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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10.
HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERAN, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
McGill Building, 908-911 G St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1, 1917.
General Orders No. 10,
Series of 1917.

I. All Camp Commanders will forward immediately to their respective Division Headquarters, Quarterly Reports for the quarter ending September 30th, on Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports—together with the per capita tax. Division Commanders will give this matter their personal attention, and see that prompt returns from all Camps are made.

II. DIVISION REPORTS: Division Commanders will give special attention to the matter of making PROMPT RETURNS to the National Secretary, on Forms 27 and 28, of Division Secretaries' and Division Treasurers' Reports together with the amount of per capita tax due thereon for the quarter ending September 30th. All Division Commanders, their Secretaries and Treasurers have been notified, and it is expected that they will comply with this request PROMPTLY.

III. Delay in transmission and delivery of supplies is experienced owing to the congestion in transportation throughout the country. To be prepared with supplies during the busy and active period, Division officers ARE URGED to forward their REQUISITIONS NOW for such supplies as they may need during the next three or four months, rather than delay and have shipments made during the holiday season, when conditions will assume more troublesome features than even now. DO NOT WAIT until your stock of supplies is exhausted.

Camps should order at once all supplies from Division Headquarters on Form 1, in order to avoid delays.

IV. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS: Division Commanders are hereby directed to forward to each Camp in their respective Divisions Form 56—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report blank. This must be done at once, and the Camp Commanders notified that they MUST see that these

Reports are properly made and PROMPTLY forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters immediately after December 31, 1917. These blanks are furnished to the Camps by the Divisions. Divisions not having these blanks on hand will order the same at once from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 15.

Division Patriotic Instructor's Report blanks—Form 51—must be procured from the National Secretary, and furnished by Divisions to their Division Patriotic Instructors so that they may render their Reports to the National Patriotic Instructor without delay. Let both Camps and Divisions BE PROMPT in this matter.

V. REMEMBER that PROMPTNESS prevents annoyance and saves labor. BE PROMPT.

VI. Requests for Ancestors' records: Division Commanders are hereby required to forward DIRECT to the Commander-in-Chief, McGill Building, Washington, D. C., all requests for Ancestors' records, which MUST be on Form 16. Compliance with this requirement will save labor, and ensure prompt reports.

Attention is called to the fact that in all requests for Ancestors' records, the name or number of the Regiment and the STATE to which it belongs, or the Vessel or Ship, in or on which Ancestors served MUST BE STATED, otherwise the Government Departments will pay no attention to the request. Please remember this.

VII. It is earnestly suggested that all members wear the buttonhole decoration of the Order. This will show that you are a member of the Order and are proud of the fact; it will also call to the attention of others that there is an Order of Sons of Veterans, and this latter will be of great value to us as an organization. Be sure that your buttonhole decoration is on the lapel of your coat.

That all members may be promptly supplied with these buttons, Camps should at once order them from Division Headquarters on requisition Form 1. Divisions should order them from the National Secretary on requisition Form 15, and should always have a stock on hand sufficient to supply the requirements of all Camps.

VIII. ROSTERS: Commandery-in-Chief Rosters have been issued to all Divisions. Division Commanders will supply one to each Division officer.

IX. BONDS: Bonds of National of-

icers have been duly filed with the proper officials.

X. At the 36th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Boston, Mass., August 22-23, 1917, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations was amended by the repeal of Secs. 1 to 6, both inclusive (constituting the entire chapter on Discipline), Art. XXIV, Chapter VI, page 76-80, and the substitution in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE XXIV.

Discipline.

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have jurisdiction over charges preferred against Members, Camps, or Divisions of the Order.

Sec. 2. Charges against the Commander-in-Chief shall be made to the Council-in-Chief, who shall act upon the same, subject to an appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Sec. 3. Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation, or the committing of any act tending to injure a Veteran, a Brother, or the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sec. 4. Charges shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 5. The Commander-in-Chief may, if circumstances warrant, summarily discipline a member, Camp or Division; and in the event of such action, he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner to take testimony and make such recommendations as he may deem proper; or he may, without action, appoint such commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in the following sections.

Sec. 6. When a Trial Commissioner is appointed, upon receipt of charges, he shall give at least ten (10) days notice to the prosecutor and accused by registered mail, and shall state in such notice time and place for hearing. He shall have the power to postpone hearing, or continue same, and shall be empowered to subpoena witnesses.

Sec. 7. The Commissioner shall impartially try to secure all the facts at issue, and when report is complete shall furnish a copy in both the interested parties, who shall then have ten (10) days time to make objections to his report to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 8. Upon receipt of Commissioner's report, the Commander-in-Chief may order a re-hearing by the same Commissioner, or he may dismiss the charges; or inflict punishment, subject, however, to an appeal by either party interested to the Commandery Encampment, which may by a majority vote of those in Encampment Session approve the act of the Commander-in-Chief; or they may dismiss the charges; reduce, or increase the sentence, or order a new hearing.

Sec. 9. No Counsel will be allowed at hearing before Commissioner.

Sec. 10. Where an appeal is taken to the Commandery Encampment, the prosecutor or accused, if brothers, or if not, any brother authorized by either party can appear before a committee, or the

Encampment, or both, to represent the parties interested.

Sec. 11. Commissioners may employ a stenographer, and the expense of the trial shall be borne by the Camp of which convicted party is, or was, a member, or by the Division in which convicted Camp is a part; or be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Camp or the Division shall have power to collect such expense from the guilty member or Camp.

Sec. 12. Sentence may be reprimand, fine, suspension from rights and privileges for a given time, or it may be expulsion. Fines shall be paid to such member, Camp, or Division as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.

Sec. 13. Commissioner shall first call on prosecutor in present evidence, after which the defense shall present its case. He alone shall have power to question witnesses, and must be obeyed and requested at all times.

This Amendment became effective immediately upon its enactment, August 23, 1917. Camp and Division Commanders will govern themselves accordingly.

XI. The following proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, having been approved by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, passed their first reading, and were referred for further action to the 37th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Substitute for Sec. 3, ARTICLE V, CHAPTER III, the following:

"Sec. 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 4, ARTICLE I, CHAPTER II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a re-entry fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 2, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

The foregoing proposed Amendments have not been enacted into law, and are, therefore, no part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. They are still MERELY PROPOSED amendments.

XII. The following Past Rank and Past Honorary Past Camp Commanders were restored at the 36th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and Division and Camp Commanders will have record thereof made on their Division and Camp records as of August 23, 1917:

Division of Connecticut: J. Frank North, Camp No. 25.
 Division of New York: John J. Hare, Camp No. 19.
 Division of California and Pacific: F. R. McGregor, Camp No. 2.
 Division of Massachusetts: Preston H. Sterrett, Camp No. 65; Albert E. Borden, Camp No. 150; Arthur C. Drew, Camp No. 150; Arthur W. Forbes, Camp No. 150; William E. Jennings, Camp No. 150; Joseph W. Webster, Camp No. 150.
 Division of Maine: Charles C. Coburn, Camp No. 20; Lewis T. Harriman, Camp No. 19.

XIII. For obtaining five new members during a single quarter, the following brothers have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Alfred J. Clark, Camp 59, Pennsylvania.
- A. R. Lewis, Camp 344, Ohio.

XIV. The attention of all Camps is again called to the observance of Veterans' Night, November 15th. The observance of this Veterans' Night will tend to bring the Veterans and the members of our Order together, provide a pleasant evening, and be a benefit to the Camp. Suitable exercises should be arranged and all Veterans and members urged to attend.

XV. Many of the Divisions are well into their winter's work, and it is hoped that the remainder will have started before this Order is published. We must work, brothers, for an increase in membership, to the end that our Order may exercise its rightful influence among the patriotic associations of the country. In order that we may assume this position let us work. System and team work bring results—results that count. Earnestness and persistency also count. Let us get busy and get new members, and new Camps.

XVI. Death Benefit Association: This society has so frequently been called to the attention of the membership, and its objects and purposes are so well known, that further reference thereto would be unnecessary, if it were not for the excellent and valuable features all can avail themselves of by joining it. In a number of Divisions, Camps have found that by joining this association they experience very much less trouble in keeping their members in good standing than they had before affiliating with it. The experience of those Camps that have joined the association would seem to be worthy the consideration of those that have not. Particulars and information relating thereto may be had from William R. McGirt, Secretary, 5623 West Somerset St., Philadelphia, Pa.

XVII. Let every brother start the new Quarter with the DETERMINATION to do something for the BENEFIT of his Camp. Make the meetings of your Camp interesting, and you will have good attendance. Get a NEW member, and see your Camp grow. Experience the satisfaction of being a member of a good, strong Camp, rather than of a weak one; the satisfaction of having your Camp looked up to by the other Camps of your Division—this is worth while. Try it.

XVIII. Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

TRUE PATRIOTISM.
 Life's Rescript simply is to climb,
 Unheeding danger, toil and t're;
 Failure hath no attain of crime,
 If one perpetually aspires.

Kinship with God makes men desire
 To hold the world in closer grip,
 And through love's gentleness acquire
 An altruistic fellowship.

These aspirations have attained
 Ideals for which this Country stands,
 For which our fathers died—now gained
 and delegated to our hands.

This heritage of trust and weal [hope
 Has now become the world's great
 For freedom from Oppression's heel,
 For Aspirations' wider scope.

To this world-call, have we reply
 Other than that our fathers gave?
 To guard this trust, what if we die
 If dying is the way to save!

Humanity hath instant need
 Of loyalty that seeks to serve;
 And even though death were its need,
 From its ideal it would not swerve.

Life would have nothing worth to give,
 Had men not for their duty died;
 True patriots would scorn to live
 If they the sacrifice denied.

O ye who seek the soul's free air,
 Who seek the larger hope, arise!
 For truth and Justice Do and Dare!
 Who cares to live when Freedom dies?
 —James Terry White,

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Aug. 27	29	Phillips, Wis.	10
Sept. 4	4	Yankton, S. D., Minn.	25
Sept. 19		Tacona, Wash., Wash. & Ore.	32
Sept. 25	33	Perry, N. Y.	24

Camps instituted and charters issued thereto were:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Aug. 21	4	Yankton, S. D., Minn.	25
1916			
Sept. 30	29	Phillips, Wis.	16

STATEMENT No. 1
 XIX. Report of the National Secretary, for months of August-September, 1917, Inc:

RECEIPTS.

Aug. 27, 1917, to balance.....	\$1652.01
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 10.90
Supplies.....	263.02
Junior Order—Supplies.....	4.12
Total receipts.....	\$ 2127.16

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$369.25
Office expenses.....	150.05
Commander-in-Chief's expenses.....	11.62
Total expenditures.....	\$1130.92

Balance, Sept. 30, 1917 \$ 738.27

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock.....	\$ 6.00
The Banner, September, 1917, subscription.....	52.16
Printing.....	25.50
Reserve.....	50.29
Bonds.....	25.00
	\$ 969.25

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For stationery, National Officers.....	37.55
Rent, Oct.-Dec., 1917, Inc.....	112.50
	\$ 150.05

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, office, express.....	\$ 11.62
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Total expenditures.....

	\$ 1130.92
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Balance, Sept. 30, 1917 \$ 738.27

By order of
 F. T. F. JOHNSON,
 Attest: Commander-in-Chief.
 H. H. HAMMEL,
 National Secretary.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

 Conducted by Rev. Edward H. Brewster,
 National Patriotic Instructor, 24
 High Street, Auburn, Maine.

It is a great pleasure to make my bow to the Sons of Veterans of the country through the columns of The Banner. To most of you I am unknown but that situation will soon be remedied. "My brother," said an old minister to a clergyman who had just arrived in town to take up his duties, "my name is Smith and when you know me you'll like me." The point, I trust, is obvious.

A little data in connection with the foregoing may not however be amiss. I became a member of the Order in 1902 joining that splendid camp of the Massachusetts Division, Camp No. 7 of Whitman. First impressions of the Order of Sons of Veterans which were very pleasant have been lasting. For this reason I believe it is an obligation of every camp to be 100 per cent efficient because each camp is determining perhaps forever the attitude of the men who unite with it toward the Sons of Veterans. Happy the brother who like myself joins a live camp and so gets the vision at the outset of what the Order stands for and what are its possibilities for service. And this ability to impress favorably those who enter our ranks does not depend upon size. Some of our best camps are not numerically large. It depends rather on what the French call, esprit de corps, and on what we Americans call for lack of a more picturesque term—efficiency. Thus my early training was good and I think it is largely due to that fact that I love the Sons of Veterans, love the Order better than I have ever served it. I have held several Division offices both in Massachusetts and in Maine and now assume the duties by virtue of the appointment of our new Commander-in-Chief of National Patriotic Instructor. I shall ardently hope for the co-operation of all Division Patriotic Instructors in the work I have to do and promise them a faithful leadership as I am capable of giving.

And for their benefit and for the help of all let me advert to one of the objects of our Order which in the constitution stands as second: viz "To inculcate patriotism, to teach truthful history, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all." For some time after joining the Sons of Veterans I had the impression that the Order was chiefly fraternal or if not that chiefly philanthropic, i. e. it existed for the purpose of making closer and more helpful the ties that bound together descendants of Veterans of the Civil War, and of helping Veterans of that war in periods of sickness, distress or in circumstances of privation. The Sons of Veterans does acknowledge these purposes and in most instances serves them well. But I learned subsequently that chiefly our Order is Patriotic as indicated in the article of the constitution which I have quoted. Hence the need of patriotic instruction and of Patriotic Instructors. And is it too much to say that the present wave of patriotism that is sweeping over our country

bearing on its crest to places of service and to deeds of sacrifice the manhood and also thank God the womanhood of our country has the volume and power it has because of the patriotic instruction which has been patiently and persistently given by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans during the last fifty and thirty-five years respectively? The Scriptures say "Ye shall reap if ye faint not." We have sowed for years, often in weakness and in discouragement, and now thank God we and all America are reaping.

At this point let me refer to two matters that many of our brothers are discussing and which have given rise to some perplexity. One is the disappointment many of us have felt over our being ineligible to military service in this crisis of our country's history. For many years the young men who have joined our camps have repeated the pledge to "give their lives if need be to prevent the flag from being lowered in defeat." And now when the flag is again being borne in battle and we would like to march in the steps of our fathers—we are confronted with the fact that we are too old to have the privilege. We have learned that this war to quote Ex-President Roosevelt is "An exclusive war" and we like him have been "black balled by the committee on admissions." This is a keen disappointment to many of our members who secretly feel that history has dealt with them unfairly in bringing on this war so late.

The other matter to which I wish to refer is the fact which is very palpable in some quarters that our Order is not receiving the attention of which it is worthy because the public mind is taken up with the grave issues of the day, and they are more interested in the soldiers of the present than in those of the past or in the order of their sons. Some would go so far in their depreciation of this situation as to say "A generation has arisen that knows not Joseph"—the Joseph who went into the Egypt of the Southland fifty years ago, and worked such a transformation by his sacrifice and service that that land has become a happy and prosperous part of our American Republic once more.

Now in regard to these matters let me say, we ought not to be blinded by our disappointment over being unable to render a particular kind of service to our country today to the fact that we as Sons of Veterans have made a great contribution to the cause of patriotism and democracy already in keeping alive sentiments of patriotism during all the years of our history. We have been patriotic when outspoken patriotism was derided as a species of sentimentalism, and when to wear the blue uniform of the Son of a Veteran and to carry the flag along the street was in the language of some to be a "tin soldier." But we have lived to see a change come over the American public—so that it is no longer considered praiseworthy when the "Star Spangled Banner" is played, and no longer a matter for ridicule to wear the uniform of the United States. And I assert that we have helped to bring about that change, and that we ought to congratulate ourselves that we have been true to the patriot's confession of faith in shadow and in sunshine, amidst indifference and now amidst enthusiastic assent. Let me

also remind the brothers of our Order that there are more ways than one to help defeat autocracy and none of us is so poor or bluffed in ability that he cannot find one of these ways.

