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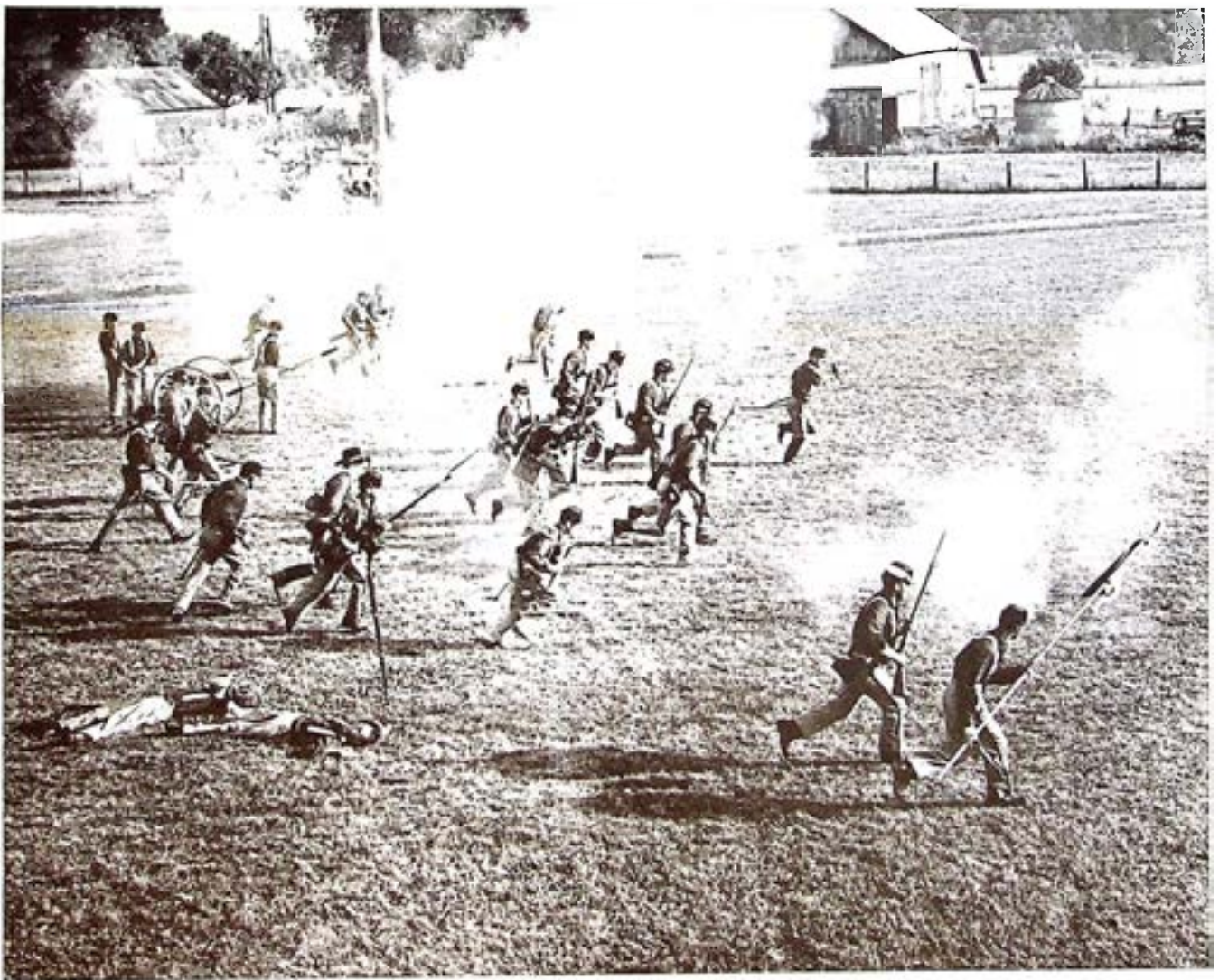
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CHARGE!

A CENTENNIAL CAMERA CATCHES PART OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS' 1ST OHIO REGIMENT IN A RECENT BATTLE ENACTMENT.



The Regiment (uniforms, arms, equipment, horses and cannon are valued at approximately \$10,000.00) includes infantry, artillery and mounted cavalry. One of the Regiment's three cannon is at left and a detachment of cavalry is partially obscured by gun smoke at upper left. Commanding officer is Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Department Commander of Ohio. Shown is only part of the Regiment, which is now one of the largest uniformed units in the Order.

