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**Seventy - ninth
Annual National Encampment**

**Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 21-25, 1960

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1959-1960



Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island

PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Council of Administration Meeting

August 21, 1960

The Council of Administration met at 1:30 P. M., Sunday, August 21, 1960 in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were present: Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; Council of Administration Members Earl F. Riggs and John H. Runkle, Past Commanders-in-Chief; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

These matters were considered by the Council; and resulted as follows:

(1) Commander-in-Chief Arnold appointed a sub-committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Council of Administration Member John H. Runkle and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer to examine the audit of the Certified Public Accountant, presented by the National Secretary-Treasurer; and to prepare a budget for the coming year—to be submitted to the Encampment on the final day of business, for action of the Encampment.

(2) On the matter of distribution of application blanks as a means of increasing the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—action was taken, after considerable discussion, that such forms be enclosed with The Banner; approximately 1500 copies—to be enclosed twice during the coming year; in the hope that an increase in membership will result from this distribution.

(3) With reference to the "Lincoln Leaflet" brochure, which describes the background, qualifications for membership and aims of the Sons of Union Veterans, action was taken that the National Secretary be instructed to send a supply of these pamphlets to the various Department Secretaries for free distribution; advising that they are available, in limited quantities, upon request.

(4) Relative to the report of the Committee appointed to study the "New Hampshire Plan" referring to the re-organization of the Order, and to "Collateral Descendants," and based on the report, as submitted by the Chairman of the Committee Chester S. Shriver, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania; the Council took action to table this matter.

(5) A discussion then followed about the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony as to having a Color Guard, and the National Colors of the Sons of Union Veterans at that observance. This resulted in action by the Council that Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle contact Mr. George L. Cashman, Curator of the Tomb; arranging to have the Colors and four (4) men, in blue uniform, present—and that the cost of shipment of uniforms and National colors be paid by the National organization.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

Ballroom — Abraham Lincoln Hotel

Sunday, August 21, 1960 — 3:30 P. M.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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Piano Prelude "Beautiful Garden of Prayer"
by J. H. Fillmore

Color Bearer Escorts—

Lillian Messer, P.D.P., Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
Marion Werner, P.D.P., Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
Esther Hann, Delegate, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Lucille Frisz, D.P., Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Processional Hymn "Melody in F" by Rubenstein

Altar Ceremony

Invocation Lilla M. Mower
National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Scripture Reading Florence R. Parsons
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Vocal Selection Members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church Choir
Jerome Singleton, Director

IN MEMORIAM—THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Harold E. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans

Beatrice S. Riggs, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Edna S. Lindsey, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Tributes to the Memory of:

Past Commander-in-Chief Rev. Frank C. Huston—
by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke

Past National President Jean B. Thompson, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans—
by Past National President Edith B. Nile

Past National President Nellie D. Howe, Ladies of the G.A.R.—
by Past National President Theo McCallum

Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans—
by Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe

Deceased National Officers of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union
Veterans—
by Past National President Katharine Joyce

Deceased Officers and Members of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union
Veterans—
by Past National President Mary Stapleton

Deceased Officers and Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army
of the Republic—
by Past National President Frances M. Kuhns

Deceased National Officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of
the Republic—
by Past National President Harriet Eaton Hughes

Floral Tributes placed by Department Commanders and Presidents
Piano Accompaniment "In the Garden"

Vocal Selection Members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church Choir
Jerome Singleton, Director

Benediction Spencer Leonard
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Vocal selection during closing of Bible "Beyond the Sunset"
by National Soloist, Mary Ellen Noonan, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Recessional Hymn "Traumerei" by R. Schumann
Program Pianist Jessie Mae Meyer
National Pianist, Ladies of the G.A.R.

ALLIED ORDERS OF THE IMMORTAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Centennial Auditorium — Springfield, Illinois

Sunday, August 21, 1960 — 8:00 P. M.

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| Band Concert | 33rd Infantry Division Band Illinois Army National Guard CWO James H. Krohe, Bandleader | |
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| Call to Order | Charles A. Brady, Jr. Commander, Illinois Department, S.U.V.C.W. General Chairman, Encampment Committee | |
| Posting of Colors | Illinois National Guard | |
| | Massing of Colors by Units of Springfield Inter-Veterans Council | |
| Invocation | Rev. Carl F. Hass Associate Pastor, First Methodist Church | |
| National Anthem | | Assembly |
| Pledge of Allegiance | | Assembly |
| | Led by Chester S. Shriver, National Patriotic Instructor, S.U.V.C.W. | |
| Greetings | Hon. Lester E. Collins Mayor of Springfield | |
| Welcome | Hon. William G. Stratton Governor of Illinois | |
| | Greetings from Other State and City Officials, Allied Orders, Veterans and Patriotic Groups | |
| Response to Greetings | Harold E. Arnold Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War | |
| G.A.R. Poem | Frances M. Kuhns Past National President, Ladies of G.A.R. | |
| | Choral Selections by Springfield Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. | |
| Remarks | James T. Hix Member of Staff, Lincoln College | |
| Address | Harlington Wood, Jr. U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois | |
| Letter of Regrets | Hon. Everett M. Dirksen U. S. Senator from Illinois | |
| Solo | Mary Ellen Noonan National Soloist, Ladies of the G.A.R. | |
| Tribute to Grand Army of the Republic | Charles M. Thompson Dean Emeritus, College of Commerce, University of Illinois | |
| "America" | | Assembly |
| Retiring of Colors | Illinois National Guard | |
| Benediction | Rev. Hass | |
| | Sounding of Taps | |

Program Honoring

MAJOR B. F. STEPHENSON

Founder, Grand Army of the Republic

Rose Hill Cemetery — Petersburg, Illinois

Wednesday, August 24, 1960

J. Colby Beekman, Presiding

Invocation Rev. Hayward McCollough

Placing of Wreaths

Song—"Illinois" Mr. Jerome O. Singleton, Springfield

Introduction of Charles A. Brady, Jr.
Department Commander, Illinois
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Introduction of Harold E. Arnold
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

Song "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Mr. Jerome O. Singleton

Salute by the Color Guard
Kirby-Watkins Post 198, American Legion, Petersburg, Illinois

Taps

Benediction Rev. Joe Driskill

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 22, 1960 — 10:00 A. M.

The Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, under the direction of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons, and Flora D. Bates of the Auxiliary.

The National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary escorted the Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of Springfield, Illinois to the platform.

The Colors escorted the National Aides, each carrying orange tree branches, complete with oranges—carrying out the California theme, in honor of the National President of the Auxiliary, Beatrice S. Riggs. With these, the Aides formed an arch of honor, through which the guests were then escorted.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, Harold E. Arnold was escorted in by National Personal Aide, Allen B. Howland; and National President of the Auxiliary Beatrice S. Riggs was escorted in by National Personal Aide Bessie Woerner; and they were presented.

The National Officers of both the Sons and Auxiliary were brought in, and introduced; as were the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons, with nine (9) present; and the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, with fourteen (14) present.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: We are indeed grateful to Mayor Collins for taking time, from a busy schedule, to come to us this morning. He did not have the time to go to each organization individually, but will present his greetings to you collectively. Therefore, I am pleased to introduce to you Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of Springfield.

Mayor Collins: Good Morning; and it is a pleasure for me to come over to see you this morning.

Last night you had quite a fine meeting, which I attended; and which I found to be a most enjoyable and interesting evening.

I came over for several purposes this morning—first, to welcome you to the city of Springfield and trust that you will have an enjoyable time while in our city; second, to extend greetings, on behalf of the city; third, to thank you for coming; and to express the hope that you will come back again in the future.

I came also to present keys to our city. Commander-in-Chief Arnold this key fits the locks in our city jail, but I hope that you will not have occasion to use it. Mrs. Riggs, I would like to present this key to the city to you; and we are indeed happy to have you with us, and hope that your Conventions will be most successful and enjoyable.

One other matter of importance. We ask you to obey our laws, and I am sure you will have no difficulty while here in Springfield. For those who are driving cars, we ask that you do not park in prohibited areas; be careful, and abide by posted traffic and parking regulations. However, in cases such as yours, it is the policy of the Springfield Police Department to look the other way on over-time parking. In regular meter parking areas, if you get a ticket for over-parking, give it to the Secretary of your Association and, if turned over to us, will cost you nothing. This only applies to regular parking areas—not prohibited areas.

May I repeat that we are glad you came to Springfield, we hope that you will have an enjoyable time here, and that you will come back again. Thank you very much.

A welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff Flora D. Bates, of the Auxiliary; after which she presented a corsage to National President Beatrice S. Riggs of the Auxiliary.

National President Beatrice S. Riggs: Thank you, Sister Flora for this wonderful opening ceremony. Nothing could have pleased me more than the orange branches and the oranges, which you used during presentation and introduction of the guests. I am very fond of them, as are most people from California and was so pleased that you used it in the theme for this ceremony; and you are to be highly complimented on it.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold, I wish to thank you sincerely for granting the privilege of having a joint opening. I think it is nice for us to begin our Conventions together; and I hope that we have not detained you—and that you will be able to get through with all your business in your Convention, in good time.

Thank you again, Sister Flora for this wonderful opening—I shall always remember it, with a great deal of pleasure.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: The Commander-in-Chief has a message which he will give you at a later session of the Auxiliary, when he pays his official visit to you in your Convention.

Now, we ask that the Sons be excused so that we might go to our meeting room in the Elks, to begin our business sessions.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters—Abraham Lincoln Hotel; Springfield, Illinois

Sessions—Lodge Hall "A," Elks Club

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 22, 1960 — 10:30 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: The Officers and Members of the Seventy-Ninth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I wish to make the following appointments:

Guide—Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts,
Color Bearer—Department Commander Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island,

Guard—Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts.

The Encampment was then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council of Administration Member and District of Columbia Agent, Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd (who arrived at the close of the afternoon session); National Graves Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest; and Personal Aide, George A. Strait.

The roll of Past Commanders-in-Chief was called, with ten present at this session.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: The following Committees are hereby appointed:

Credentials

Bertram Isaacs, Delegate, New York, Chairman
Robert E. Daniels, Past Department Commander, Connecticut
Roscoe C. Mathis, Past Department Commander, Illinois
Richard W. Pratt, Department Commander, New Jersey
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Resolutions

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland, Chairman
Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois
Frederic G. Bauer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts
Russell H. Bogert, Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Officers' Reports

William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman
Joseph S. Rippey, Past Department Commander, New York
William H. Quist, Delegate, Oregon & Washington
Roy L. Volstead, Department Commander, Indiana
Edward E. Biering, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin

Constitution and Regulations

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman
Frank Woerner, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific
Thomas A. Chadwick, Past Department Commander, Vermont,
John Gately, Department Commander, California & Pacific
Arthur L. Ballou, Department Commander, Vermont

Ritual and Ceremonies

Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman
Earl F. Riggs, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific
Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Department Commander, Massachusetts
Kenneth T. Wheeler, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire
William J. Johnson, Sr., Department Commander, Maryland

Restoration of Rank

Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire, Chairman
Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine
Dr. Karl Rothschild, Past Department Commander, New Jersey
Wallace J. Macomber, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
Charles P. Bradshaw, Department Commander, New York

Press

George L. Cashman, Delegate, Illinois, Chairman
Harold Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois

Fraternal Greetings

William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman, and
all Past Commanders-in-Chief

Encampment City—1962

John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman
Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: May we have a report from the
Credentials Committee?

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Creden-
tials Committee presents a preliminary report. At this time, we have
a total registration of 100.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Isaacs.

We are now ready for Reports of Officers. If the Senior Vice
Commander-in-Chief will advance to this station, I will read my report:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady assumed the office of Com-
mander-in-Chief; and Commander-in-Chief Arnold gave the following:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Coventry, R. I.
August 10, 1960

To the Officers and Members of the
79th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

Nearly a year ago in the city of Long Beach, California I stood before you after being elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief. I accepted this office fully realizing the personal sacrifice in time and money necessary if one hoped to contribute anything of a constructive and worthwhile nature to some disturbing conditions which existed within our organization. I assumed the office with no illusions as to spectacular results.

It was my desire and hope that in this report I could say the one serious problem in our organization had been cleared up, but am sorry to report that it still exists. However, I believe this situation looks much better at this time than it has in the past and that it will soon be stricken from the records of the organization as such.

I have had moments of pride in being your Commander-in-Chief, when I have stood on the battlefields where so many of our forefathers lost their lives for the freedom of our country; and when I have visited the halls where the men of the Grand Army of the Republic held meetings, and am proud of my heritage as a great grandson of those men.

Through the efforts and activities of some of our National Officers and members of various Departments, we have had a goodly amount of publicity throughout the country, and the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been spread through the nation.

A record of the visits which I have made have appeared in The Banner, from time to time, and I tried to the best of my ability to attend each and every affair when possible—whether it was Camp, Department or National function and have, on more than one occasion, attended two affairs in one evening.

Owing to the fact that many Department Encampments were held on the same dates it was impossible for me to attend them all. At those which I did attend, I was received royally and given every honor and courtesy due this office; and hope that the friendships I have made this past year in these Departments will continue for years to come. One has to travel to know the type of people we have in our organization, and our Allied Orders as well. The following are some of the more important affairs which I attended:

On November 21st, 1959, I was present at the Annual Dedication Day services at Gettysburg, along with the four National Presidents of our Allied family. On Sunday, we were taken on a special tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield by our National Patriotic Instructor. This was followed by a luncheon, and it gave each of us a chance to get acquainted and to discuss some of the problems and projects for our new year.

February 6th found me in Harrisburg, Pa. for the 75th anniversary of Camp 15, and their annual Lincoln Dinner-Dance. While there, I appointed John Stark of Camp 112, Gettysburg a special aide for securing five new members for that Camp.

The following night found me back in Providence for our annual Lincoln Day dinner, of which I was Chairman.

On February 12th I journeyed to Washington, D. C., as a guest of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and took part in the Lincoln

Day ceremonies at the Lincoln Monument, where I placed the Sons of Union Veterans' wreath. I was assisted by the Color Guard of the Reserves, in charge of Past Commander-in-Chief John Runkle; my Chief of Staff, Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt and National Patriotic Instructor Chester S. Shriver. After the ceremonies, we were their guest at the Army and Navy Club for luncheon, where we were joined by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.

On March 18th I drove to Keene, N. H. where I witnessed a class initiation of nine new members into our organization. The Keene Camp deserves special mention for the manner in which they carried out this work, and it was an evening well spent.

The month of April began with my own Department Encampment, and the Encampments of the several Allied organizations in Rhode Island—where I was in attendance at all affairs.

Attended the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Encampments in the next two weeks, and both were conducted in a real business-like manner.

In May, I attended the Connecticut Encampment, where I was made an Honorary Member of that Department, for which I am very thankful.

On May 29th drove to Gettysburg for the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery. This was one of the most impressive services I have attended in a good many years—especially when around the corner came a body of school children. I dare say nearly 1200 of them, each carrying a bouquet of flowers; and at the cemetery they scattered these flowers on the graves of the unknown soldiers buried there. It is when you see the future citizens of this great country of ours doing such things as this that you feel assured that America will still be in good hands in the future.

The month of June was soon upon me and I found myself faced with the problem of how to attend thirteen Department Encampments, some on the same dates, and others for just one day. I finally started out on my tour by first attending the New York Department Encampment in Binghamton, where I spent three days. I enjoyed myself very much, and it was nice to greet old friends of the past.

From there, I headed west and arrived in Madison, Wisconsin, where I was graciously received. I believe this Department is on the up-grade. While there, along with the Department Commander Dr. Sanbourn, I was the guest of Brother Smith, who took us on a tour of the Grand Army Memorial room in the State Capitol, the University of Wisconsin, and Camp Campbell, from which many of the men of Wisconsin left for duty in the Civil War. Many thanks to Brother Smith, and the Wisconsin Department for a most interesting visit.

I headed back east again to the city of Toledo, Ohio where I spent two days with the brothers there. While there met and thanked Brother Dorsey for the part he and the Ohio Drum Corps played at the funeral services of the last Civil War Veteran in Texas.

On to Asbury Park, New Jersey where I arrived a bit late, due to a misunderstanding in dates; and was with them about five hours. However, it was nice to meet my many friends of the New Jersey Department. Even though I had to miss their banquet on Friday evening, I was well represented by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer. After the session on Saturday, the newly installed Department Commander drove me over to Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Encampment. Again, thanks Commander Pratt—this was really appreciated.

At the Pennsylvania Encampment, I had a wonderful time and spent three days there.

On Wednesday, I left for Peoria, Illinois for the Illinois Encampment where I again met many old friends and made a few new ones. Had a very nice stay there and, on Sunday, through the kindness of Brother and Mrs. Bournstine, was invited to accompany them to drive Brother Locke to his home, and then they drove me to Chicago. We then had lunch, after which I boarded the train for home, arriving there at 5:30 P. M. Monday, a bit tired but well pleased with what I had seen and learned about the operations of the various Departments.

To those Encampments which I could not attend, I am sorry—but wish for their new Officers a year of success, and a greater membership in their year, in those Departments.

On July 4th I had the honor to be asked to give an address on the Civil War at Fitzwilliams, N. H., and wish to thank the members of the Keene Camp who turned out with me on that day.

Received and accepted an invitation to attend the 78th annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps in Minneapolis, Minnesota. On August 15th I attended the sessions and extended the greetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. On Monday evening attended their annual Memorial Banquet, after which many of the women told me how nice it was that the Sons were represented there.

I wish to thank all my Officers for their cooperation, and for their visits to Departments and Camps. I am deeply indebted to our National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert for the many considerations and thoughtfulness he has accorded me and the organization, for the benefit and wisdom and many favors he has extended to me. The services of our Secretary-Treasurer should not be underestimated, nor under-valued.

I wish to thank my Encampment Committee for their untiring efforts to make this Encampment outstanding. To them I tender my gratitude and sincere appreciation.

To my National President, Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, her staff of Officers and to all Auxiliary members, I wish to thank this great group of women for their splendid and loyal support to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In almost every Camp and Department, the Auxiliary is our support—both morally and financially.

My associations with the National Presidents of our Allied orders have been exceedingly pleasant. Miss Josephine E. Parkhurst of the Woman's Relief Corps; Miss Bertha M. Robbins of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Mrs. Edna S. Lindsey of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been most gracious and kind to me.

The Committees which I appointed have done an excellent job this past year and I wish, at this time, to commend all Chairmen and members of their respective Committees. Their reports, which will be read later, will bear me out as to their accomplishments.

It is with sorrow that we record the passing of the last Veteran of the Civil War; also the passing of Brothers of our organization who have been active in the Commandery-in-Chief, Departments and Camps. They have served their God, their Country and their Organization well. Our tribute was given to them at our Memorial Service.

I have three recommendations to offer at this time, and they are as follows:

(1) That the Office of Commander-in-Chief be for a two (2) year term so that a more effective and constructive program can be carried out.

(2) That the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, or an increase of \$500.00.

(3) That a Committee of Military affairs shall be established to standardize all Reserve Organizations in the Commandery, both in uniform and operations.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as Commander-in-Chief. This I have tried to do so as to bring honor and credit to our organization. I shall treasure forever the many friends I have made, from Coast to Coast, and shall always be grateful for the many courtesies extended to me in the many Departments which I visited.

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

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
(Harold E. Arnold)
Commander-in-Chief.

