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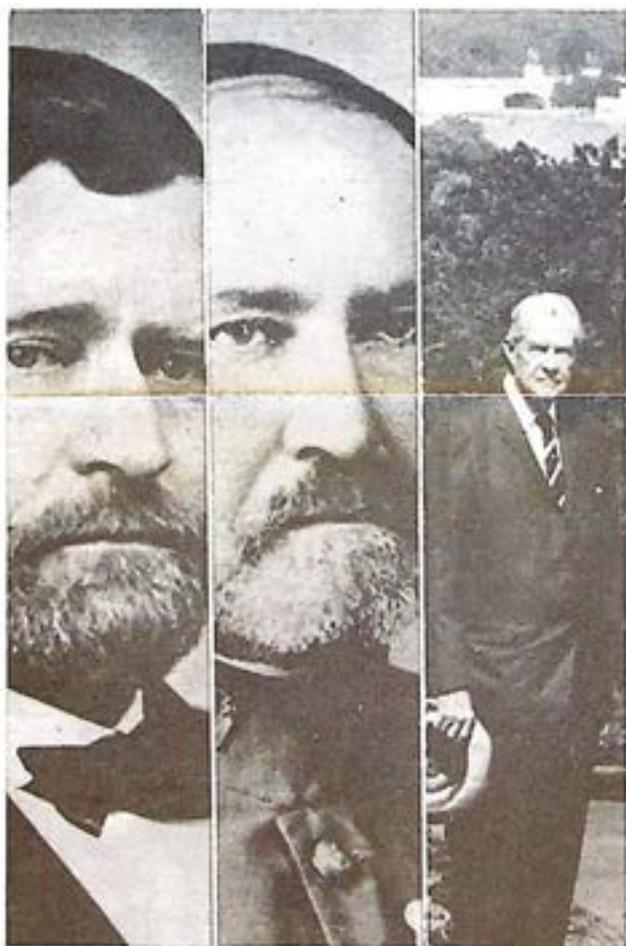
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Left to right: Matthew Brady photograph of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant who followed his father's career; Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, who heads the Civil War Centennial Commission.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

Beginning early in 1961 the Nation will observe the Civil War Centennial, the 100th anniversary of the American Civil War.

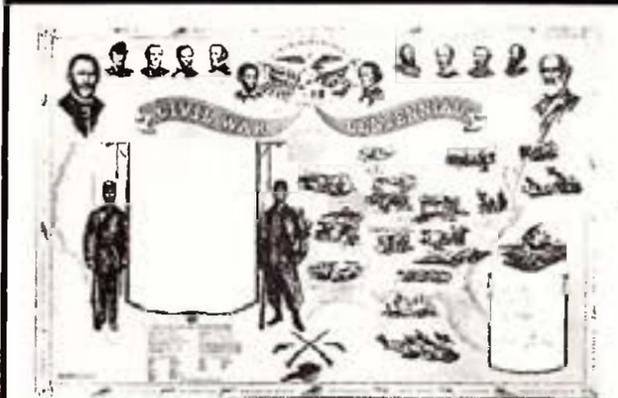
The chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission, established by Congress to direct the operation of the nationwide program is Past Commander-in-Chief SUVCW, U. S. Grant, 3rd. Specifically, the director is 79 year old Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, USA (Ret.), grandson of the victorious leader of the Union Army, who later became President of the United States. Son of the Civil War general's eldest son, who had a distinguished military career of his own, the present Gen. Grant is a 1903 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy. He served overseas as a colonel in the Army in the First World War. In the Second World War he held a high post in the Office of Civil Defense.