SUMMIT CONFERENCE



Post Encampment discussion is held by key officials. Seated left to right are P. C. in C. Thomas Chadwick and Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer. Standing left to right are Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConeh and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver.

Patriotic Instructor's Column

During the coming year, as I fill the high office of National Patriotic Instructor, you will read here much of Patriotism and much of fund raising. The first is our Order's prime objective, the second enables the first to exist and continue. The duties of instruction of new candidates, and the conducting of Camp patriotic exercises, I commend to Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors.

Patriotism is born of man's pride in his country, and its history. The teaching of patriotism and the teaching of history are not one and the same. Members of the SUVCW have read and heard much of Civil War history, but most important our patriotism is a living thing that is concerned with today's problems and today's trials, and today's Americanism.

Many groups are formed for an historic observance, including many of the current Civil War and Centennial Groups. But our Order is more. We are but repeating observances that have been held for many years, by Camps and Departments. At the present time we are commemorating the Centennial Years, and after they have passed, we will continue to tell of our pride in our great country and in our Order. If we keep this fact in mind, and practice our patriotism every day, and not just once or twice a month at a Camp meeting, then our membership will continue to increase. We know

the glory and sacrifices of our forefathers and are proud of a patriotism that refuses to let their history die.

Within our membership, a great deal of patriotic work is being done. On local levels this takes the numerous forms of individual observances, services, teaching, etc. On the National level, few Brothers are familiar with the work being done. In future articles, I will explore this work in detail, and try to let every member see the diversified activity of the National Organization. Such activity must be financed. The National Organization receives only a small part of every dollar paid in membership dues. Therefore, a very large portion of the money needed to carry on our charitable and patriotic work comes from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund raised each year by the Patriotic Instructor. No better way can be found for you to share in our work and to contribute a fair share to our organization's success, than by making your donation to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. This appeal is not for me, nor is it for your Commander-in-Chief. It is for the good of the Order, and therefore as the Order is no more nor less than its members, this appeal is for you. Your contribution, addressed to me or made directly to the National Secretary-Treasurer, will be your part in assuring that our work goes on.

ALBERT W. LAMBERT,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Lieut. John T. Greble (1834-1861)

Lieutenant Greble, killed at the Battle of Big Bethel, June 10, 1861, was the first Regular Army officer and first West Point graduate to die in the Civil War. Greble was born in Philadelphia in 1834, graduated West Point in 1854. Commissioned a lieutenant in the 2d U. S. Artillery, he served in Florida during the Seminole Indian uprising led by Chief Billy Bowlegs. Greble was subsequently assigned to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point as an instructor. In October 1860 he was ordered to Fort Monroe.

At the Battle of Bethel, Lieutenant Greble had advanced his three guns to a point about 200 yards from the Confederate line. Duryee's Zouaves (5th New York Volunteers) made a gallant charge against the Confederate battery. By some mistake the men were ordered to retreat just when it seemed they had a chance to carry the battery. This left Greble alone in an advanced position without infantry support. He was struck in the head and instantly killed.

(Courtesy Fort Monroe Casemate Museum)

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

National Civil War Centennial
Committee, Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

LET THEM LOOK TO US

In adequate Commemoration of the Centenary of the Civil War, we must first honor those whose courage and sacrifice brought us to the only conclusion that could have developed the nation we love and cherish today.

The Veterans of the Union were the heroes of that Great Tragedy and it is up to us (in whose veins flow their blood), more than anyone else, to see to it that they are properly recognized.

Therefore, Civil War Centennial activities need Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

However, Sons of Union Veterans need Civil War Centennial activities even more, as the best current means to put to work their inherited principles and objectives—and to grow in numbers.

But, more than that, we need this Centennial to prove that, not only their blood flows through our veins, but their gallant courage and high aspirations as well.

Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer has appointed all Senior Vice Department Commanders to serve on our National Civil War Centennial Committee. They will be required to contact and consult with Chairman Ernest G. Wells, 11 Tufts St., Cambridge 39, Mass. This is their opportunity to "win their spurs" and prove their value to their Departments and our Order.

The "backbone" of this movement is in each locality and with each individual brother. If you are proud of your heritage (and you must be if you appreciate it), conscious of your duty (we keep reminding you of this), and determined to represent the Sons of Union Veterans as best you can (this part is entirely up to you), you will be one of the "heroes" of the "Centennial" as your Union Veteran was of the "War" itself.

Participate with vigor and enjoy the exhilaration of enthusiasm. Report to this Committee so that we may share with each other (as our Fathers did in Camp and Battle), establish a permanent record, and at the end of the year—sum it all up as proof of our value as an organization.