(The applause of the Encampment followed the reading of the report.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I move you that all reports of Officers when submitted be referred without debate, or without form or motion, to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

(Report of Commander-in-Chief referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: In the absence of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, we will now have the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Albany, New York
August 20, 1960

To: Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold, and
Members of the 79th National Encampment,
Springfield, Illinois.

A year ago I was elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I was highly honored and appreciative to be included on your staff of officers.

The function of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is to plug the drive for membership, and this has been my first thought for the year. Everywhere I have been, I have stressed this most important item. I had set a goal of 1000 new members this year but, to date, have been unable to find out the increase in membership. Letters were sent to each of the separate Department Junior Vice Commanders and, as yet, have received no response from any of them. As you know, I offered a prize to the Department receiving the most members; and also a prize for the individual member bringing in the most members—to date, no report.

My visitations were as follows:

Attended the Reception of the Commander-in-Chief, by his own Department.

At the following, I was honored to represent the Commander-in-Chief and extend his greetings:

District Meeting of Greater New York; also the Installation of Officers, held in the 7th Regiment Armory, New York City.

Attended Lincoln Dinners in Rochester and Buffalo.

Class initiation of Camp in Utica, New York.

Past President's Reception of greater New York.

Grant Birthday Celebration at Mt. McGregor. I am sorry to say that Mt. McGregor is no longer a rest camp for Veterans, but the Northern New York Club will continue to hold services at Grant's Cottage.

Attended New Jersey Convention at Asbury Park; and the Vermont Convention at Brattleboro, Vt.

Attended Regional Meeting of the New England States at the Weirs, New Hampshire.

Presented the Saber, given by the New York Department, at the Merchant Marine Academy at Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for all the kindness and courtesies that have been shown to me by the members of our Organization at the many functions which I attended during the year. It has been greatly appreciated. Again, may I express my thanks.

Recommendation:

(1) That the Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief should be at the beck and call of any Department during the Centennial years, without cost to the National Organization.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Charles L. Messer)

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now hear the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

National Secretary Lambert:

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 13, 1960

To: Harold E. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief,
79th Annual National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

1. Once again it is my great privilege and pleasure to report to you on the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. The books, records, assets, etc., have been audited by the J. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960. Their audit and survey, and certified copies of their report have been furnished to the Council of Administration, and to the Congress of the United States. Attached to this report is a statistical condensation of their report.

2. Our loss in membership this year is negligible. The net loss for the year was 191, while several Departments showed a gain in membership. This is the lowest loss in recent years, and indicates that we have passed the crisis. Any increase in activity will result in an increase in membership. We have passed through an era comprehensible to the golden age of the Roman Empire, when gradually the life went out of the municipalities, and more and more of the municipal administration had to be taken over by the imperial authorities. In many cases, the life went out of Camps, but we now find that Camps are demonstrating the imagination and initiative needed to contribute greatly to the creation of a moral climate in this country that will accomplish outstanding benefits to the state and nation. Lincoln said, "let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us do our duty as we understand it."

3. We have made remarkable progress during the past few years in our financial condition. Our net worth continues to increase, in spite of a decrease in membership. The Permanent Fund has shown a healthy increase. This is made up of revenue from dividends, by donations to the Honor Roll Fund, by Life Membership Fees, by Member at Large fees, and by donations by loyal and interested members. It has increased during the past fiscal year by \$1,325.02 from the following sources:

| Permanent Fund Income | | Permanent Fund Expense | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Donations | \$20.00 | Interest on Life Member- | |
| Dividends | 1,065.02 | ships | \$55.00 |
| Honor Roll | 70.00 | | |
| Life Memberships | 200.00 | | |
| Member at Large fees .. | 25.00 | | |
| | \$1,380.02 | | |

4. Life Memberships have been purchased during the past year by Dr. Levi Snow of the California Department; and by Philip Conley of the California Department.

5. The following have made donations to the Permanent Fund during the past year by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll:

Harmon Hershey, New York
William M. Coffin, Ohio
Lester F. Stewart, Illinois
Raymond E. Siple, Penna.

S. Grove McClellan, New York
Earl J. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.
Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota

Additional donations to the fund were made by Ira Buxton of Massachusetts, and by Department of California & Pacific.

6. The fourth annual ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th in Springfield, Illinois was truly outstanding. We owe a debt of gratitude to Brothers George Cashman and Charles Brady and their committee for arranging and carrying out this fine program. As reported in The Banner, there were twenty-eight memorial wreaths presented, which were four more than the previous year. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held for the participants at the Leland Hotel. Again this year, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion cooperated with us, as we cooperated with them at the Lincoln Monument exercises, held in Washington, D. C. in February. To assure the continuance of the observance at Abraham Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, on the anniversary of the date of his death, I offer the following:

Recommendation—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the observance in 1961, said Committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership in advance of the event, to assure attendance.

7. The Banner has again been published at a modest cost to the Order. Every member should receive The Banner, and Camps are reminded of the desirability of adding the cost of The Banner to Camp dues so that every member will receive it. The non-attending member is the one that needs the Banner most, to keep informed of the activities of the Order.

8. Correspondence has been received and answered daily on a variety of questions. Quarterly report blanks have been furnished each quarter to each Department; a National Roster has been issued; Banner subscriptions have been recorded; the 1959 Proceedings have been edited and published; the investments of the Permanent Fund have been supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Adminis-

tration have been reported; a perpetual inventory of supplies has been kept; and orders for supplies have been filled; The Banner addressograph mailing list has been maintained and corrected.

9. It was my great pleasure to represent you on February 14th at the ceremony held at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. at which time General U. S. Grant, 3rd presented the Woolson Medal to Dr. Leonard Carmichael, the Secretary of the Institution. Dr. Carmichael has promised that the Medal will be on permanent display there.

10. On November 23, 1959, I was privileged to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Third Annual Remembrance Day ceremony held in Gettysburg, Pa. at the Albert Woolson Monument in Zieglers Grove. Commander-in-Chief Arnold, as well as the National Presidents of all of the Allied Orders were present, and the principal speaker was Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle.

11. The situation in Michigan remains confused. My report of last year disclosed that the Michigan Department was dissolved by order of then Commander-in-Chief Riggs on June 6, 1959. This report was approved, and after much discussion a recommendation was approved authorizing a special Department Encampment to be called by the incoming Commander-in-Chief. The bitterness, antagonism, and defiance of authority that exists has prevented this meeting being held.

The reason that the Department was dissolved was that many of the Camps refused to send reports and per capita tax to Department Headquarters. The Council of Administration then authorized such Camps to file their reports as Camps at Large, in order to save these Camps and members for the Order. Then, as now, our primary purpose is to hold every Camp and every member.

The following Camps have refused to abide by the rulings of the National Organization, and have continued to call themselves the Michigan Department. This defiance of authority indicates that it will be difficult to ever work with them.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Camp No. 1—Detroit | 24 Members |
| Camp No. 2—Detroit | 21 Members |
| Camp No. 3—Pt. Huron | 17 Members |
| Camp No. 5—Detroit | 33 Members |

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The per capita tax for these four Camps for five quarters, ending June 30, 1960 amounts to \$118.75. Payments received were \$54.50 on December 12, 1959; \$47.50 on April 19, 1960; which leaves a balance due as of June 30, 1960 in the amount of \$16.75.

The following Camps, which are in good standing as Camps at Large have indicated a desire to form a new Department, but wish to be independent of the original Department. In fact, I am holding a check in the amount of \$25.00 from this group which is the amount of the Charter Fee for a new Department.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Camp No. 4—Detroit | 9 Members |
| Camp No. 7—Jackson | 30 Members |
| Camp No. 8—Detroit | 11 Members |
| Camp No. 9—Pt. Huron | 32 Members |
| Camp No. 14—Gr. Rapids | 49 Members |
| Camp No. 22—Marshall | 17 Members |

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It seems to me that this Encampment must make a decision in this matter for the guidance of your National Officers during the coming year. We are besieged with petitions and proposals, which we do not have authority to decide upon. It is not a question now of who was right or who was wrong, but rather what can be done to have the matter settled.

Four alternatives seem to present themselves for consideration:

1. We can decide that the bitterness and antagonism that exists, and that has extended even into the Allied Orders is of such intensity that a reconciliation is impossible, and that all Camps in Michigan should be continued as Camps at Large.

2. We can decide to call a special meeting of the suspended Michigan Department, giving all Camps a thirty day notice, and then supervise the election and installation of officers.

3. We can decide to permit the organization of a new Michigan Department as now desired by the majority of the Camps. This would presumably exclude Camps 1, 2, 3, 5, however.

4. We can authorize two Michigan Departments, permitting the Camps to be affiliated with either Department that they desire. One could be the East Michigan Department, or Great Lakes Department, and the other the West Michigan Department.

It is certainly imperative to do something toward a solution to this awkward problem.

12. Are we worthy of the heritage left us by the group of brave men of the G.A.R. who, knowing that they placed all they possessed in peril, dedicated themselves to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

These men made possible what was and still is, the greatest nation on earth. In doing so, they hung in the balance their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. To what extent, if any, is there an appreciation of the debt Americans owe to them? When school children hoot and howl against an organization of men who have fought for their country (The American Legion), and are striving to preserve its principles and its security; when the flag is rarely displayed from homes on National Holidays; and when men are not sufficiently respectful to remove their hats when the flag passes by, there is a reason for anxiety.

It is the creation of this public consciousness that is our mission. Organizations such as ours are the basic forum where public opinion is forged and formed. Let us make this Order that we all love, one that we can be proud of.

13. To you, Commander-in-Chief Arnold, I extend my appreciation for your loyalty and devotion to duty. To you and my associate officers, I extend thanks for your courtesies and cooperation.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

(Albert C. Lambert)
National Secretary-Treasurer.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1959 to JUNE 30, 1960

| | General Fund | Nat'l Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund | Permanen t Fund |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| Balance July 1, 1959 | \$4,618.57 | 1,564.11 | 1,426.08 |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Per Capita Tax | 5,229.25 | | |
| Supplies | 1,056.40 | | |
| Banner Subscriptions | 1,169.80 | | |
| Registration Fee—1959 | 210.00 | | |
| Gift—Auxiliary | 500.00 | | |
| Congressional Record rebate | 5.30 | | |
| Nat'l Patr. Instr. 1958-1959 | | 610.67 | |
| Nat'l Patr. Instr. 1959-1960 | | 408.50 | |
| Donations | | | 20.00 |
| Dividend—Wellington Fund | | | 1,065.02 |
| Honor Roll | | | 70.00 |
| Life Memberships | | | 200.00 |
| Member-at-Large Fees | | | 25.00 |
| | \$8,170.75 | 1,019.17 | 1,380.02 |
| | 12,789.32 | 2,583.28 | 2,806.10 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|
| Supplies | 506.96 | | |
| The Banner | 2,100.00 | | |
| Commander-in-Chief | 1,000.00 | | |
| Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer | 1,200.00 | | |
| F. I. C. A. | 42.00 | | |
| Encampment Expense—1959 | 1,520.85 | | |
| Rent | 400.00 | | |
| P. C. in C. Badge | 140.80 | | |
| Proceedings—1959 | 675.00 | | |
| Office Exp.—Postage—Tel. & Express | 233.08 | | |
| C. P. A. Audit | 100.00 | | |
| Michigan Dep't Meeting—Oct. 1958 | 120.00 | | |
| Surety Bonds | 68.75 | | |
| Grave Marking Committee | | 25.00 | |
| Lincoln University Scholarship | | 225.00 | |
| American Coalition | | 25.00 | |
| Lincoln Monument Exp. 1958 & 1959 | | 109.50 | |
| Lincoln Tomb Expense | | 105.82 | |
| Cathedral of the Pines wreath | | 15.00 | |
| Gettysburg Remembrance Day wreath | | 10.40 | |
| Centennial Committee | | 34.00 | |
| G.A.R. Highway Committee | | 36.50 | |
| Civil War Facts pamphlets | | 273.00 | |
| Woolson Medal presentation | | 38.26 | |
| Interest on Life Memberships | | | 55.00 |
| Purchase of 100 shs. Wellington Fund | | | 1,603.00 |
| | \$8,107.44 | \$97.48 | 1,658.00 |
| Cash Balance July 1, 1960 | \$4,681.88 | 1,685.80 | 1,148.10 |

Permanent Fund

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Cash Balance June 30, 1960 | \$1,148.10 |
| 1133 shares Wellington Fund (Market value) \$15,918.65 | 14,753.68 |
| | <u>\$15,901.78</u> |

Comparative Balance Sheet

| CASH | June 30, 1960 | June 30, 1959 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,681.88 | 4,618.57 |
| Patr. Instr. G.A.R. Fund | 1,685.80 | 1,564.11 |
| Permanent Fund | 1,148.10 | 1,426.08 |
| PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS | 14,753.66 | 13,150.56 |
| INVENTORY AT COST | 2,347.52 | 2,558.42 |
| | <u>\$24,616.96</u> | <u>23,317.84</u> |

Stock and Supplies Account

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-59 \$2,558.42 | Received for supplies | \$1,056.40 |
| Cost of supplies purchased | Cost of supplies sold | 717.86 |
| | | <u>3,065.38</u> |
| Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-60 | Profit on supplies | \$338.54 |
| | | <u>2,347.52</u> |
| Cost of supplies sold | | \$717.86 |

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report

| | Camps | Members |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| In Good Standing June 30, 1959 | 326 | 5132 |
| GAIN | 6 | 334 |
| | <u>332</u> | <u>5466</u> |
| LOSS | 15 | 525 |
| In Good Standing June 30, 1960 | 317 | 4941 |

| Departments | NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1959-1960 | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|------------|-------------------------|
| | Good standing | | LOSS | | GAIN | | Good standing | | Associates | Delegate Representation |
| | June 30, 1959 | Camps Members | Camps Members | Camps Members | Camps Members | June 30, 1960 | Camps Members | | | |
| Calif. & Pacific | 13 | 270 | 12 | 40 | 13 | 242 | 10 | 6 | | |
| Colo. & Wyoming | 2 | 33 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 20 | .. | 2 | | |
| Connecticut | 18 | 290 | 13 | 58 | 17 | 245 | .. | 6 | | |
| Illinois | 13 | 139 | 5 | 17 | 12 | 127 | .. | 4 | | |
| Indiana | 5 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 81 | .. | 3 | | |
| Iowa | 6 | 74 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 70 | .. | 2 | | |
| Kansas | 6 | 55 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 43 | .. | 2 | | |
| Maine | 18 | 302 | 10 | 34 | 17 | 278 | 5 | 7 | | |
| Maryland | 5 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 57 | .. | 2 | | |
| Massachusetts | 58 | 906 | 30 | 116 | 54 | 820 | 20 | 17 | | |
| Minnesota | 5 | 59 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 60 | .. | 2 | | |
| New Hampshire | 11 | 161 | 7 | 17 | 10 | 151 | 5 | 4 | | |
| New Jersey | 15 | 268 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 260 | 8 | 6 | | |
| New York | 35 | 550 | 18 | 29 | 35 | 539 | .. | 12 | | |
| Ohio | 26 | 328 | 20 | 46 | 23 | 302 | .. | 7 | | |
| Oregon & Wash. | 3 | 78 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 71 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Pennsylvania | 49 | 887 | 65 | 65 | 49 | 887 | 10 | 19 | | |
| Rhode Island | 11 | 155 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 152 | .. | 4 | | |
| Vermont | 12 | 183 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 176 | 1 | 5 | | |
| Wisconsin | 5 | 64 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 63 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Camp 21, Beaufort, N. C. | 1 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 14 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo. | 1 | 14 | .. | .. | 1 | 14 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 30, Springfield, Mo. | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 1, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 24 | .. | 1 | 24 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 2, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 21 | .. | 1 | 21 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 3, Pt. Huron, Mich. | .. | .. | 17 | .. | 1 | 17 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 4, Detroit, Mich. | 1 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 5, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 33 | .. | 1 | 33 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 6, Detroit, Mich. | 1 | 31 | .. | 2 | 1 | 29 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 7, Jackson, Mich. | 1 | 11 | .. | .. | 1 | 11 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 8, Detroit, Mich. | 1 | 33 | .. | 1 | 1 | 32 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 9, Pt. Huron, Mich. | 1 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 3 | 1 | | |
| Camp 14, Gr. Rapids, Mich. | 1 | 17 | .. | .. | 1 | 17 | .. | 1 | | |
| Camp 22, Marshall, Mich. | 1 | 10 | 5 | .. | 1 | 15 | .. | 1 | | |
| Members-at-large | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 326 | 5132 | 6 | 334 | 15 | 4941 | 65 | 128 | | |

CAMPS GAINED: No. 22 Derby, Conn.; No. 1 Detroit, Mich.; No. 2 Detroit, Mich.; No. 5 Detroit, Mich.; No. 3 Port Huron, Mich.
 CAMPS LOST: Connecticut, Camp 25 Ansonia, Camp 26 Derby; Illinois, Camp 243 Rock Island; Kansas, Camp 16 Topeka;
 Maine, Camp 2 Auburn; Massachusetts, Camp 57 Easthampton, Camp 74 East Milton, Camp 97 No. Adams, Camp 133

(Applause of the Encampment followed this report, after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now have the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Shriver read the following:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Gettysburg, Penna.

August 15, 1960

To: Harold E. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
and Delegates to the 79th Annual Encampment.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Nearly one year ago, following the seventy-eighth Annual Encampment of our Order held in Long Beach, California, which I was unable to attend, you notified me of my appointment as Patriotic Instructor, and to serve on your staff for this year.

Conducting my efforts to this office, under your administration, has indeed proven itself educational and the experience gained is worthy of submitting this report. Through the cooperation of our membership's ideas, the submitting of Camp activity and the Department's interest and assistance, we have registered great advances in teaching and promoting patriotism. We are promoting the heritage of those who served in the greatest Army in defense for our United States, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Never before in the history of our United States, have so many publications been printed, or so many radio and television productions given relating to stories of the Civil War. The patriotic feeling of Americans is always high during periods of struggle and strife but today, within our Nation, there waves a flag of 50 stars which recalls how thankful we are that one hundred years ago, our fathers and grand-fathers returned to their homes and farms—to unite in a solid Democratic and Patriotic Government, praying for Peace on Earth—to all men.

We recall this, as today we near the beginning of the Centennial of the Civil War. The Grand Army of the Republic has passed on to Camp Eternal. As sons and grand-sons of those Veterans, we have proven ourselves worthy of our Congressional Charter—as a Patriotic Society.

Recognizing every Brother's assistance and interest, to his Camp and Department my sincere thanks for their cooperation, financially and physically, in planning and promoting many patriotic events; such as the observance of Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Appomattox Day, Flag Day and Dedication Day.

One of the most impressive parts of the duties of this office is receiving hundreds of communications from our membership, in general. The activity reports of Camps and Departments merit special recognition. These are the ones that are consolidated to be included in this annual report.

In reviewing these forms, as submitted and checked by an impartial Committee of three members, Pennsylvania Department is awarded the Certificate of Merit for the most complete and effective report. This award will be presented to Department Patriotic Instructor Ivan E. Frantz; with congratulations to Department Commander Edwin K. Kramer for his clear thinking in the appointment of Brother Frantz to Patriotic Instructor.

