ordinated action on the part of all the organizations; it may still work out that way. However, Commander-in-Chief, we still feel that this report takes care of anything which may happen.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: If there is no objection, I would like to postpone action on this report until later in the morning, in order to find out what the other organizations have done.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I feel there is no reason for delaying our action. The recommendation of the Committee is quite clear — if the five Orders meet together, it will be in Pittsburgh; if only the Sons and Auxiliary, it will be in Harrisburg. The matter is correctly handled and completely covered; and I move the adoption of the report of the Committee. (Seconded by National Personal Aide Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Are there any Committees which are now ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present a supplemental report.

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS.**

Your Committee has considered the matter of Life memberships, as referred to in the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report; and wish to present the following:

(23) Add new Section — Chapter III, Article II, Section 5: Life Memberships are hereby established, by the payment of \$100.00 to the National Treasurer, which shall be deposited in the Permanent Fund of the Order. The annual interest thereon shall be paid by the National Treasurer, to the member's Camp, during his natural life, in lieu of his dues.

Your Committee recommends adoption of this new section.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. E. MORAN, Chairman, Mass.
WM. M. COFFIN, Ohio
RICHARD F. LOCKE, Illinois
MILO C. NEWER, SR., Michigan
RUSSELL H. BOGERT, New Jersey
Committee on Constitution & Regulations

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: You are establishing Life Membership, the payment for which goes to a National fund. The Treasurer of the Camp would collect \$100.00, submit it to the Department, and the Department would submit it to National. Would the Camp collect enough per man to cover its operating expenses?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Interest on the money in the Permanent Fund will be paid to the Camp in lieu of the member's dues.

Department Commander William C. Jones, Pennsylvania: For what length of time would the interest be paid?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: During a man's natural life. It happens, at the present time, that the interest on \$1.00 is just about \$5.00 and, therefore, would cover the Camp dues.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee, with the recommendation just presented. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, I should like to read a communication to the Encampment at this time — (read letter from Long Beach, California extending invitation for the Encampment to meet in Long Beach in 1957).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Rainwater. It will become part of the record.

I think Brother Colwell has a motion which he wants to make at this time.

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that we send to our National Chaplain Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, a letter of condolence on his illness, which prevented him from being with us this year. (Seconded by Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: You will all recall that Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald has been seriously ill; and I move that the National Secretary be instructed to send him a letter of condolence and good wishes for a speedy recovery. (Seconded by Past Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: If you will recall, I told you last year that Runkle's 1950 Club would present a plaque to the Department showing the most activity during the year. Nothing was submitted to us. We have discussed the activity and, although nothing was submitted, award the plaque for outstanding activity for the year 1954-1955 to the Department of Pennsylvania, for their Scotland School Project.

I do not have the plaque here, but will see that you get it. I would also like to announce that the award will be made again next year, and we would like to see some competition for it.

AWARD OF MEMBERSHIP BANNER

Commander-in-Chief Grant: At this time, I will award the Membership Banner.

Last year, Michigan was awarded this Banner for the largest increase in membership. This year, the Banner is awarded to the Department of Rhode Island, with a gain of six (6) members. (Commander-in-Chief presented Banner to Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island, who accepted it on behalf of his Department).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: There is one more dropped-stitch to be picked up. In Duluth, a Committee was appointed and Brother Dewey Mead was made Chairman; the purpose of this Committee was to establish some sort of memorial in Duluth to Comrade Woolson. At the same time, it was decided that we would try to get a 50c piece especially minted, with the head of Comrade Woolson on it with permission, if possible, to sell that 50c piece at an increased charge, in order to bring a certain amount of revenue into the National treasury. Is Brother Mead prepared to report for that Committee?

Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, the bust of Comrade Woolson was placed in the City Hall by the Auxiliary.

As far as the 50c piece is concerned, we fell down on the job. The other two members of the Committee and myself had all kinds of irons in the fire, and nothing was done by the Committee on that matter.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We did take up with Mr. Keating the matter of getting legislation for the coin, with the following results:

(1) Getting authority to have the 50c piece minted is not a matter of legislation. At the present time, it is left to the Treasury Department; and it is my understanding that they will not mint a coin with a personal effigy on it for a living person, and the matter must be taken up when Comrade Woolson answers the last roll call.