ERNEST G. WELLS, Chairman.

Something About The Armies

The smallest unit in the field was a company of infantry, a troop of cavalry, or a battery of artillery, usually commanded by a captain assisted by several lieutenants.

A regiment consisted of several companies, troops, or batteries commanded by a colonel.

Regiments were supposed to contain 1,000 men, though few regiments had their full complement.

Most volunteer regiments elected their officers.

A varying number of regiments made up a brigade, usually commanded by a brigadier general.

Two to five brigades formed a division, usually commanded by a brigadier general in the Union; a major general in the Confederacy. Union divisions were usually smaller than their Confederate counterpart.

The Confederate soldier's tunic was cadet grey trimmed at the edges and at collar and cuffs with the colors designating the service—blue for infantry, yellow for cavalry, red for artillery. The Federal soldier wore a blue cap with black visor, a dark blue jacket called a blouse, and light blue trousers.

A popular nickname for a Union soldier was "Billy Yank," while the Confederate Soldier was often referred to as "Johnny Reb."

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION AWARD



Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, expressing his concern over the preservation of the commercially-threatened Gettysburg Battlefield and urging public support of a project to halt the undesirable "invasion," is shown as he received the first Fellowship Award Medal from John J. Cobaugh, Harrisburg, president of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association. Duplicate medals are available to donor of \$1.00 or more and may be obtained from: "The Fellowship Award Medal, GBPA, Box 1863, Gettysburg, Pa."

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,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.
Name of Veteran
Company & Regiment
Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from
Name
Address
(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- Life Membership Fee \$100.00
- Edward W. Higley, U.S.V.A. Hospital, Canandaigua, N. Y. (Member of Meade Camp 16, Reading, Pa.)
- U. S. Grant 3rd \$500.00
- Maj.-Gen., U.S.A. Ret., Contribution

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Charles L. Messer, New York

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 80th National Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1961.

His father, George Messer served two enlistments in the 25th and in the 91st New York Regiments.

Brother Messer joined Jacob H. TenEyck Camp in 1906, and has filled all offices in the Camp, including that of Camp Treasurer for 30 years, and he still fills this office.

He was elected Department Commander in 1948 and has served in many National Offices. He was Personal Aide for Past Commander-in-Chief Howe, and was Chairman of Americanization and Education Committee under Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs. He also served the Order as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Messer is retired from both the New York Central Railroad and the New York State Conservation Department.

Washington Convention Committee

A meeting was held in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. on September 20th to make preliminary plans for the 1962 National Encampment. Those present were U. S. Grant 3rd, Charles L. Messer, Arthur Glenum and Albert C. Lambert as well as Aux. Natl. Pres. Dorothy Hilyard and Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Alice Ure and P.N.P. Anna Hausman.

Gen. Grant was selected as General Chairman with Mrs. Anna Hausman as Secretary and Arthur Glenum as Treasurer. Work of the committee was delegated to various sub-committees, and excellent meeting rooms were assigned to the three organizations.

Mr. Jack O'Brien, convention manager, is very cooperative and the hotel is very well suited to our needs.

Remember the dates—August 19-23, 1962.

Misfortunes come in by the door that has been left open for them.

General Order No. 1
Series 1961-1962

Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
633 Clinton Avenue
Albany, New York

November 1, 1961.

1. Having been elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 80th National Encampment, August 20-24, 1961, I assume the duties of this office, fully realizing the responsibilities and obligations involved, and I feel very honored. Your Commander-in-Chief cannot do it alone, so, Brothers let's all get together and start now to see how many can have their names on the Honor Roll for securing five or more new members. Headquarters have been established at 633 Clinton Ave., Albany 6, N. Y., where I can be reached by telephone at HE 4-0757.

2. National Committee Appointments

G.A.R. Highway

Earl Riggs, Calif., Chairman
George W. Lee,
Colo. & Wyo.
Geo. L. Cashman, Ill.
Leroy B. Jones, Iowa
Henry F. Weiler, Mass.

Americanism & Education

Henry S. Bowen, Mass.,
Chairman
Lawrence Isaacs, N. Y.
R. Oliver, Me.
Richard Pratt, N. J.
Archie Aldrich, Vt.

Membership

Arthur Ballou, Vt.,
Chairman
B. Shields, Ore.
Chas. Bournestine, Ill.
Clark Mellor, Mass.
Willard Stephens, N. Y.
All Jr. Vice Dept. Commdrs.