With regard to the second matter of the apparent indifference of the public to the work of our Order because of their great interest in the serious questions of the day let me say in very expressive though not very elegant slang, "We should worry."

In conclusion let me remind you of several important victories won by American arms in the month of October: The victory at Saratoga over Burgoyne, Oct. 17, 1777; the victory at Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781; the Union victory at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.

Three Hundred Thousand More. (1892) (By James Sloan Gibbons) We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more.

If you look across the hill tops that meet the northern sky, Long moving lines of rising dust your vision may desert;

If you look all up our valleys where the growing harvests shine, You may see our sturdy farmer boys fast forming into line;

S. V. RESERVE



Brigadier-General Edwin M. Amies, Commanding, Central Trust Bldg., Altoona, Pa.

Pennsylvania Brigade, Col. Henry Stewart, Commanding, Gettysburg, Pa.

Major E. G. Ritter, Assistant Adjutant-General, Easton, Pa. Major Henry Reprie, Chief of Cavalry, Philadelphia.

Department of Ohio, Lieutenant-Colonel Park F. Yenzling, Commanding, 1521 Dexter Place, Suite 5, Cleveland, Ohio.

Department of New York, Lieut. Col. F. J. Marshall, 228 Pine St., East Aurora.

Department of Illinois, Captain Fred J. Phillips, Commanding, 1412 Borland Building, Chicago, Ill.

Department of Rhode Island, Captain Geo. V. Nichols, c/o Dr. F. J. Harris, Lapham Building, Providence, R. I.

Department of New Jersey, Captain A. K. Hendley, 107 S. Stockton St., Trenton, N. J.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10.

Adjutant General's Office, Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 1, 1917.

I. The following officers have been re-commissioned:

Aug. 1, '17, Captain E. J. Sexton, 11 Co., 4th Pa. Inf., Carlisle, with rank from Aug. 1, 1914.

July 24, '17, First Lieut. J. Clifford Hoffman, Adjutant, 6th Pa. Inf., York, with rank from July 24, 1911.

Aug. 1, '17, First Lieut. Wm. H. Craig, H Co., 4th Pa. Inf., Carlisle, with rank from Aug. 1, 1914.

Aug. 27, '17, First Lieut. H. D. Williams, A Battery, Dept. of N. J., Trenton, with rank from Aug. 27, 1914.

Aug. 8, '17, Second Lieut. David Longstreet, A Co., 2nd N. Y. Inf., New York, with rank from Aug. 8, 1914.

II. The following changes in the commissioned personnel of the Reserve have occurred since last General Orders:

Aug. 2, '17, Sergt. F. W. Parker, B Co., 2nd N. Y. Inf., Poughkeepsie, to be First Lieutenant.

Aug. 22, '17, Sergt. J. E. White, A Co., 2nd N. Y. Inf., New York, to be First Lieutenant.

Sept. 2, '17, 2nd Lieut. A. K. Myers, K Co., 2nd Ohio Inf., Toledo, to be First Lieutenant.

Aug. 2, '17, Sergt. Augustus Morse, B Co., 2nd N. Y. Inf., Poughkeepsie, to be Second Lieutenant.

Sept. 19, '17, Sergt. A. L. Muehler, A Battery, Dept. of N. J., Trenton, to be Second Lieutenant.

And children from their mothers' knees are pulling at the weeds, And learning how to reap and sow against their country's needs;

And a farewell group stands weeping at every cottage door: We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more!

You have called us, and we're coming, by every bloody tide To lay us down, for Freedom's sake, our brothers' bones beside,

Or from foul treason's savage grasp to wrench the murderous blade, And in the face of foremen foes its fragments to parade.

Six hundred thousand loyal men and true have gone before: We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more!

HONORABLY DISCHARGED. (Expiration of Term)

Aug. 8, '17, 1st Lieut. N. McL. Schmidt, 1st Co. C. A. Dept. of N. Y.

Aug. 19, '17, 1st Lieut. W. B. White, Adjutant 1st Battalion, 1st Ohio.

Aug. 26, '17, 1st Lieut. J. J. Mosher, Adjutant, 2nd N. Y. Inf.

Aug. 26, '17, 1st Lieut. A. F. Mosher, Surgeon, 2nd N. Y. Inf.

MISSED. (On Expiration of Term)

Aug. 27, '17, 1st Lieut. J. G. Sachs, Aide-de-Camp, Pa. Brig.

III. Blanks have been promulgated, through regular channels to all commands, for the semi-annual reports.

All Commandants will note that these reports are due to be forwarded by them ON THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, and will carefully observe the printed instructions on the blanks.

It is not necessary to discharge men who have enlisted or been drafted for the war.

By command of BRIG-GEN. AMIES. HENRY STEWART, Col. and Acting Adjt.-Gen.

Joined Home Defense Guards. (By Capt. Harry C. Blank)

Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, of Allentown, Pa., together with the members of Allen Camp No. 6, Sons of Veterans, at a special meeting held Sept. 11, unanimously decided to become a part of the Allentown Battalion of the Home Defense Guards, which is being formed by the State of Pennsylvania, for the protection and guarding of lives and property in their home station, while the regulars and National Guardsmen are in training camps or abroad.

The meeting was called at the suggestion of former Mayor James I. Schardt, a member of Allen Camp, who is a member of the state's public safety committee, and under whose jurisdiction the protection of lives and property in this community comes.

The offer was accepted by the Sons of Veterans without hesitancy. Forty-six members of the company have enlisted for service in various branches of the United States Army, and upwards of eighty from the camp and country are serving under the colors.

The remaining members of the company, who will compose the Defense Guard Company, are largely men who have dependants, but who are willing to "do their bit" for the cause in the protection of things locally.

During the evening, addresses on the subject were made by Hon. James L. Schardt, and Dallas Dillinger, Jr., both members of Camp No. 6, and Lieut. Col. William S. Carl, Capt. Charles S. Adams and Lieut. Alfred Jacoby, of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Second Regiment.

Fifth Battalion News.

The Fifth Battalion, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Philadelphia, Pa., are gradually pulling out of the mire. Its live wire commanding officer is forcing the issue to the point and expects

to make a great organization out of it. On several occasions he has made fairly good showings. The Battalion paraded provisionally with the First Regiment in honor of the drafted men Saturday, Sept. 1, accompanied by its band; and again on Labor Day, Sept. 3, held a grand field day at Westchester, Pa., the following companies taking part: E Co., Westchester, D. F. and the new Company, A of Philadelphia, Pa. The showing was fair, with a street parade in the afternoon, dress parade, evening dance after evening parade. The Major was steadily on the job and with much credit to himself and command. The Battalion expects to celebrate its fourteenth anniversary on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3; a parade in afternoon and banquet in the evening. A number of prominent men are expected to speak at the banquet that night—a red letter night. Only sorry our big Company G cannot be with the command on this occasion. It's a hustling command. Camp 29 also is about to emerge out of darkness. Will be heard of in the future. Watch for us. This fall Major G. A. Lawrence will or expects to pull some wires. We hope to have the compliments of all.

ROY ORATOR.

Called the youngest orator in the world, Kenneth B. Hughes, the five-year-old boy who has made patriotic speeches on the battle field at Gettysburg and at Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, is in New York for the purpose of obtaining recruits for the new National Army. The boy's addresses have not been confined only to historic places, for the lad has appeared before President Wilson, and may possibly deliver his now well known address before the United States Senate before the summer is over.

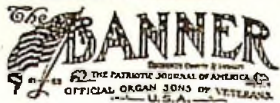
"Ken," as he is known to his playmates in Saginaw, Mich., is a mystery. He has never been to school and the only teaching the child has ever had was by his mother. At the age of thirteen months the boy began to show his unusual ability, which apparently reached its height about six months ago, when he asked his father, Joseph B. Hughes, to allow him to make a recruiting speech.

His father said it had been estimated that the boy was directly responsible for at least 350 men joining one branch of the service or another.

Five men in New York volunteered one night after the child finished an address at the land battle ship recruit in Union square, while from the expression on a number of the faces in the crowd the address may be responsible for others offering their services in the near future.

When in Washington, "Ken" appeared at one of the local theatres where the President heard him. The boy followed the same program in Atlantic City, where he recently was responsible for eleven men joining the colors, which number he said he hopes to increase to at least 100 in New York.

The present trip has taken the lad through the South, and will be continued west as far as Chicago and possibly the Pacific Coast. The father, mother and boy are traveling by automobile, and say the journey will last some weeks unless Uncle Sam finds he has all the soldiers, sailors and marines he needs.—New York Telegram.



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Division Secretaries must report all reinstatements, suspensions and dropped camps and members promptly, so we can keep our subscription lists up-to-date. This is a part of the contract.

National Officers, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for 1917-1918.

- Commander-in-Chief, F. T. P. Johnson, McMill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. Young, 185 Clarence St., Providence, R. I.
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Henry Bender, 52 Liberty Place, Westchester, N. Y.
- Council-in-Chief: Charles H. Martin, Parsons, Kan.; William M. Anderson, 63 S. Fourth St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; William F. Chambers, 619 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.
- National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.
- Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Aules, Altoona, Pa.
- National Counselor, Herbert S. Sigelko, Madison, Wis.
- National Chaplain, Rev. A. A. Bronson, Millers Falls, Mass.
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INDIVIDUALITY.

To each intellect belongs a special power. We belong to ourselves, and we lose control of our own when we try to be some one else. The original mind is a magnetic center for the attraction of other minds. But the lodestone loses nothing by attraction. It remains the same.

FAST COM-IN-CHIEF MARRIED.

The many friends throughout the Order of Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, Ind., will be interested in know that he was married Monday, Oct. 1, to Mrs. Lida Akers Gerard. The following clipping is taken from an Indianapolis paper of Oct. 2:

"The marriage of Mrs. Lida A. Gerard and Newton J. McGuire was celebrated quietly at the home of the bride's uncle, Frank Rosa, 2956 Central Avenue, last evening. The ceremony was pronounced by the Rev. E. S. Shumaker at 8 o'clock, only the members of the families being present for the service. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire will be at home, 4331 North Pennsylvania Street, after Oct. 17."

Their friends extend to them congratulations and best wishes for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

I pledge allegiance to my Flag!
And to the Country for which it stands—
One Nation, Indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for all.

Stars of eternal splendor,
Set in a field of blue,
Stripes of the sunset Glory,
Leaping in air to view.

Message to all Creation,
Message from God above,
Message to cheer Humanity,
Message of PEACE AND LOVE.

The thirteen lines represent the thirteen original States.

The forty-eight capital letters represent the existing forty-eight States.

The sixty-four words represent the Sixty-fourth (War) Congress.

The above was received from the writer, Gilbert M. Eisenman, a grandson of a Union Veteran, District of Columbia, and it is worthy of being in print in The Banner.

VETERAN'S ENDORSEMENT.

(Cambridge, Mass., March 20.

Editor of The Banner.—Dear Sir:— I have just received a copy of your paper and have read it through and being deeply interested in the Sons of Veterans, I want to let the people know that the Organization in this state means a great deal. There is associated with Wm. H. Smart Post 20 of this city one of the best Camps; if over there was a live wire, Camp 11 is it. They have proved it not only in their loyalty to "Old Glory" but also in their loyalty to the men who made it possible that this nation must and should be preserved. The boys are incessantly at work in their endeavors to lighten the burdens of the Post, and well are they succeeding. Ready at all times to give the comrades a helping hand both financially and otherwise, thus proving that the pledge taken by them at the altar is a sacred one, which they not only preach but practice. On Memorial Day, they are always early on deck, and with willing hearts and ready hands they gladly assume, under direction of the Post, the decorations of the graves at the cemeteries.

I am writing this in hopes that it may be published in order that other Post Commanders may read and be brought to realize that if good encouragement is given to the Sons of Veterans we can rest in the assurance that when we have crossed the wide river, the work that we have always

performed on Memorial Day will still be continued and the graves of our comrades will never be neglected. I visit the Sons meetings as often as possible and encourage my comrades to accompany, and I find that the Sons appreciate it and always extend to us a hearty welcome. If we stand by the Sons their organization will grow, and we will feel that our efforts to have them properly recognized will not have been in vain.

Pardon me for this long letter but I am writing unbeknown to the boys, in order to do justice to a Camp and one of which the Commander-in-Chief ought to be proud.—Yours truly, Eben W. Pike, Commander Post 30, G. A. R.

UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

If all the written history was in one volume and all the unwritten history in another volume, the latter would be many times larger. Written history deals with only a few of the most important characters and events. Unwritten history is as large as the past.

A few weeks ago I read with interest an article concerning the life and assassination of Abraham Lincoln. It spoke of the burial place of Booth, the assassin, in Green Mount cemetery, Baltimore, Md. Several years ago while in that city I visited this cemetery. It lies near the eastern border and seemingly consists of a group of hills. There is a high stone wall entirely around it. When one enters the ivy covered stone archway he seems to be beholding a beautiful park. Trees, shrubbery and vines enhance the beauty of the place.

While walking through Green Mount one beautiful afternoon I noticed some distance ahead of me an ivy covered shaft. I was told that this was the Booth monument, and when I neared it could detect by the inscriptions and headstones that it was the relatives of John Wilkes Booth. All graves in this lot were marked with the exception of one, nestling in the shadow of the tall marble shaft. A caretaker was passing and I asked him about the unmarked grave. He informed me it was the grave of John Wilkes Booth, and that at one time there had been a headstone with his name on it, but on account of notoriety and a mutilated stone, it was removed.

A strange feeling seemed to take possession of my very soul while I stood at this grave, and as the sun sank below the horizon I heard chimes from a nearby church sounding forth our own beloved "America."

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

At once I thought it a coincidence, for I realized that I was standing at the very grave of the man who fired the shot that felled the great emancipator. I remembered that I had an entirely different feeling when I visited Lincoln's grave at Springfield, for there, to me, the ground seemed sacred.

There are many places of historic interest in Baltimore. Occasionally I attend the oldest church in that city, the Westminster Presbyterian, an ivy covered stone church. In the church yard are numerous graves and vaults. On some of the stones I noted



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to my country for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"Patriotism is the love of one's Flag in action."
—Abraham Lincoln.

"I rejoice in nothing more than in this movement, recently so prominently developed, of placing a starry banner above every school house. I have been charged with too scantling appreciation of the Flag. I do not enter upon any defense. God pity the American citizen who does not love it, or who does not see in it the story of our great free institutions, and the hope of the home as well as the nation."
—Benjamin Harrison.

the dates 1790, 1776, 1789. At one time this was a quiet, secluded spot, at the corner of Fay and Green streets, but now it is apparently in the heart of the city.

In the northwest corner stands a plain, but beautiful, monument in memory of Edgar Allan Poe. On one side is the inscription and on the opposite side is a laurel wreath, carved in the stone. This monument was erected by the teachers of the state of Maryland. Baltimore claims that city as his birthplace, as does Boston, and there has ever been some controversy regarding it.

A friend of mine, who has always resided in Baltimore, related an interesting story to me regarding the poet.

One evening Poe appeared at the office of a prominent attorney in a very intoxicated condition. He asked if he might be permitted to spend the night there and was told that he might do so. He seated himself at a desk and seemed to be trying to write something when the attorney left for the night. The next morning when the office was opened Poe was still seated at the desk and before him was his masterpiece, "The Raven." He had produced this great work of literature in such a state of mind.