100 YEARS AGO

- January 1—South Carolina seizes Union Fort Johnston.
- January 3—Georgia seizes Union Fort Pulaski. Delaware rejects secession. Volunteer enrollment starts in New York City.
- January 5—"Star of the West" sails from New York City to Fort Sumter. Alabama seizes Union Forts Morgan and Gaines.
- January 6—North Carolina seizes Union Fort Johnston. Virginia Legislature specially convened. U. S. Senators Toombs and Wigfall arrested for treason.
- January 9—Mississippi secedes. "Star of the West" repulsed in Charleston Harbor.
- January 10—Florida secedes. Louisiana seizes Union arsenal and barracks.
- January 11—Alabama secedes. Union Major Anderson refuses to surrender Fort Sumter. Louisiana seizes Union Forts and hospital.
- January 12—Florida seizes Union Forts and Pensacola Navy Yard.
- January 14—Union troops garrison Fort Taylor in Florida. Louisiana seizes Union Fort Pike.
- January 19—Georgia secedes.
- January 20—Mississippi seizes Union Fort in Gulf of Mexico.
- January 24—Relief ship sails from Union Fort Monroe, Va., for Ft. Pickens, Fla. Georgia seizes Union arsenal. Catawba Indians enter Confederate service in South Carolina.
- January 26—Louisiana secedes. Georgia seizes Union Fort Jackson and barracks.
- January 28—Louisiana seizes Union Fort Macomb and U. S. property in New Orleans.
- January 29—Union "Robert McClelland" surrenders to Confederates.
- January 31—Louisiana seizes U. S. Mint, New Orleans. Atty.-Gen. of So. Carolina offers to buy Union Fort Sumter.
- February 1—Texas secedes.
- February 2—Union "Lewis Cass" surrenders to Confederates in Mobile.
- February 4—Seceding States form Provisional Government in Montgomery, Ala.
- February 6—Union relief ship "Fort Pickens" arrives off Pensacola, Fla.
- February 7—Choctaw Indians declare adherence to Confederacy.
- February 8—Confederate Constitution adopted at Montgomery, Ala. Arkansas seizes Union Arsenal at Little Rock.
- February 9—Jefferson Davis elected Provisional President of Confederacy. Tennessee rejects consideration of secession.
- February 11—Lincoln leaves Springfield, Ill., for Washington, D. C., inauguration; 11 day speaking tour.
- February 12—Lincoln's 52nd birthday. Arkansas seizes Union Ordnance Stores.
- February 16—Texas seizes Union arsenal and barracks, San Antonio.
- February 18—Jefferson Davis inaugurated Provisional President of Confederacy. Union Brig. Gen. Twiggs deliberately surrenders U. S. Posts in Texas.
- February 19—Union Fort Kearny seized in Kansas. retaken by Union. Union Brig. Gen. Twiggs replaced by Col. Waite in Texas. Louisiana seizes U. S. Paymaster Office in New Orleans.
- February 21—Three New York ships seized by Confederacy at Savannah, Georgia. Texas seizes Union property, Brazos, Santiago, Texas.
- February 22—Lincoln, at Harrisburg, enroute to Washington is warned of assassination plot in Baltimore, Md.
- February 23—Lincoln arrives in Washington, D. C., 6 A. M. secretly.
- February 26—Camp Colorado, Texas abandoned by Union.
- February 28—Georgia seizes U. S. Mint, Dahlona.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL MAP

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A Monumental Accomplishment

At the National Encampment held in Springfield, Illinois last August, Brother Alva Reef presented the Order with a Grave Registration Book, containing over 20,000 names. These were taken lot by lot from the stones in each and every cemetery listed. There are 461 cemeteries listed in 60 counties in the State of Indiana.

This splendid record took over ten years in preparation, and four months to put into book form.

The National Archives and Records service would charge \$20,000.00 to verify each name and record. That is the potential amount of money for the fine work this good brother has done, and is available to our members.

The book is in the care of our National Historian for safe keeping, and future reference.

We commend Brother Reef and his wife Mrs. Mae Reef for their devotion and loyalty.

A REMINDER

The Centennial Commemoration of the Civil War Years is here. As an organization vitally interested in the events to come, we must take an active part in their promotion. To do this we must have adequate finances.

The Grand Army Memorial Fund is established for this purpose, among others.

As National Patriotic Instructor it is my duty to remind you to donate as generously as possible this year, if we are to succeed. I would like to hear from every Brother, every Camp and every Department.

Please send contributions to

National Patriotic Instructor
Allen B. Howland
Box 105
Elmwood, Mass.

THE MAN ALONE



Among the thousands who climb, each year, the white, terraced steps leading into the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, one experience is usually shared. From that massive, relaxed figure in bronze, from the tired, gaunt face and its brooding contemplation, speaks a loneliness at once unmistakable and paradoxical.

The spiritual solitude of a man alone, whom voiceless millions have taken to their hearts, envelops the seated Lincoln like an invisible mantle; the aloofness of one whose magnanimity was already a legend before his death, speaks here, voicelessly. A strange remoteness, mingled with humility and utter lack of pretence, emanates from this statue which the genius of Daniel Chester French created to commemorate one whose mission was a proclamation of the brotherhood of all Americans.

She Rode With The Generals

She enlisted in the army as a man, was the only female member of the G.A.R., and the only woman to be buried in the G.A.R. Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

The Sarah E. E. Seelye Tent No. 25 in Fort Scott, Kansas was named for her by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye served under the name Franklin Thompson in the Civil War for two years, and was a nurse spy, and postmaster. She enlisted in the 2nd Michigan—Volunteer Infantry.

Her daughter-in-law, grandchildren, and great grandchildren all live in Fort Scott, Kansas, and other descendants live in McAdam, New Brunswick, Canada.

From "She Rode with the Generals"
by author Sylvia G. L. Dannett, published Sept. 19, 1960 by Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York.