Constitution & Regulations

(To investigate desirability
of redrafting Constitution)
Wm. N. Coffin, Ohio,
Chairman
Richard Locke, Ill.
Thos. Chadwick, Vt.
Chester Shriver, Penna.
Joseph Rippey, N. Y.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Charles A. Brady, Jr., Ill.,
Chairman
James High, Ill.
James Cashman, Ill.

G.A.R. History

Ernest G. Wells, Mass.,
Chairman
All Dept. Commanders

Legislative

Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.,
Chairman
Harold Shepardson, Mass.
Charles Brady, Ill.
Wm. T. Johnson, Md.
Clyde Neff, Ohio
Harold Arnold, R. I.

Civil War Centennial

Ernest Wells, Mass.,
Chairman
All Sr. Vice Dept. Commdrs.

Military Affairs

Col. O. G. MacPherson,
Penna, Chairman
Major Wm. Bruckel, N. Y.
Clarence E. Young, R. I.
James Y. Ledwith, Conn.
Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Ohio
George D. Laurant, Mass.

1962 Convention Committee

U. S. Grant 3rd, Md.,
Chairman
Charles Langlet, Md.
Arthur R. Glenum, Md.
Chester S. Shriver, Penna.
Albert C. Lambert, N. J.

All of the above committee members will please get in touch with the chairman of their respective committees as soon as possible.

3. Following the untimely death of P. C. in C. John Runkle, the Council of Administration has

filled the vacancy on the Council by the election of P.D.C. Allen B. Howland of Massachusetts. I wish to express the sympathy of the National Organization to the family of Brother Runkle. He will always be remembered by those who knew and respected him.

4. Camps and Departments are reminded of the necessity of filing quarterly reports promptly.

5. I wish to extend hearty congratulations to the Presidents of the Allied Orders. To Dorothy Hilyard of the Auxiliary, to Alice M. Ure of the Ladies of the G. A. R., to Marie Robinson of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and to Ann L. Atkins of the W.R.C., best wishes for a harmonious and prosperous year. If there is any way that I might be of assistance in the coming year, please do not hesitate to call on me.

6. Your Commander-in-Chief would like to visit all Departments this year. Will you please let me know when it will be convenient for me to be received, in order that I might make out an itinerary to visit each Department. Department Commanders are requested to notify headquarters of the time and place of their Department Encampments, as soon as possible.

7. On behalf of the National Organization, I wish to extend to all

A Joyous and Blessed Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

CHARLES L. MESSER,
Commander-in-Chief.

LEST WE FORGET

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

"The Grand Army of the Republic was a unique organization. No child could be born into it. No proclamation of president, edict of king or czar could command admission. No university or institution of learning could issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secured recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt could not purchase the position. Its door opened only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the nation during the war against the rebellion, and, unlike any other organization, no new blood could come in."

The Grand Army of the Republic was also unique in this: It had no predecessor; it can have no successor. When the last Comrade entitled to wear the little bronze button passed on, the Grand Army passed out forever, but the work and the spirit of service to which it was dedicated will go on indefinitely through recognized and authorized allies—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to whose loyalty and devotion the Grand Army of the Republic implicitly entrusted its future.

The first G.A.R. Charter was issued to an Illinois Post, at Decatur, Ill., and was dated April 6, 1866. The maximum G.A.R. membership was attained in 1890, with a total enrollment of 409,489. The entire membership at the close of the year 1929 was 21,080. The last survivor, Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn. passed away on August 2, 1956.

Only fools and dead men don't change their minds. Fools won't. Dead men can't.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard, Maryland

Elected National President of the Auxiliary at the 75th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., August 24, 1961.

She is a member of Appomattox Aux. No. 2 of Wilmington, Del., where she joined in 1937, and has served many offices including that of Auxiliary President.

Sister Hilyard served as Department President in 1948, and has served on the National Council, as National Press Correspondent and as Natl. Patr. Instr.

A graduate of DuPont High School, she is married to Winford H. Hilyard and has one son Winford W.

Her grandfather, William Applegate served in Company A, 8th Delaware Artillery for three years.

She is a member of the Eastlake Methodist Church of Wilmington, serving on the Official Board, Chairman of the Christian Concern Committee, and Superintendent of the Primary Department, and is Secretary of Children's Work.