One afternoon, Washington's birthday, I visited Fort McHenry. This fort stands overlooking Chesapeake Bay and guards the entrance to the city. This city was unsuccessfully bombarded by the British September 12 and 13, 1814. How they hammered away at that old fort with shot and shell. Every one wondered if it would still hold out, but when daylight came our flag was still there.

A Marylander, Francis Scott Key, detained on board a British man of war, after a night's anxiety expressed himself by writing "The Star Spangled Banner." It was written with a pencil on the back of an old letter.

While I was in Baltimore six dining room chairs belonging to Key were sold at an auction for the modest little sum of \$500.—Belle Sumner Roseberry.

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MEMOIRS OF GEN. CUSTER.

Capt. John D. Inman, of Chicago, Past Commander of Illinois, for many years manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and a veteran of both the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, is probably the only man in this part of the country who can boast of having enjoyed a personal acquaintance with Gen. George A. Custer, the brilliant soldier, who, with his troops, was massacred by Sitting Bull and his Indians on the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Captain Inman at the time was a young telegraph operator, stationed at a division point on the Dakota division, of the Northern Pacific railroad. He was one of the last white men, outside of the general's command, to see him alive.

In a special article contributed to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Captain Inman gives the following interesting account of his associations with the heroic soldier:

"The recent activities of the Seventh United States cavalry on the Mexican border brings to my mind the early history of that splendid regiment on the northwestern frontier.

"In the seventies, one of the outposts of our civilization was the Missouri river at the terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad, the Dakota division of which recently had been completed from the Red River of the North.

"On the east side of the Missouri stood the little town of Bismarck, now the flourishing capital of North Dakota, and on the west, Fort Abraham Lincoln, a military post of some pretentiousness, and where was stationed the famous Seventh United States cavalry under command of George Armstrong Custer. Custer, while holding only the rank of lieutenant colonel and brevet brigadier general in the regular institution, had been the youngest major general of volunteers in the Civil War. Colonel Sturgis of the Seventh was on detached duty.

"I recall as though it had been a yesterday, while sitting in my little old dingy telegraph office on the sixth day of July, 1876, that I was almost startled by the frantic 'calling' of my office by the operator at Bismarck, and answering quickly this is what I heard: 'Custer, with a squadron of 277 men, massacred; not a man escaped.'

"I turned to another wire, flashed it to St. Paul, he in turn to Chicago, and thence to New York and Washington, so that probably within three minutes after the news had reached Bismarck, the distressing intelligence had been sent broadcast all over this country. Oh, yes, there were telegraphs and telegraphers forty and fifty years ago.

"When the particulars began coming in I saw at a glance that Custer had been led into a trap and that he and his brave followers had been butchered like rats, and I recalled the words he had uttered to me recently while en route to embark upon this very campaign.

"He had been in New York and had had trouble with Secretary of War Delknap over the matter of the appointment of post traders, and the controversy had become so bitter that President Grant instructed General Sherman, who was in command of the army, not to allow Custer to take the field against the Sioux under Sitting Bull.

"General Philip H. Sheridan was on a tour of inspection at the time and sent a message to President Grant through General Sherman, the dispatch reading as follows: 'Must have Custer for the Seventh cavalry.'

"Grant's reply was entirely characteristic of the 'Silent Commander,' and simply said: 'If you must have Custer, you must.' It is a coincidence that these telegrams contained the same number of words—seven.

"So Custer at the time of which I write was on his way to resume command of the Seventh cavalry but not of the expedition or any other portion of it.

"He and I had spent a long time together the night before, for the trains in those days laid over night at the ends of divisions, he giving me details of his troubles with Belknap and President Grant and in the morning as he boarded the train for Fort Lincoln he said: 'Good bye, my boy; I am going to retrieve this lost ground or leave my bones to bleach on the prairies.'

"I never heard Custer's voice again, and as the further particulars came in, I saw that this brilliant, impetuous, heart-burst soldier had determined to disobey orders if need be, make one final effort to strike alone a deadly blow and compel a return of the plaudits that always had greeted his ears in the past. Had he won such would have been the verdict, but he lost.

"And when his five troops fired the two simultaneous volleys, which could mean nothing but 'Help or we perish,' how they must have wondered where in God's name were Reno and Benteen with the two other squadrons, for Reno had gone down the valley to strike from the front, Benteen to the left, while Custer was on the hills to the right and was to support Reno in whatever way seemed expedient when they came in contact with the Indians. Benteen had partially lost his way but Reno, it is declared, decided against the appeals of his troop commanders when they begged to be allowed to go to the assistance of their beloved chieftain when, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the two volleys were heard.

"And history tells us that when the end came, these men lay, each troop in position, every officer in his place, excepting a few who had rallied about Custer in the final stand on the little hill, the troopers in allegiance that would have done credit to the squadron on dress parade! Oh, the pity of it all!

"I never hear the name of Custer or look into his fearless face in the picture in my home that I do not think of the little telegraph office on the northwestern frontier and of the awful end of that little band of heroes, heroes every one, on the Little Big Horn that eventful 25th day of June, 1876.

"The only human that is alleged to have come out alive was a Crow scout by the name of 'Curley,' who claimed he saved himself by disemboweling a horse, crawling within and remaining until the battle was over and the Sioux had left the field. I always doubted his presence in the battle.

"Captain George's horse 'Comanche' was the only animal that escaped and he was found wandering about the battle field after having been wounded three or four times during the fighting.

"I saw 'Comanche' at Fort Abraham Lincoln soon after he was brought back and found him with head up, eyes bright, with a trooper at his bit and almost seeming to realize that he was the sole survivor of that holocaust of death. He was allowed to live without further work.

"Rain-in-the-Face, the chief who helped Sitting Bull murder Custer and his little force, for Custer was outnumbered ten to one, carried out on the Little Big Horn his terrible threat made at a previous time when he was captured and placed in prison at Fort Lincoln for the murder of two white men, Doctor Hoazinger and Mr. Ballran, who in 1873 had wandered away from the main column of the expedition under command of General Stanley. These two civilians were enthusiastic botanists and were in pursuit of that avocation when murdered. Rain-in-the-Face vowed he would cut out the heart of 'Tom' Custer, the general's brother, who, under Captain Yates, had made the arrest at Standing Rock agency, some twenty miles from Fort Lincoln, Rain-in-the-Face having boasted there of the murder. He had been placed in the old ramshackle jail at the fort with two white men accused of grain theft. The three escaped within a few days.

"Some time after the massacre of the gallant Custer and his brave comrades, his widow and the widows and other relatives of the other officers made their way to the Little Big Horn and brought back the bodies of their loved ones, a most pitiful scene to all who witnessed the journey over the Northern Pacific."

WHY ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS IMMORTAL.

(By Gilbert Patten Brown)

Without a Gabriel to herald his birth; a shepherd to discover the star of his nativity; or a Sage at his mother's bedside, the sixteenth President of the World's most cheerful Republic was ushered into mortality. Every great soul has a mission to perform while an earthly pilgrim, and the mission, given to the great Lincoln, was one of the most unique ever entrusted to a mortal being.

Thomas and Nancy (Hanks) Lincoln were a modest couple. They lived simple lives. Heeded as best they knew the laws of the land. They were pious, uneducated and unassuming. The mother was quite a Bible student and when Abraham was but a mere child impressed upon him the importance of reading both the old and new Testaments, which he did with a studious mind. The father was an ardent lover of liberty and would not breathe freely the air of a slave state, and while Abraham was yet a lad, moved his family to Indiana.

Here Abraham began to read and think in earnest. He reasoned that the first enemy man had to contend with was ignorance, and as a wise philosopher he argued that it was the child of Despotism, and the capital of the demagogue, and first of all as a free American he must labor to eradicate ignorance and at all times to expose those whose business it was to deceive and delude his fellow Americans. That the intelligent and good men of every lineage, creed and opinion were worthy of his attention and respect in all works of life.

He despised tyranny and fanaticism and realized that these two enslavers

of mankind should be smitten by the hand of Freedom. In fact Lincoln realized that there were many kinds of slavery in this world.

He understood the slavery of pride, and the slavery of drink, as well as the slavery of blacks owned by whites. He talked long and often on the question of temperance. Here's an extract from a temperance address, which he delivered on the 22nd of February over seventy years ago:

"Happy days when all appetites controlled, all passions subdued, all matters subjected—mind, all conquering mind, shall live and move, the monarch of the world. Glorious consummation. Hail, fall of fury. Reign of reason, all hail.

"And when the victory shall be complete—when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the earth—how proud the title of that land which may truly claim to be the birthplace and the cradle of both those revolutions that shall have ended in that victory."

He understood the curse of drink, and he also understood its cause and power. His mind was broad and generous. As he said in that address:

"In my judgment, such of us as have never fallen victims have been spared more by the absence of appetite than from any mental or moral superiority over those who have. Indeed, I believe if we take habitual drunkards as a class, their heads and their hearts will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class."

The fact is that there was nothing of the "holier than thou" type about Lincoln. He combined common sense and knowledge of real life with his earnestness.

He was abused as every great man in all history has been abused. He was honest, loyal, simple and loved the entire human family.

The mother of Lincoln was deeply religious. At her knee he learned lessons worthy of emulation. His honesty makes him immortal. It will be a dark day to humanity when the name of Lincoln does not hold an honorable place in the World's Hall of Fame.

A CUP OF COLD WATER.

On the evening of the battle of Chickamauga, an Illinois regiment that had been engaged all day, was falling back under orders. The men did not know that they were retreating; they supposed, on the contrary that they were only withdrawing for the night behind the picket lines. They were in high spirits, ready for battle again in the morning. As a matter of fact the flank of their division had been turned; General Thomas found himself obliged to change the position of his right wing.

As they passed an old strawstack, one soldier called to his comrade here was a better bed than he had in camp, and that he was tired enough to stop. Thinking himself well within the lines and close to his own regiment, he stayed; the others passed on.

He pulled straw from the stack and made himself a good bed, when he heard groaning. It was not yet dark and he made his way to the place from which the groans came. There lay a Confederate soldier shot through both hips.

"For the love of God, cover me up!" the wounded man pleaded. He had

lost much blood and was fatigued and cold.

Bringing straw, the Union soldier laid it around him, covered him with his blanket, and laid straw upon that.

"Have you got any water?" asked the Southerner.

The Union soldier's canteen was a third full; he put it to the lips of the wounded man.

"Are you a Yank?" the latter asked.

"Yes."

"And like as not the very Yank that shot me."

"I hope not. In any case we're friends tonight."

"What a pity we weren't always friends. Yank, have you got any more of this water?"

The terrible gunshot throbbed up on him; he drank till not a drop was left in the canteen. Then he said:

"It don't seem hardly right—two men that know how to be kind to one another after sundown, tryin' all day to blow daylight through each other, does it, now?"

"No comrade, it don't. And like as not both Christinas, too."

"Yeh, that's so. Like us not both Christinas. Well, you've done your best by me. Good-night."

Returning to his straw bed the Yankee was soon fast asleep. He was awakened some hours later by voices and a light.

In sudden fear he heard his wounded acquaintance call out excitedly:

"He's right over there! He's right over there!"

The next moment the light approached and he saw a man in a uniform of gray standing over him.

"Are you a federal soldier?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I am a Confederate surgeon. We have the field, and are caring for the wounded. We are removing a wounded man to the hospital, but he refuses to go until you are safe. The picket lines are forming and you are within them. Your camp lies over in that direction. I should advise you to move fast."

The Union soldier did move fast but he stopped a moment to take the hand of the wounded man.

"You've saved me from capture," he said. "I want to thank you."

"It don't seem hardly right to let you be taken," said the Confederate. "Don't the Bible say that if you give a cup of cold water you shall not lose your reward?"

"Good-night, Yank. Now you ske-daddle. Good-night. God bless you."

And the Union soldier disappeared in the darkness.—Pacific Veteran.

HOW MANY MEN MAKE A REGIMENT?

America will have a million and a half men under arms within two weeks. They will be divided into divisions, brigades, regiments and companies.

These are old terms, and it used to be that the average citizen knew, in figures, what they meant. A company was a hundred men; a regiment a thousand, or at most twelve hundred; a brigade 3,000 to 4,000 and a division something under 10,000, all told.

In this war, however, the old terms have new meanings. In other times appropriations by the government, even for war purposes, were stated in millions and tens of millions; now they are stated in hundreds of mil-

lions and billions. They have expended, so to speak, and so have military terms. A regiment now has more men than a brigade once had, a brigade equals a division of the old days, and a division now would have made a very respectable army corps in our last war.

The War Department has just given out the new figures for the organization of the army. Cut them out and study them. You will hear the terms, "regiment," "brigade" and "division" many times in the months to come. Be prepared to understand them. The figures are:

Table listing military units and their counts: Machine Gun Co. 178, Rifle Co. (infantry) 256, Infantry regiment 3,755, Artillery brigade 5,008, Infantry brigade 8,210, Division 27,452.

The rifle company will have 250 men and six officers. It will have a headquarters section of two officers and sixteen men; four platoons of twenty-four riflemen each; a section of bombers and rifle grenadiers of twenty-two men, and an auto rifle section of eleven men and four guns. The machine gun company of 178 men will have twelve heavy machine guns and four spare guns.

An infantry regiment will have 5,002 men and 103 officers. It will be composed as follows:

Table listing infantry regiment components: Headquarters Co. 503, Three battalions of four rifle Co's each 3,078, Supply Company 140, Machine gun Co. 178, Medical detachment 56.

The detailed organization of a division will be as follows:

Table listing division organization: 1 division headquarters 161, 1 machine gun battalion of four companies 703, 2 infantry brigades each composed of 2 infantry regiments, 1 machine gun battalion of three companies 16,420, 1 field artillery brigade composed of 2 field artillery regiments, 1 trench mortar battery 5,068, 1 field signal battalion 262, 1 regiment of engineers 1,666, 1 train headquarters and military police 337, 1 ammunition train 962, 1 supply train 472, 1 engineer train 84, 1 sanitary train composed of 4 field hospital companies and 4 ambulance companies 940.

Keep these figures for reference.

GODDESS OF LIBERTY STATUE.

It was Frederic Bartholdi who made the famous Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, a free gift from the people of France to the people of America. It was presented in commemoration of our national independence, but was not put in place until 1885 and dedicated a year later. It is the tallest statue in the world, the figure measuring to the extremity of the torch held aloft 151 feet, and with its pedestal it rises out of the water to the height of almost 36 feet. Forty persons can stand inside the head of this colossal work. Although so massive, the drapery of the statue is beautifully delicate, and, as one writer put it, "The huge robe has a perfect texture and one forgets the folds are stubborn bronze." The Colossus of

Rhodes, extolled as one of the seven wonders of the world, was only about one-third the height of our great Liberty. The statue of Bavaria, so often described in illustrated lectures, measures only sixty-five feet in height. Never was a gift more happily chosen than was this present from a sister republic, for in all of its wars America has fought for freedom either for itself or for other nations. When the American tourist is leaving his native land and his ship begins to plow its way to the other continent he watches the Statue of Liberty growing smaller and dimmer in the distance with a vague sensation of homesickness. But when he returns, with what joy he beholds her again, poised in all her majesty and grandeur, as if to say, "Here am I to welcome you back to the land wherein the spirit I represent shall reign forever."

SOLDIER'S DREAM.

The popular idea of the soldier's dream, as represented by the colored supplements of our weekly periodicals, would appear, from the statements of men who have come home from the front to be as fallacious as it is delightful. The soldier's dream, according to the supplement artist, is a dream of home. He sees his old mother and father, hale in their longevity, comfortably ensconced on either side of the fireplace (with or without fire); he sees his sweetheart (or is it his sister?) clad in plain pink, setting the knives and forks for dinner, and he sees himself coming in at the door, bronzed and handsome.