Commendable reports were received from Department Patriotic Instructor Ed Wittman of Iowa; Department Patriotic Instructor

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| Departments | Good standing June 30, 1959 | | GAIN | | LOSS | | Good standing June 30, 1960 | | Associates | Delegate Representation |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|
| | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | | |
| Calif. & Pacific | 13 | 270 | .. | 12 | .. | 40 | 13 | 242 | 10 | 6 |
| Colo. & Wyoming | 2 | 33 | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 2 | 26 | .. | 2 |
| Connecticut | 18 | 290 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 58 | 17 | 245 | .. | 6 |
| Illinois | 13 | 139 | .. | 5 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 127 | .. | 4 |
| Indiana | 5 | 80 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 24 | 5 | 81 | .. | 3 |
| Iowa | 6 | 74 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | 6 | 70 | .. | 2 |
| Kansas | 6 | 55 | .. | 1 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 43 | .. | 2 |
| Maine | 18 | 302 | .. | 10 | 1 | 34 | 17 | 278 | 5 | 7 |
| Maryland | 5 | 56 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 5 | 57 | .. | 2 |
| Massachusetts | 58 | 906 | .. | 30 | 4 | 116 | 54 | 820 | 20 | 17 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 59 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 5 | 60 | .. | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 11 | 161 | .. | 7 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 151 | 5 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 15 | 268 | .. | 3 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 260 | 8 | 6 |
| New York | 35 | 550 | .. | 18 | .. | 29 | 35 | 539 | .. | 12 |
| Ohio | 26 | 328 | .. | 20 | 3 | 46 | 23 | 302 | .. | 7 |
| Oregon & Wash. | 3 | 78 | .. | 5 | .. | 12 | 3 | 71 | 2 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 49 | 887 | .. | 65 | .. | 65 | 49 | 887 | 10 | 19 |
| Rhode Island | 11 | 155 | .. | 3 | .. | 6 | 11 | 152 | .. | 4 |
| Vermont | 12 | 183 | .. | 4 | .. | 11 | 12 | 176 | 1 | 5 |
| Wisconsin | 5 | 64 | .. | 3 | .. | 4 | 5 | 63 | 1 | 2 |
| Camp 21, Beaufort, N. C. | 1 | 16 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 14 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo. | 1 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 14 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 30, Springfield, Mo. | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 1, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 2, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 1 | 21 | .. | .. | 1 | 21 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 3, Pt. Huron, Mich. | .. | .. | 1 | 17 | .. | .. | 1 | 17 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 4, Detroit, Mich. | 1 | 9 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | 9 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 5, Detroit, Mich. | .. | .. | 1 | 33 | .. | .. | 1 | 33 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 7, Jackson, Mich. | 1 | 31 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 29 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 8, Detroit, Mich. | 1 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 11 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 9, Pt. Huron, Mich. | 1 | 33 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 32 | .. | 1 |
| Camp 14, Gr. Rapids, Mich. | 1 | 48 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 50 | 3 | 1 |
| Camp 22, Marshall, Mich. | 1 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 17 | .. | 1 |
| Members-at-large | 1 | 10 | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 15 | .. | 1 |
| Totals | 326 | 5132 | 6 | 334 | 15 | 525 | 317 | 4941 | 65 | 128 |

CAMPS GAINED: No. 22 Derby, Conn.; No. 1 Detroit, Mich.; No. 2 Detroit, Mich.; No. 5 Detroit, Mich.; No. 3 Port Huron, Mich.
 CAMPS LOST: Connecticut, Camp 25 Ansonia, Camp 26 Derby; Illinois, Camp 24 Rock Island; Kansas, Camp 16 Topeka; Maine, Camp 2 Auburn; Massachusetts, Camp 57 Easthampton, Camp 74 East Milton, Camp 97 No. Adams, Camp 133 Attleboro; New Hampshire, Camp 28 Exeter; New Jersey, Camp 14 Orange; Ohio, Camp 7 Kent, Camp 44 Cooksville, Camp 128 Bradentonville.

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David E. Grindle of Maine; Department Patriotic Instructor Robert S. Valleau of Maryland; Department Patriotic Instructor Fred R. Atwood of New Hampshire; Department Patriotic Instructor Russell Bogert of New Jersey; Department Patriotic Instructor Ernest R. Eddy of Vermont; and Department Secretary Edward E. Biering of Wisconsin.

Special commendation must be given to Camp No. 7, in Jackson, Michigan, Fred Hammond, Patriotic Instructor; and to Camp No. 14, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U. M. Mackey, Patriotic Instructor. Combined they represent 80 members who placed over 3,000 flags on Veterans graves this year and participated in Memorial Day services.

Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Department of New York, Robert A. McGuire, Patriotic Instructor, submitted a listing of dates and events within the New York City area.

Recognition must be given for several outstanding observances held during the past year:

Third Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day: November 21, 1960. Parade and service at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield. Address by Major General Anthony Drexel Biddle, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania. Commander-in-Chief Arnold, and all National Presidents of Allied orders presented wreaths. All Pennsylvania heads of Allied Orders present. Over five hundred were present—with Military, Veteran and Patriotic units participating. Sponsored by Camp 112, Gettysburg, Pa.

Lincoln Memorial Services, Washington, D. C. Held annually on February 12th. Our Order joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in an impressive ceremony. Fourteen Officers and men of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve carried the Colors of the Commandery-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief Arnold placed a wreath on behalf of our organization. Music was furnished by the U. S. Marine Band of Washington, D. C.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois. Ninety-fifth Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death observed with impressive service in Oak Ridge Cemetery on Good Friday, April 15th, 1960. Address by Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin of Cincinnati, Ohio. Presentation of 28 wreaths by Patriotic groups added pageantry to the occasion. Brother George L. Cashman and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr. are to be congratulated for planning this event.

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. Annual Memorial Services were held on May 30, 1960 with all National Veteran Organizations participating. Cleon H. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, placed a wreath for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On May 30, 1960, it was my pleasure to host Commander-in-Chief Arnold for the 97th annual parade and service in Gettysburg, Penna. Over 15,000 people witnessed the services, including the strewing of flowers by 1,300 Gettysburg School children—on the graves of 3,079 dead of the Civil War, and 703 of other Wars. As a part of the grave-side service, Commander-in-Chief Arnold placed a wreath on the grave of an unknown soldier.

Credit must be extended to The Banner for the concise coverage of events throughout all the Departments. From the sunny state of California to the rocky shores of Maine, we are informed and kept close as to activity. The submission of stories, pictures and news by Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Patriotic Instructors tells the loyal feats in every city, town and hamlet.

Two incidents occurred that bear mentioning in this report. One was an Associated Press report of the recovery of two Union Soldiers, during the reconstruction of Interstate Route 95, near Hopewell,

Virginia. These bodies were recovered, and buried in City Point National Cemetery in Hopewell, Virginia, with full military honors on November 27, 1959. Buttons on their uniforms identified them as Union Soldiers, buried 95 years after the Siege of Petersburg, presumably killed in that Battle.

The other incident, which was followed up, was the story in the March issue of the V.F.W. Monthly Magazine stating that "now that the last Soldier of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed on, the promoting of Memorial Day falls into the hands of the Spanish War Veterans. We, as their successors must help them because they too, will soon answer the Bugle Call."

Acknowledgment of my letter to Editor James B. Korn apologized for not knowing of the Sons of Union Veterans. He advised that he would correct his statement in a future issue, and send a letter to the National Commander of the V.F.W., to record in their records; and he pledged the fullest cooperation in helping the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in observance of Memorial Day throughout our Country.

In summary, this year has proven to be very successful in the promotion of the ideals we stand for. The liaison work between our Camps and Departments are very important. Publicity is gaining by the use of presentations of awards to Schools, Colleges and R.O.T.C. programs. Participation in public programs, schools, civic and Veteran organizations also gives needed publicity.

Our association with the American Coalition has proven very beneficial.

My visitations during the past year were too numerous to list in this report. However, my official visits were recorded in five Departments. For many observances, I served as speaker or toastmaster. One of the most enjoyable was attending the reception for Commander-in-Chief Arnold in Providence, Rhode Island. Others included the Old Guard Ball in New York City; and the Lincoln Memorial Services in Washington, D. C.

Appreciation is extended to all Patriotic Instructors. Theirs is an important duty which does not receive proper recognition.

My thanks to you Commander-in-Chief Arnold, for your confidence placed in me, to become an officer on your staff. To our National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, thanks for assisting in many ways, to make this year a successful one.

**Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund
1959 - 1960**

The following is a list of the donations received and recorded for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

| Department of California & Pacific | Amount | Total |
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| Department of California & Pacific | \$10.00 | |
| Earl F. Riggs | 6.00 | |
| Beatrice S. Riggs | 5.00 | |
| C. E. B. Roberts | 2.00 | |
| Logan Camp No. 20 | 3.00 | |
| Camp No. 14 | 5.00 | |
| Ethel A. Rasmussen | 2.00 | |
| Bess E. Garwood | 1.00 | |
| Nina Wegner | 1.00 | |
| Bessie Schlink | 1.00 | |
| Roma J. Oliver | 5.00 | |
| Dr. L. J. Snow | 2.00 | 43.00 |

| Department of Connecticut | Amount | Total |
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| Charles L. Upham Camp No. 7 | 5.00 | |
| C. Brown Newton | 1.00 | |
| Robert E. Daniels | 1.00 | |
| Allen F. Spink | 1.00 | |
| Christian Heckler | 1.00 | 9.00 |
| Department of Illinois | | |
| Department of Illinois | 50.00 | |
| Charles A. Brady, Jr. | 5.00 | |
| Lura B. Frye | 2.00 | |
| Arthur Sherman | 2.00 | |
| Col. Leon Mandell | 5.00 | |
| Harry J. Oswalt | 5.00 | |
| Charles H. Bournstine | 2.00 | |
| E. E. Edmunds | 10.00 | |
| George S. Pfeiffer | 5.00 | |
| James Watson | 2.00 | |
| George W. Lovering | 1.00 | |
| James M. Blackman | 1.00 | 90.00 |
| Department of Indiana | | |
| Department of Indiana | 5.00 | |
| Raleigh O. Yingst | 5.00 | |
| Alva Reef | 1.00 | |
| Cecil McConahay | 1.00 | |
| Rev. H. U. Vance | 1.00 | |
| Roy Volstead | 2.00 | 15.00 |
| Department of Iowa | | |
| Department of Iowa | 18.00 | |
| Lyle McFall | 5.00 | 23.00 |
| Department of Maine | | |
| Department of Maine | 10.00 | |
| Albert B. DeHaven | 5.00 | |
| Harry Warner | 2.00 | 17.00 |
| Department of Maryland | | |
| General U. S. Grant, 3rd, Ret. | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Department of Massachusetts | | |
| Edward N. Loke | 5.00 | |
| Allen Howland | 1.00 | |
| Orra L. Stone | 3.00 | |
| Flora Bates | 5.00 | |
| Wesley E. Thurber | 25.00 | |
| Alfred J. Durocher | 2.00 | |
| James E. Jones | 5.00 | |
| Horace R. Crowell | 1.00 | |
| Robert B. Rich | 5.00 | |
| Gilman W. Harrington | 1.00 | |
| Ira Buxton | 3.00 | |
| Clark W. Mellor | 1.00 | |
| Cougen-Higgenson Camp No. 56 | 5.00 | |
| Camp No. 81 | 5.00 | |
| Camp No. 105 | 10.00 | |
| William O. Fuller | 2.00 | 79.00 |

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| Department of Minnesota | | |
| Camp No. 8 | 5.00 | |
| A. S. Matthews | 1.00 | 6.00 |
| Department of New Hampshire | | |
| Cleon E. Heald | 5.00 | |
| Warren C. Brown | 1.00 | 6.00 |
| Department of New Jersey | | |
| Department of New Jersey | 10.00 | |
| Albert C. Lambert | 5.00 | |
| Anne O. Clayton | 5.00 | |
| Edna S. Lambert | 3.00 | |
| Dayton Camp No. 5 | 5.00 | |
| William G. Simpson | 5.00 | |
| Lida Doherty | 2.00 | |
| Dr. M. DeFronzo | 5.00 | |
| Ella G. Reeger | 5.00 | |
| George Parsons | 1.00 | |
| William S. Gilbert | 2.00 | |
| Tena Jacobus | 1.00 | |
| Ralph O. Murphy | 5.00 | |
| Jennie L. Pritchard | 1.00 | |
| George B. Hulit | 1.00 | |
| Alton Sharp | 5.00 | |
| Richard Blatt | 1.00 | |
| Russell Bogert | 5.00 | 67.00 |
| Department of New York | | |
| Department of New York | 25.00 | |
| Charles Messer | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Thomas Bogardus | 2.00 | |
| DuPont-Eiseman Camp No. 2 | 5.00 | |
| Gerard Farley | 2.00 | |
| Marjorie J. Tagart | 1.00 | |
| Allied Orders of New York City | 2.00 | |
| Florence R. Parsons | 1.00 | |
| C. A. Bliss | 1.00 | |
| Grove McClellan | 5.00 | |
| Marshall Hope | 2.00 | |
| Charles Vincent | 1.00 | |
| Fred E. Howe | 5.00 | |
| Cook Camp | 2.00 | 59.00 |
| Department of Ohio | | |
| Fred Pfeister, Jr. | 5.00 | |
| Romayne P. Tussey | 5.00 | |
| William Coffin | 1.00 | 11.00 |
| Department of Oregon & Washington | | |
| J. E. Shields | 1.00 | |
| Daniel C. Pearson | 3.00 | |
| Charles E. Darling | 1.00 | |
| A. B. Anderson | 1.00 | |
| Stanley Olin | 1.00 | |
| Dr. Adams | 1.00 | |
| Dr. L. L. Baker | 1.00 | |
| Carl Frederickson | 1.00 | |
| Spencer Leonard | 5.00 | |

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| George P. Harriman | 1.50 | |
| L. D. Garrison | 2.00 | |
| W. H. Quist | 2.00 | |
| L. A. Griffen | 2.00 | |
| Francis Lincoln Cook | 5.00 | |
| Camp No. 1, Washington | 5.00 | |
| Frederick K. Davis | 10.00 | |
| Camp No. 17, Oregon | 5.00 | 47.50 |
| Department of Pennsylvania | | |
| Department of Pennsylvania | 50.00 | |
| Arthur W. Warman | 1.00 | |
| Camp No. 16, Reading | 10.00 | |
| C. Leroy Stoudt | 7.00 | |
| John H. Runkle | 5.00 | |
| Frank M. Heacock, Sr. | 2.00 | |
| Camp No. 40, Philadelphia | 5.00 | |
| Robert W. Arnold | 2.00 | |
| Mary F. Maier | 1.00 | |
| Robert E. Swaine | 3.00 | |
| Camp No. 182, Bethlehem | 5.00 | |
| Camp No. 31, West Chester | 2.00 | |
| William E. Hosmer | 2.00 | |
| John H. Stark | 5.00 | |
| Ivan E. Frantz | 2.00 | |
| William C. Jones | 1.00 | |
| Chester S. Shriver | 5.00 | 108.00 |
| Department of Rhode Island | | |
| Department of Rhode Island | 10.00 | |
| Harold E. Arnold | 5.00 | |
| Fred J. Arnold | 1.00 | |
| George A. Strait | 1.00 | |
| Clarence E. Young | 1.00 | |
| H. Dwight Bromley | 1.00 | |
| Earl M. Heinz | 1.00 | |
| Wallace J. Macomber | 1.00 | |
| Joseph G. Randall | 1.00 | |
| Raymond Miller | 1.00 | |
| Arthur H. Holmes | 1.00 | |
| Leo. E. Burrows | 1.00 | |
| Chester F. Thurber | 1.00 | 26.00 |
| Department of Vermont | | |
| Department of Vermont | 5.00 | |
| Hall Camp No. 28 | 5.00 | |
| Custer Camp | 2.00 | |
| Thomas A. Chadwick | 5.00 | |
| Hugh H. Henry | 1.00 | |
| Arthur L. Ballou | 1.00 | |
| Harry Bashaw | 1.00 | |
| Archie Aldrich | 1.00 | |
| Thomas Drinkwater | 1.00 | |
| Charles L. Burnham | 1.00 | 23.00 |
| Florida | | |
| Marian I. Schultz, Miami | 10.00 | 10.00 |

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| Michigan | | |
| Camp No. 9, Port Huron | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Missouri | | |
| Ethelyn P. Gray | 1.00 | |
| Hattie H. Kesselring | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Mississippi | | |
| Lester Scott, Mississippi City | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS | | <u>\$670.50</u> |

**Summary of 13 Department Patriotic Instructors
Reports Received:**

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| Camps Reporting | 92 |
| Camps Observing Memorial Sunday | 65 |
| Camps Participating in Memorial Day Work | 70 |
| Cemeteries Covered | 326 |
| Flags Placed on Graves | 69,782 |
| Headstones Placed (Pennsylvania Department Only) | 21 |
| Camps Participating in Patriotic Meetings and Programs .. | 52 |

Fraternally in F. C. & L.,

(Chester S. Shriver)
National Patriotic Instructor.

(Applause of the Encampment was given National Patriotic Instructor Shriver, after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Representatives of the National Encampment Committee, consisting of:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr., Encampment Committee Chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans,

Eva B. Blackman, Past National President, Encampment Committee Chairman of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and

Lura B. Frey, Chairman of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,

were escorted in and introduced to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: What do you have to say for yourself, Chuck?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: Brother Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, we are delighted to greet you at this time; and, on behalf of the Encampment Committee, we bring you these flowers to decorate your meeting room.

We are sure you are going to have a fine time in Illinois. There is much to see here in the vicinity of Springfield, and we urge you to take in all the historical places of interest. By all means, see the Lincoln home which is just a few blocks from the hotel—don't leave Springfield without seeing it, as I am sure you will find it interesting.

I would also like, on behalf of your Officers, to present a memento to you—a paper weight made with a brick taken from the foundation of the Lincoln Home in 1954, when they were doing some alterations and construction work on it.

Again, we hope you will have a fine time with us here in Illinois; and we are glad to have you all here.

(Greetings and good wishes were also extended by Sisters Blackman and Frye—after which response was given by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt; and the Committee escorted out.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Is the National Chaplain ready with his report?

National Chaplain Spencer Leonard:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

August 22, 1960

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

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report:

Permit me to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me, during the official year just closing.

The honor conferred upon me, a lay-man, in putting me into the sacred and exalted office I now hold, is the highest honor ever conferred upon me, and I assure you is appreciated by me.

Having a wife, who is completing a term as National Secretary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is self-evident that a portion of my activities would be in cooperation with her interests.

I will note as briefly as possible various events of the year.