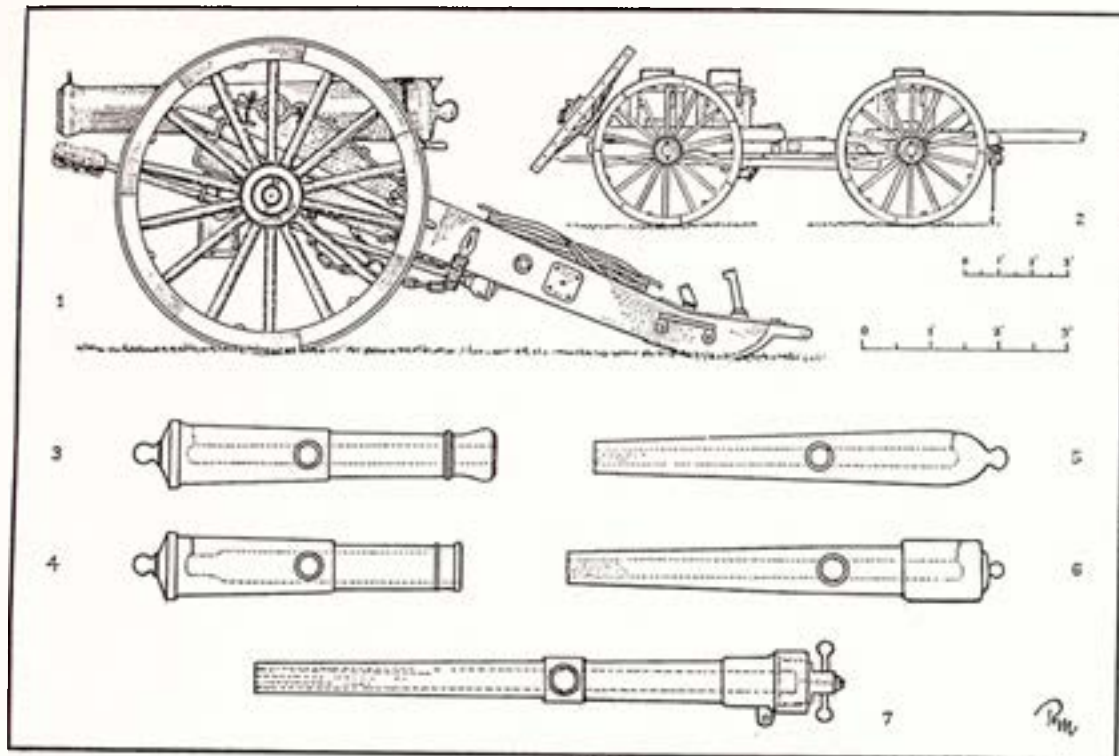
A Better America — A Better World

A better America will bring spiritual satisfaction and maximum material achievement to all of us. It will continue to the building of a world of peace and prosperity.

Each of us must have faith also in ourselves as individuals, for it is only as individuals that we can remain free.

Faith . . . Individualism . . . Freedom . . . Opportunity. These are the ingredients of our economic system, a way of life which has produced more good for more people than any other known to man.

It is a system which holds for us in America—and all the free people of the world who will emulate and nurture it—a future filled with the bright promise of peace and prosperity.



Field-artillery weapons: (1) 12-pounder gun-howitzer, M1857 (Napoleon), on carriage; (2) caisson and limber for this piece; (3) 6-pounder gun, M1841; (4) 12-pounder howitzer, M1841; (5) 3-inch Ordnance rifle, M1861; (6) 10-pounder Parrott rifle; (7) 12-pounder Whitworth breech-loading rifle. The Napoleon was the most popular fieldpiece of the war. Served by a crew of five or six men, it could fire two aimed shots a minute with shells or solid balls, or four charges of canister at point-blank range when necessary.

National Grand Army History Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

WE WILL TELL THE STORY

We have adopted, as our national "Civil War Centennial Project," the achievement of a complete HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

This is a tremendous undertaking, but, given our background and memories, well within our capabilities. If we could, in spite of the uncertainties of local and state politics, attain a Grand Army of the Republic Highway from Coast to Coast, we may also aspire (with considerable assurance) to a chronicle that can be an outstanding contribution to posterity and a significant addition to American letters.

We have a position of leadership to maintain. In order to do this, we must step forward, with high purpose and courageous resolve, to develop our main objective—TO TELL THE STORY.

It is not enough "to tell it" to ourselves; we must tell it in such a way as to attract others—especially the young,

who must be shown noble examples of public service, if we are to hope for something better than the graft, corruption, and slack morality so prevalent today.

From now on, by executive decree, each Department Commander will have assumed with his high office the great objective of developing a HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—particularly in the area under his command.