The dream varies, of course, with the supplement, but it is always a dream of home, a dream rooted in the sentiment that would appear to go hand in hand with the three-color process. That is just where the editors and artists who are responsible for these heartstring-pullers make the mistake. The soldier in action very rarely dreams of home—far more rarely than he could wish. His sleeping hours, are crowded with thoughts of war and war's alarms.

It appears that one of the commonest dreams is that of a sudden call to arms. The dreamer imagines that he has been suddenly awakened from his sleep and that all his comrades are busy pulling on their clothes. He follows guilt, but he cannot find his gun, or else some article of attire. He begins to search for it, while the others drift away. He goes on searching for it, suffering a mental agony more and more intense as every moment flies by, but he can find it nowhere. At last he is left alone, still searching, searching. * * * That is a real soldier's dream. It is not a good subject for a supplement. It brings home to one too vividly the harassing anxieties of war.

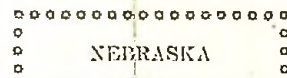
Another common dream is concerned with live shells. The dreamer sees a shell hurdling through the air, or he finds it in his bed. For some reason he is unable to move. All he can do is stare and wait—wait for the shell to burst, as it will clearly burst, before another second has gone by, and send him to the land of Kingdom Come.

It must not be thought that it is only the nervous neurotic soldiers who are given to these terrifying dreams. Apparently the bravest are subject to them. Sometimes they be-

come somnambulists and wander about in search of their regiments. One of the greatest dreams by which soldiers are haunted is that of losing contact with his regiment. He imagines that he is all alone, that he is stealing through some forest in an attempt to rejoin his comrades, or that he is wandering through a bewildering and intricate network of deserted trenches, as complicated and baffling as the maze at Hampton Court.—Industrial School News.

ILLUSTRATION.

He told them he had been an officer in the National Guard in his home state, and the instructors at the Reserve Officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison intended to make him prove it, says the Indianapolis News. When it came his turn to command a company, he marched the men back and forth for several minutes under the critical eye of an instructor. Several times he tied the company up in knots, but the instructor volunteered no suggestions as to how to be should get them out. The climax came when the temporary commander marched the force bang into a fence, where, of course it had to halt. The embarrassment of the student officer by this time had become very apparent. He glanced out of the corner of his eye at the instructor, but said instructor was watching an unusual cloud formation. There was only one thing to do—continue to use his nerve. "Company, attention!" he shouted. "Get away from that fence—march!"



W. A. OVERMAN, COMMANDER, DENNETT.

Nebraska Camp No. 114, of Lincoln, looked after the old veterans at the Nebraska state fair in a way that received the commendation of everyone. Under the direction of the camp a committee headed by S. V. Com. L. W. Garoutte provided two big tents on the main street of the fair grounds which were used as first aid and hospital tents. Some were provided under the big trees for the old veterans while the Colonial drum corps, made up mostly of veterans of the Civil War entertained the crowd which was constantly about the tent. Dr. George E. Spear, a member of the camp, was present during the entire week, with a nurse, Mrs. Maury, from his hospital and took charge of the work of looking after the sick or those who need assistance. Nearly 200 old veterans of the Civil War registered at the tent while 25 of them received medical attendance. Besides these, seven members of the national guard and over 50 citizens were given aid by Dr. Spear and his attendants, free of any charge. The doctor was much interested in the work. It was indeed a great service, for few physicians could afford to leave their regular practice and spend their time for nearly a whole week at the grounds. However the doctor is a mighty patriotic brother and has announced that any soldier now in the service of his country whose family needs medical attention, that he will go to any part of the state and attend them for just his actual expenses, making no charge for his services. This also applies to any veteran of the Civil War.

Nebraska Camp No. 114 is getting ready to put on another special meeting. Last spring the camp held a big meeting which was attended by many of the Division officers and officers of the Nebraska Department of the G. A. R. Governor Neville and several other prominent men of the state were mustered into the camp and it is the intention to make another drive for new members and pull off another of the big meetings some time in November.—P. A. Barrows, Chairman Press Com.

MASSACHUSETTS

Dr. D. W. Roman, Commander, Room 33, 15 Beacon St., Boston; O. J. Sebott, Publicity Secretary, 40 Harvard Avenue, Allston.

From the Commander.

The preceding days and night might be called as just the harvest season in here. The days before have made our time for outside work limited but the beautiful moon gives plenty of light to use to visit that cottage you have met or heard of this summer. What you go around to his home tonight and pull his door bell, and get your man for class initiation.

One thing I am convinced of and that is that the desire to work is spread throughout the Division.

We are glad to hear that Div. Pat. Inst. Dr. Simmons is leaving Major in his unit.

Div. Camp, Low has returned and is available for meetings where stirring participation is wanted.

Div. Org. Bell is doing good missionary work and is sure of results.

Henry Pruden officer is ready to step of himself whenever possible to uphold the splendid standard of Mass. Division.

I do not expect to have the pleasure of meeting every brother in the Division but I take this opportunity to ask you now, to get out on the front line, where you will find all the live ones and who make that splendid gain which we must make if we are to live up to our record as a Division.

A net gain of two men per camp, or a net gain of five per district, will send us over that \$5000 which is our goal.

Roll-call nights, class initiations, inspections, Veterans Night will give ample opportunity for each and every one to work.—Ernest W. Roman, Div. Com.

Headquarters Doings.

General Hall and \$500 is the Battle Cry.

Remember Oct. 21.

We want a full 100 candidates. Will you give us your share?

Initiations will occur in most camps the first meeting in November. Initiation work should be rehearsed and perfected. Books and accounts gone over and brought up to date, and all details of the camp work related to the highest possible standard. A few camps and officers seem to be satisfied with a very low rating. We hope the number of such will be still further reduced this year. Let's have a higher standard than ever. Revised blanks are in the hands of the inspectors and the results of the inspections should mean much to every camp member. See to it that you help qualify your officers in their work.

G. H. Fitzpatrick, Jr. is appointed to occupy the place on the D. of V. Conference Committee vacated by the resignation of E. J. Goodman, 36.

The best way to gain membership is to stop losses. Let's be very careful about "wholesale" dropping of members. Give each individual case very careful personal attention before allowing a member to be reported as dropped. Our gain last quarter would have been a splendid one had not several camps reported large lists of dropped members. It's always easier to keep what you have than to get new ones.

In justice to our live young fellows of the Junior Camp at Natick it should be stated that they also participated with the Ashland and Framingham Camps in the G. A. R. parade, Aug. 21, and that they had the only Junior Color Bearer in line.

The following special committee is hereby appointed to have charge of work in connection with extending the work of Junior Order of Sons of Veterans: W. C. Baker, 64; D. F. Brown, 25, and W. E. Packard, 34. It is recommended that camps investigate the possibilities of this growing organization as a "feeder" to the senior camps.

Div. Pat. Inst. Simmons has been appointed captain of an ambulance company in the Federal service.

Div. Org. Bell is pushing things in the work of organizing new camps. Prospects are good for one at Franklin.

An Enthusiastic Meeting.

The staff meeting at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, on the evening of Sept. 19, proved to be full of optimism for the Order and in spite of conditions that will be hard to cope with there is every assurance that the work is to go forward with lots of "zip" this coming season. The personnel of this meeting gathered to partake of a fine dinner and discuss plans for the campaign was the best ever and everyone present was a live wire with a message of cheer and work to encourage Div. Com. Roman, who presided. Also present were Gen. Div. Com. Hutchinson, Div. Camp, Low, Div. Sec. Weiler, 143; Treas. Bolton, Div. Org. E. V. Bell, 195; Pub. Sec. Sebott, Div. Com. Linnell and Dist. Aide MacNair, Soule and Roberts and Dist. Albin Parsons, Wash. Beaudette, Butler, Sannes, Booddy, L. W. Floyd, Stone, Oswald, Rev. W. A. White, Guilford, Brady, E. A. Bell, Landley, Pratt, Harter, Dutton, Anderson and Whitney. Gen. Roman was happy in his introduction and illustrated a point in each case.

The various Division officers spoke about their particular lines of special work and the work of the Order in general. Dist. Div. Com. Hutchinson and Div. Treas. Bolton each gave one of their forceful messages and each District Aide gave the message of his district; and when one noted that they came from Pittsfield, Hallowell, Worcester and Gardner on the west, New Bedford and Lynn on the south, Manchester and Lynnfield on the north as well as Essex near to Boston, an aim came to a full realization of the meaning to the Division. The dominant note was "personal work" and the reports of successful findings were frequent from the Division Commander through the list.

The question of "Why are you here?" was really answered by Pub. Sec. Sebott, who said "because you have the Order of Sons of Veterans, the Grand Army, and service for them, and because of these facts you were willing to go out and personally tell others and induce them to share in the good work." It is a service of work and love and if the members of the Division follow these District leaders in their endeavor the Order will have gained much in these coming days.

Will you do your share, my brother?

The "Big Drive."

On to Faneuil Hall! Oct. 21 at 8 o'clock is the place and time! Will you be there?

Encouraging reports are being received from all over the eastern part of the state and the outlook is fine. Camp Commanders and District Aides are resolving to "Weekly Punch" sent out by the executive committee and are working hard to give Faneuil Hall an "extra one" for this event.

The Division officers are to do the work and some special features are being arranged for.

There will be good music and good fellowship. You will want to join in this great reunion and help welcome this splendid class.

Go out and tell the eligibles: That it is a patriotic duty to be allied with our Order. That the Grand Army have confidence that we can and will carry out their wishes and ideals. That we have a large lot of fellows in the Order and that they should be also.

Let's fill the Cradle of Liberty full and let the people know who we are; what we are; and what we are doing.

And bring along the comrades so they can enjoy the evening with us.

Div. Camp, Low says we ought to have 20,000 Sons in Massachusetts. And just now we are aiming for 5,000. Put in a little personal work, brother, and make it 10,000!

Don't forget we want your National Colors and a man to carry them. We want candidates, the comrades and you. Make up a party and be on hand early. Oct. 21 at Faneuil Hall.

Our Honor Roll.

The names below are the first ones to be reported. There are already quite a number more and we will publish them in installments as space permits. Cut them out and save them and then if you are asked what the Sons are doing you can present the evidence. The Division is proud to know that there are so many in active service, for this list does not include those who are

serving in many capacities in Federal service and State service and who are incapacitated for service at the front:

- Camp 5, Captain Fred H. Dawen, 14; Raymond W. Cox, G. Henry Cox, Frank G. Warner, Raymond A. Green, G. A. Chouler, Joseph Eugene, Walter A. Partridge; 22, G. A. Kendall, 25, Capt. E. H. Shumway, M. D.; 26, Howard C. Walker, Charles A. Allen, Horace B. Crowell, George E. Mondigo; 29, Capt. Cyrus H. Stowell, Louis A. Marr, George E. Irving, Serat. Ralph L. Thomas; 31, G. L. Heskwith; 32, Capt. Walter J. Roman; 33, Capt. James H. Fetter; 41, G. L. French; 42, Lieut. N. Earl Wharton, Kenneth W. Harding, Wilfred C. Hurley, Elmer L. Andrews; 46, L. P. O'Rourke; Irving L. Marsa, Wm. C. Pugham; 47, A. S. Carter; 49, Phillip S. R. Taylor; 51, Major Fred G. Bauer, Capt. Leslie H. Baker, Andrew B. Hippert, Wm. S. Gourse, Lewis H. Eaton; 54, Major U. T. Whitney; 56, Capt. Dana T. Galtus, Serat. F. J. Lonsbury; 58, Lieut. Henry H. Bill, Herman G. Marshall; 59, E. J. Tower, C. H. Tower, T. H. Stapleton, L. J. Stapleton; 67, Lieut. G. E. Leroy Sweetser; 66, Capt. F. C. Koon.

District Class Initiations.

Plans for the Worcester County Association meeting at Leominster, Oct. 13, are shaping up fine and the brothers of the county will probably be gratified with a record attendance and a fine class of candidates. A picked degree team will do the work. Pres. Whitney and his associates are working hard to make the affair a success and they deserve the support of all. Several Division officers and District Aides will be guests. Every member of the Order in that section should make his event a special order of business and best if for all it is worth. Let's see if you can't beat Faneuil Hall. The Leominster camp has offered a group of silk flags to the camp bringing the largest number of eligibles, and it is expected that there will be enough to beat the Boston class. Go to it, boys!

Dist. Aide Butler has matured his plans for a splendid class initiation to Saugus for Camps 1, 6, 7 and 101, comprising District No. 6, on the evening of Oct. 22 and will undoubtedly give the brothers of that District an event long to be remembered. Division officers and G. A. R. members will be guests.

We want you at Faneuil Hall. Remember \$500!

Low Leominster Entertained Post 52, Encampment Week.

Early in the evening the camp held a flag sale for the purpose of raising funds to properly entertain the local members of the Post and their friends at the National Encampment. Headquarters were secured at 71 Huntington Avenue, opposite Mechanics' building, where the campfires took place. Two large stores were secured. One, used as a reception room, was decorated with many flags. On the walls six black boards were displayed, which were used to convey information as to all that was going on for their entertainment through the week; also giving information regarding train service. In this room were card tables, writing tables, lunch and information tables. Each veteran, upon his arrival Monday morning, upon registering, received an envelope containing a complete program for the week, a booklet giving full information of every nature as to how to enjoy the hospitality of the city, and a complete map of the central part of Boston with all special points of interest to the veterans marked in red.

In the second room were sleeping accommodations for 20 people. Everything for their comfort was supplied. Each morning, upon entering the recreation room, several copies of each of the Boston daily papers were waiting for them. Again at night ten copies of each of the latest papers were ready for them. During the week over 2000 post cards of a patriotic nature were furnished and used. Every veteran entering the room was personally greeted by a Son of a Veteran. If possible, and given a welcome. Hundreds of small flags were distributed to these men. Many 11x24 copies of Old Glory with the oath of allegiance to the flag were given to them.

Meetings were arranged for veterans to meet those whom they had not seen

for years. One called to learn if a Leominster veteran whom he had not seen for 25 years was still living. A meeting between these two men was arranged inside of four hours. This was one of several similar occurrences.

No veteran was allowed to spend a cent, as all was provided by the camp.

Camp News.

Camp 75, Amherst, initiated a class of candidates Sept. 18.

Camp 2, Somerville, added several to the rolls Sept. 20.

Camp 25, Worcester, had a special program arranged for the meeting of Sept. 19 and there was speaking, exercises and refreshments. Dist. Com. Denny of the G. A. R. was a guest.

Camp 15, Arlington, and its Aux. held a joint initiation Sept. 27 and enjoyed a very interesting evening. Com. Clark of Post 25 spoke concerning the G. A. R. organization and returned the proposition that no camp of Aux. had a larger proportion of its members at work in various capacities during encampment week than Camp 45 and Aux. 15. Refreshments were served.

Camp 104, Chicago, held a roll-call meeting Sept. 21. Div. Com. Roman was a guest. There was a large attendance.

Camp 12, Leominster, paid all the expenses of the local Post on its visit to the National Encampment.

By personal work and doorbell ringing, Div. Com. Roman, Div. Sec. Weiler, Dist. Aide Hickey and others were gratified to obtain the applications of several of the first grand old citizens of Levere for Camp 152 and on the evening of Oct. 3 the District degree team initiated a class that will put the camp on its feet and make it one of the "going" camps of the Division.

Have you made up your party for Faneuil Hall, Oct. 21? If not why not?

MAINE

Allen T. Curtiss, Commander, 107 Main St., Belfast; Sec.-Treas., Edward E. Gould, Doonham; Ser. Arthur M. Soule, Brass Cor., Gray.