Attended receptions for Beatrice S. Riggs, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Edna S. Lindsey, National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.; Oregon Department President Cleo Prater, Woman's Relief Corps; Lincoln-Garfield W.R.C. President Ida Pope; secured appointment National President Edna S. Lindsey, Ladies of G.A.R. as Grand Marshal, Veterans Day Parade, escorted disabled veterans in parade; Attended joint installation of Officers at both Eugene and Portland; February 22, carried Colors at Americanization Council program at Civic Auditorium; Delivered eulogy at funeral of a blind brother; Installed Department Oregon & Washington Officers for 1960-61 term; Attended Ladies of G.A.R., Dept. of Oregon Convention; completed 8th year as Memorial Day Chairman; Participated in services at Willamette National Cemetery; Spoke before veteran, civic, legislative and others, re: U. S. Grant Highway No. 30; Secured final placement of Hillsboro, Oregon G.A.R. records in Washington County Historical Museum; Located Baker, Oregon G.A.R. Post records, Flag and Bible and noted their preservation; Put on a four day exhibit of Civil War records at Meier and Frank's Auditorium, Portland's largest store; Finally succeeded, after four years effort, including legislative hearings, in having all G.A.R. records formerly housed in the Battleship Oregon Museum being placed with the Oregon Historical Society; delivered a Sunday afternoon address, upon request, to the assembled delegates of all Portland Churches of the Latter Day Saints, on the acquisition of and military protection of western United States to 1866; Instrumental in passage of HB 1069 authorizing Oregon State Bureau of Veteran Affairs to pay for maintenance of the G.A.R. Cemetery in Portland for the coming bi-ennium; Secured passage of HB 664 authorizing Multnomah County to acquire said cemetery for permanent maintenance; Checked title of G.A.R. real property in Multnomah County, and recorded Woolson's deed and Court Judgment confirming same, Sons have good title. Hearing on this will

come before 1961 Oregon legislative assembly; Located records and burial place of thirty-six more veterans of the War of 1812 interred in Oregon, heretofore unknown, thus making a total of ninety-two now known; Appointed Chairman by Multnomah County Federated Veterans Council for our local Civil War Centennial Commemoration; Inventoried all books, AGO reports, etc. at Oregon State Archives useful for obtaining Civil War Veteran service.

By far, the most pleasant of all, starting last September, was the extensive friendly correspondence between Florence R. Parsons, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.; Lila M. Mower, National Chaplain, Ladies of the G.A.R.; and my office, pursuant to arrangements for the Joint Memorial Service, as well as correspondence with all Departments.

A most gratifying observation is the high regard and friendly attitude of the general public toward the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It is with a feeling of regret that I lay down the duties of the office. Regret because I have not been able to accomplish more for our noble Order, and that the pleasant official relations with all whom my duties have brought me in contact must cease.

Permit me to again return my heartfelt thanks to the members of the National Encampment for the high honor and cordial cooperation I have received in the office of National Chaplain.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Supplemental Report:

At 6 P. M. Sunday, August 21st, in company with Florence R. Parsons, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; and Lila M. Mower, National Chaplain of the Ladies of the G.A.R., I presented a fifty (50) star nylon and wool 3' x 5' Flag to St. Paul's A.M.E. Church in Springfield, Illinois—as a token of our appreciation for the service of their Church choir, directed by Mr. Jerome Singleton, in the Joint Memorial Service held on Sunday at 3:30 P. M. in the Ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. We were accompanied by other members of the three Orders for the presentation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Spencer Leonard)
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

National Chaplain Leonard: I would like to add a verbal supplement to the report just given—my grateful thanks and appreciation to the Department Commander of the California and Pacific Department, John Gately, because he was the key man in the procession at the Joint Memorial Service; and he did a fine job in leading that procession. Without his leadership, I do not know what I would have done—and am deeply grateful to him.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Leonard for that fine report. We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 22, 1960 — 1:45 P. M.

The Encampment opened in usual form.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We are under Reports of Officers, and will hear the report of the National Historian.

National Historian Allen F. Spink:

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

175 Ridgewood Road,
West Hartford 7, Conn.
August 19, 1960

To: Harold E. Arnold,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
and Members of the 79th Annual Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

Again I have the privilege to submit the following report as your National Historian.

There were several Department General Orders, Circular Letters and newspaper items received by me; and they are placed on file. For these, I am most grateful and express my thanks to the Brothers who sent them in to me.

There were also two articles of value to be added to the permanent items already reported:

On May 15, 1960 at the Connecticut Department Encampment, Benjamin Rose, Department Patriotic Instructor presented to me, for the Commandery-in-Chief, a gavel used by W. W. Perkins, Post Department of Connecticut Grand Army of the Republic. This gavel is suitably inscribed, and was made from a piece of Andersonville Prison Stockade.

On July 16, 1960 Jackson C. Carr, Department Secretary-Treasurer of the New Hampshire Department presented a "Register of New Hampshire Soldiers and Sailors, War of the Rebellion," to Commander-in-Chief Arnold, at the annual meeting of the New England Regional Association, held at The Weirs, New Hampshire. This book was marked for the National Secretary but, as the National Historian was present, and he has a similar book from the Rhode Island Department, Commander-in-Chief Arnold turned it over to this Office for keeping. It is still the hope of your National Historian to secure such a record from each Department.

I have endeavored to compile a brief history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for this past year.

From the columns of The Banner, we learn that Dr. Frank C. Huston passed away at Jacksonville, Florida on October 15, 1959. Brother Huston served our beloved Order as its Commander-in-Chief in 1931. He will long be remembered for his devotion to the Sons of Union Veterans, and his leadership of spiritual and musical programs.

Again this year, Remembrance Day Rites were held at the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. The National

and Pennsylvania Department heads of the G.A.R. affiliated organizations, as well as many Brothers, Sisters and friends, were in attendance. Present also at these exercises were Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania; and Carl Sandburg, renowned Lincoln biographer.

On December 19, 1959 the last veteran of the Civil War, Walter Williams, a Confederate Veteran who gave his age as 117, passed away at Houston, Texas.

On December 23, 1959, 30 members of the famed Mt. Vernon, Ohio S.U.V.C.W. Drum Corps led the last Civil War funeral procession in Houston. Marching with them were 25 grey-clad members of the 2nd Kentucky Infantry. The Mt. Vernon unit, which played at the 1956 Duluth, Minnesota funeral for the last Union Veteran, Comrade Woolson, was the official and only band at Houston. "The Blue and the Grey now rest together as Americans in honored glory. An era has ended."

The annual Ceremony by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion was held again this year on February 12th at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C., and again this year our Order joined in this impressive ceremony. A delegation of 12, in uniform, from the Pennsylvania Department, attended the affair. Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Department Commander Kramer of Pennsylvania presented wreaths.

In the March-April Banner is an excellent description of the Grand Army Badge. I hope every one here has had the opportunity to read it.

The Albert Woolson Medal was presented to the Smithsonian Institution on April 14th by Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd. U. S. A., Ret.

The 95th anniversary of Lincoln's death was marked by services at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, on Good Friday, April 15, 1960. Members of the G.A.R. affiliated organizations and many more Military and Patriotic organizations placed 28 memorial wreaths (4 more than last year). At the conclusion of the services, these wreaths were carried into the Tomb and placed at the cenotaph.

On May 30, 1960 a wreath was laid at the Altar of the Nation at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. The Commandery-in-Chief procures this wreath, and a representative of the New England Regional Association has the honor to place it on the altar at such an awe inspiring shrine.

Past Department Commander Fred Colwell, Department of New York, passed away on June 26, 1960. Brother Colwell was a member of the National Legislative Committee, having been its chairman for many years. He leaves behind a grateful organization for his many years of dedicated service.

The various Camps and Departments should be congratulated on their observations of Memorial Day, Lincoln-Washington celebrations, and all other patriotic Holidays—for all endeavors to honor and perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Today we are attending the 79th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War here in Springfield, Illinois; the Land of Lincoln. Here he lived for many years, and now he rests here from his earthly labors. May this historic city be an inspiration to the members of this Encampment to carry on the work of our beloved Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The expenses connected with this office have not warranted my presenting a bill. I do, however, recommend that the usual allotment of \$25.00 for the Office of the National Historian be granted for the next year.

Brother Arnold, thank you for the pleasure and privilege of serving you as National Historian. May you have a successful and profitable Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Allen F. Spink)
National Historian.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Does the National Counselor have a report at this time?

National Counselor Locke: No written report, if you please, Commander-in-Chief. I am not fully prepared to give a verbal report either and I think that I will ask to be excused until a later time.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: As you wish. Has the Report of the National Graves Registration Officer been received?

National Secretary Lambert read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

1381 Dartmouth Street,
Baldwin, L. I., New York

Hon. Harold E. Arnold,
Commander-in-Chief,
Coventry, Rhode Island.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is my privilege and my pleasure to submit for the 79th Annual Encampment, the 35th annual report of the National Graves Registration Officer, since the establishment of this project, on a nation-wide basis by the National Organization in 1926.

The regular business of the office of National Graves Registration Officer is more or less routine and concerns itself mainly with lending assistance to the several Departments and their Camps in the task of registering, mapping and marking with bronze plaque or headstone the graves of our veterans of the Civil War, and in many instances those veterans of other U. S. wars. This is routine, to be sure, but it also involves many hours of research and communication which no annual report could possibly contain in detail.

Many letters reach this office from genealogists, historians, and individuals, seeking information concerning Civil War veterans; the location of their graves and many other details which we attempt to supply. This, many times, entails considerable correspondence and hours of research. But these matters are of the most intimate importance to those who inquire and it has always been the endeavor of this office to expend every effort to obtain such information so as to be able to present these individuals with complete data in answer to their inquiries. It is to the credit of our organization that these people come to us for such assistance, and it is a real compliment to our Order if we are able to furnish it. One can only surmise that it may be the means of bringing an eligible into our ranks, or at least creating interest in our Order in untried places. May I insert a personal word, that being an historian myself, such opportunity for research of genealogical nature gives me much personal satisfaction and a great deal of pleasure.

Besides giving our members assistance and instruction in the grave marking project, I have used the columns of *The Banner* to that end, which I trust may have been helpful to our Camp Grave Marking Committees everywhere.

Two long years of continued research and investigation finally brought its reward to us in full measure last April, when one of the

most inspiring dedications ever held by our organization anywhere took place in the Grove Street Cemetery in Putnam, Connecticut. The occasion was the official dedication by our Order of the headstone erected by the State of Connecticut through our efforts, at the grave of U. S. Navy veteran Thomas L. Taylor, last survivor of the ironclad U.S.S. MONITOR. The affair which was attended by a number of dignitaries of the State, the city of Putnam, and Connecticut Department's staff officers, was conducted by Connecticut Department Graves Registration Officer Benjamin H. Rose, of New London. Former Congressman Horace Seeley-Brown, Jr. was the principal speaker at the ceremonies, while Lieutenant Governor John N. Dempsey who is also Mayor of Putnam, gave an address of welcome. National Historian Allen F. Spink also addressed the gathering of townspeople and members of local and state military organizations including leaders of the Connecticut Centennial Commission of the Civil War and Civil War Round Table Groups. Heads of all Putnam veteran and auxiliary units were present as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout units. Company D, Second Battle Group, 169th Infantry attended and furnished firing squad and bugler. Members of the clergy also participated in the program. The press was well represented including NEW HAVEN REGISTER special features editor, William Prendergast, whose newspaper article triggered the project to obtain this headstone, and who assisted Brother Rose in setting up the program and inviting many of the dignitaries who attended. The affair received much favorable publicity in the press of the various sections of the state, many papers carrying photographs of the ceremonies and the headstone itself. Department Commander Harold L. Scott and his officers conducted the ritual of our Order at the graveside, and the Department Colors and the Stars and Stripes were placed at each end of the plot during the exercises under guard of the Connecticut Sons of Veterans Reserve in full uniform.

The detailed story of the many months of investigation conducted by this office to prove this Naval veteran's eligibility for a State headstone has appeared in my previous annual reports. It took two years to accomplish. But the field work and the ultimate realization of the job, in its final stages, was accomplished through the loyal and untiring efforts of Brother Benjamin H. Rose, 50 year member of the Connecticut Department to whom this office hereby extends the commendation and sincere appreciation of the National Organization.

Most sections of the country have been active throughout the term in the work we are engaged in. Reports from Departments and Camps have not been complete, as much of the grave marking work is accomplished in an habitual manner without particular notice or fanfare. The loyal band of Brothers who take care of this work in their respective localities, expect no special commendation for the efforts they put forth as a duty and as an obligation to the memory of their fathers' comrades-in-arms. However, it is well known that everywhere along the line, from coast to coast, the work is progressing favorably, albeit far from being completed. I take this opportunity to express the deep appreciation of our Order to all those faithful members who are engaged in the all important work of grave registration in every Department.

Deserving of special mention and the commendation of our Order are the outstanding services of one of our members for the preservation of the memory of Civil War heroes to posterity. Past Camp Commander Bert Sack, of Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City, has initiated a campaign for the restoration of a copper Civil War statue, an old canon used during the Rebellion, and general improve-

ment of West Farms Soldier Cemetery in the Bronx, New York. Past Commander Sack took on this project voluntarily as a one-man proposition, but created such interest in the plan that he has organized a Civil War Memorial Committee comprising representatives of several civic and patriotic groups as well as business and professional citizens of the Bronx for these purposes. Among the projects planned by Brother Sack is the erection of a bronze plaque in the cemetery to contain the names of the 35 veterans of the Civil War whose graves are located there. The committee has launched a drive for funds with which to carry out their important project.

New Haven, Connecticut newspapers carried an encouraging story of the recent restoration of the West Woods Cemetery in suburban Hamden, which was established in 1804 on Gaylord Mountain Road. The grave of a Civil War veteran was discovered, located, and has been cared for properly. The interesting account carried a photograph of the restored burying ground.

Among the duties performed during the term, I wrote an appeal to Congressmen at the request of the late Brother Fred E. Colwell, soliciting their support of the Bill to designate November 19th each year as "Dedication Day."

After considerable research, I wrote a brief history of a Civil War regiment's activity in the war of 1861-1865 for a descendant of one of its soldiers. By reason of this favor, and my urgings, I brought about his muster in one of the Camps of the Department of his residence.

A most interesting visit recently made to the National Cemetery at Farmingdale on Long Island, was enlightening and instructive to me and shall long remain in my memory, preserved by the color-slide photographs I made while there.

In an unofficial capacity, I attended the 76th annual Encampment of the Connecticut Department at New Britain, and was privileged to assist in the entertaining of our Commander-in-Chief during the affair.

I regret very much that because of the nature of my business, I have been unable to arrange to be present at National Encampments in recent years. But I assure you that I have spent many hours in my home office, which has been set up to particularly serve this National post, engaged in the work of conducting the registration and marking of veterans' graves throughout the nation. I trust that my efforts over the past 15 years have contributed substantially to the success with which this project has been blessed, and that it has met with your approval.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold, I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of the confidence you reposed in me, in appointing me to this important office in our National Organization. Believe me, it has been an honor and a pleasure to have served on your staff during the past term. I trust that the accomplishments of this project has met with your expectations. May I say humbly in closing this report, that we have tried to do our very best in behalf of our beloved Order, and to the honor and glory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The new allocation of \$50.00 toward the expenditures of this project has been used to defray the costs of operating a business office on a national scale, including postage, supplies, report binders and accessories, duplicating work, and envelopes.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., P.D.C., Conn.)
National Graves Registration Officer.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert then read the following:
Telegram from President Eisenhower

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: WUX THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D. C. 17 1143 EDT.
HAROLD E. ARNOLD, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CARE OF HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN
(CARE OF ASSISTANT MANAGER ON DUTY)
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEND GREETINGS TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR GATHERED IN SPRINGFIELD FOR THEIR 79TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

NEXT YEAR, OUR COUNTRY BEGINS THE CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE OF THE CIVIL WAR. IN THIS OBSERVANCE YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN TAKE A LEADING PART, CALLING OUR CITIZENS TO REAFFIRM THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNION AND TO THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

I AM DELIGHTED TO ADD BEST WISHES FOR A MEMORABLE ENCAMPMENT.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

The National Secretary also read telegrams and letters of greetings and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Encampment; and expressions of regret at their inability to attend from:

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York

National Personal Aide George A. Strait, R. I.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania

Past National President Bertha M. Robbins, Daughters of Union Veterans, Mishawake, Indiana

Springfield Association of Commerce and Industry, Springfield, Ill.

Clyde A. Boynton, Aide to Commander-in-Chief General L. O. Grice, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Resolutions

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

(1) From the Department of Ohio—Relative to minimum yearly dues of \$5.00 which shall include subscription to The Banner—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(2) From Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Ohio—That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Reserve, in all Departments, be organized on a national scale by the formation of a Centennial Army; in order that they might take a leading role in the Civil War Centennial observance—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(3) From Charles L. Bullock, Springfield, Massachusetts—a request that the National Encampment consider and adopt a mandate to support the retention of the Anti-Communist affidavit in the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-864) which the Senator John F. Kennedy bill S2929 proposes to repeal—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Lambert.

We are now under reports of Committees, and I will ask the Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee to give his report.

National Chairman Frank Woerner presented:

**REPORT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

August 21, 1960

To: The Officers and Members,
79th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

First I would like to thank our Commander-in-Chief for appointing me as your National Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway U. S. No. 6 and the U. S. Grant Highway No. 20.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway in all States that it passes through, from the reports that I have received, is in fine shape; with the exception that in some States the Highway now is in the process of improvement. Brother William J. Blakeley, Chairman of Pennsylvania, reports 10.05 miles presently under construction.

From Leslie W. More of New York comes this report. The Highway is well marked, and there are picnic tables placed in several spots along the highway.

The Chairman of the State of California reports that another 4 miles of an 8 lane highway has just been completed with another 5 miles to go; and the Grand Army of the Republic Highway will be to the terminus of the Highway, in Long Beach, California. The State Highway Commission plans to improve the remainder of the unimproved highway in California, for its entire length.

Most all other states report that the Grand Army of the Republic Highway is well marked and that some improvements are being made.

It is most gratifying to report that the short time the Committee has been working on the U. S. Grant Highway that there has been, or is now in the process of being submitted to all 11 states the resolutions which are necessary to name Highway No. 20 the U. S. Grant Highway.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Frank Woerner)
National Chairman,
G.A.R. Highway Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I move you that the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee be adopted, as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Woerner. We will now have the report of the Americanism and Education Committee. National Chairman Joseph S. Rippey read:

REPORT OF AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 22, 1960

To: The Officers and Members of the
79th Annual Encampment of the
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a National Officer this past year.

As the name of the Committee on Americanism and Education suggests, its functions could cover a wide field and perhaps overlap

the duties of other divisions of the National organization. The Committee has engaged in a variety of subjects.

Your Chairman was accorded the honor and acted as chairman of the Washington's Birthday exercises of the Public Schools of Rochester at which the annual ceremony of transfer of flags was presented when the highest ranking students from all the schools in the graduating classes transferred the flags of their schools to their successors. This was, and is, a leading patriotic event and had an attendance to the capacity of the auditorium. The Sons of Union Veterans, and their patriotic activities were in the forefront in the program and in the addresses given.

Proposed legislation was prepared by your chairman and filed through a local legislator with the New York State Legislature for the establishment of a Civil War Centennial Commission for that State, followed by procedures for its passage. Such an Act of the Legislature was passed this year, and signed by the Governor.

Your chairman was appointed chairman of the Civil War Centennial Committee for the City of Rochester, New York.

Your chairman has communicated to the newly elected Department Commanders information on the organization, functions and activities of the North-South Skirmish Association, from the point of view of benefits that may be derived by the Sons of Union Veterans and with respect to its historical and educational significance, whose youthful members wear on appropriate occasions Civil War uniforms and use Civil War equipment.

From time to time throughout the year the committee has made numerous personal appearances and a number of public addresses.

Your chairman has urged on every suitable occasion that adequate publicity be given to all events and activities sponsored by our Order, or in which our Order was a participant. Publicity is a key factor in the promotion of our patriotic and civic activities and in the influence we exert.

In view of the importance of our Order in the field of Americanism and patriotism and the importance of the coming years to our Order, it is recommended that a separate National Committee be appointed for promotion and public relations.