His first mission will be to establish contact with the representative of his Commander-in-Chief—the chairman of this national committee—Ernest G. Wells, 11 Tufts St., Cambridge 39, Mass.—in order to plan a scouting patrol into his immediate terrain and determine the strategy necessary to obtain records and stories of the G.A.R.

Remember! Our purpose is not merely to compile a list of dates and names and statistics, although all these are necessary as a framework upon which to build. We propose interesting, entertaining, and inspiring word-pictures of Grand Army men, posts, and activities that effectively moulded the characteristics of communities—and has become an integral part of the world of today.

ERNEST G. WELLS, Chairman.

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So that you will not miss a single issue, why not send in your 1962 subscription NOW. Camps are urged to subscribe for all of their members.

Send your name and address together with \$1.00 to THE BANNER, c/o Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Don't Put It Off—You May Forget—Do It Now



Department News



COLORADO & WYOMING

The Pueblo Auxiliary recently presented a gift to the Golden Age Center at Home Lake, consisting of items asked for by the ex-service men and the aged that reside there. The Auxiliary meets on the third Saturday of each month and is active in local patriotic affairs. Miss Louella Holmes, P.D.P., recently distributed 63 outdoor American 50 star flags in the name of the Auxiliary.

CONNECTICUT



Officers of Wooster-Russell Camp 22 of Ansonia-Derby taken at the second anniversary banquet at Paradise Inn, Ansonia, Conn. Left to right are P.D.C. Robert W. DeForest, Camp Treasurer; Natl. Graves Reg. Officer Bertrand O. DeForest Sr., P.D.C. and Camp Secretary; David I. Hazard, Camp Commander; and P.D.C. Bertrand O. DeForest Jr., Camp Sr. Vice Commander.

Semi-monthly meeting of Camp 31, Bristol, have been resumed with new members being initiated.

The annual fair of the Department was held November 4th in G.A.R. Hall, Rockville, with Sr. Vice Commander Leon H. Crocker in charge.

Harold L. Scott, P.D.C., is a member of the Connecticut Civil War Centennial Commission and at present is working on the observance of the Battle of Antietam in 1962 in the public schools of Bristol. He and Jr. Vice Commander Russell E. Laurence are members of the Hartford Civil War Round Table. Bro. Laurence has taken pictures of many Soldiers Monuments in various parts of Connecticut.

The Department Picnic was held August 26 at the home of Alyce Ponticelli in Manchester. About sixty attended and enjoyed a doggie roast. Dept. Commander Linnell and eight others attended the Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief Messer in Albany.

The New England Regional Assoc. held its Fall meeting in New Britain on October 21-22 with Pres. Ann Willeke and Commander Harold Scott presiding. After the banquet, executive member Minnie Burkhardt presented the Hotel Burrill with an American Flag that has been flown over the Capitol Building in Washington. Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer and National Council Member Flora Bates were among guests that attended.

ILLINOIS

Our own George Cashman, Department Commander, has become a Kentucky Colonel. He and Mrs. Cashman were commissioned by Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky on September 10th.

INDIANA

Harrison Camp 356 of Indianapolis has been holding successful meetings. On November 3rd the Camp will have as guest speaker, Judge Noble Percy, a descendant of early settlers of Indiana. The Camp will host the Mid-winter

meeting of the Department at the Washington Hotel on November 11-12, and an open invitation is extended to all or any who might be free to come.

We wish that some of you could write a get well card to Rev. H. E. Vance who has to go to the hospital for surgery on October 17. You remember the inspirational flag commands which he gave at the Camp Fire. His address is 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, or the Veterans Hospital, W. 10th St., Indianapolis.

MARYLAND

The Department is very proud and honored to have Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard as National President. We are very happy to be the hosts for the 1962 National Encampment, and hope that a large attendance will be on hand in Washington. It is a beautiful city, and there is much to see.

National President Hilyard visited the Media, Pa. Camp on September 18th and witnessed the initiation of five young men into the Camp. On September 20th she went to Washington and met with the National Heads to plan for the 1962 Encampment.

On September 22 she was interviewed on Radio Station W.I.L.M. in Wilmington when she had the opportunity to speak about our Order. Then on the 24th she took part in a pilgrimage to Pea Patch Island, where Fort Delaware stands. This was a Civil War prison, but is now a State Museum. She presented a 34 star Civil War flag to the Fort. At the same time, Appomattox Auxiliary presented three G.A.R. Post Flags. P.D.C. Frank Heacock of Penna. was the speaker.

Other visitations by the National President included a dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Catherine Hilbert of Allentown, Pa., and the dinner and reception honoring Commander-in-Chief Messer in Albany, N. Y. on October 7th.