Division Commanders' Meetings.

Your Division Commander among other things would emphasize during the next few months the importance not only of building up our membership but also wherever possible to arrange for the formation of Junior Camps and to make suitable plans during the next few weeks for the observance of Veterans' Night some evening as near the 15th of November as possible.

Brothers, remember there are doubtless several thousand worthy eligibles in our state and we ought to do all in our power to secure them as members of our Order. Remember, brothers, it was the Maine Division that gave the Junior Camp system to the Order. Stanley Camp of Northham some 15 years ago organized a Junior Camp which was a success from the start.

In 1906 when Arthur M. Soule, a member of Shelby Camp, was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our Order, he recommended to the Commandery the recognition of an organization composed of lineal descendants between the ages of 12 and 17 years, but nothing was done at that time in the direction of forming such an Order. The Maine brothers, however, were not satisfied to let a good thing go by and so year after year kept advocating the formation of Junior Camps. The idea was taken up in other Divisions and two years ago the national organization provided for the recognition and equipment of the Junior Order.

We owe it therefore to the Commandery that our best efforts be given to not only build up the Junior Order in our Division but to help spread it to other Divisions.

We have found the Junior Order a strong right arm in carrying on the patriotic work and have also discovered that the youngsters are more eager to join our Order when they reach 18 years of age because they have been schooled in that direction during the period of their lives when young people make their life decisions.

Brothers, put your energies into the work of arranging for the observance

"Every Man Win." If you do not arrange for a supper to which the veterans of the G. A. R. are invited as guests see to it that you have a suitable program and have the veterans on hand as guests of honor. We owe this to the veterans for what they have done for our country in the days that are past, and also for the heritage they have given us—that of being able to say "My father was a Veteran" and because he was loyal to his country in his hour of need I will honor him by membership and on every occasion possible will assist my brothers in publicly recognizing the services of our fathers.

Your Commander would ask the Division officers and staff to send some items of a message of some kind from time to time to the Lily, Press Corp. Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Grey, Me., to be forwarded The Banner and used by Bro. Soule in making up news items for publication in the newspapers of the state.

Brothers, the reports show our Division to be in the seventh place in point of membership. Can we not bend our energies during the next six months in the direction of putting ourselves into the next place? It can be done. Let's do it. Every member doing his duty will double the membership and if this is done we can easily slip into the sixth if not the fifth place in numerical strength.

My message to you may be more or less of a repetition each month but if it is it is because my hope is that the brothers will catch the inspiration and be spurred on to even greater service in our Order.—Allen K. Curtis, Division Commander.

Division Press Correspondent.

Your Division Press Correspondent is gratified to note the increasing interest the camps are taking in publicity matters. Several camps have appointed press correspondents and it is my hope that before long every camp in the Division will have a correspondent to furnish me with notes that can be made into news items for The Banner and for state newspapers.

Postcards addressed to me have been sent to every camp in the Division. Have the press correspondent of your camp write out on one of these cards every month a few lines that I can enlarge on the same to show what the several camps are doing. It is the publication of the doings of each camp that helps us to know what we are doing as a Division and in turn we can show the other Divisions and also the citizens of our state what we are doing or aiming to do.

Remember, brothers, that publicity doesn't cost anything and it should be the aim of every camp to take advantage of the same. Get your items to me by the 25th of each month without fail. If any brother in the Division has any suggestions to make or questions to ask send it in and if the Division officers cannot answer it, perhaps by publishing it in The Banner some brother will be able to answer it or refer you to someone that can help solve your question.—Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Div. Press Cor.

Camp News Digest.

1. Waterville—Garfield Camp is getting in readiness for the work of the fall and winter and anticipating good results for the welfare of the Order.

2. Auburn—At the meeting of A. C. Pray Camp Sept. 19 Cass H. Pomeroy was appointed camp press correspondent, and arrangements made for the installation of the new National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. Edw. H. Brewster, a member of the camp at Biddeford, who is now settled an pastor of the M. E. Church at Auburn. The installation was held in the camp hall Oct. 2, the ceremony being performed by Past Div. Com. Rev. Arthur M. Soule, of Grey, who was accompanied by several members of the camp at Grey. Sept. 25 a delegation of the members of Auburn camp went to Buckfield on a large auto truck in acceptance of an invitation from Warren camp. Our decree team conferred the initiatory work on several candidates who were admitted to membership in the Buckfield camp. The camp meetings are being well attended and on the evening of Oct. 3 plans have been made to initiate ten or more applicants. A supper will be served in connection with the reception of members. Our camp has adopted the slogan

"Every Man Win," and before the next encampment we hope to double our membership. The camp has adopted a follow-up campaign. Each week brothers attending the camp are detailed to call on the non-attendants and request their presence at the next meeting, and as a result we find that gradually the non-attendants are coming occasionally. Their presence cheers us and we try and make the meetings so attractive that they will want to come again. The camp intends to keep up its reputation as being not only one of the oldest, but one of the best in the state. Several of the brothers of Pray Camp are doing their bit in the U. S. Army and Navy and other branches of the government service during the war.

3. Bangor—Daniel Chapman Camp, among other members it has furnished to the U. S. government for war service, is proud of the fact that W. E. Southard, who served the Division last year as S. V. Div. Com., is serving as major of the Second Maine Regiment. Major Southard also saw service last year in Mexico in the same regiment which was on duty in the Texas and Mexican border. We are greatly pleased to learn of his honor conferred on one of our Bangor warriors, Mr. Elizabeth J. Savage, who was elected at the recent convention of the W. R. C. as its National Junior Vice President.

4. Portland—Shepley Camp is still much in evidence and intends during the coming year to be heard from in as great or in greater measure than last year. A campaign was held Sept. 18 when plans were made for another increase in membership during the fall and winter months. We have a line list of eligibles to work for and intend to make a hard drive to round them up. During the past year our camp has furnished about 60 members as special police officers, serving the city without pay on various occasions, such as "rounding up slackers" and doing other police duty in connection with war work. Chief Bowen and Capt. Cady of the police department occasionally attend the sessions of the camp to give instruction in police duty so that if the camp is called on in any emergency, will be able to render efficient services. We expect to have a busy winter as we will have the plans to make for the encampment of the next Division Encampment. Later in the season the camp plans to hold a mock trial and hold debates for the interest and benefit it is believed these events will bring to the camp.

5. Rockland—Anderson Camp continues to enjoy the full confidence and respect of its citizens, especially has this been true since the Division Encampment held in our city in June. Our camp has always been highly respected by our citizens, and to have several hundred of the brothers of our camp and sisters of the Auxiliaries come into our midst representing the best of the personnel of our organization, helps not only the organization but reflects credit and honor on the entertaining camp. Recently when the relief contingent for the Maine regiments left our city for service, our camp paraded with other organizations, escorting them to the depot en route for the continent where they have been assigned for service.

6. Vinal Haven—Although Gethysburg camp is isolated from the other camps, yet we find enough to do in our island home. Patriotism runs high and we try to do our full duty as Sons of Veterans. We are always glad to receive visiting brothers, and whoever finds himself in Rockland at any season of the year, we would be pleased to receive a visit from such a one. We are connected with the mainland by a daily steamboat service. Our camp meets Monday evenings in Memorial Hall, the home of the G. A. R. Post.

7. Monson—Com. H. W. Wing of W. L. Lamson Camp is one of the most aggressive members of our Order in this section of the state. His experience in fraternal organization work for other orders has brought him into prominence so that he is more influential in his service for our Order because of his large acquaintance. We also have several active members who loyally support Com. Wing in his efforts to build up the camp.

8. Westbrook—Wade Camp was represented at the National Encampment in Boston by Past Div. Com. W. H.

Cressy and other members of the camp. 9. Haco—S. V. Div. Com. Ralph H. Burbank, a member of Horace H. Burbank Camp, which was named for his honorable father, is planning some aggressive work for the Order in this section during the fall and winter months. Our slogan is "Boost with Burbank," and unless all signs fail, under the leadership of Brother Burbank some excellent results will be accomplished for the "good of the order," during the ensuing year. We want to show the brothers of the Division that we appreciate the recognition given us by electing Bro. Burbank to office, the first honor of this kind our country has had for over ten years.

10. Sanford—Lieut. Wm. H. Miller Camp has appointed P. C. C. Benj. F. Byer as press correspondent and he has entered upon the discharge of his duties. The camp is not making much noise but is plodding along. Within a year the camp has doubled its membership, jumping from 26 to 52, including in the ranks two dentists, three physicians and several of the most prominent men of the town. An S. V. Club out of the membership of the camp has been formed. No one can belong to this club unless he is in good standing in the camp. The camp has a fine degree staff and at the annual inspection were rated first on our work. The camp has four of its members serving in the U. S. Army, Wm. Whitten, Corp., Geo. Whitten, Robert Lillio and Jas. Barnes. The camp is one of its heroic brothers who have thus volunteered and stand ready as a camp to render any service it can to aid the government in its hour of need.

11. Biddeford—Simon S. Andrew Camp although one of the youngest in the Division feels highly honored by the appointment of one of its members, Rev. Edw. H. Brewster, as National Patriotic Instructor. Bro. Brewster came to our Division from Massachusetts but when our camp was organized a year or so ago, he joined by transfer as a charter member of our camp. Last spring he was transferred to the M. E. Church in Auburn where he is putting the same energy into the work of the order for A. C. Pray Camp as he did during his residence here.

12. Augusta—Com. Cory of H. G. Stearns Camp, who is also the J. V. C. of the Div., is planning an aggressive campaign in the interests of our Order in the Kennebec Valley during the fall and winter. Bro. Cory has a bunch of loyal supporters about him and we are looking for good results of the combined efforts of the brothers of this section of the state.

13. Brunswick—Apponatus Camp has a good prospect before it during the next few months and our efforts will be exerted in the direction of building up and making our camp stronger.

14. Gardiner—Jell Claxon Camp can be depended on to do its stunt during the coming month. Past Div. Com. W. O. Cobb is still in the work and as a result of his efforts, ably supported by the brothers of the camp, we expect to do our part toward building up the Order in the Kennebec valley cities and towns.

15. Buckfield—Warren Camp initiated several candidates at the meeting of Sept. 25, the degree team of A. C. Pray Camp of Auburn doing the work. Refreshments were served during the evening and a fine time had by all. We are getting into gear and hope to do our full share during the winter in the direction of building up our camp and the Order in Androscoggin county.

16. Yarmouth—Gen. John A. Lozan Camp is still on the active list and is not only working at home, but one evening in September held a public meeting at Park Center with view to interesting eligibles to become members of the Order.

17. Grey—Maj. John D. Anderson Camp has been inactive during the summer months, owing to the fact that the members have been very busy doing their farm work and their aiding the government in the matter of increased crops. Commencing in November the members expect to initiate several eligibles and our efforts will be centered during the winter in the direction of building up the membership and at the same time do our bit in keeping up the social and patriotic interests of the Order.

MARYLAND

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A United States flag raising and presentation at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, by the Flag Committee of William B. Cushing Camp No. 20, Washington, D. C., occurred upon the natal day, Fourth of July, with appropriate ceremonies, in charge of the committee, the idea of the flag raising and presentation coming from Brother Arthur B. Barringer, Past Commander of Cushing Camp, and his patriotic wife, Sister Parlinger, Treasurer of Cushing Camp Aux., their home being in Vienna, Va., which is a short distance from Fairfax Court House. This American flag is the first to be raised to the top-most of the flag pole over Fairfax Court House since the Civil War of the rebellion, a great many of the residents of this section of Virginia still believing in the old Southern ideas, which existed during the strife of the war on the rebellion. Great credit is due to Brother and Sister Barringer for originating such a splendid and patriotic idea of American flag raising and presentation to Fairfax Court House in old Virginia and a New Virginia, which is located in the midst of many residents who fought in the Confederate army and where there were many warm skirmishes during the entire period of the Civil War between the Northern and Southern armies. Past Com. Garrison H. Scott, of Cushing Camp, was master of ceremonies, and announced that A. B. Rust, a member of the United Sons of the Confederacy, would be in charge of the program, which was as follows: Prayer, by Rev. D. Pace, an Episcopalian minister, and a Confederate veteran; address of welcome by Rev. D. Pace; presentation of American flag, by Sister Rose Rutledge, Past Pres. of Md. Div. Aux., who spoke appropriate words of the true patriotic spirit between the American citizens of the South and the North of today; acceptance of the flag, by Hon. Franklin Williams, Jr., member of the Virginia State Legislature and member of the United Sons of Confederacy, who said among many other splendid things, that he was proud to have the honor of accepting this beautiful American flag, coming from the source it did, as he was a son of a Confederate veteran and now a Son of the Whole United States; a patriotic solo, by E. Albert Lang, Past Com. of Cushing Camp; patriotic recitation, by Miss Ida May Lang, a daughter of Past Com. Lang; principal address, by Past Com. of Md. Div. and Past Com. of Cushing Camp, Silas E. Robb, who made a stirring address which was received with hearty applause, and there were many Confederate veterans in the assemblage who even threw their hats in the air when Bro. Robb said, "Stand by our President, Woodrow Wilson. In this time of need while we await war with Germany, as the father of Sons of Veterans did with Abraham Lincoln, during the civil war of the rebellion," recitation, by Miss Ida May Lang; song, "America," by assemblage, led by Brother Lang.

At the conclusion of the program came the raising of the flag over Fairfax Court House. The American flag was raised to the top of the flag-pole over the Court House by A. B. Rust, and Bro. Arthur B. Barringer, one a son of a Confederate Veteran and the other the son of a Union veteran. While the flag was being raised the audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner," at the conclusion of which the assemblage was dismissed.

Capt. Edward H. Grove, Div. Com., S. of V., attended the flag raising ceremonies, accompanied by his wife, Sister Grove, who is a member of George H. Thomas Camp Aux., Washington, D. C. Camp. Grove highly complimented the members of the Flag Committee of Cushing Camp, and Brother and Sister Barringer, for their patriotic spirit in the flag raising and presentation to historical Fairfax Court House in Virginia. The exercises were in charge of the Flag Committee of William B. Cushing

Camp No. 30, Washington, D. C., which is composed of Brothers Gustavo E. Beckman, chairman; Gurnon H. Scott, vice chairman; William E. Wolfe, treasurer; Silas E. Robb and Wilfred E. Garlick, who is Secretary of Cushing Camp, and also Brother Arthur B. Farringer of Cushing Camp, Washington, D. C., and A. R. Rust, member of the United Sons of Confederates, Virginia.

The Nation on Parade.

Washington, accustomed as it is to parades and demonstrations, was thrilled on Tuesday, Sept. 4, as rarely if ever before by the spectacle of the United States having tribute to the men chosen from District of Columbia, for the war. Many Sons and Grandsons of Union Veterans of the war of the rebellion, were among the men chosen for the war, and they nobly marched down historical Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House, with true and noble patriotic spirit in their hearts as was in the patriotic hearts of their fathers and grandfathers fifty years ago when they marched in grand review down the same historical avenue. The government itself, was on the march. The President of the United States headed the line, walking with his fellow citizens, and behind him came the members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, all on foot, each carrying their American flags with democratic simplicity. Their lines were not as trim as those of the regular trained soldiers, and though at times their rhythm was a bit off, their hearts were beating in tune with the great pulse which had, the day before, swept through the nation as the selected men were honored. It was "The Nation on Parade." And to every part of the country will go forth the motion pictures of the historical national procession, showing the various units representing the government and the people, and among the chosen men from the District of Columbia—the Sons and Grandsons of Union Veterans. These pictures cannot fail to arouse the patriotism of the people.