(2) The matter of our being authorized to sell it, at an increased price, does take legislation. If we get the first step accomplished when Comrade Woolson passes on, it will be necessary to get legislation to authorize us to sell it at an increased price; and Mr. Keating is ready to introduce that bill at that time.

I will check up on that a little later in the season, but this is simply one of the things that will have to be done at the appropriate time. I think that pretty much covers the things I have in mind on that matter.

In addition to the persons who have already been indicated, Certificates of Merit have been issued to:

(1) Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt for his work in connection with the dedication of the Memorial Arch at Scotland School for Veterans Children.

(2) Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. Coffin, for his splendid and difficult work in connection with our Encampment arrangements.

I have been praised, quite unduly, about getting through the legislation for our Federal Charter. That was a team-work job, in which many of our members took part. I think Past Commander-in-Chief Locke has been urging that legislation for quite some time, had been organizing incorporators for a number of years, and has done much work on it. Brother Colwell was instrumental in getting Mr. Keating to introduce the bill when the time came to present it. Colonel Bauer made the first draft, obtained the final list of incorporators and also did a great deal of work in this matter at the time of presentation of the bill; many other members of the Order did their part too.

When it was found certain members of the House might oppose it, an appeal was made to Sons in their States; I do not know just who did what except that P.D.C. Rothschild wrote many letters and undoubtedly helped to remove any opposition by Mr. Cellers, and P.C. in C. Coffin wrote effectively to some doubtful Congressmen from Ohio.

I want to express gratitude and thanks to all who joined in the work of putting over that bill, and carrying it through to a successful conclusion.

National Counselor Locke: You have heard, in the report of the Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee, mention of Route 20, the General U. S. Grant Highway in Illinois. If we are able to do a little something in connection with our Order, we are always glad to do it; and I am very happy that we were successful in getting this highway named the General U. S. Grant Highway in Illinois. All that I have to say in connection with it is this — I think that all Departments, through which Route U.S. 20 runs, should be requested to take action, as speedily as possible, to get the same designation so that we can have this highway so named, from coast to coast. Probably nothing can be done until after the beginning of the year when the general legislatures are in session; but I, personally, think this highway should be under the supervision of the G.A.R. Highway Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Locke, for your work in connection with that project. I think yours is a very good suggestion; but I believe it is a matter to be taken care of by my successor.

National Counselor Locke: I think the Encampment should take action on this now. I will move that the incoming G.A.R. Highway Committee be directed to take over supervision of the General U. S. Grant Highway, to the same extent as the G.A.R. Memorial Highway. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, I have a final report of the Committee on Resolutions:

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following Resolution:

(22) The 74th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expresses its thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations for their courtesy and help in making of our Encampment the outstanding success it has been:

To: His Excellency, Frank J. Lausche, Governor of Ohio.

His Honor, Carl W. Rich, Mayor of Cincinnati,
Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, and each of the members of his Committee on Arrangements.

Mrs. Annamae Berhalter, for her efficient and courteous services as Encampment Stenographer to this, and past Encampments, The Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau and its Executive Vice President, J. S. Turner,
The Cincinnati Press for their full coverage of our Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WALLER LEWIS, JR., Chairman, Rhode Island
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER, Massachusetts,
HOMER L. YOUNG, Iowa,
HENRY TOWLE, Maine
Committee on Resolutions.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I move the adoption of the resolution, as presented. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Credential Committee ready with its final report?

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT

Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine: The Credential Committee presents a final report:
Number of Members enrolled, 121, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	13
Past Department Commanders	44
Past Department Commanders (Registered, not present)	1
Department Commanders	12
Department Commanders (Registered, not present)	1
Delegates	50
Total	121

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. DeHAVEN, Chairman, Maine,
MILLARD F. BROWN, Massachusetts,
LAURENCE K. BOUTIN, Iowa,
CHAS. H. BOURNSTYNE, Illinois
Credential Committee.

(Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Towle, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I will now discharge all Committees who served during this Encampment, with sincere thanks for a job well done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the activities of this Encampment, as recorded and transcribed by the Encampment stenographer, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, be the official proceedings

of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we proceed to nomination and election of officers. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania, and carried).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called California & Pacific. Department Commander H. S. Rainwater yielded to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this Encampment, Massachusetts has a candidate for Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

The Brother whose name it is my pleasure to place before you is well known to every member of the Commandery-in-Chief, a man who has been a member of our Order for almost fifty years, a man who has served his Country in the Military Service — in the regular Army, and the organized Reserves, a man who has done fine work for our organization and one who has saved the Massachusetts Department a great deal of money in legal fees.

You all have witnessed his ability as an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief; and Massachusetts believes he is a man who will make a worthy successor to our present Commander-in-Chief, who has done such excellent and vital work for our organization.

By instruction of the Massachusetts Department, at our Encampment, it is my pleasure to nominate for the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization, Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Maine; Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, Ohio; Department Commander Milo C. Newer Sr., Michigan; Past Department Commander Charles L. Messer, New York; Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island and Department Commander Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: There being but one nomination, the National Secretary will cast the ballot of the Encampment; and a motion to do so is in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I move you that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Colonel Bauer as Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

(National Secretary cast 121 votes for Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer for Commander-in-Chief).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Department Commander H. S. Rainwater passed, with the right to have the floor later. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota passed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: We have just cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for a Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief must have, as an associate officer, a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who is capable of rendering the assistance needed by the leader of our organization — one who will be a credit to the office and to this organization.

I wish to name a representative of the Department of New York — one who has served most acceptably as Commander of his Camp, as Commander of the Department of New York, one who has held various other offices in our organization, and one who has been loyal and efficient in all of his work. I believe, in all sincerity, that he will be a worthy and capable assistant to our new Commander-in-Chief.

Therefore, without prolonging the address, I name as a candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, my good friend and Brother, Fred E. Howe, Past Department Commander of New York.

Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California & Pacific: With great pleasure, California seconds the nomination of Brother Howe.

(It was also seconded by Department Commander W. Earl Corbin, Ohio; Department Commander William C. Jones, Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island; and Department Commander Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that the National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment for Fred E. Howe, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts, and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll, when Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan and New Jersey passed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; there has long been a precedent in our Order that the entertaining Department should have a representative in the Commandery-in-Chief — that of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

We have a worthy Brother whom some of the members felt should, perhaps, be a candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. However, in accordance with our established precedent, we are happy to present him for this office.

The Brother whose name I shall place in nomination was elected a year ago, and more, as our Department Commander. With the turn of events at our Duluth Encampment, when we voted to meet this year in Ohio, he was confronted with a situation which he had not anticipated. He has risen to the occasion and has done a true job, as was evident at our opening session on Monday, and throughout this Encampment.

Because of what he has done, the Ohio Department re-elected him as Department Commander this last June. On the basis of the work he had done, and would do, we felt it wiser to "change horses in the middle of the stream." We feel that he has done much for our Order, and will continue to do great things for the Sons of Union

Veterans; and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present the name of W. Earl Corbin for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(The nomination was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle; and Department Commander A. Waffler Lewis, Rhode Island).

Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania: I move that the ballot of the Encampment be cast by the National Secretary for W. Earl Corbin. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut, and carried).

The National Secretary cast 121 votes for W. Earl Corbin for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Member — Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

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

The National Secretary called the roll, when California & Pacific, Illinois and Indiana passed.

Past Department Commander Laurence K. Boutin, Iowa: Iowa is very fortunate in that it grows something besides tall corn — we, too, grow men in Iowa; big men — not only in stature, but also in deeds.

One of the men in this room has proven to be of valuable service to the Sons of Union Veterans in the Department of Iowa, on National Committees, and in National Offices; and we feel this man has spoken for himself by his past deeds.

The Department of Iowa would like, very much, to present the name of Homer L. Young for Member of the Council of Administration for a two year term.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey; and Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie).

Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California & Pacific: I move that the National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment for Homer L. Young as a Member of the Council of Administration for two years. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts, and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Nominations are now open for National Secretary-Treasurer.

The National Secretary called the roll, when California & Pacific passed, and Department Commander Alva Reef, Indiana, gave way to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this is a most pleasant duty for me because it is such an easy one.

The man whom I am about to present to you is one whose qualifications have been evident to you for the past seven years; so instead of trying to sell him to you, with a long, eloquent speech, I simply want to tell you that this organization, at this point in our history, needs this man and the services of this man. This organization needs the services of Albert C. Lambert now, perhaps more than at any other time in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans.

I believe that I have been as close to Brother Lambert, in the seven

years that he has occupied this office, as anyone in the organization. Having come from the same Camp as Brother Hammer, who served this organization in that capacity for forty years, I feel I am in a fairly good position to judge the value of the service he has given you.

When I say to you that we are indeed fortunate that he has consented to retain this office for one year temporarily, if not for the five year period, I sincerely mean it. I am happy that he has re-considered; and it is with the greatest of pleasure that I present the name of Albert C. Lambert for National Secretary-Treasurer.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland; Past Department Commander Roy C. Call, Massachusetts; Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan; Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Russell Bogert, New Jersey; Past Department Commander Fred E. Howe, New York; Department Commander W. Earl Corbin, Ohio; and Department Commander Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that the unanimous ballot of the Encampment be cast for Albert C. Lambert for National Secretary-Treasurer. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

National Secretary cast 121 ballots for Albert C. Lambert for National Secretary-Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Are there any other nominations? Those of you who have been elected to your respective offices—do you accept? (Each replied in the affirmative).

If there is no other business to come before the Encampment, we will now declare a recess until 1:30 p. m., to meet for a Joint Installation of Officers with the Auxiliary in the Hall of Mirrors.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

August 25, 1955 — 1:45 P. M.

This was a special joint session with our Auxiliary for the purpose of Installation of Officers; with Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman as Installing Officer, and Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York as Installing Guide.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer read the following list of appointments:

National Patriotic Instructor—held in abeyance.

National Chaplain—Rev. George Hibbard Driver, S. T. M. Massachusetts.

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

National Chief of Staff—John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania.

National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut.

Personal Aides: Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota, Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts.

Committee Chairmen: G. A. R. Highway—held in abeyance, for the present. 1956 Encampment—John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania, Legislative—Fred E. Colwell, New York, Americanism—A. Waller Lewis, Rhode Island. Revision of Constitution and Regulations—Charles H. E. Moran, Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers, (complicated with) and Commander-in-Chief—Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Massachusetts; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Fred E. Howe, New York; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—W. Earl Corbin, Ohio; Council of Administration—U. S. Grant, 3rd., Major-General, U.S.A., Ret., Maryland: (1 yr.); Wallace W. Scott, California; (1 yr.); Homer L. Young, Iowa: (2 yrs.); National Secretary-Treasurer — Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey, (5 yrs.); National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois; National Chief of Staff—John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania; Personal Aides—Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota, Howard E. W. ite, Massachusetts, were installed in Ritualistic form.

Fast Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief Bauer, it is my honor and pleasure to pin upon you this emblem, after my term of office for two years, the badge of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and I say to you, sincerely, that I am very happy to be succeeded by you.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: General Grant, and Brothers; this society has degenerated itself two degrees by electing me, a Colonel, in the place of a Major-General. I sincerely hope it will not be a demotion, because my administration will try to follow in your footsteps.

No one could have conferred greater honor upon me than you, in pinning this badge on me; and I thank you for it. I appreciate your electing me to this office, and shall try to measure up to my illustrious predecessor.

Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman for the honor in having had you install me, and our staff of Officers. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have you officiate as the Installing Officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I shall retain this moment in my memory, as long as I live.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief, may I have the floor for a moment?

General Grant, a year ago it was a great pleasure for me to present to you the gold cross of a Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization, and now I have another privilege.