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

In Memorium

HENRY TOWLE
Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle died in Portland, Maine on November 11th, 1960, and was buried on November 14th.

An active worker in many civic affairs, he was a past president and life member of the South Portland Kiwanis Club and an honorary member of the Marine Corps Recruiting Service.

He has been a commander of Shepley Camp which he joined in 1893; Maine Department Commander; Secretary Maine Department Grand Army of the Republic; secretary and clerk of the corporation of Bosworth Post G.A.R.; treasurer of the Bosworth Memorial Association; secretary of the G.A.R. Memorial Commission, Portland, and vice commander, New England Regional Association SUVCW.

Elected Commander-in-Chief in 1942 at Indianapolis, he has been unable to attend National Encampments in recent years due to ill health. He will be remembered kindly by his many friends.

WANTED

The Youngest Son of a Civil War Veteran living in the U.S.A. as a member of our Order.

A cash award (up to possibly \$50.00) awaits both the Camp and applicant. The donor is anonymous at present. Many sons of Civil War Veterans were born after the turn of the century. Who and where is the youngest? Send name, date of birth, parentage and eligibility to your National Membership Chairman.

The winner will be selected by our National Encampment. During the interim, both Departments and Camps could have banquets for their youngest son.

A prize worth working for awaits some Camp and their member. Ample opportunity will be given every Camp as closing date has not yet been decided.

Spencer Leonard
National Membership Chairman
3353 S.E. 13th Ave.,
Portland 2, Oregon

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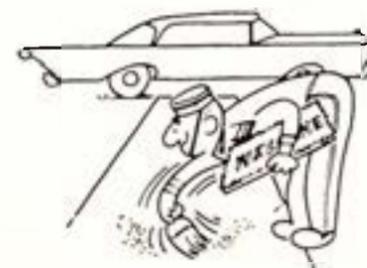
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The 1962 National Encampment will be held in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, with headquarters at the Mayflower Hotel



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January 1, 1961

1. Less than half a century ago, a group of only a few hundred dedicated men launched a monstrous ideology upon the world. That ideology was based upon the denial of God and the debasement of man. Today that organization holds the peoples and the lands of more than half of the world. At this moment Communism stands astride our planet, a gargantuan figure of horror, grown huge and fat through feeding on human misery, and dripping with the blood of its slaughtered millions.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War believe in everything that is the exact opposite to the credo of Communism. We have an "ism" of our own—Americanism. Where they offer fear, we hold forth hope; where they see death, we see immortality; while they cover gloom with total darkness, we seek to dispel gloom with light; while they believe that human life is the cheapest of commodities and that the individual being is of no importance, we believe that human life is precious and that every individual has the right to live with dignity in the image of God.

Why is it, then, that Communism has grown with such terrifying rapidity, while we who believe in Americanism have been unable even to hold our own? I believe that it is because Communists are constantly working, in every possible way, to spread their doctrine; while we have degenerated because of our complacent belief that our high ideals and noble purposes will sell themselves.

Sons, awaken! Our fathers were men of action! They left us not only a great heritage of freedom, but a clear assessment of the value of that freedom, through their noble sacrifices. We must not cheaply hold, nor allow others to hold cheaply that for which our sires paid so terrible a price.

Let us, then, cast aside our complacency, for freedom lightly held can be easily lost. Let us be inspired with greater appreciation of our heritage, so that each and every member of our great organization will become an "around the clock" salesman of our principles. If the "Commies" can sell darkness and despair, surely we can sell light and hope. The answer lies in our own hearts. Are we willing to make the effort?

This is the solution to the problem of our dwindling membership. Every eligible American to whom we sell our principles will become a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. As it is important that we make every effort to gain new members, it is also imperative that we do everything possible to hold the members we already have. Hundreds, probably thousands, have been lost because for some reason they could not

attend meetings. Having thus lost contact, they allowed their dues to lapse, so that they were eventually dropped. Most of these losses could have been avoided by proper action of the Camp officers.

It is therefore my desire that all Department Commanders stress both in their Orders and orally, at every opportunity, the importance of keeping in touch with non-attending Camp members. Camp Officers should use the "Notices to Delinquent Members," which can be procured from the National Secretary and follow up with personal visits. Most important of all they should see to it that every non-attending member in some way receives every copy of the "Banner," and that he has some small duty to perform for the Sons. If the latter two steps are carried out, the first two will never be necessary.

3. By the time this issue of the Banner is distributed, the great Centennial of the Civil War will have officially begun. I want to urge all Departments and Camps which have not yet set up Centennial Committees to do so soon. We must be prepared throughout our organization to take part in this great Centennial which is so significant to both the past and the future of our country.

4. This year special attention should be given by the Sons, at all levels, not only to the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, but to the centennial of his inauguration as President of the United States.