Salute the Flag.

Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner" Sept. 14, 1812, after the battle at Fort Mifflin, Baltimore, Md., and every soldier in America, in camp and on continent, saluted the flag on Sept. 15, 1917, at dawn in honor of the anniversary of the birth of the "Star Spangled Banner." Orders to that effect were sent out by the War Department of the United States government.

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Since the war began and especially since the United States went into the fight the people of this country have been manifesting their true patriotic spirit by rising and standing at attention whenever the strains of the national anthem are heard. It is a national custom, and no one can fail to be thrilled by the instant rising of hundreds of people in a theatre or elsewhere upon the sound of the first notes of the familiar air. This should become a national habit, to be maintained when peace has come, by our people. It is progress in the outward manifestation of patriotic spirit. This is being done in all public places in the national capital.

A Letter from the Division Commander.
Capt. Edward H. Grove, Commander of Maryland Division has sent the following letter to all Commanders of Camps in the Maryland Division:

Washington, D. C., July 20, 1917.
To the Commander—Do you recognize the fact that our Order is capable of doing more than any other to aid in preparing to meet impending emergencies? Will you go actively into the matter as Commander of your Camp and make your Camp efficient for National Defense?

We cannot place all our men on the firing line or in the trenches, but we will be untrue to our country and our Fathers' record if we do not make every effort toward getting every officer and member into action, or actively support those who are, and do it now.

Let us start the advance in your Camp now. I want you to surpass all your predecessors, and I hope to aid you considerably in your efforts.

In order that I may make a personal report to the Commander-in-Chief, as

to the strength of the Division at an early date, to determine its ability to respond to the demands to be made upon it, I will ask you to write to me personally, as soon as possible, the number of members in your Camp at this time. Please call upon me for any assistance I may be able to render you.—Fraternally yours, in C., C. & L., Edward H. Grove, Commander.

Will Visit All Camps in Division.

The Division Commander, Capt. Edward H. Grove, will visit each and every camp in the Maryland Division, and expects to begin these visits about the middle of October. It is his purpose to notify each Camp Commander of the date of his visit to his camp, and it is his desire that members of the camps be notified in advance in order that they may attend the meeting on these occasions. Com. Grove also requests that if special exercises are to be held by the camps that he be notified of the dates, in order that he may be able to be present. He urges the Camp Commanders to adhere to his request. Com. Grove will announce a number of new features for the benefit of the camps throughout the Maryland Division.

Division Personals.

Post Div. Com. Everett F. Warner, a Past Com. of Lincoln Camp No. 2, Washington, D. C., is a student officer in the training camp to prepare men for officership in the National Army, at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and it is learned that his chance of securing an officers' commission, in excellent. Members of every camp in the national capital wishes Bro. Everett success and good health.

Past Div. Com. Edwin C. Irwin, of James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore, Md., made a flying trip to Washington on Saturday, Sept. 22. When he visited the U. S. Capitol building, he walked right straight into Congressman H.W. of Connecticut, committee room, where there happened to be a gathering of a number of members from the local camps of Washington. Com. Grove, who was present, extended to Bro. Irwin, a hearty welcome, who responded, by saying that he was pleased to see so many sons of Veterans on parole as to getting busy in having headquarters in the capitol building. Bro. Irwin said he was coming to Washington to see and visit these "headquarters" for instruction in "patriotic instruction" to be taught to makers of national laws.

Past Div. Com. Silas E. Robb, and Past Com. of Cushing Camp No. 50, Washington, D. C., has been elected clerk of the Home Defense League, for No. 2 Precinct, District of Columbia. The League has a membership of 250, which is being thoroughly drilled by expert army officers.

Camp Notes.

Lincoln Camp No. 2, Washington, D. C.—Com. James S. Greene is making special efforts to secure new members for the camp. Past Com.-in-Chief Edgar Allan, Jr., a member of the camp, is busy looking after the erection of a large building in this city, which will be leased to the United States government for a store house for the War Department. Action was taken at the last meeting of the camp for a reception to Brother Frederick T. F. Johnson, a Past Com. of the camp, who has been honored by the election as Commander-in-Chief, and a committee consisting of Past Com. Samuel M. Croft, Thomas Spencer and J. L. Downs, was appointed to prepare plans for the event. Past Div. Com. Edward K. DeFuy, and Post Com. of the camp, has returned home from Boston, Mass., where he attended the National Encampment, and where he also visited his son, who is located there. Com.-in-Chief Johnson, has since he returned home, been very busy with business connected with the Commandery-in-Chief, and also receiving the hearty congratulations from the members of the camp and his many friends, upon his election as Commander-in-Chief. Div. J. V. Com J. W. Lyons, a Past Com. of the camp, is preparing Innovation No. 2, by request of Div. Com. Edward H. Grove, to be issued soon. Our Washington newspapers had excellent notices of the election of Com.-in-Chief Johnson, Sunday, Sept. 9.—A. F. Grindley, Sec.

George H. Thomas Camp No. 11, Washington, D. C.—Div. Com. Capt. Ed-

ward H. Grove, a Past Com. of this camp, has returned home from the National Encampment held at Boston, and also from New York City and Jersey City, where he had important business. Bro. Grove is busy preparing plans for his visit to all the camps in the Division. Past Com. A. Marks, who has been threatened with illness, is again on duty in the District government service with renewed vigor. Com. Edward T. Byrnes is hustling to secure new members in the camp, and is outlining a campaign for the winter months to secure as many as possible.—Corbin Birch, Sec.

William H. Cushing Camp No. 19, Washington, D. C.—William F. Wolfe, Treasurer, has left for his old home in New York City, to be gone about fifteen days. Com. George S. Hill is still in Massachusetts, his old home state, on business, and S. V. Com. J. Clinton Hunt, is Acting Commander. J. V. Com. A. J. Schuppert as Senior Vice, and Past Com. Charles Davis as Junior Vice, in the absence of Com. Hill. Past Com. H. L. Oatley, and Mrs. Oatley, have returned home from their extended trip in Virginia. Bro. Gustavo E. Beckman, chairman of the Flag Committee, reported at the last meeting of the camp, that a Japanese flag had been raised on the west pole in front of the Union station to remain there until the Japanese Commissioners to the United States had left for their home. Sec. Wilfred E. Garlick has returned home from the National Encampment held at Boston, Mass., where he served upon the Information Bureau Committee, and has a large number of photographs of the parade. Color Bearer Richard D. Hagle has returned from his old home, Plaquemine, Ohio, where he went to attend the funeral of his father, Comrade Jacob Shanks, who died July 2, 1917, aged 72 years. Comrade Shanks saw service in Co. B, 145th Regt., Ohio Inf. On Friday, Oct. 19, the camp will, in place of its regular meeting, give a musical entertainment, in its hall, in Pythian temple, 3th and I. Sts., N. W., and Bro. Eugene E. Stevens is chairman of the program committee. Special efforts of the membership committee to help make to secure the committee and addresses of as many eligible sons or grandsons of Union veterans, for a class muster in the near future. Inner Guard Raymond has returned home from a visit to his old state, Iowa. Brother A. Van Ness Burst, a member of the committee on delinquents, has been doing excellent work in that behalf and will continue his efforts with hopes for success. The slogan, "New Members for Cushing Camp."

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The meeting was held in the fine new G. A. R. room in the State Capitol, one of the finest rooms in that wonderful building, surrounded by relics of all kinds, many flags. These meetings there were tributed and thoroughly enjoyed. It is expected that the meeting at Belleville will be a great success and well attended.

WISCONSIN

Extracts from General Order No. 1, Series 1917-1918.
In his general orders Div. Com. W. E. Graves extended heartfelt congratulations to and tendered loyal support and best wishes for a successful administration to P. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief-Act.

In closing he says: "In this hour of our country's peril, no true Son of a Veteran will falter in his loyalty to the flag. Every camp of our order should be the center of patriotic endeavor in its community. Every member owes it to the sacred memory of a heroic father or to do his bit, either in military or civil capacity, to promote the welfare and increase the efficiency of our country in the present world war."
Many of our members have responded to the call to arms. Past Division Commanders Otto F. Berner and Lew Wallace McComb have joined the colors. It is not possible to mention here all of our members who have entered the military service of the country. I suggest to the favorable consideration of local camps the reinduction of dues of members while in the military service of our country.
The efficiency of our order in the patriotic work and objects for which we organized will be promoted by increasing its membership to include every eligible son. To encourage the

building up of camps, your Division Commander will present a suitable banner to the Wisconsin camp showing the largest increase of members in good standing between the September 1917 and the March 1918 reports; and he will, in addition, present a suitable banner to the Wisconsin camp, whose increase in membership between those two reports is the largest in proportion to the membership as shown by the September 1917 report. These two prizes will give the large and small camps equal chance to secure a banner. This increase of membership must be secured through the exertions of the members of the local camps, and new members secured through the efforts of the Organization Department of the Division will not be counted in deciding the contest.

The banners will be awarded by a committee consisting of the Division Organizer, Division Counselor and Division Secretary as soon as the March, 1918, reports are received by the Division Secretary.
I urge every camp to make a determined effort to secure one of these banners. The spirit of patriotism aroused by the war should make it easy to secure members in our patriotic organization. I suggest that Camp Commanders organize their camps into two teams and that contests for members be carried on between these rival teams. This will enable the camp to make a good showing in the Division contest. The effort is worth while.

The membership of our Division as shown by the June 1917 reports, was 1821. It is our desire to increase this to 2000 by the next encampment. A modest ambition and one easily accomplished with a united effort. To this object, Wisconsin Division—Forward—March!

Heroin
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In the evening all the Sons joined in the parade in which the Dane County Veterans were escorted to the Assembly Chamber for the campfire in the evening, after which they attended in a body the reception given by the Daughters of the G. A. R. in honor of Mrs. A. C. Larson, recently elected Commander-in-Chief of that order.

Installed National Commander, J. of V. Quite innocently H. S. Stoddard, of Madison, was duly installed National Commander by Past Div. Com. and J. V. Com. Chief C. H. Hudson of Madison at the time the District Convention met in Madison. The preliminary talk in connection with this was that the installation took place in the new G. A. R. Com. on the Capitol and Brother Stoddard appreciated the surroundings in great measure.

Organization Work.

To date, because of the demands due to a wide of war and professional duties, the Division Committee has been unable to really get started. Until resolved, however, he will do his best under all the circumstances.

On the part of some there seems to be an idea that organization work is not necessary at the present time. This is a mistaken idea. Camps should be formed where they can do no other and all of draft age should be used to join. Then when they go to the front upon their levies they may wear our S. V. badge, an inspiration to the highest type of duty in every endeavor, civil or military. These above and below the age of acceptance for military service should join the camp because it is a school of genuine patriotism.

Therefore, do your best, brothers, to stimulate recruiting in your own home town and to establish camps in places where our boys are gone.

Our Div. Sec-Treas. on the Move.

Div. Sec-Treas. Val Stoddard visited Madison Camp Sept. 23, and from there he went to Monroe and Burlington. His visitations will stimulate and awaken life and energy. At Madison he addressed the District Convention he took part in the big parade and visited the Fairgrounds of the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Cottage Building Fund.

Again all officers and camps in the Division are advised that the committee having in charge the building fund (S. V. Cottage at Wisconsin Veterans' Home) is still on the job. Already almost half in cash has been realized but several camps have not realized as yet amount pledged.

This committee will continue its reminder of our pledge to build a cottage and plan all commitments until that building is put up or until relieved or called off.

Not only is a cottage needed for the veterans now there but houses will be needed for any purpose or another, in all likelihood, right along.

You are contributing for the Red Cross, Liberty Bonds and war purposes generally. Good? Now help lift this small burden and do your duty as sons of most loyal men!

Address communications to H. S. Stoddard, Suite 1, Lloyd Bldg., Madison, Wis. Sec-Treas. of S. V. Building Fund Committee.

Div. Com. W. E. Graves a Visitor.

Div. Com. W. E. Graves, of Prairie du Chien, was in Madison within some days ago. He is planning a campaign of visitations. He has been busy in his home county (Crawford County), addressing loyal meetings. At Madison he took part in a big parade in honor of local troopers who passed through city en route to Waco, Texas. He marched with the Sons of Madison camp, carrying a fine silk flag and holding a position of honor.

Fals!

If any member of a camp at the front has an soldier pal, i. e. one who is a big brother, so to speak, and who will send papers to him, write letters, etc. let your own wife or to our Div. Sec-Treas. Val Stoddard, of Stoughton, or Div. Com. W. E. Graves, Prairie du Chien. Any one of us here at home will be glad to sacrifice, if sacrificed to be, for some brother at the front. Who needs a pal? Who will serve on a pal?

Slog It!

At our Patriotic Ballies in Old Dane County we sang new songs to old familiar tunes. Here is one entitled "Marching the Kaiser" to the air of "Marching Through Georgia." Sing it, "Using the good old Uncle boys, we'll sing another song. Sing it with a spirit that will move the world along, Sing it as we lead to sing it, half a million strong— While we are marching the Kaiser."

Chorus—

Oh, HURR! Oh, HURR! We're on the job today!
Oh, HURR! Oh, HURR! We'll send you to your play.
We'll get you up with ginger in the good old Yankee way.
While we are marching the Kaiser.

Here the song was singing on the evening walk to France!
Here the Tompkins cheering, and see the Poles praying,
Africans, the Kanowsky and Scots without their pants,
While we are marching the Kaiser.

Bring the guns from Bethlehem, by way of old New York;
Bring the beans from Boston, and don't leave out the pork;
Bring a load of 'sides, too, and pull the grape-jules cork—
While we are marching the Kaiser!"

NEW YORK

J. Morris Loucks, Commander, Middlebide, Albany; William D. Putnam, Press Correspondent, 105 Madison St., Fredonia, N. Y.

The Sons of Veterans are surely living up to their obligations and their traditions in this great world war in which America is engaged, for almost every camp letter reports various brothers enlisted in the army or the navy in the fight for democracy. The war, however, is lessening the number of men available for camp work and it therefore behoves all those who remain at home, especially the very young members and those too old for service to rekindle their interest in the Sons of Veterans and fraternitively "keep the Home Fires Burning" so that when "the boys come home" they will find every camp full of vigor as when they left. The war does not lessen the need for the Sons of Veterans as an Order but increases it for, with the many new interests to attract the people of each country, the memory of our Civil War are likely to be forgotten if we do not rally to their ideas and see to it that in the confusion and bustle of the stirring days of the present the splendid service of that great volunteer army of fifty years and more ago, is not forgotten. Let us fight for democracy against autocracy by all means and with all our might, that the freedom our fathers fought for shall not be lost but in doing so let us remember and reverse these fine "boys in blue" who made it possible for the "boys in olive drab" to go out to fight today.

S. V. Div. Com. Theodore C. Cascau of Rochester has just been making an extensive tour of the western counties in his touring car. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cascau and their two daughters and had a very pleasant trip. They visited practically every town where there is a camp and in nearly all of them Brother Cascau called on at least one of the leading members and in some cases was accompanied for a short distance by some member of the Order.

Among the Camps.