You have been a Past Commander-in-Chief for a year, and you have been an active Commander-in-Chief for two years. It is the usual custom to present something, in appreciation of his services, to the retiring Commander-in-Chief. Ordinarily, it is the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief, but you already have one of those. Conforming to your wish in the presentation which I am about to make, it is my privilege to present something to you today—not so much for its intrinsic worth, but for its sentimental value. This is given to you from the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. We know how you feel about it, but it is yours and you are to do with it whatever you please.

This organization has been fortunate in having had you serve as our Commander-in-Chief for the past two years, and much has been accomplished during that time. I have, myself, been particularly fortunate in serving you during the last two years; I want to go on record now as saying that never have I been associated with anyone with whom it has been a greater pleasure or satisfaction to work with than you, General Grant. We know that although your term as Commander-in-Chief is over, you are not going to quit — you are going to keep on working, after a temporary vacation.

It is a privilege to present this gift to you, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief; and with it our very best wishes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Locke. I certainly shall continue to work in the years to come for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and shall always remember you good people assembled here before me at this moment. I am deeply grateful for this present. I didn't expect it. I hoped that maybe you wouldn't go to the trouble of giving me one, in view of my having served two years, and I already had my Past Commander-in-Chief's badge.

However, I thank you and am deeply grateful to you. It is a check for \$100.00; I want to make the best investment of it I can, and the one that will do me the greatest honor. I want to turn this over to the National Secretary-Treasurer, and be the first life member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Turns check over to National Secretary Lambert, with applause by the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Before I turn the gavel over to the Auxiliary, we will sing one verse of the National Anthem.

(The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form)..

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of
the Seventy-Fourth Annual Encampment.

Approved with corrections indicated,
U. S. GRANT, 3rd.,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary

ANNAMAE D. BERHALTER
Official Stenographer.

REPRESENTATION

Champter 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, 1955 Membership	Delegates
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	418	9
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	69	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	423	9
Illinois	10	July, 1883	143	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	157	4
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	84	3
Kansas	9	June, 1883	74	2
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	462	10
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	92	3
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1399	29
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	285	7
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	85	3
New Hampshire	11	Aug., 1883	214	5
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	356	8
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	762	16
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	567	12
Oregon & Washington	22	June 8, 1923	107	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	1215	25
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	169	4
Vermont	12	Oct., 1883	264	6
Wisconsin	21	Sept., 1887	139	4
Camp 21, S. C.			16	1
Camp 4, Missouri			19	1
Camp 30, Missouri			6	1

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETINGS

August 21, 1955

The Council of Administration met at 2 p. m., Sunday, August 21, 1955 in the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

By authority of the Council, A. Waller Lewis, Jr., was appointed to serve on the Council of Administration as two members of the Council of Administration were absent. Other members of the Council present were as follows: Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd.; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic G. Bauer; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Homer L. Young; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; and Council of Administration Members Wallace W. Scott and A. Waller Lewis, Jr.

The following matters were considered by the Council, discussed in detail; and resulted in the following action: (1) A sub-committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Wallace W. Scott, Chairman; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic G. Bauer and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Homer L. Young was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Grant to:

(a) Analyze the C.P.A. audit presented by the National Secretary, as authorized by the Duluth Encampment, and report back to the Council of Administration.

(b) Prepare a budget for the coming year, taking into consideration the loss of income due to decrease in membership, and present it to the Encampment.

(2) The printing and editing of six (6) issues of The Banner for 1956, on the same basis as that of last year, was awarded to Past Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York.

(3) On the matter of printing of the reports of the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer prior to the National Encampment, action was taken that, in the future, advance publication of reports be limited to those portions of the reports of a statistical nature which they feel are of such importance that they should be in the hands of the membership when the reports are submitted to the National Encampment. The remainder of these reports will be read at the Encampment, the same as all other Officer's reports.

(4) Authorization was given the National Secretary-Treasurer and Commander-in-Chief to hold the printing of the proceedings of the Encampment down to essentials, thereby decreasing the cost of printing of the proceedings.

(5) Commander-in-Chief Grant presented his program for 1955-1956, in compliance with par. 9, Council of Administration, adopted at Duluth, and it was adopted as presented:

(a) Establish a strong Membership Committee, under the Chairmanship of a Vice Commander-in-Chief, to help weak Camps

and Departments build up their membership, and to seek out eligibles on the national level, especially life members.