5. I would like to express to the National Presidents of our affiliated orders my sincere wish that the New Year will bring them and their organizations new courage, hope and success.

May the New Year bring blessings to our own members also. May it see every officer and member rise to new achievements, both in their private lives and as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

THOMAS A CHADWICK,
Commander-in-Chief.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

The more noise a man or a motor makes, the less power there is available.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
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A GREAT DAY AT GETTYSBURG



Pictured above at left: Atty. Donald E. Swope of Gettysburg delivering Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address at the G.A.R. Remembrance Day service. Top right, left to right, Commander-in-Chief Thos. Chadwick, Vermont; Natl. Pres. Aux. Edith Paulding, New York; Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G.A.R. Winnona P. Kahl, West Virg.; Natl. Pres. DUVCW, Ruth M. Hayes, Illinois; Natl. Pres. W.R.C., Mabel R. Ginder, Ohio; Dept. Comdr. MacPherson; Aux. Dept. Pres. Haddock; Ladies G.A.R. Dept. Pres. Ruch; W.R.C. Dept. Pres. Long; and DUVCW Dept. Pres. Ullom. Bottom right shows a part of the military units lined up in front of the Woolson Statue.

Saturday, November 19, 1960 was the most perfect of all Dedication Day, G.A.R. Remembrance Day, and Past Commanders and Past Presidents Observances. An estimated 1,200 found Gettysburg to have a beautiful cloudless day with a temperature of 67 at noon. With Gettysburg arrayed in flags and with TV cameramen, with sound and silent movies present, the members of The Lincoln Fellowship and Allied Orders of the G.A.R. plus many visitors witnessed the parade and services.

The Lincoln Fellowship Luncheon was held at noon in the Hotel Gettysburg, with President Chester S. Shriver presiding. He was reelected as President for the coming year. The principal speaker was Lt. Gov. Hon. John Morgan Davis of Pennsylvania.

At 2:15 P. M. Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt led the parade of units in one of the most colorful parades seen in Gettysburg for some time, to the National Cemetery. There the principal address was delivered by Murray Snyder, Asst. Secy. of Defense, Washington, D. C. Atty. Donald E. Swope delivered the Gettysburg Address, the Invocation was delivered by Rev. Elmer H. Finger, and the Benediction by Rev. Richard O. Partington. Other SUVCW members taking part included Fred G. Pfeffer, Jesse E. Snyder, and the Color Guard of Camp 112, Gettysburg.

Following the service at the National Cemetery, the entire group paraded to Ziegler's Grove for a beautiful Remembrance Day program at the monument to Comrade Albert Woolson. There Lt. Gen. Edw. J. Stackpole, U. S. Army Ret., spoke in a touching tribute to the G.A.R. The National Presidents spoke briefly and they along with Department Presidents presented wreaths. Music was furnished by the Army ROTC Drum and Bugle Corps of Gettysburg College dressed in Civil War uniforms, and by the Scotland School

Band. P. C. in C. Richard Locke, Illinois, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Karl S. Betts, executive director of the Civil War Centennial Commission was the principal speaker at the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association dinner in the Hotel Gettysburg on Saturday evening. Another highlight of the banquet was the presentation of a 50 star flag by Lt. Col. O. G. MacPherson, Dept. Comdr. to Dr. Willard Stevens, superintendent of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children. While Frank M. Heacock played the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on the piano, MacPherson's Color Guard advanced with the new flag that was presented to Stevens. P. C. in C. John Runkle acted as toastmaster. National and Department officers were introduced and extended greetings.

Bigger Government—Smaller People

Everybody—labor union member, farmer, veteran, ship-owner, road builder, importer, sheep herder—everybody seems to want special "benefits" from the government. So they demand help, and get a law or regulation. That requires a bureau to enforce it, taxes to pay for it.

That is how Washington bureaucracy has grown to more than 2,000,000, and taxes have grown ruinously high.

Self-reliance (another name for self-respect) is like a muscle—unused, it soon becomes flabby. Our enemies know it, count on it. That is why every time we ask Government for something instead of doing it ourselves, we surrender, we lose, another bit of America.

A man is known by the silence he keeps.

CHADWICK TRIBUTE



Thomas A. Chadwick of Chester, first "Son" of Vermont ever to serve as Commander-in-Chief was honored at a Testimonial Dinner held in the Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro on November 12.

Pictured above (left to right) P. C. in C. Cleon E. Heald; Harold M. Drown, Publicist; P. C. in C. Harold E. Arnold; Aux. Natl. Pres. Edith M. Paulding; Commander Chadwick; Sr. Vice C. in C. Charles L. Messer; Arthur L. Ballou,

Natl. Chaplain and Toastmaster; Bessie Cummings, Past Natl. Vice-Pres. W.R.C.; William R. Campbell, Board of Selectment, Brattleboro; Allen B. Howland, Natl. Patr. Instr.; Allen F. Spink, Natl. Historian.