23, Martin Short, Brooklyn—This camp is thoroughly alive and with its faithful Auxiliary holds regular and interesting meetings every two weeks. On Sept. 15, Past Coms. William A. Stubner, William H. Hamill and Com. George Andivo and wives attended the fifty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Battle of Antietam in Prospect Park given under the auspices of the War Veterans and Sons Association. At the meeting Sept. 15, the camp and Auxiliary were visited by a number of veter-

ans of the Grand Army of the Republic and Mansfield Woman's Relief Corps. Remarks were made by the following: Past Com. Jacob H. Daugherty of Mansfield Post, Past Com. W. A. Stubner, Harry A. Bonness, William Sutton, William H. Hamill, William C. Galpin of the camp, also George Willis of John Eleanor Camp and other members of Camp 28, and Mrs. Stubner, Pres. of the W. R. C. The contingent also was won by Comrade Jacob R. Daugherty of Mansfield Post. At the last meeting in August, one recruit, Nathaniel S. Scharot, was numbered in. The camp was visited by Past Coms. Robert Schmidt and George Kirby of S. P. Dupont Camp 18. Both made appropriate remarks and Past Com. W. A. Stubner gave an interesting report of National G. A. R. Encampment at Boston. Remarks were also made by Bernard Kenny. The complimentary prize was won by William A. Hamill.

71, Brooklyn—The camp's sympathy is extended to Brother H. B. Haselton, whose soldier father, Abner B. Haselton, veteran of the 55th Pennsylvania, passed away Sept. 20 and also to Comrade Clark Wilcox of E. D. Holt Post and to Sister Mary Wilcox of Mary B. O'Connell Tent, Daughters of Veterans, whose wife and mother died also on the 20th. Our sympathy is also extended to Comrade George Barber of Holt Post and to his wife whose son, B. E. Forbes, passed away on Sept. 21. Fenner Camp is well represented in the army and navy by the following brothers: Milton M. Fenner, an officer in the navy; Clarence Bird and Sam Prisco in the navy; Harry Weston, Co. B, and N. J. Newton in the regular field artillery and lastly by Com. William H. Wheelock called into the National army at Camp Dix, Wrihtstown, N. J. In spite of all these losses, the camp is planning a vigorous winter campaign and has started with one candidate for the next business.

72, Brooklyn, John Eleanor Camp—At our last meeting in August, we were favored by a visit from J. V. Div. Com. Charles Helmholz, who spoke to us on many points of interest to our Order. At our last meeting held Friday evening, Sept. 14, we were visited by Past Com. W. J. A. Rooney, of Camp 23. On Labor Day, the John Eleanor Camp Drum and Bugle Corps and the Liberty Guard of John Eleanor Camp took part in a Central Parade held at Smithville, L. I. We had plenty of games, a short march, lots of eats and but not least, the town did not sleep till we left. Judge John E. Hyman, nominee for Mayor of New York City, has been a member of John Eleanor Camp for about eight years. We are looking forward to two big coming events, one will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25, will be a Halloween party given by our girls, the Liberty Guard, and will be largely attended by our camp, drum corps and our friends. We always look forward to this affair as we are always taken good care of by our girls. On Friday, Oct. 26, we celebrate Manlior Association Night, and are glad to welcome the boys who fought on the seas during the Civil War at that time. We anticipate an open meeting with prominent speakers and a rousing good patriotic and social evening.

111, Jamestown—James Hall Camp and Auxiliary held their annual outing at Fred Post's place at Lily Dale Sunday, Sept. 16. The weather was ideal and over fifty attended making the trip by train. The ladies provided a fine lunch and there was entertainment aplenty and an all-round good time. Among those in attendance were Div. Press Cor. William D. Putnam, formerly of this camp, and Com. W. H. Wheelock of Fenner Camp, Fredonia, who rode their wheels the eight miles from Fredonia. They received a hearty welcome.

125, Brooklyn, Geo. G. Libbey Camp—On Sept. 10 we had our regular meeting which was most interesting. Considerable talk the summer season was about over it was gratifying to Com. Phillip Sattler to note the good attendance. The Commander urged all brothers to work in unison for the balance of the year to show that his administration with the help of the active members would prove worthy of the Order. Owing to the fact that our country is involved in the great struggle for world Democracy, it has been difficult to hold

large meetings for the reason that some of our members have joined the Home Defense League and others entered the service for their camp. At our previous meeting, the members wished Good-bye to Thom P. Taylor, Jr., who for some time been a member of the 15th Coast Artillery N. G. We had the pleasure of having at our last meeting Bro. Wm. J. Rooney, Com. of Camp 24, who made interesting remarks concerning the National Encampment at Boston. Brother Walter Thelen recently became the proud father of a bounding youngster, this being the second. Our Commander and members will gladly welcome all brothers with us on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 125-127 1/2 Broadway and 10-11th Ave. 262, Springfield—Geary Camp held its first meeting since July on Friday evening Sept. 21, with more than twenty of the brothers present. Two new members were numbered into the camp making a total of thirty for the quarter of 1917 and a total membership of 85 in 1917 standing. Geary Camp set out last Saturday to have 200 members by the end of 1917 and could not envision in eight to more than reach the mark, which we believe will make it the largest camp in the New York Division in a town the size of Springfield. The purchase of a piano was recommended by the camp and is estimated to be made in the next session. At the end of the meeting, refreshments were served and a hour or so spent in card playing. At the next meeting, a report of the National Encampment will be given by Bro. J. S. Vedder, who was one of the delegates from the New York Division to the Encampment at Boston.

126, Goshen—Major H. S. Murray Camp had voted to donate \$25 to the Goshen Home Defense Corps uniform fund and \$25 to the Red Cross. The officers of the defense corps have expressed deep appreciation for the contribution and also for the use of the camp's files for drill purposes.

131, Silder Creek—On Thursday, Sept. 28, the second action of the 10 per cent contingent of 57 drafted men from the laid district of Chautauque County met here preparatory to their departure for Camp Dix. A public reception and luncheon was held at the Presbyterian Church, at which patriotic addresses were made by Mrs. H. J. MacCarthy, Dr. Dudley and J. O. Henson. At this time each man had already provided was presented with a comfort bag by the ladies of the Red Cross, and Dr. J. J. Sharp gave to each man a business man's Bible. On Friday morning, the men departed via the R. R. for Wrihtstown, N. J., and just before starting for the train Hanover Camp 131, S. V., presented a flag and standard to Francis T. Bond, Captain of the Company. At the depot, each man was given cigars, magazine and a box of candy provided by the Red Cross society. The Company was escorted to the train by the Moose Band, H. J. Starring Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Hanover Camp 131, S. V., the friends and citizens of Silver Creek and surrounding country giving the men encouragement and sending them away in good spirits on their 21 hour journey to Camp Dix.

OHIO

G. W. Pfaff, Commander, Box 225 Mansfield; A. E. Myers, Press Cor., Box Chestnut St., Toledo.

Here and There with A. E. Myers. Now that the National Encampment is over, it is up to you to get out and hustle for the grand old Ohio Division and the Order in general. Wake up Ohio! Where is the news? What is the matter with Ohio. Your Division Press Correspondent is indeed sorry to say that just four camps in the big Division of Ohio sent in any news for this month's issue of The Banner. How do you expect me to fill up Ohio's allotted space in The Banner if you do not send me any news. It is indeed discouraging to me when I try to boost our Division and desire to make Ohio's space equal to any to have the camps in this Division turn me down like that. You certainly can send me something if it is only two or three lines to help fill up this space. I am actually ashamed to have to ap-

deal to the camp in a Division such as we have here in Ohio to furnish items of interest for our official paper. Can it be that you are afraid to publish? Are you afraid to let the others in this Division and elsewhere know what you are doing? Is it possible that your camp is not doing anything worthwhile speaking about? I would hate to have to think this about your camp. A word or two from some of the Division officers might help you see just what it is over. You can help this promotion also. Let's all get busy along this line and see what we can have next month. I will expect some news from your camp. Once again now, and send your item.—A. R. Myers.

Col. George W. McCaffee's Camp 109, Steubenville, held their regular meeting Sept. 10, but nothing of importance was brought before the camp, except one thing, and that was pertaining to the demonstration to be given in honor of all drafted men from our city and immediately thereafter and immediately requesting all members of our camp to turn out and march in honor of all the drafters who have been called from our camp. For each one taken from our camp a small boy represented him in the parade carrying a banner with an inscription to that effect to show the boys we are drafted men and grandsons of our noble sires; there were twenty or more. We are not to see so many of our brothers taken from our ranks, as it has taken the live wires and some officers from us. But we live in hopes that they will all return to us soon and meet with us around the campfire again. Little did they think when taking the oath before the altar, that they would offer their lives, if need be, to defend the standard that had ever waved over any nation, that they would be called upon so soon to go to the front and especially across the water; and we hope if such be the case, they will win the most glorious victory ever recorded in history.

Takeo, 132-K Co., 2nd Reg., 81st of V. Reserve held a successful camp at Willys Park, Toledo, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of September. This proposition was certainly a success from every standpoint. The members all had an enjoyable time and worked diligently to make it a success. The company financed this proposition themselves with money that they raised in different ways during the summer. Everything was done in strict military style. Lieut. Col. M. J. Bennett commanding the 2nd Regt. visited on a Sunday and Monday, and was indeed well pleased with the showing made by the boys, and praised us very highly for the manner in which we conducted our affairs.

85, Dayton.—Since our last notice appeared in The Banner many pleasant times has been the lot of Earlsham Camp, and many of them have happened. One in particular is the death of four of our good members, Dr. Fred C. Weaver, Allen T. Miller, and Dr. D. G. Reiley, and Brother Arthur D. Bender, Brother of Past Div. Com. W. S. Bender, who was struck by an automobile and died a few hours later at his home in Indianapolis, Ind. We have been very busy this last summer and we now have come to the long fall and winter evenings and we expect to have something doing all the time. On July 22, we presented to Battery B, the light artillery, a fine silk regulation Battery Flag. The presentation took place at Triangle Park where the Battery was in camp. The presentation was made by Past Camp Com. Bro. Nathaniel Fulton, and was accepted by Capt. Bartoll, who said his only hope was that Battery D would tack that flag on the Earlsham flag staff. There were 3,000 people present. Parade took place before the ceremonies. Bro. Judge Harry Houtzinger was the principal speaker and delivered a stirring patriotic speech, and at the conclusion of his address he recited the poem, "Our Flag and My Flag." Rev. Theo. Cook of Christ Episcopal Church offered the invocation, and pronounced the benediction. Next we took our degree team and held Albert Galloway Camp No. 11, of Xenia, a visit and mustered in 17 candidates, and then on to Akron, to the state encampment. On Sept. 27 our camp had an invitation to go to Piqua to attend the big parade and the public meeting to be held on the public square after the parade, and then to the Grand Army

Hall where the Auxiliary had prepared a chicken dinner, but the weather man was not on our side, for it began to rain at 10 o'clock in the evening which spoiled the automobile ride up to Piqua. Bro. W. S. Bender and wife and T. E. Long and wife had started and just got out of town when we decided to postpone the auto trip and return to the railroad station and send the ladies home and we take the train, but upon inquiry we found that the E. & O. R. R. had taken off the train that left Dayton at 7 o'clock; then we drove to the intersection station and found that the car was due to leave at once, but the rain was still pouring down in torrents. Bro. Bender abandoned the trip and drove the ladies home and I took the car and landed in Piqua at 8:30 where I found that the outside part of the program had been cancelled and the hall was filled with the Grand Army and W. E. C. and the Aux. I found that they had waited supper for me so I had to stay my supper which was not a very easy task for they had before me supper enough for three men of my size, although I got busy and I assure you that I did ample justice to that dinner. Two tables were cleared away, and the meeting was called to order by Judge J. Harrison Smith, who introduced the speakers consisting of Grand Army men and some of Veterans Commanders. Moses Thos., after whom the camp was named, held in a most pleasing way about his collecting in the army and his experiences and his services to his country, and said that he did not regret his two and one-half years service; he regrets would be three times over the cause of his brothers, and he said if he had a son he would insist that he join this organization; he criticized the members of the Grand Army for not doing more for the Sons of Veterans by asking their sons to become members of our order. Comrade Col. Williamson told of his experience in leaving home and said he always said that a man was a coward who would cry when he said goodbye to his mother, and he was bound that no one should ever see him shed a tear when he left for the front. The time for the troops to leave had come, he picked up his little kit as he called it and set it on the porch; he went to the barn to say goodbye to his father who said, "You have enlisted for three years, have you?" He said, "Yes." "Well, that is a long time," said the father, "and if you get killed we might as well not make any fuss about it," and went on pulling shingles, not saying goodbye. But the son started down the ladder and when he got near the ground he jumped and said, "Goodbye, father," and ran to the house, to say goodbye to his mother who was sitting in the corner of the front room. He went in and went up to her and she was crying as if her heart would break. His heart failed, his legs ran out of the house, crashed his hip and ran out on the road, and as he went toward the gate he called "Goodbye, mother," and off to town he went. He met his bunkmate at the station who told the same story. The troops were all on board the train and were speeding southward. He saw his comrade with his head down on the seat and crying like a baby. Comrade Williamson said it was too much for him as he could hold it no longer and they were both crying like calves. Judge Smith painted one picture from that talk of Comrade Williamson that I will never forget. Judge Smith is an eloquent speaker and is one of Ohio's most patriotic Sons of Veterans, equal on any occasion. Good music between the talks, and in all it was a real hooster meeting and will do lots of good for Camp 104. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, we had a large camp meeting, Springfield Camp, Xenia and Piqua camps were here.

104, Piqua, held their third quarterly banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 27. The weather prevented us from having our street parade after the banquet but we had a fine meeting in the hall. We were going to have a street parade and speaking in the square, but the weather was somewhat drizzling, but this camp was not dripping, according to the speeches that were made. T. E. Long was present and he has never failed to come to this camp for our quarterly banquets, and is always of a boosting spirit. Judge J. Harrison Smith of this camp spoke for the future of this camp and he is of the opinion that the Grand

Army Veterans are not doing their full duty toward the Sons of Veterans; in his opinion their duty to the camp is for them to go to their sons and impress upon them that they must become members of the camp. This camp is no draft board but judging from the members that this camp has in the service it is almost a recruiting station. This little camp as well as a young camp has sixteen members in the army, and not one of them had to register, and they were all in the service before that time, and ready to defend the flag that imparts to all people a sense of security and peace.

NEW JERSEY
Arthur E. Vecellio, Commander, 63 Broadway, Paterson, N. J., Mayor, Div. Cross Cor., 650 Park Ave., Hoboken.

From Division Commander
Your Division Commander takes pleasure in expressing his pleasure in having the opportunity to represent the Division of New Jersey at the 35th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Boston, held during the week of Aug. 13-21, 1917, and desires in fitting order that you may know of some of the happenings of one of the most successful and pleasing Encampments held. Those present from New Jersey were Div. Com. A. E. Vecellio, Div. Secy-Treas. John L. Becker, J. D. G. Wain, LeRoy, J. D. C. Henry Bender, Personal Aide Parker, Sr. Delegate Arthur Young, Jr.; Samuel E. Lueck, Jr.; Brother Funt, Jr.; Brother Stockbridge, S. W. P. Bender, Sr.; Silas Van Orden, Sr.

The parade, while showing a great falling off of the Veterans, showed a marked increase in the number of Sons of Veterans in the official escort. The meetings started off with a feeling of good will by the Commander-in-Chief presenting to Brother Past Com. in-Chief Karp, of Massachusetts, the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief and button as a mark of esteem in recognition of his services to the Order. Brother Karp was Commander-in-Chief of the old Post system some years ago, and was instrumental in assisting toward the consolidation of the two systems existing, and has been an enthusiastic and willing supporter of the Camp system since the consolidation.

Over 350 automobiles were secured, largely through the efforts of Brother Stockbridge, of Camp S. Paterson, who is now in business in Boston, for the use of the delegates and friends in sightseeing during the first two days of the Convention, and use of the Veterans of the G. A. R. during the parade.