I trust that the performance of the duties of the committee meets with your approval, and I thank you for the honor of serving our Order in this responsible position.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Joseph S. Rippey), Chairman
Americanism and Education Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I move that the report of the Americanism and Education Committee, as presented, be adopted. (Seconded by Department Commander John Gately, California & Pacific, and carried.)

Brother Craig Thompson, Michigan Department: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, the matter which I have to bring before you, relative to the situation existing in the Michigan Department, would take about thirty minutes for my presentation, and explanation, to you. I feel this matter should be thoroughly explained so that you understand the situation, as it now exists, before you attempt to take any action with reference to it. I do not know if you have that much time at your disposal this afternoon; but I would like to explain this Michigan matter to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would like to make a motion that the remarks which are to be made by Craig Thompson be made,

at the close of this session, to the Commander-in-Chief, the Council of Administration, the National Secretary-Treasurer and the National Counselor—and that group bring back to us a report on that meeting with him. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs, and carried.)

A period of general discussion followed, during which the delegates spoke about activities, projects for the good of the Order, and problems confronting the various Departments and Camps.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald gave an informative and interesting description of the ceremony held on Memorial Day at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N. H.; and also spoke about plans now being formulated for a special ceremony to be held there, during the Civil War Centennial.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION**August 23, 1960 — 9:45 A. M.**

The Encampment opened in the usual manner, with prayer by National Chaplain Leonard.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I believe we still have one or two Officers' reports which have not been given as yet. If the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is ready, we will now hear his report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 22, 1960

To: Commander-in-Chief Arnold,
Officers and Delegates of the
79th Annual National Encampment,
Springfield, Illinois.

I am completing now my second term as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I deem it a great honor to have been twice elected to this high office. I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me, and I have sought at all times to faithfully fulfill this solemn trust.

As you must be aware, I have been extremely busy this past year with preparations for the National Encampment, because of my appointment as Encampment Chairman. I have been able, however, to represent the National Organization at several midwest functions which I knew Commander-in-Chief Arnold could not attend.

In October of 1959, I represented the National Organization at the Central Regional Conference in Lafayette, Indiana, which was well attended and excellently planned. Later that month, I also attended a reception and dinner for the Wisconsin Department's officers in Milwaukee; and found this to be another splendid meeting, with an enthusiastic display of the members' interest and loyalty.

On April 15, I served as Co-Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. The Chairman this year was George L. Cashman, who is curator of the Tomb, and it was an even greater success than that of the previous year; with four more wreaths than before, and considerably more at the luncheon following the ceremony. I have noted a growing interest in this ceremony now that we are making a determined effort to have a well-planned program and permit other patriotic societies to participate in it. For example, I received a letter following this year's ceremony from the Illinois Department of the American Gold Star Mothers, who had not presented a wreath this year, but had voted in their annual encampment to begin placing one each year and wanted to be sure they would be invited next year.

I also understand that the Illinois Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans, which has held its own services at the Tomb for many years, on the Sunday nearest to April 15, has voted to abandon these separate services and participate in ours instead. We are beginning to take our rightful place with respect to this ceremony, and other organizations, aware of the success of our ceremony, want to become a part of it. Naturally the Illinois Departments of the various patriotic societies and veterans groups are anxious to participate because it is an event held within their own State and, therefore, of particular interest to them. But I believe we should continue to

issue our invitations to only the national bodies of these organizations, as this annual ceremony is a national function. The practice I have followed in issuing the invitations has been to send separate ones to the Illinois Department units, along with a carbon copy of the letter which was sent to their national headquarters, and inviting them to participate, in addition to their national body, if they so desire.

I would be remiss if I failed to give recognition to the splendid cooperation given us by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, which assists us in conducting these memorial services. I would think it fitting if a message of appreciation might be sent this fine Order, for reading at their next national meeting, or for publication in their national organ.

In May, I was pleased to represent our Order at the Third National Assembly of the Civil War Centennial Commission at St. Louis, Mo. This was an outstanding meeting, with a great many prominent persons in attendance. From the reports given, it was clear that those from the southern states have their plans much farther advanced than those from the north. Our own General U. S. Grant, 3rd presided at this assembly.

Throughout the year, I have attempted to keep posted on the Michigan Department situation, and did sit in on a meeting which our National Counselor held with Mr. Craig Thompson of that state, while the Central Regional Conference was in session. I think we all realize that the present situation is most undesirable and detrimental to the best interests of our Order. It is time that action be taken to settle the matter once and for all, and I hope that it will not be the subject of discussion at any further Encampments.

Other than the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, I have not been assigned any specific duties in connection with my national office. In past years, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has spent time contacting the various Departments about G.A.R. property; but the last time this was done only a small number of Departments responded to the questions, and there has been seemingly no interest in pursuing the matter further. So, I have not attempted to survey the various Departments regarding any recently discovered G.A.R. property. It is assumed that the Departments will report to National Headquarters if they find any such property which should be investigated.

I do feel, though, that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief should be assigned a specific area of the Order's work for his concentrated effort—if not G.A.R. property, then some other project with which Departments could benefit from this officer's supervision and encouragement.

I hope you have found my performance in this office, during the past twelve months to your liking. You may be assured that I will ever be at the organization's call, ready to serve in whatever capacity will be of the most benefit to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted,

(Charles A. Brady, Jr.)
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(After applause of the Encampment, this report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now have the report of the Washington Representative.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant presented:

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT

1135 21st St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.
22 August, 1960

To: The Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Owing to the travel I have had to perform for the Civil War Centennial Commission, and serious sickness in my family, I have had to limit my time actually in Washington during the past year. However, it is no exaggeration to say that most of the activities of the Commission are in fulfillment of the purposes of our Order, except on a nation wide scale which we have neither the personnel nor the funds to carry on.

I have, of course, added appropriate statements on behalf of our Order in regard to pending legislation that came within the policies adopted by previous National Encampments.

However, in the case of your resolution favoring the preservation of the old Pension Office Building and its development as a Military and Naval Museum and Veterans Memorial I have ventured to suspend action, on ascertaining that the President had appointed a Commission to propose a plan and location for such Museum. I am convinced that it would have been futile and would only have aroused enmity to our Order to push our views, until the President's Commission had made its report. Dr. Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, is a member of the President's Commission, and a good friend of our Order, was particularly urgent that we wait until the said Commission had reported.

In the meantime, General Joyce, Secretary of the President's Commission has died; and there seems little prospect of the Commission's making a report during the current Administration. I have been keeping in touch with the situation as far as practicable.

Perhaps the major event that needs formal report here is the formal presentation of the Woolson Gold Medal to the Smithsonian Institution at a very dignified ceremony on April 14, 1960. Commander-in-Chief Arnold was on his way to attend the ceremony but was caught in New York by bad weather; Commander Duval was unable to attend; so that National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert and I made the presentation. Dr. Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, with his executive staff present, accepted it.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, I wish to add our appreciation of the partnership allowed us in the ceremony here at President Lincoln's Tomb on April 15th, and our congratulations on the enhanced success of the ceremony, with thanks to Brother Cashman for his very effective help in putting it on. Judging by the number of Loyal Legionnaires presented here as Sons of Union Veterans, I believe the desired closer association of the two Orders is rapidly being accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

(U. S. Grant, 3rd)
Registered Agent in D. C.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee reports a total registration of 115.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you. Is the Chairman of the Centennial Committee ready to report?

Chairman Fuller: I would like to make a verbal report now, and will turn over a written report before I leave Springfield; if that is acceptable to you.

(There was no objection; and Chairman Fuller gave a verbal report.) He later submitted the following:

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

August 24, 1960

To: The Officers and Members of the
79th Annual National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

Since my report one year ago at Long Beach, California, there has been a great deal of activity in the work of the Centennial Committees—both on a national and local scale.

Your Committee is working in conjunction with the National and State Commissions, and all local Committees. Massachusetts, alone, has over forty local Committees, all working and accomplishing fine results.

Your National Committee has had a pamphlet printed which is entitled, "The Civil War and You." We have sent this pamphlet to Departments, Camps and to individual members, upon request.

The kick-off in Massachusetts will really start on January 8, 1961 on the Boston Common, with a gun salute of one hundred volleys—commemorating Governor Andrew's Order No. 2, Reactivation of the State Militia.

February 12th—Commemorative exercises on the 151st birthday of Abraham Lincoln were held in the Hall of Flags, in the State House at Boston.

February 29, 1960—The re-enactment of the visit made by Abraham Lincoln when he walked across Boston Common, while changing trains—on his way to Exeter, N. H.

April 9, 1961—Appropriate exercises commemorating the famous speech of Wendell Phillips on abolition.

The Commission, and all Committees, throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have a majority on their list of members of the Allied Family of the G.A.R., or persons willing to back them up. Therefore, the success or failure will be ours.

The 1st New England Conference of Centennial Commissions was held in Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston—on November 14, 1959. The 2nd Conference was held in the Senate Chambers, State House, Augusta, Maine, April 30, 1960. The 3rd Conference will be held at Newport, R. I., October 19, 1960.

The Commissions and Committees have been broken down into classified portions, called Workshops for Education, Historical Display, Industrial Activities, Publicity, Research and Planning and Military. This arrangement makes it easier and faster to appoint the membership where they can produce the best results.

The Department of Commerce of Massachusetts is printing a special brochure on the Centennial. The Massachusetts Commission will have

a booklet printed on "Massachusetts in the Civil War" for distribution to the schools.

Our greatest work can be done in encouraging local Committees to take as much responsibility as possible—although we do not minimize the type of service this national Committee can perform. Our major duty should be that of furnishing suggestions and encouragement to such local groups, as a central agency for disseminating information of other programs, and providing advice and assistance where requested by these Committees.

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

(William O. Fuller, P.D.C.), Chairman,
National Civil War Centennial Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I believe the Resolutions Committee is ready with a report at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, it has been our custom, for the last few years, to have resolutions on general national issues, expressing our opinions and attitudes on these matters; on which we take action—and then pass them over to our Auxiliary, and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for their consideration—in the hope that they will go along with us.

Your Committee submits the following such Resolution for this year:

(1) **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Sons of Union Veterans, in their National Encampment assembled:

That, in view of the present international crisis, and for the continued protection of the republican form of government which our forefathers preserved for us, we hereby urge:

- A. The making of ample appropriations for the National Defense;
 - B. The safe guarding of our national economy by balancing the budget and the reduction, to a minimum, of appropriations for the multitude of Socialistic proposals for Federal aid sponsored by the party platforms, and the reduction and gradual elimination of the income tax.
 - C. The construction of the Memorial Fort Boulevard in our National Capital, in memory of the Veterans of the Civil War; as an effective contribution to the solution of the Capital's traffic problems, and to the observance of the Civil War Centennial.
- AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we are fervently opposed:
- D. To any further encroachments on our national sovereignty by the United Nations, and by Executive agreements, and any steps that lead to World Government; and
 - E. To the rescission of the Connally reservation as to our participation in the World Court; and
 - F. To Federal Aid to the public schools, and any interference with State and local control over their schools; and
 - G. To sizable Federal appropriations for Public Works, rural electrification, mental health, socialized medicine and similar steps in "Creeping Socialism" which threatens the stability of our economy; and by inducing expansion of Federal activities to encroach upon local self government and the rights reserved to the States, guaranteed by the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War maintain that the loyalty oath and affidavit required

by the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-864) is a wise and essential provision and should be retained to strengthen and maintain the National Security of our Nation; and we petition against passage of S2929, or any other legislation that would eliminate them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I move passage of those Resolutions, and we will try to get copies to the other organizations today. (Seconded by National Chaplain Leonard, and carried.)

GREETINGS FROM DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Mrs. Gladys I. Davis, National Treasurer of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

She extended greetings on behalf of her organization, on behalf of Past National President Bertha M. Robbins, a co-worker of Commander-in-Chief Arnold during the past year; and on behalf of the newly elected National President Ruth Miller Hayes: as well as her own personal greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle responded; after which she was escorted out of the room.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now resume with the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Several other matters were considered by our Committee, on which we offer the following resolutions; and would recommend their adoption.

National Secretary Lambert: I would make a motion that where there is no objection, in this and other Committee reports submitted to this Encampment, that the report of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by National Chaplain Leonard, and carried.)

(2) That the records and property of the Michigan Department, Grand Army of the Republic, shall be turned over to the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit for preservation and accessibility for historical research; provided only that should the Governors of the said collection ever wish to dispose of the said records and property, title will revert to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—and that Brother George R. Raub, Sr., be informed by the National Secretary-Treasurer of this action. (Adopted.)

(3) That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War heartily support the appropriate observance of the Centennial of the Civil War in the spirit proposed by the Civil War Centennial Commission; and offer their hearty cooperation, and enjoin our Departments and Camps to afford full and active cooperation with their State Commissions and local Committees—and that we request of the National Commission only its suggestions and recommendations as to how we can help most effectively and play our part. (Adopted.)

(4) That we confirm our previous recommendation for the establishment of a Military and Naval Museum in the old Pension Office Building, or in a new building, if obtainable and that, in either case, it be designated as a Memorial to the Veterans of our Wars. (Adopted.)

(5) That as a step to this end, we favor passage of Senate Joint Resolution, sponsored by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for a National Shrine, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Adopted.)

(6) That we recommend to the Governors of all States the firing of a National Salute, in each State Capital, on April 15, 1961. (Adopted.)

(7) That Resolutions of thanks be extended to:

- (a) Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of Springfield, for welcoming our delegates to the Camp Fire, and again at the Sons and Auxiliary Joint Opening when he presented our Commander-in-Chief and National President with miniature keys to the city.
- (b) Hon. William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois, for his warm and sincere welcome at the Camp Fire; and his wife, Mrs. Stratton for her kindness in inviting our Auxiliary to a tea at the Governor's Mansion.
- (c) The Springfield Association of Commerce and Industry for assisting in the planning of the Convention; and especially to Miss Louise Murphy, Manager of the Convention and Visitors Council, for the many extra services and thoughtful courtesies.
- (d) The Hotel Abraham Lincoln for excellent cooperation provided the Encampment Committee, and for services and courtesies shown our members while assembled in Springfield.
- (e) The Springfield Inter-Veterans Council, and to its Commander, Mr. Noel Moore; and its parade marshal, Mr. Douglas Henry, for words of welcome at the Camp Fire; and for the massing of the colors at that program.
- (f) The Illinois National Guard, Headquarters—and Headquarters Detachment; and specifically Major Sharpe, the detachment Commander, for the color team which posted the colors at the Camp Fire.
- (g) The 33rd Infantry Division Band, Illinois National Guard—and especially its bandleader CWO James H. Krohe, for the splendid band concert given prior to the Camp Fire.
- (h) The Springfield Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc., and especially its President, Miss Mary Lou Sympson, for the splendid choral selections delivered at the Camp Fire.
- (i) Harlington Wood, Jr., U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois—for his outstanding address at the Camp Fire.
- (j) Charles M. Thompson, Dean Emeritus of the College of Commerce, University of Illinois—for delivering the tribute to the G.A.R. at the Camp Fire.
- (k) The Illinois State Historical Society, and specifically Mr. Bernard Fox, its field representative—for making available to our delegates the historical exhibit carried in its History-mobile.
- (l) The members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Encampment Committee—for their pre-Convention planning and arrangements.
- (m) The First Methodist Church of Springfield for inviting the delegates to attend Sunday morning worship and reserving a section of seats for them; and to its Associate Pastor, Rev. Carl Hass, for giving the invocation and benediction at the Camp Fire.

- (n) Mr. and Mrs. George L. Cashman—for showing to our delegates their excellent narrated slide program, "The Lincoln Story."
- (o) The Choir of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church of Springfield for so kindly providing the musical portion of the Joint Memorial Service; and especially to Mr. Jerome Singleton, its director for participating in the services at Major Stephenson's grave.
- (All of the above were adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland, Chairman,
 Richard F. Locke, Illinois,
 Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire,
 Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts,
 Russell H. Bogert, New Jersey,
 Committee on Resolutions.

Past Department Commander Alva Reef, Indiana then asked for the privilege of approaching the Commander-in-Chief. He presented a book of Civil War records from the Grave Registrar in Indiana. This book is the registry of Grand Army of the Republic members buried in Indiana, and contains 2,000 names of such veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Reef. I think this is a wonderful thing to obtain this book of Civil War records. I would suggest that it be turned over to the National Historian for future reference, and preservation; and would recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given Brother Reef for the presentation of this book. (Rising vote of the Encampment given.)

Is the Committee on Ritual ready to report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: We have had nothing handed to us as yet and, therefore, have no report.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Does the Committee on Constitution and Regulations have anything ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee has before it two matters:

(1) From Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, Ohio—that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Reserve, in all Departments, be organized on a national scale by the formation of a Centennial Army; in order that they might take a leading role in the Civil War Centennial Observance.

This resolution calls for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Reserves, meaning the Sons of Veterans Reserves, to be organized on a national scale by the formation of a Centennial Army. This matter is well taken care of on page 36, Chapter IV of the Regulations—and for this reason, your Committee does not concur. (Committee sustained.)

(2) From the Department of Ohio—amendment to Section 1, of Article VII, of Chapter I of the Regulations, 7th line, so that it will read, "and the minimum yearly dues shall not be less than five (\$5.00) dollars, which shall include subscription to The Banner"; thus making it consistent with the 5th paragraph of Sec. 1, of Article V of the Constitution.

The Committee is in sympathy with the idea of every member receiving The Banner, but we do not feel the plan is workable. The resolution does not provide the method whereby the money should

be transmitted to the National Secretary—whether by Camps direct to the National Secretary or through the Department Treasurer, with the possibility of adding twenty-five cents each quarter to the per capita tax.

Your Committee does not concur.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I think we should give this matter a little more thought.

A mistake was made when we stopped sending The Banner to every member of the Order. It was one of many which we have made in the past; and never should have happened. It is of vital importance that The Banner be in the hands of every member of this Order. If the Committee could further consider this proposition, they might be able to reach some definite decision whereby The Banner could be placed in the hands of our entire membership. I think it would be to our advantage to do that.

As a substitute motion for all matters now pending before this body, I would move that action on this particular item be deferred until a later session of the Encampment; when this Committee might be able to straighten this matter out, after a little more time to consider it.

Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts: Why can't this be passed—and then later concentrate on a way to get The Banner to everyone?

National Counselor Locke: I am trying to make it possible for us to take action on it at this Encampment. Let us try to get this matter straightened out before we leave Springfield. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts—and the matter deferred until a later session of the Encampment; motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now recess until 1:30 P. M. (Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady had to leave the Encampment, to be interviewed on a TV program at this time.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 23, 1960 — 1:45 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We are now under Reports of Committees, and I believe that the Committee on Officers' Reports is ready at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Officers' Reports has devoted a great deal of time and thought to the reports of Officers submitted to us. We have considered some of them out of the regular order in which they are usually presented—for a definite reason. We, therefore, present the following:

Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer

As usual, we find that the report of National Secretary Lambert is informative, instructive, and highly energetic in its patriotism. I have closely observed his reports, for the past several years, and he always includes, besides the business of the administration of his office and his recommendations, some philosophical remarks that should come to the attention of not only the members of this Encampment, but every member in our Order. They should not only be published in the proceedings of this Encampment but, because of their very nature, should be published in *The Banner* and come to the attention of every member.