Other dignitaries present included P.N.P.s Mary Stapleton, New York; and Maude B. Warren, Mass. Also Past Vice-Pres. Emma Wheeler and Inez Robinson, Past Council Member. P. D. C. Archie C. Aldrich was active as Chairman of Committee on arrangements.



Department News



CONNECTICUT

BENJAMIN H. ROSE

The death on December 2, 1960 of Connecticut Department's Graves Registration Officer and Department Patriotic Instructor Benjamin H. Rose of New London, has deprived our Order of one of the ablest and most loyal workers in the graves marking project. Brother Rose, a past camp



Brother Benjamin H. Rose, Conn. Dept. Graves Registration Officer, pictured at the dedication of the Taylor headstone in Putnam, with Congressman Horace Seeley Brown Jr. (center) and Lt. Gov. John N. Dempsey (right) who is also Mayor of Putnam, Conn.

commander of Jared R. Avery Camp No. 20 of New London, Connecticut, was last year awarded a Fifty-year membership badge by his Camp. His passing came after an extended illness, at Uncas-on-Thames Hospital in Norwich. His last official act was to make a detailed report to the office of the National Graves Registration Officer of the progress of the work in Connecticut, which was executed by Brother Rose from his hospital bed two weeks before his death. Among the many accomplishments of Brother Rose in grave registration and marking in his state, was the erection of the headstone to the last survivor of the USS MONITOR, Thomas L. Taylor in Putnam, Connecticut. Having worked on this project for two years, Brother Rose was privileged to conduct special ceremonies at the grave on the occasion of the dedication of the headstone. Travelling many miles in his car throughout the state, Brother Rose, always alert to conditions which required the attention of a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assured the order its proper place in the preservation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic which he loved so well. His was a work well done!

ILLINOIS

A new 50 star American Flag was recently presented by Gen. Geo. A. Custer Aux. 30 to Boy Scout Troop 853 of Luther Memorial Church, Chicago, by Patr. Instr. Letha Wickliffe and President Amelia Binsfeld.

Custer Camp 1 and Aux. 30 of Chicago installed officers in a Joint Installation on December 12 with Dept. Commander Charles A. Brady and Dept. Pres. Elsie Evans officiating. Several National and Department Officers of the Auxiliary, Ladies of the G.A.R., and Daughters of Union Veterans were present and were introduced.

On Sunday, February 12, Custer Camp 1 and Aux. 30 will hold its fourth Lincoln Day Dinner at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, to which local members of the Grand Army family are always invited. An interesting program is being arranged by PNP Eva B. Blackman and her committee along with the SUVCW committee.

IOWA

Auxiliary inspections have been held at the homes of Mrs. Bess Brady and Mrs. Ethel Jones. On both occasions the Department Inspector Mrs. Lena Lemper of Waterloo was present along with many Officers including Dept. Pres. Mrs. Frances Echeberger of Dayton, and Mrs. Leland Webb of Fort Dodge, Dept. Secy.

Other guests included Mrs. Ray Snodgrass, P.D.P. and Mrs. Mamie Dennis of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bemis of Mason City and Fred Hall of Iowa Falls. Gifts were presented to Officers, and supper was served.

MAINE

Past Commander Gardiner Crocker died on November 10, 1960. He was mustered in Hyde Camp 46 on April 8, 1912 and served as Commander in 1923. He also served on the degree team for a number of years, and held a number of offices in the Camp. The Camp performed the burial services.

Chamberlain Camp 69 held their inspection November 26 with Donald Pubble of Bath, Dept. Inspector. Two Past Commanders, Chas. J. York and Robert Hunt have been appointed by the Town Manager to serve on the Civil War Centennial. The Auxiliary also held their inspection with Dept. Pres. and National Chaplain present.

Anderson Auxiliary held their election and Mrs. Amelia Carter was elected President and Elizabeth Vinal was appointed delegate to the National Encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL CHORUS

The Civil War Centennial Chorus had its first appearance in December at the Friendly Relations Banquet of the

Allied Order of the G.A.R. in Malden. They were well received and gave pleasure not only to their audience, but to themselves as well.

Their repertoire consisted of old favorites, such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (with a special military beat all their own). They gave a rendition of the little-known "How Can I Leave Thee?"—a romantic ballad presumably sung by a Union Soldier to his sweetheart—which could well become popular during the Centennial.

Featuring a soprano solo by Marion Williamson, they gave "God Bless America," with impressive dignity and stately reverence. This chorus is composed of members of the SUVCW and Auxiliary. Their purposes are to repopularize the songs of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic, and to call attention to the part their organizations are playing in the observance of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War.