Our National President and her husband celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on October 17th.

On September 30th the National President took part in a Centennial Parade honoring the three DuPont's who served in the Civil War. A service was held in Rockford Park, Wilmington, Del., with Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver of Gettysburg, Pa. as Master of Ceremonies at the Dupont Monument. Music was furnished by the 287th Army Band Delaware National Guard, and the speaker was William T. Mahoney of the Wilmington Civil War Round Table. The DuPont Civil War Commemorative Day was sponsored by the SUVCW and the V.F.W., honoring Admiral Samuel F. DuPont, Maj.-Gen. Henry DuPont and Colonel Henry A. DuPont. Response for the DuPont family was given by Mr. Henry F. DuPont. SUVCW members on the committee included Howard D. Jester Sr., Marion C. T. Townsend, Joseph H. Gentieu and Frank M. Heacock.

The Department Auxiliary will honor National President Mrs. Dorothy L. Hilyard at a reception and dinner on Saturday, November 11th in the Hotel Dupont, Wilmington, Del. Reservations to be made to Mrs. Mary Lucas, 630 West 31st St., Wilmington 2, Del.

MASSACHUSETTS

A reception was given Edw. L. Bresette, fourth member of McClellan Camp 60 to head the Department, in War Memorial Building, Holyoke on September 16th. George LaMarsh was chairman of arrangements and William C. Rule was M.C. A musical group from the Holyoke High School played a medley of Civil War songs especially prepared for the occasion. Many members of the Commander's family were recognized. A total of 25 P.D.C.s and P.D.P.s were recognized, including Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer, Natl. Council Member Flora D. Bates and Dept. Pres. Mary C. Sampson.

"Old Timers" of the Massachusetts Department met for their annual banquet in City Hall Annex, Everett, with Fred Atwood, 94 years young presiding. Fred resides in Manchester, N. H. and is a brother of Everett M. Atwood, P.D.C. of Mass. Ladies were invited for the second year, and the gathering included ten "sons" with more than fifty years membership. Natl. Council Member Allen B. Howland was a chief guest. John Mitcheson is the new president.

The Civil War Centennial was recognized in East Bridgewater on Columbus Day, with National Council Member Allen B. Howland prominent in the parade and exercises. Richard F. Lufkin of Mass. Civil War Centennial Committee repre-

sented that group and Governor Volpe. Other guests included Barbara D. Brown of the Massachusetts Committee, and William W. Haskell of the Brockton Centennial Group.

The Friendly Relations Group composed of G.A.R. Affiliates of Mass. will hold their 40th annual dinner in I.O.O.F. Hall, Malden on December 2nd. John L. Day is chairman of the Allied Orders, who are raising funds through the sale of Centennial Seals to sponsor scholarships in memory of the G.A.R. Millard F. Brown, P.D.C., has distributed a large number of these seals. The seals come in a sheet of 50 and sell for \$1.00 a sheet. They are very attractive, and by using them you will publicize the Order and help a worthy cause.

Camp 109, Newburyport, initiated Robert G. Teague on September 11th, which now makes three generations of the Teague family active in the Camp. Chuck Teague, 20, is Camp Commander, and his father Charles Teague, and his grandfather Charles Teague, 1st, are also enthusiastic members.

NEW JERSEY

The State Camp held a well attended and interesting dinner meeting on October 21st at the Far Hills Inn, Somerville, at which time the speaker was Mr. Freeman Cleaves, former writer for the New York Times and other newspapers. Raymond Bonney of Paterson was elected Commander along with a new staff of officers.

On November 1st several new candidates were initiated into the Union City Camp at a meeting held in the Bloomfield G.A.R. Memorial Hall. The degree work was put on by Natl. Secy. A. C. Lambert who has the entire ceremony taped with appropriate Civil War music, and color slides.

A dinner and reception will be tendered to Department Commander Eugene Patten and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Eliz. Sharp in Union City on December 2nd. On December 3rd, the Department mid-winter meeting will be held in the Bloomfield G.A.R. Memorial Hall at 2 P. M.

At the request of Dayton Camp No. 5, the Trenton Board of Education has ordered all of its schools to mark the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by having it read in the schools at their assembly prior to November 19th.

During October, Edna and Albert Lambert visited the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, where the 1963 National Encampment will be held. While in Florida they celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary, and were royally entertained by Margaret and George Schroeder. Florence Jansson was visiting Irene Archer at the same time in Miami, and all were entertained by the Schroeders. The entire group inspected the facilities at the Deauville and all were agreed that the 1963 Encampment will be the most fabulous ever, and at a modest cost.