Much more could be said about this report, and about the work of our National Secretary. However, these brief remarks are in general approval, commendation, and great appreciation to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Lambert, who has now filled that official capacity for 12 years, and he has filled it well. It would be difficult to replace him, as he is invaluable to this organization in handling the business and financial matters of our Order in a most competent manner; and we are, indeed grateful to him.

His report contains one stated recommendation:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in 1961, said Committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership in advance of the event, to assure attendance.

Your Committee concurs; and implements it by adding, "and that the Council of Administration budget the necessary expenses."

Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Of course, I am in favor of the recommendation, but we have always invited the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. I would amend that to add, "and that the Military Order of the Loyal Legion be invited to join us in that ceremony."

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: We didn't think it necessary. We are recommending that a Committee be appointed to arrange for this ceremony—and it is certainly understood, as far as that Committee is concerned, that the Loyal Legion should be invited. (Adopted.)

As to item 7 of Brother Lambert's report, relative to *The Banner*, the Committee would like to pass over that until a later session of the Encampment, at which time we will report on it.

Now, the main thing which caused us to take up this report, out of the usual order, is because of the "Michigan Matter," which we considered at the request of Mr. Craig Thompson, who represented the suspended Michigan Department members. At the session yesterday, this entire matter was referred to the Council of Administration. The Council met, in addition to Brothers Locke, Heald and myself who are members of this Committee; and we were included because this matter was within the jurisdiction of this Committee. That group met with Craig Thompson, at the conclusion of yesterday's session; and based on the results of that meeting, your Committee has decided to recommend, as a solution to this problem, the adoption of the second alternative, contained in Item 11 of the report of the National Secretary; and we present the following Resolution, to implement the action taken at that meeting yesterday afternoon:

(2) Whereas, in order to adjust all difficulties now existing among the various Camps in the State of Michigan, it has become necessary for this Commandery-in-Chief to take positive and definite action, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this 79th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

That the Commander-in-Chief be and is hereby authorized and directed to call a special meeting of the suspended Michigan Department for the purpose of its re-organization; giving all Camps in the State (whether carried now as "Camps at Large," or as members of the suspended Department) a due and sufficient notice, at least thirty days in advance of such called meeting (and preferably longer), and directing said Camps to send to such meeting their proper quota of delegates chosen under existing regulations;

That such called meeting shall be presided over in person by the Commander-in-Chief, or his duly authorized and empowered representative (preferably a Past Commander-in-Chief, familiar with the case but neutral in the controversy), who will be accompanied to such meeting by the National Counselor and the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Order; and that these representatives of the Commandery-in-Chief shall supervise the re-institution of the suspended Michigan Department and supervise the election and installation of a complete corps of Department Officers. (Adopted.)

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE AUXILIARY

A Greetings Committee from the Rhode Island Department of the Auxiliary consisting of:

Laura I. Smith, Past Department President,
Mary Sentegarda, Department President,
Gertrude Peterson, Past Department President,
Mary Macomber, Past Department President,
Bessie Coughlin, Past Auxiliary President,
Eva Burrows, Past Auxiliary President,

were escorted into the Encampment by Department Commander Clarence E. Young, and the delegates from the Department of Rhode Island.

Greetings and good wishes for a successful and enjoyable Encampment were extended by the Department Commander, who presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Department of Rhode Island. Greetings were also extended by the members of the Auxiliary; and Past Department President Laura I. Smith presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief from the Rhode Island G.A.R. family. (National Counselor Locke responded), after which the delegation was escorted from the Encampment.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The following Committee, from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was escorted into the Encampment, and introduced:

Mabel S. Taylor, Past National President, Rhode Island,
Frances Kuhns, Past National President, Pennsylvania,
Irene Mangle, Past National President, Wisconsin,
Theo. McCallum, Past National President, Wisconsin,
Gussie Morin, Past National President, Washington,
Twanette Paul, Past National President, Missouri.

Mrs. Taylor extended the greetings, and presented a gift from her National President, Mrs. Edna S. Lindsey; together with her own personal wishes, and a gift which she presented to the Commander-in-Chief. The other members of the Committee also extended greetings and best wishes. (Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant), after which they were escorted out.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I believe, at this time, we will have a few remarks from Past Commander-in-Chief Grant about the Civil War Centennial.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: If you are interested, I thought I would like to tell you a little about the Centennial Commission, and how it works.

First of all, we do not consider this an occasion for celebration but a great tragedy—a real crisis, in which heroism was shown not only by the men who were in combat, but also by their women and their families; so this is something which should be commemorated. The losses were tremendous, both for the Union forces and for the Confederates; and the deeds of the men who struggled in that mighty conflict are worthy of commemoration.

The matter of self preservation and unity of purpose exemplified in this struggle describes, in itself, why the union was re-established. Out of this struggle there has grown a country so much larger, so much more prosperous, and so much greater than they ever realized possible; because following this war they set about to re-construct and re-establish the union—and by so doing, laid the foundation for the great and wonderful country we now have.

We point out that great contributions were made by those men in that war—in improvement of arms, in the development of observation by air of land mines, marine mines; and even efforts which contributed in the development of submarines. The fact that the telegraph had been introduced permitted the control of large batteries of troops, at different locations; also transmission of news to many points in the world. The development of the railroad made it possible to move great bodies of troops—so it is well to remember many of those things which have been of benefit to us, in later periods of combat which were brought into use or if used, improved upon during the Civil War period.

So, there is much to remember and many events to be commemorated during the Civil War Centennial.

To assist in this observance the Centennial Commission has issued a little bulletin called, "Facts about the Civil War," which have been given to us at headquarters of the Commission. The first issue is exhausted, and the second issue is now being re-printed; so you can write into the office and get this bulletin. The office of the Commission is at 700 Jackson Place, Washington 25, D. C.

With our limited appropriations, it is quite impossible to pay for the observances in the various States. The local people and the States will have to decide what they want to do—they must decide

what was important to them, in their own State and what they want to commemorate.

We have asked the Governors of the various States to appoint a Commission in each State. The telling of the Civil War story and planning of their commemorative affairs are left to the States—with the Commission assisting, wherever possible, in the States and in local communities, if assistance is requested.

The Commission is hoping to get a Joint Session of Congress during the Centennial.

We are planning special exercises on January 8, 1961 at the Military, Naval and Air Academy—to sort of lead off the educational program. We are asking all preachers to hold special services that Sunday; because Religion played an important part in the Civil War, as it does in all wars. In fact, the Civil War was the first in which Chaplains of all faiths participated.

We have a Committee on Historical Activities, a sub-committee of the Commission, under the chairmanship of Bell I. Wiley which publishes a booklet entitled, "Civil War History."

Several programs, such as the re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg are planned. Those, more or less, are quite expensive in terms of money, and labor; but some are planned, by the States, and local organizations or Committees. The Commission can help, if they are asked, in such cases with advice, with facts pertinent to the event itself, with publicity, and, we hope, with the participation and co-operation of this organization. We feel that history is still more important if it can be re-enacted, and we hope that we will have your help throughout the country.

We ask that you look in your attics for old letters, diaries, and first hand evidence of events which happened during that war. We would like to find old records, old newspapers, or any other items which relate to the Civil War—which can be used to revive interest in the Civil War and, through that, greater interest in our country.

Thank you for listening, and if there are any questions, I would be glad to answer them for you.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Grant. I will now ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to assume this station; so that I might leave the Encampment, and go to pay my official visit to the Auxiliary.

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady presided, during which there was a period of general discussion on various matters of interest to the delegates from the Departments, and Camps.) The Commander-in-Chief returned and then the following Committee was received:

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Miss Josephine Parkhurst, Past National President, New York,

Mrs. Eula Nelson, Past National President, Illinois,

were escorted into the Encampment and introduced. Miss Parkhurst, a co-worker of Commander-in-Chief Arnold during the past year, extended greetings of her organization, as well as personal greetings and good wishes; and greetings were extended by Mrs. Nelson. (Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle.) They were then escorted from the Encampment.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 24, 1960 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in the usual form, with prayer by National Chaplain Leonard.

VISIT OF MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION

The Massachusetts delegation of the Auxiliary, headed by Department President Natalie Brown; and the Sons delegation, headed by Department Commander Henry S. Bowen, Jr., with a total of twenty-five members were escorted into the Encampment. The Department President, and Department Commander extended greetings and good wishes for a fine Encampment; as well as personal greetings to the Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the delegation.

The Commander-in-Chief responded to this group; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Brother Coffin, are you ready to continue your report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Yes, Commander-in-Chief, we present:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman Coffin: I would like to say, at the beginning of this report, that the Committee has spent long hours in the consideration of the several reports. Action thereon has been considered and, in every respect, our action has been unanimous.

Report of Commander-in-Chief

We have read this report very carefully, and we wish to thank Brother Arnold for his efforts in our behalf during this past year; and wish to congratulate the Order on having had as its Commander-in-Chief a man of his zeal, enthusiasm and interest in our Order.

His report conveys, in some detail, his visits across the country in making his visitations to the several Departments; and we again express our appreciation to him upon the fine performance of the duties of this office, and on his excellent report.

The report contains three (3) recommendations:

(1) That the office of Commander-in-Chief be for a two year term.

Before giving the Committee recommendation on that, I may say that this is not at all unique. I don't think there has been, perhaps, any Commander-in-Chief who came to the end of his term without feeling that he had just about gotten his foot in the stirrup, and was really ready to ride. A number of them have expressed this thought, directly or indirectly. At least two, within my memory, did so somewhat specifically; one of them in the late 30's—and, at that time, a Commander-in-Chief was elected for a second term. The last time, at the Duluth Encampment in 1954, a similar observation was made by our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, who is now in the room—not in the same words, but the reference was very much the same, pertaining to unity between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the other organizations. There was nothing personal

in the recommendation made at that Encampment, because the Past Commanders-in-Chief had to get on their knees and plead with him to take a second term. At that very Encampment, news reached us, by telephone, of the granting of our Federal charter; and that required re-organization of the Constitution—and because he was so vitally needed, consented to a second term.

It has been the feeling of the Brothers on the Committee that when the occasion arises, a second term can be given.

The Committee does not approve this recommendation, as it involves a change in the C. & R., and, under present regulations, a Commander-in-Chief can be elected for a second term, if desired. (Committee sustained.)

(2) That the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

The Committee recommends that every consideration be given to this matter—and that it be referred to the Council of Administration for their consideration and, within our available finances perhaps increase it, not more than the amount suggested. (Adopted.)

(3) That a Committee of Military Affairs shall be established to standardize all Reserve organizations in the Commandery, both in uniforms and operations.

Your Committee has considered this, and feel that some action along these lines is in order; particularly due to the fact that there will be many occasions during the Civil War Centennial in which the Reserves will participate. Our present regulations are very broad—which you will see if you refer to Chapter IV, page 36. Some twenty years ago we had about three pages of regulations covering this matter, but the whole Reserve has since been de-centralized. We, therefore, agreed that something should be done—to go into the matter more thoroughly. The Committee, therefore, presents the following Resolution:

"That a Committee on Centennial Military Affairs, operating under the authority of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council of Administration, is hereby established for the following purposes:

(1) To investigate the uniforms and operations of all units of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, now operating under the authority of the several Departments of the Order in accordance with Chapter IV of the Regulations; and to determine the need, if any, of any further standardization thereof than that now prescribed in said regulations.

(2) To investigate all the avenues of usefulness of our Reserve Units in connection with the coming Centennial observance; and, therefrom, to determine and recommend any desirable augmentation of such units, and any needed changes in uniforms, operations or regulations thereof; and all means of financing the same.

That this Committee shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, from among eligible constitutional members of the Commandery-in-Chief having familiarity with the subject matter.

And that this Committee shall report, from time to time, to the Council of Administration on the results of its studies and efforts; and if between sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Council of Administration is hereby authorized to take any necessary action on its recommendations, imminently required for the good of the Order." (Adopted.)

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We commend Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady in the highest terms for his work in the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

which has been done in an excellent manner. His interest and devotion to this organization is evident, and we are fortunate to have had him in this office. He relates, in quite a bit of detail, his operations during the last two years during which time he occupied this office.

He has been out of his own Department on several occasions in connection with the Michigan case; but his outstanding work we feel was in connection with helping to get the Lincoln Tomb observance established four years ago; and in the continuance of his efforts for this ceremony, on our behalf, year after year.

His work in connection with our Encampment here in Springfield too, has been outstanding—and we sincerely thank him, and the members of his Committee, for this fine Encampment we are having in Springfield.

While he does not specifically make any recommendations, his report is replete with suggestions which should be acted upon by the Officers, and observed—especially in connection with the Lincoln Tomb observance. We did a fine job here with that observance, and we want to see the Sons of Union Veterans lead the way. We commend the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief on his pointing that out, and stressing it particularly, as it is a very important project—one of our most important.

He suggests that a message of appreciation be sent to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, thanking them for their splendid cooperation and assistance in conducting these services.

Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, your Committee would like to have this report, and the contents thereof, referred to the incoming administration—for their information and compliance with the numerous suggestions so vital to our organization, particularly in connection with affairs in Illinois.

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Messer gives an account of his activities, chiefly in the State of New York; and they have been considerable. We certainly want to express our appreciation to him for his zeal, his efforts, and accomplishments in the field in which he has operated.

His report contains one recommendation:

(1) That the Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders should be at the beck and call of any Department, during the Centennial years, without cost to the National organization.

Your Committee was in doubt as to exactly what was meant by this recommendation and, therefore, do not concur. (Committee sustained.)

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

All of you present heard this wonderful report on the first day of the Encampment. We are proud to have Brother Shriver as our National Patriotic Instructor. He has devoted a great deal of time and effort in his work; and the results speak for themselves. It may be that his home in Gettysburg, at the very center, of the historic Civil War period has given him inspiration, through the years of his life; and inspiration to render the valuable service he has given to this organization.

No recommendations are contained in his report.

His report gives a list of the contributions, in connection with the G.A.R. fund—included in which is an item of utmost interest to us which I will discuss later.

With our utmost commendation and thanks to Brother Shriver for his fine and splendid service to us, we pass on to the next report.

Report of National Chaplain

Brother Leonard has given every evidence of having performed a fine job in connection with this office. I know of his voluminous correspondence, from personal experience; and I am sure that there was a great deal of correspondence, throughout the year, in connection with his duties as National Chaplain.

He has given dedicated service and interest to this office—of which a major part is the arrangement and carrying out of the Memorial Service, which was held on Sunday afternoon. We can but congratulate and thank him for this dedicated effort in this respect, and all others, in his service as National Chaplain of this organization.

His report contains no recommendations. As these reports will be published, your Committee invites you to read this, and all other reports thoroughly.

Report of National Historian

I think it is too bad that we did not establish the office of Historian a long time ago. One of our chief objects, now that the G.A.R. has gone, is to preserve the records of the G.A.R. and the Civil War; and it is through the work of this office that much of it can be done. In the past, before we established this office, much of the history and records were lost to us because we then gave little thought to matters of history and the preservation of these records.

Brother Spink is most ably and well qualified to perform the services of National Historian and his report has given evidence of his accomplishments. We congratulate him, and the Order on having him—he has done a fine job.

There is one suggestion in his report:

(1) That the usual allotment of \$25.00 for the office of National Historian be granted for the next year. The Committee concurs, and refers the matter to the Council of Administration. (Adopted.)

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

I am sure that you all have heard this report when it was read, and must appreciate the tremendous amount of effort expended by Brother DeForest in this matter of Graves Registration.

We congratulate him, and the organization, on his work for the Order. We are, indeed, fortunate in having such a corps of officers during this past year, and in former years, doing such fine work; and we express our gratitude to Brother DeForest for his service, in this capacity, over the years.

(1) The reference to the allocation of \$50.00 toward the expenditures of this project, to defray the costs of the office were assumed to be necessary again for the coming year. Your Committee, therefore, refers this matter to the Council of Administration for their consideration, and action. (Committee sustained.)

Report of District of Columbia Agent

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, we want to voice our feelings of gratitude to you, for the service you render to the Order is very difficult to comprehend. You handle this assignment in an excellent manner, and we feel that no one could be better qualified to handle it.

You have heard the report read. It is not particularly lengthy, but tells us of the work in which he is engaged in Washington. It contains no recommendations.

We want to express our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Grant for his service to this organization in many respects, but particularly for his efforts, on our behalf, in Washington.

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

A part of this report was considered, and acted upon at the session yesterday, but one matter is still to be reported:

(1) The suggestion contained in Item 7 of the report relative to adding the cost of The Banner to Camp Dues, so that every member will receive it.

A resolution from the Department of Ohio, along the same lines, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations, and on which action was deferred at a previous session of the Encampment is included in this report. Your Committee considered both the suggestion of the National Secretary, and the resolution from the Department of Ohio at great length; and is unanimous in approval of this recommendation, but feel there is a necessity to find a way to implement it.

We have checked into the regulations and find they are inconsistent with the Constitution. Chapter 1, Article VII, Section 1 of the Regulations reads, "the minimum yearly dues shall not be less than five (\$5.00) dollars." Article V, Section 1, fifth paragraph of the Constitution provides for Members at Large and says, "dues shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include subscription to The Banner."

Therefore, your Committee proposes the following—That the suggestion of the National Secretary-Treasurer be approved; and we suggest it be referred to the Council of Administration to find ways to implement it. (Adopted.)

There is still one matter on which your Committee on Officers' Reports wishes to report, but that will be given at the session tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Coffin. It is getting late, and I am sure that most of you plan to go on the tour this afternoon to the Lincoln Tomb, to the grave of Dr. Stephenson (founder of the G.A.R.) and to New Salem State Park; so we will recess until 9 A. M. tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 25, 1960 — 9:00 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, a situation has developed whereby we have a considerable amount of business to transact before we adjourn. You can see by the attendance this morning that many of our members left yesterday to return home. Many more of us are committed to leave at a certain hour today because of plane and train reservations.

We came here for many reasons, one of which was to express our vote on nomination and election of officers. So, with your permission, I would like to make the following motion—that the rules be suspended to allow nomination and election of officers at 10 A. M. this morning; and the installation of officers to be, as usual, the last order of business of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander George W. Lovering, Illinois, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: At this time, Brother Coffin is ready with a special order of business; and the final report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I rise on the grounds that the Committee on Officers' Reports had finished its business, in a way; but we had one matter that was discussed by the Committee which we still wish to include as a part of our report.

The various reports submitted to this Committee did not include the reports from the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees, as these are acted upon immediately on the floor at the time of presentation of the report, but your Committee on Officers' Reports took note of the fact that among the list of chairmen of those Committees, there was one vacant chair, that of Fred Colwell.

The Vice Chairman of the Officers' Reports Committee, Brother Rippey comes from the same city as did Brother Colwell; and we felt it fitting that we should offer, in a sense, a report on behalf of our dearly deceased brother Fred Colwell, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

In recent years, I have been quite familiar with the work of Brother Colwell. He had been chairman of that Committee for a number of years and has performed yeoman service, on behalf of this organization, in the halls of Congress. I know of his dedication to the duties of his office.

In the last year or two, the tenacity with which he worked was almost miraculous. Although paralyzed on one side, he continued his voluminous correspondence, writing it on the typewriter and using his left hand. Literally, he fell with his boots on.