Future booking and further information may be obtained by contacting John Micheson, 77 Grove St., Chelsea, Mass.

CAMBRIDGE—On December 16th the Cambridge Civil War Centennial Committee held a meeting in City Hall Annex. Participating in an advisory capacity were several members of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission. The Cambridge group plan a unique program on April 16, 1961. This will be a commemorative exercise on the formation of the First Company for the Union in the Civil War—Company B, 3rd Mass. Vol. Militia.

BAY STATE CAMP 61 had a fine program at its quarterly dinner meeting in November. A color film on the Gettysburg Battlefield was shown, as well as a film "Our American Credo." Richard F. Lufkin of the Mass. Centennial Commission is the commander of this Camp. Guests included Department Commander Henry S. Bowen.

THOS. H. BUCKLEY, Past Commander of Meade Camp, Abington, was taken by death December 1. He was orator at the Dedication of the G.A.R. Highway, New Bedford in 1937, and at the time of our National Encampment, Boston, 1950, as Commissioner of Finance represented the Governor of Massachusetts. He was highly regarded as a spokesman on patriotic and historical topics.

BROCKTON—Wm. H. Haskell was again placed in command of this Camp by Harold M. Drown as Installing Officer, and Allen B. Howland as Guide. Other guests included Viola D. Brunet who installed the Aux., Maude B. Warren, PNP, Mary C. Sampson, Barbara D. Brown and P.D.C.s William O. Fuller and Millard F. Brown.

NEW BEDFORD—Geo. L. Bromley was inducted as Commander by his brother, Dwight Bromley, P.D.C. of Rhode Island. Mrs. Bromley, a P.D.P. of R. I. was installing officer for the Aux. Mary C. Sampson of Mass. and Gladys Lawton of R.I. served as Guide and Assistant Guide.

PIONEER VALLEY ASSN. held its annual Dedication Day program at Holyoke November 19th, at which time Wm. C. Rule, P.D.C., was general chairman. Rule is busy raising Centennial Funds for the Department. P. C. in C. Moran who is ill in a rest home was missed at the affair.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Massachusetts Department Headquarters, 687 Boylston St., Room 306, Boston 16, Mass.

MISSOURI

Back in 1905 with the initiation of Mrs. Louis Keller was begun a cycle that was to include four generations proudly carrying on the traditions and principles of the Cape Girardeau Auxiliary. After Mrs. Keller's death in 1932, two generations—Mrs. Fred McGowan and her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Thompson—furthered the work until on November 26 when they were joined by fourth generation members, Trisha Thompson and Nanea Thompson. They are daughters of Mrs. W. R. Thompson.

The meeting followed a covered dish noon luncheon at the McGowan home, and during the colorful rites five new 50 star U. S. Flags were used. These had been purchased through contributions of some of the members supplementing funds from the Auxiliary treasury.

NEW JERSEY

BILLBOARD WILL BRING "NEWS" OF CIVIL WAR—Trenton, N. J. residents will be able to keep up with the progress of the Civil War—historically, that is. The Trenton Civil War Centennial Committee is making plans to erect a small glass-enclosed bill board in the vicinity of its main business intersection. Each week, during the 100th anni-

versary observance beginning in 1961, the "latest bulletins from the front" will be posted. Committee chairman Albert W. Lambert (son of Natl. Secy. Lambert) pointed out that it was customary for newspapers in days gone by to post a copy of the front page in front of their offices shortly after the paper rolled off the presses. In this way, the latest intelligence from the battlefields, along with casualty lists and other important dispatches, could be noted "for free" by the citizenry.

The mid-winter meeting of the Department was held in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton, on December 11th with a fine representation from several Camps. The Department will sponsor a Memorial Service to commemorate the firing on Fort Sumter. This will be held on April 12, 1961 in Trenton, with details to be announced later.

Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, is encouraging contributions to the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, and has already collected a substantial sum. Contributions of \$1.00 or more can be sent to the Association, Box 1863, Gettysburg, Pa., or to Dayton Camp who will send them in. Each contributor receives a deed to one square foot of ground there.

Garfield Camp 4 and Aux. 18, Trenton, will hold their annual Lincoln Banquet in the Garden Room of the Hotel Stacy-Trent on Saturday evening, February 11th at 6:30 P. M.

The N. J. Civil War Centennial Commission is arranging a joint session of the N. J. Legislature on February 21, to observe the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's pre-inaugural journey through the state. It was before the Assembly in N. J. on February 21, 1861 that Lincoln declared "It may be necessary to put the foot down firmly" in dealing with secessionists. It is planned to call in an "internationally-known" actor to reenact Lincoln's appearance. A Civil War authority "of national repute" also will speak.