(b) Put a National Officer to work looking up, through Departments and Camps, the status of G.A.R. property and meeting places; and organize all efforts in a co-ordinated program. Work with other G.A.R. affiliates as far as possible, whenever possible.

(c) Have the National Patriotic Instructor establish contact with other National Patriotic organizations and stimulate joint meetings on the Camp and Department level for discussion of questions of National import.

(d) See that advance notice appears in The Banner of holidays or anniversaries we are interested in celebrating.

(e) Have Chairman of Americanism Committee submit list of national questions for study and discussion, with brief summary of their possible "creeping socialism" or subversive effects, and publish in The Banner.

(f) Have Chairman of Legislative Committee report for publication numbers of bills in Congress of patriotic importance or vice versa.

(g) Continue check up on G.A.R. Memorial Highway; encourage Departments to get States to set aside and develop picnic areas to commemorate some prominent Civil War soldier or patriot, of their State, if appropriate.

(h) Have Camps and Departments look up any Sons of Confederate Veterans in their areas and invite them to their social functions.

(i) Send an appeal to selected old members for donations or bequests to the Permanent Fund, in memory of their Civil War progenitor or favorite veteran. Print a blank for such contribution or bequest in The Banner.

(6) Action was taken to give \$300.00, from the G.A.R. fund for a full scholarship to Lincoln University.

(7) Action was taken to send greetings and good wishes from the Encampment to Comrade Woolson, together with a check for \$100.00 for his personal use.

August 25, 1955

The Council of Administration met at 4 p. m., Thursday, August 25, 1955 in the Hotel Netherland Plaza, with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederick Gilbert Bauer; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; Council of Administration Members, U. S. Grant, 3rd., and Wallace W. Scott.

The following matters were taken into consideration by the Council, with these results:

(1) That Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd. be designated, for the ensuing year, as the agent for the corporation in Washington, D. C., in accordance with the terms of the Congressional Charter.

(2) That \$50.00 be given Past Department Commander Dewey Mead of Minnesota, for expenses incurred in connection with numerous trips made to visit Comrade Woolson, during the past administration.

(3) In reply to a letter from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War relative to returning to the rotation system for Conventions, they are to be advised of the action of this Encampment—that is, that the 1956 Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Penn., unless all live organizations meet together in which case the Encampment will be held in Pittsburgh, Penn.

(4) National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert was given authority to make preliminary contact with the hotel in Harrisburg on arrangements for the 1956 Encampment, in conjunction with the Encampment Committee Chairman in Harrisburg, Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

(5) In reply to a letter received from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, stating that they admit members of the Sons of Union Veterans to their meetings and asking for information on the status of associate members, action was taken to refer them to the portion of the 1954 Encampment proceedings, adopted at that time, relative to Associate Membership.

(6) Permission was granted by the Council, to the Department of California to hold their Camp elections, at a time fixed by the Department; and the same permission may be given to any other Department requesting it.

(7) It was voted that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to send \$100.00 on September 1, 1955 for the maintenance of G.A.R. Headquarters; and \$100.00 on March 1, 1956, providing Comrade Woolson is still living at that time.

(8) Wilfred Henry Winship of Syracuse, Kansas, was accepted as a Member at Large in the Commandery-in-Chief; at the request of his daughter, Mrs. Olive Winship Braun, Kansas City, Missouri.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Cincinnati, Ohio—August 21-25, 1955 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
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	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	4110 S. Tangerine Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	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	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	Cincinnati 9, Ohio 3755 Hyde Park Ave.,
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 S. 9th Phila. 48, Pa.
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	
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 P. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	New Hamp.	823 Union St., Manchester, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland 7, Me.
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave. Mt. Penn, 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	17 St. Louis Ave., Willamansett, Mass.
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg,
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hamp.	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Ore.
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st St., N. W.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		Washington 6, D. C.

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	
1953	Alfred Woolson	Minnesota	215 N. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.

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	1921	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	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
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
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
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