He appreciated fully the ultimate purpose and importance of the Gettysburg address—which is now gradually coming into limelight, and more and more of our citizens are becoming aware of it. Fred Colwell realized that when the Gettysburg address was given Lincoln was not speaking to the people in front of him, because they couldn't hear him, but he was speaking to the entire country. He was speaking to the world, and to future generations of people. He was speak-

ing to you and to me, and to all the allied organizations of the G.A.R. when he said, "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." He was asking us to join him in a resolve—in a dedication to that purpose. A number of our commentators today recognize that there are ceremonies on November 19th, in which the chief purpose is that we join in renewing that resolve which I have just quoted.

Fred Colwell devoted much of his effort, during the time he was Chairman of this Committee, to perpetuate that speech and have November 19th permanently designated as Dedication Day. It happens that through his efforts a bill, similar to the one now in Congress, was passed but when it came to the Committee it was found that it applied to that day for only one year.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports would recommend:

(A) That this organization shall make due progress in carrying on the work so nobly advanced by Brother Fred Colwell in past years, and

(B) See to it that this work is brought to fruition, in his memory.

This, I offer as a very brief report in behalf of Fred Colwell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee; and on behalf of the Officers' Reports Committee; suggesting that, in due time, the coming administration take special note and be governed accordingly.

In closing, I propose, on behalf of my Committee that we pay tribute to the memory of Brother Fred Colwell in a moment of silent prayer. (Encampment rose, in a moment of silent prayer.)

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Coffin, Ohio, Chairman,
Joseph S. Rippey, New York,
William H. Quist, Oregon & Washington,
Roy L. Volstead, Indiana,
Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin,
Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: This completes our report, and we would now like to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Coffin. The Committee on Officers' Reports is hereby discharged, with thanks.

National Historian Spink: May I announce that the tangible expression of charity for Brother James Ledwith, suggested by Brother Allen Howland at the Tuesday afternoon session resulted in a total of \$62.00. Sincere thanks is expressed by Brother Ledwith—it is very much appreciated.

National Secretary Lambert: I would like to make an announcement for the record. The love token from the Auxiliary was presented at the banquet last night by National President Beatrice S. Riggs—a check for \$500.00.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Since we are waiting for the report of the Committee on Convention City, I would like to call your attention to something I feel we should be taking action upon. In the July issue of the V.F.W. national publication, they gladly rescinded a statement made in a previous issue of that monthly magazine that "now that the last soldier of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed on, the promoting of Memorial Day falls into the hands of the Spanish War Veterans. We, as their successors must help them because they, too, will soon answer the bugle call." After receipt of a letter from our National Patriotic Instructor, they acknowledged

that they did not know about the Sons of Union Veterans and subsequently rescinded the statement. I feel we should express our appreciation to the editor of this publication for his cooperation with us. (Seconded by National Historian Spink, and carried.)

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, you haven't heard very much from me at this Encampment. I haven't disagreed with what you were doing, or how you were doing it. I haven't offered much in the way of suggestion, or counsel as it did not seem necessary. Things went along very well, and I just kept quiet and observed what was taking place.

I still do not have a formal report to submit to you; but I have a few brief remarks on what is in my mind.

A couple of years ago, I think it was in Boston, I quoted from the Farm Journal the following statement, "Typical Americans are individuals who spend their time fighting among themselves, while organized groups take over our country." So, this morning I address you as my fellow typical Americans.

Many years ago it was my privilege to hear a dearly beloved member of the Grand Army of the Republic refer to the G.A.R. family as the only "royal" family recognized in America—and how true it is. But what are we doing to maintain that position? You know the answer to that as well as I do, but I am going to repeat it anyway—for emphasis; and maybe you will begin to think about it and do something about it to change it. We get together at our Encampments, both Department and National, and we have quarrels about various matters which come before us—many of them concerning only ourselves. We go from our Encampments, and think up more things to quarrel about between ourselves; and we forget that this great land in which we live may yet turn to ashes in our hands because we are so busy thinking about ourselves that we fail to think about the world in which we live.

I haven't heard a word in this Encampment about combating Communism. Maybe I am mistaken, but if anyone said anything, I didn't hear it. What are we doing about the issue of Communism—and if nothing, why?

We adopt Resolutions, such as those on our policies and attitudes toward various national issues but then we do nothing more. I think it is time for us to wake up—to act as true Sons of Union Veterans should act. Is being a true and loyal Son of a Union Veteran accomplished by belonging to a Camp, paying dues, attending Camp meetings, attending Department and National Encampments—and nothing more? True Sons of Veterans should get busy and do something of real value for this Order.

Our country is in greater danger today than it was in the days of the Civil War when our fathers fought to unite it and later, they performed an even greater service in building it up to be the greatest nation in the world, yet we stand by and do nothing. We seem to feel that respect is due us because our fathers served our country in that great War, and that we need do nothing except to rest upon their laurels. Let each of us get busy and be a real Son of a Union Veteran—let us do something that will make us deserving of the wonderful heritage passed on to us by our fathers.

Department Commander Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to announce that we initiated nine candidates for the Department of Illinois last night, with the initiatory work being done by the degree team from the Department of Massachusetts. I was the Commander, substituting for the regular member of the team who was unable to be present; and I appreciated the opportunity of initiating those candidates.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I would like to thank the boys from the Department of Massachusetts for putting this on last night.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: I want to thank them also. This was a fine performance of the initiatory work, and the Department of Illinois, as well as the Encampment Committee, is grateful to you for doing it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: A short time ago, when I gave the final report of the Committee on Officers' Reports I omitted one important thing which I intended to mention in connection with the report in absentia that I made for Brother Fred Colwell; and it was this fact. We know that there must have been some important records among the papers, etc. in the files of Fred Colwell which may be of great assistance to us in the future. Appreciating the fact that a member of the Committee on Officers' Reports, Brother Rippey, lives in the city of Rochester and is by profession, an attorney who is well qualified to carry out this matter, I feel we should endeavor to recover the office records of Brother Colwell, in connection with his functions as chairman of the Legislative Committee, and turn these over to the Commandery-in-Chief for reference and use of the next chairman of that Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: That is an excellent idea, and I hope that it will be taken into consideration by the incoming administration.

Are there any other reports of Committees at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations presented a partial report at a previous session of the Encampment. One item from the Department of Ohio, relative to the minimum yearly dues to be not less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall include subscription to The Banner was still open, action having been deferred by the Encampment. In the meantime, the Committee on Officers' Reports presented their report, based on a similar matter, contained in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer; and action was taken on it. Therefore, no further action is necessary on this item still open in our report; and this concludes the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Maine, Chairman,
Frank Woerner, California & Pacific,
Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,
John Gately, California & Pacific,
Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont,
Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother DeHaven. Your Committee has done a fine job; and you are now discharged, with our sincere thanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would like to report for the Committee on Restoration of Rank.

Our Committee put in many hours waiting for the arduous task which was to be ours. However, nothing was presented to us and

we have no report to submit to you. We would, therefore, like to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I would like to thank you, and the Committee on Restoration of Rank is discharged, with our appreciation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Commander-in-Chief, our Committee is in much the same position as Brother Heald and his Committee. Nothing was referred to us for our consideration and I would request that the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies now be released.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: You are discharged, with a vote of thanks.

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific: Most of you know that I was National Chairman of the Entertainment Committee at the Encampment in Long Beach last year. I thought that we couldn't be surpassed, but I think Illinois has shown us the proper way to put on an Encampment. I think all of us appreciate the fact that the members of the Committee here in Illinois have, through their efforts, given us a wonderful Encampment.

I would like to thank the Department of Illinois and especially the Chairman of the Convention Committee, Brother Charles Brady, for the wonderful time we have had here in Springfield.

I move that this Encampment give a rising vote of thanks to the Encampment Committee, and the Department of Illinois for a fine Encampment, which will be long remembered as one of the finest we have ever had. (Seconded by National Historian Spink. It was carried; and a rising vote of the Encampment given.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I believe that Brother Runkle is now ready to report.

REPORT OF 1962 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, as Chairman of the Time and Place Committee for 1962, I wish to present the report of our Committee.

As you know, we now work ahead two years; but I don't believe that you Brothers are looking ahead in your own Departments for, if you were, you would arrange to have invitations come to us, in advance, so that we might have a number of places to consider.

We have a rather difficult condition existing this year. We have, at the present time, three invitations:

(1) An invitation from Seattle, Washington—a very fine, well prepared brochure giving us the use of a hotel of 1,000 rooms and meeting facilities. I understand there is a general Exposition there in '62, which would be an added attraction to Seattle.

(2) We have an invitation from the city of Washington, D. C.—from the Willard and Mayflower Hotels, supported by an invitation from the Department Commander, Brother William J. Johnson, Sr. There is nothing from the Auxiliary, or from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(3) We also have a letter of invitation from a hotel only; in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The situation created by these three invitations puts us in a difficult spot. The Committee has tried to analyze this matter, and recommend what is best for us. Just last year we were in the far west; this year we are in the central United States; and next year we will be in the middle west in Indianapolis.

As to the invitation from Seattle, the general feeling of the members of the Committee, and many of you folks with whom we have talked about it, is that the extreme west coast might not be the best thing for our organization—yet some are very much in favor of it.

Grand Rapids is a good Convention city—we know that from past experience. However, we feel that Grand Rapids is out of the question, at the present time, in view of our situation existing in Michigan. It would seem that this would not be a good time to have a National Encampment in Michigan.

The situation in Washington is this—the members of the Committee feel that this might be the right time to have a National Encampment in Washington, where it would definitely tie in with the Civil War era, during the Centennial. There are certain conditions which we feel should be met; one of which would be to have a good Chairman. If this, and other tentative plans could be worked out, it would be ideal. As to Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, he is willing to have us in Washington but he is very busy with Civil War Centennial business. He will gladly render his assistance, but says he could not take over the details involved with the arrangements of our National Convention.

I think we all revere General Grant, and would like to have it in Washington when he can be with us; and we feel that the right time would be in two years.

Let me call to your attention the fact that our national organizations have agreed to contribute \$200.00 per organization toward our future conventions, which would mean \$600.00 which would cover part of the expenses incident to having us in any city—thus making it a bit easier on the Encampment Committee, in the Department in which we are to meet.

Your Committee is at a loss as to which one to recommend, but felt we might do one of three (3) things:

- (1) Accept the invitation from Seattle, Washington,
- (2) Refer it to the Council of Administration—to look further into the possibility of locating it in Washington; as your Committee feels that if we could find the right man to head the Committee, and find the right kind of Committee, it would be an ideal arrangement.
- (3) Refer it to the Council of Administration—to check further, to find another city which would tie into the Civil War era and the Centennial.

Your Committee does not like to commit ourselves on this matter, and would rather have the Encampment make the decision on it.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania, Chairman,
Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota,
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,
1962 Encampment Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, may I offer a motion—that this question of selection of an Encampment city for 1962 be referred to the Council, with the provision that if suitable arrangements can be made, that it be held in Washington, D. C. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We will now have the Report of the Credentials Committee.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: The Credentials Committee presents a final report:

Total number of members enrolled, 121, as follows:

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| Past Commanders-in-Chief | 11 |
| Past Commanders-in-Chief (registered, not present) .. | 1 |
| Past Department Commanders | 45 |
| Past Department Commanders (registered, not present) .. | 4 |
| Department Commanders | 14 |
| Delegates | 45 |
| Delegates (registered, not present) | 1 |
| Total | 121 |

Respectfully submitted,

Bertram Isaacs, New York, Chairman,
Robert E. Daniels, Connecticut,
Roscoe C. Mathis, Illinois,
Richard W. Pratt, New Jersey,
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,
Credentials Committee.

(Report adopted on motion of Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: It is now 10 A. M., and in line with the motion made at the beginning of this session, we will now go into Nomination and Election of Officers.

I will appoint as Tellers:

Rev. Richard O. Partington, Delegate, Pennsylvania, Judge,
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois,
Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Nominations are now open for Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Department Commander John Gately of that Department passed to Vermont.

Department Commander Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont: The Vermont delegation have been shown many courtesies and kindnesses while here at this Encampment. We appreciate this a great deal, and will certainly take back to our people in Vermont a warm account of this National Encampment. I would, at this time, request that the chair now recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, who will speak for Vermont.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and members of this Encampment; probably the most cherished thing that we, in public life, enjoy is the confidence of our constituents—and so I want to make a statement before I proceed to make this nomination.

During the three or more decades that I have been an active member of this Commandery-in-Chief I have made many statements to you and I have made them sincerely, from the bottom of my heart,

and the one I am about to make now is another such statement. In all my years of activity, which has extended from coast to coast, in this Commandery-in-Chief, I have never known a more dedicated member of our Order than the man I am going to nominate for your consideration as Commander-in-Chief. I know him well, and I do not hesitate to make that statement.

On many occasions, your National Officers and the National Officers of the Auxiliary have requested of me that I arrange a meeting in the Department of Vermont. On many such occasions, with a twenty-four hour notice, I have called this man and he has always arranged for the meeting. Not only has he been able to arrange the meeting, but there has always been a sizeable attendance.

He was Department Senior Vice Commander in 1944, and one of his duties in that office was to raise funds. The amount of money he raised that year set a record in Vermont. He was Department Commander in 1945. He was the New England Regional Commander in 1949; and your National Patriotic Instructor in 1958-59, following Earl Riggs—who did such an outstanding job in that office. He raised a total of \$908.82 in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, which topped the record of Earl Riggs by \$3.82. I think it is important to know that because Earl Riggs set a high standard which is hard to beat.

He organized a State Camp in Vermont and he has nursed that Camp along; and it is now a permanent organization in Vermont. During his membership in this Order, he has put more than fifty members into the Sons of Union Veterans. He has been Secretary-Treasurer for four years, and did a very outstanding job; and recently retired from office. He was appointed a member of the Vermont Centennial Commission by the State of Vermont, and also Chairman of the Vermont Allied Orders Centennial Commission.

He is a poet. You have seen some of his poems in newspapers in the east. I think he has published over 100 poems—one of which was "Gate Ajar" published after the passing of Comrade Albert Woolson.

He was endorsed by his Department at the Department Encampment held in Brattleboro for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The Department of Vermont is a substantial Department, an old Department, one that the Commandery-in-Chief can always depend upon. That Department has never had a Commander-in-Chief in this organization because they have never had the man before whom they felt would give the proper representation on all occasions, for our Order.

He is a man always available to us, and he can be depended upon to get results. I have been invited to speak in his Department at Camp meetings, on several occasions, and more than once I found him busy operating a taxi service. He goes and gets the members, takes them to the meetings, and gets them home—as a result, there is always a sizeable group present at any function in Vermont.

He is a speaker of no mean ability, and is in great demand as a public speaker. I have heard him on a number of occasions such as Memorial Day where he was speaking before large groups of people, and he did an excellent job.

He is a student of the Civil War, a Lincoln student, and one who is devoted to the work of this organization. He is a man who, in every respect, is a credit to this Order.

The most important thing about this man is that he is a working member. Whenever there is a meeting in the Department of Vermont, you may be sure that he is there doing his share of the work.

He has several plans for a unique type of promotion for our Order during this coming year. He hasn't discussed with me, in detail, what he has in mind; but I know his proposed plans will be of great benefit to this organization.

I could go on and on, telling you of his qualifications; of his plans and hopes for the coming year, but time does not permit. I made a statement when I started and I again repeat—never in my experience in this Order have I known a more dedicated man and so, from the bottom of my heart, I say to you that this Commandery-in-Chief will have no cause for regret if they support the candidate from the Department of Vermont for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers assembled, I am honored to have the opportunity to place before you the name of Thomas Chadwick of Vermont for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Thank you.

The National Secretary called the roll to New York.

Department Commander Charles P. Bradshaw, New York: As Department Commander, I would ask that you recognize Brother Howe who will speak for the Department of New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Brothers, the man I am going to nominate is known to all of you in this Encampment.

Two of our Past Commanders-in-Chief accompanied me to speak to this man, whom I am about to nominate for Commander-in-Chief. Originally we planned to nominate him for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but when it was learned that Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady was not going to advance this year, the New York delegation decided they had the right man for the highest office in this Commandery-in-Chief.

This man joined the Order in February, 1906—54½ years ago. He has been a working member as long as he has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

He has been through the chairs in his Camp in Albany, also in the New York Department and is your present Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I assure you that I have never found a harder worker—he talks, eats and sleeps Sons of Union Veterans. This man is a Past Department Commander of the New York Department, he is a Past Commander of the American Legion, the V.F.W., the Army and Navy Union. He is a retired railroad man who travels on a pass at no cost to himself; and he has the time to devote to this Order, and to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

I know that you will not be making any mistake in selecting this man; and I ask your favorable consideration of Charles L. Messer, Past Department Commander of New York for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Joseph S. Rippey, New York: I would like to say, at this time, that I heartily agree with everything Brother Howe has said. I have known Brother Messer much less time, but have always found him to be a willing worker anywhere in our Department. It seemed that when I was at one end of the State, he was there—when in another, he was there too—always on hand and willing to give service to this organization. I think he has devoted more time and effort, during his membership in this organization, than any other man in the Sons of Union Veterans; and I am happy to second the nomination of Brother Charles L. Messer.

After a five minute recess, the National Secretary called the Departments with the following

RESULT OF VOTE

| Departments | Chadwick | Messer |
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| California & Pacific | 7 | |
| Connecticut | 4 | 1 |
| Illinois | 6 | 5 |
| Indiana | 3 | 1 |
| Maine | 2 | 3 |
| Maryland | 1 | 1 |
| Massachusetts | 4 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 2 | |
| New Hampshire | 1 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 2 | 4 |
| New York | | 12 |
| Ohio | 4 | 3 |
| Oregon & Washington | 3 | |
| Pennsylvania | 11 | 2 |
| Rhode Island | 3 | 1 |
| Vermont | 2 | |
| Wisconsin | | 1 |
| Total | 55 | 39 |

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to change that vote, and make it the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Thomas Chadwick for Commander-in-Chief.

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

Past Department Commander Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont: I accept; and thank you, Brothers.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to New Jersey, when Department Commander Richard W. Pratt yielded to the Department of New York.

Department Commander Charles P. Bradshaw, New York: You have already heard the previous nomination by Past Commander-in-Chief Howe for Charles L. Messer. There is little for me to add other than to tell you that he has been most co-operative at all times in the Department of New York, and is one of our most diligent workers and devoted members of our Order.

I am very happy, at this time, to place in nomination for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief the name of Charles L. Messer of New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I move you that this election of Brother Messer be unanimous; and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 115 votes (actual voting strength of the Encampment, excluding those registered, not present) for Charles L. Messer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Brother Messer, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer: I do, and I want to thank all of the Brothers.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Indiana.

Department Commander Roy L. Volstead, Indiana: I would like to place in nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief the name of a man who has served as Department Commander in Indiana, one who is an arduous worker and one who is well known among the members of this national body. I will assure you that, with the National Encampment coming to Indiana next year, he will make an excellent officer. I know, too, that he will put forth a great deal of effort to see that your Encampment in Indianapolis next year is a fine one.

I take pleasure in nominating Past Department Commander Cecil McConahay of Indiana for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Departments of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would move you that the National Secretary cast the ballot and that, on further nominations, where there is only one candidate, the ballot of the Encampment be cast by the National Secretary. (Seconded by Department Commander Richard W. Pratt, New Jersey, and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 115 votes for Cecil McConahay for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Brother McConahay, do you accept?

Past Department Commander Cecil McConahay, Indiana: I do, your honor, and I will do my best.