Christmas Day was joyful and sad for Albert and Edna Lambert, when their daughter-in-law gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in McKinley Hospital. This is the fourth grandchild for the Lamberts. Edna's mother is seriously ill in the same hospital.

NEW YORK

OLIVER TILDEN CAMP 26, New York City held a Dedication Day service on November 9. Bruce Devere was initiated with Sr. Vice Comdr. Werner and Patr. Instr. Maguire officiating. Our Jr. Vice Comdr. E. Smith was presented with a War Service Medal by Secy. C. Baer in behalf of the Camp. Commander Coyle appointed P. C. Robert A. Maguire and Secy. Baer on the Camp Civil War Centennial Committee. George Quidor is doing a wonderful job on the Welfare Committee visiting sick members and veterans. P. C. Maguire recently was a guest of Dr. D. Cusack at the annual dinner meeting of Camp 985, Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Phi Gamma Delta Club in New York City.

ROCHESTER—The Centennial Committee for Rochester and Exec. Secy. Grover Scott were highly commended in the December bulletin of the National Centennial Commission for activity in Centennial matters. This committee is headed by P.D.C. Jos. Rippey and Carl Hallauer, Chas. S. Wilcox, Senator Keating, State Senator Van Lare, Attorneys Rice, Jennings, MacFarlane and Dutcher.

Camp 6 has been active during the past year laying ground work for Church Services, January 8, and for Commemorative Observances such as Military Displays by reactivated Civil War Regiments. Other plans include the forthcoming Catholic School Observance Program on Lincoln's Birthday, and the traditional "Transfer of Flags" ceremony in the public schools on February 19th.

Rochester's 108th and the other Civil War Uniformed Units are planning a local reenactment of Bull Run early in July, preparatory to going to Manassas for the National Reenactment of that famous battle on July 21-23. Camp 6 is planning an initiation on January 23, and a reenactment of Lincoln's Inauguration on February 27.

BINGHAMPTON Aux. 17 entertained Dept. Pres. Elsie Woodington at the Arlington Hotel on November 10 with several members of her staff.

OVID—13 new American Flags were presented to Hopkins School at Ovid by members of the Aux., Mrs. Leroy D. Miller, Patriotic Instructor.

ELMIRA Aux. 49 entertained Dept. Comdr. Bradshaw and Dept. Pres. Woodington and their staffs at a banquet and reception at the Mark Twain Hotel. Guests were present

from Buffalo, Olean, Utica, Binghamton, Rochester, Oswego, Ovid and Pennsylvania. Two 50 star American Flags were recently presented to classes at the Pennsylvania Ave. school by Aux. 49 by Mrs. John Winquist, acting Patriotic Instructor and Mrs. Alfred Burchard, President.

IN MEMORIAM—Past Dept. Pres. Mattie D. Beilby passed away on Saturday, November 26 and was laid to rest on November 29 in Mt. Hope Cemetery. She was a loyal and faithful member and will be missed by her many friends.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

On January 8 at 7:30 P. M. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, an outstanding tribute to our honored veterans will be given. Participating will be the Mayor of Portland, Hon. Terry Schunk; religious leaders of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Greek Orthodox and Buddhist faiths; 41st Infantry Division and 234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard; veteran, patriotic, civic and fraternal groups. All SUVCW members are urged to attend.

PENNSYLVANIA

SHAMOKIN—Seeking new members for Thos. J. Stewart Camp 72. Department and Regional Officers met in Shamokin in November to discuss plans for a survey of descendants of Union Veterans. Active in the planning were Howard McClain, Camp Treas.; O. G. McPherson, Department Commander; P. C. in C. John H. Runkle; Ivan Frantz, York; Robert Hornberger, Mt. Carmel; P.D.C. Robt. Delcamp, Mt. Carmel; and Jay A. Estep, Harrisburg. A committee of Shamokin Camp is engaged in compiling a list of eligibles.

MEDIA—John C. "Jack" Yocum was elected Commander of Bradbury Camp 149 and will be installed at a public installation in the Media Borough Hall on January 16, which is the 94th anniversary of the institution of the Pennsylvania Department, G.A.R.

PHILADELPHIA—The 67th Lincoln Dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club, in conjunction with the 65th annual affair of the Lincoln Social will be held jointly on Saturday, February 11 at Beck's, Rising Sun Ave. and Roosevelt Blvd. at 6 P. M. George W. F. Hohe of Ebanus, a member of Department Council, who is President of the Club, will serve as toastmaster and will be introduced by the Pres. of the Lincoln Social, Mrs. Helen Cheyne of Aux. 1. The various National and Department dignitaries have been invited. This affair is open to any person who may care to attend, and circular letters are being mailed. Anyone not receiving such a letter may make reservations to Chas. H. Dern Sr., 97 Bonnet Lane, Hatboro, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND

The Department of Rhode Island held their Annual Christmas sale on Saturday, November 12, at the Arsenal, Benefit St., followed by regular Department meeting. Plans were made to attend the Annual Lincoln Birthday supper on

February 11, 1961, at the Arsenal. Sister Gertrude Peterson took part in a radio broadcast on Station WEAN, Providence, R. I., November 16th commemorating Dedication Day.