NEW YORK

A splendid tribute was paid to Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer when a dinner and reception was tendered to him on October 7th in Menands, N. Y., just outside of Albany.

John Kernan, Personal Aide, was toastmaster at the dinner at which more than 150 persons were present, including delegations from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maryland and Vermont.

Many National Officers and Past National Officers of the SUVCW and Auxiliary were present including National President Dorothy Hilyard, Natl. Press Corr. Ella G. Reeger, Natl. Historian Allen Spink, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver, Natl. Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt, Natl. Council Member Thomas Chadwick, Natl. Council Member Edith Paulding, P. C. in C. Harold Arnold and Ernest Wells, Chairman Civil War Centennial Committee.

OHIO

The Central Regional meeting was held in Akron, October 14-15 at the Akron Tower Auto Inn with a good attendance from the eleven states included. The President, Margaret Horn, Indiana, was in charge. W. Earl Corbin of Akron, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

Guests included Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer, New York; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay, Indiana; Grace Tennis, Dept. Pres. Ohio Aux.; Louise Blaf, Dept. Pres. Ladies of the G.A.R., Ohio; and Aux. Natl. Chaplain Hannah Kreisher of Indiana.

The meetings were very beneficial, and items to be presented to the various Departments were introduced. The Regional voted to appoint a Legislative Committee with the incoming officers to make the selection.

Charles Goodermont of Illinois will be the next President, and P.D.C. Paul Grate of Ohio will be Patriotic Instructor. The next meeting will be held in Aurora, Illinois in October 1962.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Atty. Robert F. Hillbush of Canton, Ohio, speaking on the subject "Human Interest Stories of the Civil War." Music was furnished by the Grandmothers Club of Elliott, Ohio, playing harmonicas.

The Ohio Department lost three Past Department Presidents during September by death. They are Hellen C. Newbright, who served as National Secretary and as National Patriotic Instructor, and has long been a faithful worker. Also, Hazel Bigley and Bertha Church, long time active members.

PENNSYLVANIA

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the death of P.D.P. Flora Ackerman, Auxiliary 273, Allentown. She will be long remembered for her active and loyal membership.

The Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Pennsylvania Department, will dedicate a Civil War Memorial Window in memory of the G.A.R. on Sunday, November 12 at 3 P. M. in the Reformed Church of North Brunswick, N. J. Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell, Secretary of the Allied Orders will make the presentation and P.D.C. Frank Heacock, General Chairman, will make the address. The Pastor of the Church is Rev. Elmer H. Finger, who was stationed in Philadelphia for many years before moving to North Brunswick.

AN INVITATION TO SPEND A WEEKEND AT GETTYSBURG

Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic and commemoration of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be observed with pageantry as the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania plan memorable services and parades on November 18th and 19th, 1961. The following outline of events will be staged on these dates:

Saturday, November 18

- 12:00 noon—National and Department Heads of all Allied Orders leave from Hotel Gettysburg for tour of historic points of interest around Gettysburg.
- 3:00 p. m.—The Fifth Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day service will originate from the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove. Tributes to the G.A.R., placing of wreaths, greetings from all Allied Orders, special music and a 30 minute pageant. Very colorful and memorable.
- 6:30 p. m.—31st Annual Dedication Day Dinner by Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association in Hotel Gettysburg. An outstanding program honoring Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Reservations to Mrs. Mary Liddick, 1825 State Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, prior to November 16th.

Sunday, November 19

- 12:00 noon—Annual Dinner Meeting of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania at Hotel Gettysburg. Stirring atmosphere of the Lincoln Era as tributes and special music observes Dedication Day at Gettysburg. Reservations now accepted to Mrs. Bess Kapp, Times Apts., Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, at \$2.50. Mail yours today.
- 2:00 p. m.—Military parade units form on North side of York Street off Lincoln Square.
- 2:30 p. m.—Parade moves over route Lincoln rode 98 years ago to National Cemetery. Bands, National Guard, ROTC Units, Veterans and SVR Units escort guest.
- 3:00 p. m.—Annual Service originating from spot where Lincoln delivered his immortal address 98 years ago. Address will be delivered by:

The Honorable Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senator from Illinois

Placing of memorial wreaths, special music and pageantry again will be presented.

NOTICE: Should inclement weather prevail for the outdoor services on either day, services and parade will be held in the new spacious Visitors' Center, National Park Service in Ziegler's Grove as scheduled above.