National Secretary-Treasurer (5 year term)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Nominations are now open for National Secretary-Treasurer, for a 5 year term.

The National Secretary called the roll to New Jersey, when Department Commander Richard W. Pratt yielded to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Being neither an attorney nor a politician, I won't speak very long although, in this case, it would not be at all difficult.

When you have a good product to sell, you don't need to give a long sales talk about its merits—it speaks for itself in how good it is, and how well it does the job you want it to do. I think, in this case, the same thing is true.

I could tell you a great deal about Al Lambert—about his qualifications, what a fine job he has done in this job, and why he should be elected to this office; but you already know all those things, so it would be a repetition on my part, to enumerate all of this to you now.

I think it was about twelve years ago when Horace H. Hammer, who had held the office of National Secretary-Treasurer for 35-40 years, retired from that office. At that time, this organization was pressed to find a man capable to carry on the duties of that very important office. Many men wanted the job, but few measured up to the necessary qualifications and were capable of handling it well. The big Department of New Jersey gave to us a man we felt was capable of taking over that office. The splendid manner in which he has conducted the office during the ensuing years proves that our judgment was good.

Our investments have been promoted in the finest manner possible as evidenced by our list of investments in our financial statement, and the return on those investments is excellent proving that our

finances have been handled well; the office of National Secretary-Treasurer has been conducted in a business-like manner, and in a way which is hard to equal. He has proven to us that he is very capable, and we feel he is the man best fitted to carry on the duties of this office.

I am happy to again have the privilege and pleasure of nominating Albert C. Lambert for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. (Seconded by Departments of Ohio, New York and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 115 votes for Albert C. Lambert for National Secretary-Treasurer.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Brother Lambert, you have been re-elected to the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. Do you accept?

National Secretary Lambert: Yes, I do.

Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

National Counselor Locke: I move that the regulations be suspended and that nominations be accepted from the floor. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, and carried.)

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, there are two elected members of the Council of Administration, one each year for a two year term. The two elected members of the Council at this time are Past Commanders-in-Chief Grant and Runkle.

It happens that I have known John Runkle for many years, and I have yet to find a man who is more loyal or who works any harder, on behalf of this organization. Having had some experience with this body of men, I know that I am correct when I say that he is a fine person and well qualified for this office. I, therefore, move you that we unanimously elect John Runkle for a two year term to the Council of Administration. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 115 votes for John H. Runkle for a 2 year term to the Council of Administration.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: You have been elected to a 2 year term to the Council of Administration, Brother Runkle. Do you accept?

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Yes, and I will serve to the best of my ability.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: This concludes the nomination of Officers.

We will now return to the business still before this Encampment, which will now be completed before the Installation of Officers.

We will now hear the report of the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE— COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Your sub-committee of the Council of Administration has met and reviewed the audit of the Certified Public Accountant of the books, records, and assets of this organization—and we commend the National Secretary-Treasurer for the manner in which they are kept, and presented in this audit.

We wish to present the proposed budget for the coming year:

Proposed Budget—1960-1961

RECEIPTS:

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| Per Capita Tax—4800 members @ \$1.00 | \$4,800.00 |
| Registration Fees—120 members @ \$2.00 | 240.00 |
| Sale of Supplies | 960.00 |
| Banner Subscriptions | 1,100.00 |
| Gift from Auxiliary | 500.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$7,600.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| The Banner | \$2,160.00 |
| Commander-in-Chief's Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Contribution to 1960 Convention Committee | 200.00 |
| National Secretary-Treasurer | 1,200.00 |
| Supplies | 500.00 |
| Encampment Expense (1960) | 800.00 |
| Shipping Expense (Supplies, etc.) | 100.00 |
| Rent of National Headquarters | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge) | 200.00 |
| Printing, Stationery, Postage | 240.00 |
| Proceedings—1960 | 700.00 |
| C.P.A. Audit | 100.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$7,600.00 |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the following appropriations be authorized from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund:

- \$50.00 for Committee on Grave Marking
- \$25.00 for National Historian Expense
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. Highway Committee
- \$300.00 for Lincoln University
- \$25.00 for American Coalition
- \$115.00 for Lincoln Tomb Exercises
- \$60.00 for Lincoln Monument Exercises
- \$30.00 for Wreaths at Gettysburg, and Cathedral of the Pines
- \$50.00 for Centennial Committee Expense

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania,
Charles L. Messer, New York,
Budget Committee,
Council of Administration.

(Adopted.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I want to express my personal appreciation to Brother Runkle for the report of the Budget Committee, particularly his placing of emphasis on the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

Brother Commander-in-Chief, if all business of this Encampment has been transacted, I move you that all Committees be discharged; and then that the minutes of this Encampment, as taken by the Encampment Stenographer and approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, be the official proceedings of this Encampment—to be sent to the delegates at the proper time. (Seconded by Department Commander Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I would like to thank the Hon. Judge Partington and the tellers for their work; and will now discharge them, with my sincere thanks.

At this time, I wish to discharge all Committees—with my appreciation for your work during this Encampment.

This concludes the business of the Encampment, with the exception of Installation of Officers. Brother Chadwick, I would ask you to appoint your Installing Officer, and proceed to that order of business.

Commander-in-Chief elect Chadwick: The Installing Officer will be Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle as Installing Officer; Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania, as Installing Guide; and Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Oregon, as Installing Chaplain.

The Commander-in-Chief elect asked the National Secretary to read the following appointments:

National Patriotic Instructor—Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts

National Chaplain—Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois

National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut

National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania

Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.
Maryland

National Graves Registration Officer — Bertrand O. DeForest,
Connecticut

Personal Aide—Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire

Guide—William H. Quist, Oregon & Washington

Color Guard—Rev. H. E. Vance, Indiana

Guard—Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

G.A.R. Highway Committee—Frank Woerner, California

Legislative Committee—Joseph S. Rippey, New York

Civil War Centennial Committee—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts

1961 Lincoln Tomb Observance—Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois

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

Commander-in-Chief—Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Charles L. Messer, New York,

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National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois,

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were installed in Ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Brother Chadwick, I have the honor and privilege to pass on to you, and pin on you at this time, the badge of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I know you will wear it proudly, as I have; and I am sure it will be a great inspiration to you, as it has been to me during this past year.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Arnold. I feel it a distinct privilege to wear this badge and I shall always try to be worthy of it, and the office to which I have been elected—the highest in this Commandery-in-Chief.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, would you please ask your predecessor to stand up.

Duke, I think you have been through an experience during this past year which, at times, you found quite troublesome—and, at times, quite pleasant and agreeable. You are now about to receive a degree, which comes to but few of us in this Order; and I have been delegated to present that emblem to you, in recognition of your service.

I have known you for a long time and, in spite of the fact that you seldom use a decent word to me, I must admit that you have made a success of your job, and we are very proud of you.

On behalf of our National Organization, I present you with this badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

You have been on trial, during this course of instruction in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans. We wanted to see what kind of fellow you were and, much as it hurts me to say it, you have done very well. You are now welcomed into that distinct group of men who have served the highest office in this organization—the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Now, you have learned the duties of a Son of a Union Veteran and you are now privileged to go out and work—to become a common, everyday member of our Order.

National Secretary Lambert: I have a pleasant duty to perform also. I am pleased to carry on a tradition, started by Horace H. Hammer—that of presenting a lapel button of a Past Commander-in-Chief; and I know you will get as much pleasure in wearing it as has every past Commander-in-Chief who received one of them. Wear it, in good health, for many years.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brothers Locke and Lambert. I will wear both of these emblems with pride; and will continue to do everything in my power for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Brothers, I want to thank each and every one of you who had a part in placing me in this office. I hope that when I step down from this station a year hence, your applause will be as hearty and as well meant, as today when I stepped up to this position.

I know, in the final analysis, the disposition of many things; and the responsibility of this organization, for the next year, shall be mine as Commander-in-Chief; but I thank God that I have access to a fine corps of officers, and to many Brothers, who will give me qualified advice. I wish to thank those who voted for and those who voted against me—because I think it added a great deal of interest and competitive spirit; and I hope there will be no feeling of disappointment in the hearts of any of you. We must hang together or we will hang separately was once said by a patriot—and that is very true even today.

We have a great task to perform in keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We should be a credit to the Boys in Blue—to see that they are never forgotten. We have a deeper

and broader responsibility—one which gives real meaning to this organization—to keep alive the spirit of patriotism which burned so fiercely in the breasts of those men who struggled in that great Civil War.

Since the days of the Grand Army of the Republic, a new species of animal has appeared on the American scene—men and women known as “egg-heads.” I have a name of my own for egg-heads—highly educated people who know nothing whatever. These are the people who are One World believers, these are the people who through insidious means, day by day, are making the word patriotism more meaningless. Perhaps this is a new trend, but it is one that is dangerous. If that day comes when the dream of One World comes true—when nations extend international boundaries; rule will be by the iron fist of a virtual dictator. Much thought, and action, should be given by us to these people—and the things they are trying to do. This is only one of the new facets of these times; but we should ever be on the alert for these insidious people who would destroy our country, and consequently our freedom.

I submit to you that we are an organization which should struggle against these forces of evil. But how, in the name of God, can we, with a National organization of 5,000 members, hope to fight these conditions effectively. We must have more members in our Order so that we will have more influence to combat these situations. We need men who are proud to carry out the work of perpetuating the G.A.R. without neglecting any of the traditional things which we have had handed down to us.

We should get started on a proposition which I have in mind—to set up a special organization for acquiring new members. I know that with a new birth of enthusiasm we can double our organization this year. This is the time to do it—when the climate is so favorable to this organization, because of the Centennial years, which are starting next year.

I am not going to ask you to do something I cannot do myself. I have brought over fifty members into this organization myself, eleven this year—and no year without 1, or more; and if I can do it, you can do it. With the advice, help and counsel of my Officers and Members in this organization, we will set up this proposed organization and go out after new members this year.

Thank you for electing me to this office and I hope that when I step down, we shall have made a real advance in membership. If we have not made an advance in this coming year, it will constitute a defeat. If we cannot do it in the first year of the Centennial, it will be because we are not putting forth enough effort. Our slogan this year will be, “Have you signed your new member yet?”—so let's get busy and start to sign them up now.

One of the Past Commanders-in-Chief said the other day that the way to lead is to go ahead and show the way. I intend to do just that and if any of you get more members this year than I do, you will have to work for it.

Thank you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I want to say that I completely agree with you on getting in new members; and I will go along 100% on our membership drive. If we would get 1,000 new members next year, and the same amount for the next ten years, we would have something of which to be proud. We have had a great loss in membership, and it is important now to build up this organization. You are going to get application forms in The Banner this year, and I am sure that if we try to get new members for this organization we can do it.

Commander-in-Chief, I am at your beck and call at all times.

I should like to remind you that there are four words we should always keep in mind, "beware of foreign entanglements."

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have a minor office—but I pledge my whole hearted support to you and I am at your service, at all times.

We, in Indianapolis and in the Department of Indiana will welcome you next year. Although you have set high goals both here and last year in Long Beach, it is our determination to do even better in Indianapolis.

National Counselor Locke: From what has been said here in this Encampment a few moments ago, it would seem that the first, the main objective of the Sons of Union Veterans is to get a new member. I haven't heard anyone say a word to the contrary—but I just want to say this: Our main object is to enlighten the minds of people of that patriotism and loyalty, passed on to us by our fathers—that is our first obligation and our main effort.

National Patriotic Instructor Howland: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon the Department of Massachusetts by appointing me to this office.

I want to remind the Brothers that we have to start now if we are to have \$1,000.00 in the G.A.R. fund this year. The bank is open and we are ready to do business; and I will be glad to take your money at any time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we now adjourn, to meet in Indianapolis next August 20th. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

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Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Seventy-Ninth Annual Encampment.

Harold E. Arnold
(Commander-in-Chief.)

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert
(National Secretary.)

Annamae D. Berhalter
(Official Stenographer.)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 25, 1960 — 2 P. M.

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois; with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay; Council of Administration Members Harold E. Arnold and John H. Runkle; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

Several matters had been referred to the Council by the Encampment. These were considered, with the following results:

(1) In the matter of the Convention City for 1962, this was discussed at great length; and action was taken by the Council that the 1962 National Encampment be held in the city of Washington, D. C., provided that satisfactory hotel arrangements can be made by National Secretary Albert C. Lambert and Council of Administration Member John H. Runkle.

(2) The Council authorized the National Secretary to secure a reconditioned typewriter to replace the present one owned by the organization.

(3) General discussion involved the Military Affairs Committee, the Membership Committee and the Michigan matter. No formal action was taken on these matters, but it was decided to plan the reorganization meeting in Michigan on a Sunday, either late in October or early in November.

REPRESENTATION

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

| Department | Seniority Rank | Date Instituted | June 30, 1960 Membership | Delegates |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| California and Pacific | 19 | July 1, 1886 | 242 | 6 |
| Colorado and Wyoming | 23 | March 22, 1929 | 26 | 2 |
| Connecticut | 5 | May 15, 1883 | 245 | 6 |
| Illinois | 10 | July, 1883 | 127 | 4 |
| Indiana | 18 | June 12, 1885 | 81 | 3 |
| Iowa | 6 | June 2, 1883 | 70 | 2 |
| Kansas | 9 | June, 1883 | 43 | 2 |
| Maine | 4 | April 10, 1883 | 278 | 7 |
| Maryland | 20 | June 15, 1887 | 57 | 2 |
| Massachusetts | 2 | July 17, 1882 | 820 | 17 |
| Minnesota | 17 | January 1, 1885 | 60 | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 11 | August, 1883 | 151 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 8 | June 14, 1883 | 260 | 6 |
| New York | 13 | November 6, 1883 | 539 | 12 |
| Ohio | 3 | August 1, 1882 | 302 | 7 |
| Oregon and Washington | 22 | June 8, 1923 | 71 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 1 | July 4, 1882 | 887 | 19 |
| Rhode Island | 14 | February 14, 1884 | 152 | 4 |
| Vermont | 12 | October, 1883 | 176 | 5 |
| Wisconsin | 21 | September, 1887 | 63 | 2 |
| Camp 21, Beaufort, N. C. | | | 14 | 1 |
| Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo. | | | 14 | 1 |
| Camp 30, Springfield, Mo. | | | 5 | 1 |
| Camp 1, Detroit, Mich. | | | 24 | 1 |
| Camp 2, Detroit, Mich. | | | 21 | 1 |
| Camp 3, Pt. Huron, Mich. | | | 17 | 1 |
| Camp 4, Detroit, Mich. | | | 9 | 1 |
| Camp 5, Detroit, Mich. | | | 33 | 1 |
| Camp 7, Jackson, Mich. | | | 29 | 1 |
| Camp 8, Detroit, Mich. | | | 11 | 1 |
| Camp 9, Pt. Huron, Mich. | | | 32 | 1 |
| Camp 14, Gr. Rapids, Mich. | | | 50 | 1 |
| Camp 22, Marshall, Mich. | | | 17 | 1 |
| Members-at-Large | | | 15 | 1 |

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Springfield, Illinois

August 21-25, 1960

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| 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 E. 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 C. 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 | |
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| 1918 | *Francis Callahan | Pennsylvania | |
| 1919 | *Harry D. Sisson | Massachusetts | |
| 1920 | *Pelham A. Barrows | Nebraska | |
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| 1926 | *Ernest W. Homan | Massachusetts | |
| 1927 | *Walter C. Mabie | Pennsylvania | |
| 1928 | *Delevan Bates Bowley | Calif. & Pacific | |

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| 1931 | *Frank C. Huston | Indiana | |
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| 1936 | *Wm. Allan Dyer | New York | |
| 1937 | *Wm. Allan Dyer | New York | |
| 1938 | *Wm. L. Anderson | Massachusetts | |
| 1939 | *Ralph R. Barrett | California | |
| 1940 | *J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D. | New Hampshire | |
| 1941 | Albert C. Lambert | New Jersey | P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J. |
| 1942 | Henry Towle | Maine | 13 Free St., So. Portland 7, Me. |
| 1943 | C. LeRoy Stouidt | Pennsylvania | 2540 Fairview Ave., 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 | 568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y. |
| 1947 | Charles H. E. Moran | Massachusetts | 38 Dartmouth St., Hadley Falls, Mass. |
| 1948 | *Perle L. Fouch | Michigan | |
| 1949 | John H. Runkle | Pennsylvania | 814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa. |
| 1950 | Cleon E. Heald | New Hampshire | 21 High St., Keene, N. H. |
| 1951 | Roy J. Bennett | Iowa | 924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa |
| 1952 | Frederick K. Davis | Ore. & Wash. | 216 Fair Oaks Drive, Eugene, Oregon |
| 1953 | U. S. Grant, 3rd | Maryland | 1135 21st, N.W. |
| 1954 | Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret. | | Washington 6, D. C. |
| 1955 | Frederic Gilbert Bauer | Massachusetts | 123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J. |
| 1956 | Colonel, A.U.S., Ret. Fred E. Howe | New York | 1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y. |
| 1957 | Albert B. DeHaven | Maine | 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Me. |
| 1958 | Earl F. Riggs | California & Pacific | 403 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, California |
| 1959 | Harold E. Arnold | Rhode Island | P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I. |

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 | Pennsylvania |
| 1886 | †*Louis M. Wagner | Pennsylvania |

 The Post System

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

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

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|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1883 | *A. P. Davis | Pennsylvania |
| 1899 | *R. M. J. Reed | Pennsylvania |
| 1939 | *Horace H. Hammer | Pennsylvania |
| 1953 | *Albert Woolson | Minnesota |

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

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| E. Howard Gilkey | Ohio |
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 * Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>State</i> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 |

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| 53rd | 1934 | Aug. 14-16 | Rochester | New York |
| 54th | 1935 | Sept. 9-12 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 55th | 1936 | Sept. 22-24 | Washington | D. C. |
| 56th | 1937 | Sept. 6-9 | Madison | Wisconsin |
| 57th | 1938 | Sept. 5-8 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 58th | 1939 | Aug. 29-31 | Pittsburgh | Pennsylvania |
| 59th | 1940 | Sept. 10-12 | Springfield | Illinois |
| 60th | 1941 | Sept. 15-18 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 61st | 1942 | Sept. 15-17 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 62nd | 1943 | Sept. 20-23 | Milwaukee | Wisconsin |
| 63rd | 1944 | Sept. 12-14 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 64th | 1945 | Oct. 1-4 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 65th | 1946 | Aug. 25-29 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 66th | 1947 | Aug. 10-14 | Cleveland | Ohio |
| 67th | 1948 | Sept. 26-30 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 68th | 1949 | Aug. 28-31 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 69th | 1950 | Aug. 20-24 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 70th | 1951 | Aug. 19-23 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 71st | 1952 | Aug. 24-28 | Atlantic City | New Jersey |
| 72nd | 1953 | Aug. 23-27 | Buffalo | New York |
| 73rd | 1954 | Aug. 8-13 | Duluth | Minnesota |
| 74th | 1955 | Aug. 21-25 | Cincinnati | Ohio |
| 75th | 1956 | Sept. 9-13 | Harrisburg | Pennsylvania |
| 76th | 1957 | Aug. 18-22 | Detroit | Michigan |
| 77th | 1958 | Aug. 17-21 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 78th | 1959 | Aug. 16-20 | Long Beach | California |
| 79th | 1960 | Aug. 21-25 | Springfield | Illinois |

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