Plans are also being made for the Annual Encampment to be held on the 7th and 8th of April, 1961, at which there will be a very interesting program officially opening the Centennial year, with exercises at the Dexter Training Grounds. We expect General Grant to be with us, and also our own National President, and the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

VERMONT

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick left on an official trip to the West Coast on December 12th. He plans to visit Indianapolis, Ind., Colorado Springs, Colo., Newton, Kansas, and several places on the Coast, and plans to return some time in January.

Green Mountain State Camp 1 met at Morrisville on October 29th when a ham supper was served and a fine program presented. Officers elected included, Commander Roy Ring, Morrisville, and Secy.-Treas. Arthur Ballou, Bellows Falls.

Brattleboro held election of officers on November 3. Edwin Taylor is the new Commander and Archie Aldrich is Secretary-Treasurer.

Springfield Auxiliary held inspection and election of officers on November 10. Sister Addie Cheney, Dept. Pres. was present and the Auxiliary was inspected by Sister Elsie Page of Morrisville. Commander-in-Chief Chadwick showed color slides which were much enjoyed.

District No. 5 held their meeting in Chester on December 3 which was well attended. Glendeen L. Ballou was installed as President and we wish her a successful year.

Brandon Camp held a "cake walk" on October 28 and raised \$40 which was presented to a Brother who is ill and in the hospital. On November 18 Herbert Clark was re-elected Commander and Hayden Nichols was chosen as Secretary-Treasurer. Installation was held December 16 with A. G. Nichols installing the Camp and Marion Aldrich the Auxiliary.

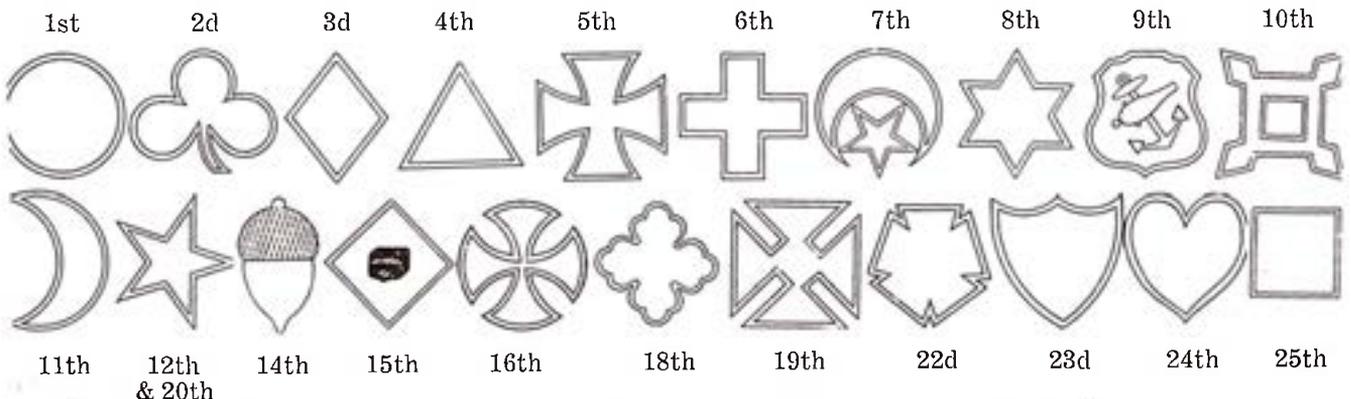
Bellows Falls Camp 91 held election of officers November 15 with Howard Reed reelected Commander. Thomas Chadwick will be Secretary-Treasurer and Carroll Bridgeo will be Patriotic Instructor.

Brattleboro Camp 11 held installation of officers December 1 with Commander-in-Chief Chadwick as Installing Officer. The Camp has challenged Camp 91 of Bellows Falls to a membership campaign with the losers providing a dinner to the winners.

He who would distinguish the true from the false must have an adequate idea of what is true and false.

At 20 years of age, the will reigns; at 30, the wit; and at 40, the judgment.

U. S. ARMY CORPS BADGES 1861-1865



The 13th and 21st Corps had no Corps Badge. The 17th Corps Badge was an arrow. Each Corps had three divisions. The First Division Corps Badge was in red, the Second in white, and the Third in blue.