The absence of Brother Past Com. in-Chief George T. Abbott, of Illinois, was very marked throughout the entire Convention. At the suggestion of Com. Vecellio a vacant chair was draped with a flag and crepe during the entire session. Quite a number of incidents occurred during the session that assist in recalling him to the memory of his brothers present. One especially, that of a special delegation from the National Convention of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary placing a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the vacant chair as a mark of esteem for our departed Brother Abbott.

There were no changes made in the Ritual or G. A. R. R. R. except the procedure for trials and discipline, which was adopted as published in the August Banner. Our entertainment was of such a character and so extensive that we have not the room to go into details. It was of such a varied and splendid nature. The Division Commander herewith directs that Camp Secretaries will forward to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer the names, rank, company, and regiment of members of their camps who are serving their country. Care should be taken and a full compliance of this order made to the end that our Division will have a complete record of all who now and later may serve.

An error in copying appeared in the last order, No. 5, e. a. which showed that the expenditures were \$140.23. It should have been \$146.23, and the amount of any who change the balance on hand, \$152.71.

Your press correspondent is still waiting and hoping to get a few notes from the different camps throughout the Division, but not a note does he get, and it makes it a hard task to secure matter that would be interesting to the brothers in our state in The Banner. But the call to the colors and excitement attending the war has much to do with it, but please send us something for the next Banner.

The camps in our Division are very quiet at present, so many brothers having been called to the colors, they are receiving all the attention while all other matters of interest in the different camps are naturally laid over or entirely neglected. War is a dreadful thing.

In celebrating its 35th anniversary on Oct. 18, Camp 1 hopes to have the most magnificent number of distinguished guests, which will include: Com. in-Chief Johnson, Nat. Sec. Hammer, Nat. J. V. Com. Bender, Div. Com. Vecellio, Frank Slack, son of the noted general, Sam. Brock, Mayno Hoyer, Div. Pres. M. A. Zimmerman, and many others who have promised to be there.

We have received a copy of the Officers' Reports of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, held at Boston, Mass., Aug. 20-21, 1917, which is very complete and interesting.

The Madisonian park at Union Hill will shortly be further adorned by a magnificent monument, erected to the memory of the heroes who fought and died during the Civil War, through the untiring efforts of Ellisworth Camp No. 32, Nat. J. V. Com. in-Chief Henry Bender being the leading spirit.

1, Hoboken.—A number of distinguished guests of our Order are expected to be present at the 35th anniversary of our camp on Oct. 3. Sister Nal. Cross, Elizabeth Hanson, of Ellsworth Aux., and Sister Louisa Schmitt, of Sherman Aux., were honored guests at the last meeting of our Aux. Past Com. Lady Clausen came in from Oradell on business the other day in his auto, and is looking fine. Brother and Sister Robert C. Voorner left Los Angeles, Cal. for this city in their Overland during our Sept. 11 and it is hoped they will arrive here in time for the anniversary, when they will meet with a hearty reception among old friends. A number of the Brothers and sisters attended a picnic at the Schuylken Park Saturday evening, Sept. 22, in the interest of the Union Hill Civil War Monument Fund, under the management of Ellsworth Camp 32, and had a good time.

10, Lambertville.—Lieut. C. W. Arnett Camp 13, as usual, fittingly observed all of his duties on Memorial Day, and were highly praised by Comrade and Marshal Harry Krossen and all of the members of Major Angel Post 29, G. A. R. On returning to the hotel a lunch was furnished and served by Sister Mary Black, assisted by members of Major Angel Circle 45, Ladies of the G. A. R., and then the Post headed by the fif and drum corps, and the camp as their escort went across the Delaware river into New Hope, Pa., where services were held. On the morning of Fourth of July Post 29 and the camp headed by the camp fif and drum corps of sixteen pieces, visited New Hope, Pa., and participated in a patriotic demonstration, and in the afternoon the fif and drum corps went to Trenton, N. J., and participated in a large patriotic parade. The first week in August and ending Labor Day, the camp held its annual outing, and pitched its tents right in the spot where Gen. George Washington crossed the Delaware river on his way to the Battle of Trenton, with his army. On Labor Day a parade was arranged and the camp headed by its fif and drum corps, picked up the several divisions from camps on both sides of the river and paraded Taylorville and the Pennsylvania side and then across the Delaware river to Washington Crossing, N. J., and up to Titusville, a distance of two miles and back to the Crossing and then in Taylorville to the Washington monument, where a patriotic service was gone through and the "Star Spangled Banner" was played and sung by all of the two hundred and fifty that participated in the parade. The people of the three villages told the Sons of Veterans that they had done more to arouse a patriotic feeling than any thing that had happened in years.

CONNECTICUT

Charles H. Bissell, Commander, 22 Center St., Southington.

With Year Commander.

All camps should during October get their plans started for the observance of Veterans' Night, Nov. 19. Get all of the veterans who are able to attend your exercises and have the kind of program that will interest them and make them glad they came.

Just now your Commander is forced to ask of the brothers of the Division that they do not judge too harshly any omissions to visit camps or to always answer communications immediately.

9. Southington—At the meeting of Sept. 23 there were a number of visitors from other camps present. Among them were Com. W. R. Morton, Jr., and Brother Hall of Camp 7, Com. J. G. Buckley of Camp 16 and Dist. Aldo Dinevall of Camp 7, Div. Com. Bissell described to the brothers the National Encampment at Boston. Com. Buckley spoke of the open meeting of Camp 16 to be held Oct. 19 and also of the open meeting of Camp 21 to be held Oct. 12, and urged all brothers to be present.

11. Hridgport—On Sept. 11 the deacon team of Camp 11 visited Camp 1 and put on the deacon work at their initiation. Bros. Graves, Munch and Keller who represented Camp 11 at the National Encampment have returned and given interesting accounts of their trip. Com. Munch, who was recently married, is receiving congratulations from the boys and was presented with a handsome water set by the camp. On Tuesday eve, Sept. 18, Camp 11 gave one of its largest entertainments ever given as a send-off to the brothers called for duty. The feature of the evening was the recruiting of new members for Co. G, Conn. Home Guards, which consist entirely of S. of V. as this company has lost a number of its members through the draft. Several recruits were also added to the muster roll of the camp during the evening. Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, a member of the camp and also Colonel of the 4th Div. Conn. Home Guards, was present and delivered a wonderful address to the boys stating that Co. G of the Home Guards was of highest efficiency and ranked very high in the division. Judge F. A. Bartlett gave an address bringing out his experience as a worker on one of the local boards of exemption. Bro. Bartlett originally composed Co. G, Home Guards of Sons of Veterans. Div. Com. Bissell gave a few remarks on the work of the Division. The entertainments were furnished by Bro. B. Barnum, Chas. and Vincent Bonham. During the course of the evening there were several stereopticon views shown by Bro. Wright upon the growth of the American flag, battle of Gettysburg and Abraham Lincoln. Visitors were present from New Haven and Greenwich Camps.

17. New Haven—At the regular meeting of Camp 17 held Sept. 11 there was an informal reception given by the camp and Aux. No. 2 to Dept. Com. Cheney, of Admiral Foote Post No. 17, Div. Com. Bissell, S. of V., and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Bassett, of S. of V. Aux. Dept. Com. Cheney, who is an active member of Camp 17, gave a fine address. Div. Com. Bissell asked the brothers to secure new members and meet the Connecticut Division to 3,000 strong. Div.

Com. Bissell also gave a very interesting account of the National Encampment and of the very impressive parade in which there were over 3,000 S. of V. and 100 stands of colors. Div. Pres. Mrs. Bassett, of S. of V. Aux., stated that she was working very hard to organize three new Auxiliaries in the Division. Remarks were also made by Chief-of-Staff Wells of Post 17 and Pres. Elizabeth Worsell of Aux. No. 2. Com. Thomas read the Honor Roll of Camp 17 which has 17 members in the service of their country. After enjoying refreshments the meeting was closed and declared an immense success by everyone.

20. New London—Jared H. Avery Camp has scouts out looking for recruits to fill the gaps in their ranks caused by many of their brothers leaving for service to their country and from all reports they expect to have a big time at their next meeting on Sept. 27. Camp 20 is proud of the fact that they are as well represented in the army and navy as any camp in the state. Among those whom the camp will miss is Past Com. Geo. L. Cook, who has gone to France in the Engineers Department of National Army. In a recent letter to Com. Donahue he stated that while he was feeling fine he was sorely in need of some good tobacco. While purchasing some Com. Donahue ran across a salesman who is the son of a Confederate veteran, and upon learning Bro. Cook's identity doubled the amount of tobacco which was being sent him. Com. Donahue was called for service on the local draft board which was the reason that he was unable to attend the National Encampment. He sorely regretted his inability to be present at the National Encampment, owing to the fact that he was unable to leave his post of duty, as he had made many plans to be present. Camp 20 expects to attend the first meeting of the season of Camp 19 in response to an invitation received from them.

30. Danielson—Word comes from Col. Edw. Anderson Camp of the death of their beloved brother and Past Com. Wm. Keach, who died Aug. 1, 1917. He was Commander of Camp 30 from Jan. 1911 to Jan. 1914, served 3 years on Camp Council and at the time of his death was Guide. He will be greatly missed both in and out of the camp because of his good work. It was his earnest desire to attend the National Encampment at Boston. Although Camp 30 will miss the presence of their beloved fellow-worker and brother they will continue in their good work and already have several important events for the coming winter planned for.

22. Greenwich—The package social and entertainment given by Lombard Camp on the evening of Sept. 19 was an immense success. There were over 100 Sons with their wives and invited guests present and also a goodly number of U. S. A. E. Veterans. Div. Com. Bissell of S. of V. and Mrs. May Bassett, Pres. of S. of V. Aux., were the chief guests of honor and they delivered addresses of a very interesting character. The musical part of the program was immensely enjoyed by all. Another interesting feature of the program was the auctioning off of various parcels brought by the company. After a very refreshing luncheon the guests departed expressing their gratitude for the success of the occasion. The growth of Lombard Camp in members and interest is rapidly increasing. An Auxiliary to the camp is to be formed next month as a considerable number of eligible ladies have given their names to Thomas Sutton, the organizer, as a result of the excellent remarks made by Mrs. Bassett, Pres. S. of V. Aux., during the evening of Sept. 19.—E. H. Atwater, Div. Press Cor.

PENNSYLVANIA

Ralph M. Campbell, Commander, New Castle.

To Whom Honor is Due. Big Camp 14, of Johnstown, has shed luster on its splendid reputation in forwarding notice solicitation, or any prior understanding the entire cost of the Division expenses at the Johnstown

Encampment, amounting to \$200. This is the first time in the history of the Division that such a splendid donation has been made. It is only fair to this camp to add that they did not receive a penny from the Division out of the two and a half cents per capita tax which the Division laws provided to be paid to an Encampment entertaining the Reserve, who on account of the war did not hold their usual Encampment. This is mentioned that no brother may feel that the money donated came from that source.

We would also call attention to the great responsibility financial and otherwise resting upon this splendid body of Sons of Veterans who not only provided for the comfort and entertainment of the Division, but likewise for the big department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, and our own splendid Auxiliary winning words of commendation from all of these Orders as well as our own for the hospitality extended, and the entertainment provided.

The action of Camp 14 stands forth as an example for all to emulate. One of the first camps to report quarterly, paying almost \$300 yearly in tax, they never complain, but meet all their obligations promptly and loyally.

We know of no camp, in the history of the Order, entertaining so many orphans at one time, and in addition paying the hotel and traveling expenses of the Division officers. The thanks of the Division is extended to Camp 14 for its most generous donation.—W. B. McNulty, Div. Sec.

Seen and Heard.

25,000. Every brother get in work and make it 25,000. Camp 4, Hays, has just made a nice gain of two.

Each camp is appealed to send in a list of the patriotic brothers who are now in, or will enter the Army or Navy. We want to put all these splendid Sons on a Roll of Honor to be made part of our records.

Mr. John Crowley, President of the Philadelphia Business College, and President of the 60th and Girard Business Association, is an active member of Camp 21. Other well known members of this splendid camp are T. Henry Walnut, Assistant United States Attorney, and Magistrate Baker and Price of the City Courts.

Make It 25,000, everybody got a recruit.

Among the many splendid brothers who are candidates for public office, none is more deserving of election than the Hon. Thomas J. Ford, of Camp 123, Sharpsburg, who is up for re-election as Judge of the Allegheny County Courts. The Judge is a splendid brother, served in a patriot in all that the term implies.

Make this the banner year. Only one recruit secured by each member, will not only make it 25,000, but over 30,000.

Grand Army of the Republic Day, in Pittsburgh, was a Red Letter event, and the great feature of this patriotic occasion was the presentation of medals awarded to the pupils of the schools of the Allegheny County, awarded by the Division in the late Henry Contest on "Our Flag." The presentation was made in an eloquent address by Chas. A. Locke, Esq., of Davis Camp, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Committee, and the acceptance was an oration, in the full realization of the term, by Dr. Wm. M. Davidson, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh schools. Miss Margaret Ketchum, winner of the first prize, read the essay written by her. Past Com. in-Chief Patterson, of the Grand Army of the Republic, presided over the patriotic exercise. All the camps in and about Pittsburgh turned out in large numbers to attend this great event, and the Press of Pittsburgh gave the event a big headline on their front columns. The committee who had charge of this event was as follows: Chas. A. Locke, Esq., Davis Star Camp; P. C. Lu-C. John E. Sautter, President of the Allegheny County Association; P. D. C. Alf. G. Loyd, Camp 133; and P. D. C. W. D. Mc-Bryar, Camp 37; Bro. J. D. Hershey, Camp 99; J. R. Hunter, Camp 218; E. J. Sexton, Camp 22. The prize winners who were present in addition to Miss Klein, were Master Bernard Blatt, James Loder, and Chas. Granly, also

the following pupils who received honorable mention for splendidly written essays: Elizabeth Johnston, Elizabeth Patterson, Thomas Bronnen, Jenny Davlin, Charles Bryan, Earl Bauman, Nellie Hanula, Geneva Dobby, Ellen Matthews, Helen MacIne, Ida Zwilling, Raymond Belzheim, Lovell Allen Reynolds, Frances Gunning, Kathleen Bruhl, Thelma Siemer, Etelo DeComman.

Brother the Hon. Eugene C. Bondwell was highly gratified over the splendid vote he received in the primary and feels assured of his election as Judge of Common Pleas Court in November.

25,000 is the number we want at Scranton and Com. Campbell is going to make every effort to secure that result. Brothers, get busy and help.

One of the features of the Westmoreland County Veterans' Roundup, held Sept. 1, was a big sham battle, in which the splendid 1st Regt. S. V. R., took part. Among the several speakers were Lieut. Gov. McClain and Congressman H. E. Rollins, Brother Zandof, of Greensburg, worked hard to make this affair a success.

A letter is being sent out to every Post in the Department in behalf of the organization that we may secure the 25,000. Now in the time to impress upon eligibles their duty to join our movement as a patriotic incentive to the young men of today, by calling to their attention the fact that men who serve their Country in its hour of need, are not forgotten, and that the Sons of Veterans honoring the man of '61-'65, prove this statement.

Each camp in the Division, as well as Division officers, and Past Division Commanders have been supplied with a copy of the Johnstown proceedings.

Brother Fredland Kendrick, of Camp 1, received an immense vote at the primaries for re-election as Receiver of Taxes.

Brother Flynn, of Camp 4, Reynolds, was nominated in the primaries for Council in the 39th ward, which is equivalent to an election. We congratulate him.

We will be pleased at any time to publish the name of any Veteran or Brother who is a candidate for office, and will be pleased to name and publish the names of members of camps, prominent in public, professional, or business life. Send them along.

Organizer Higon has taken hold of his office with energy and vigor, and already has two camps in process of organization; no is determined to do his share in getting that 25,000.

Lieut. Edmund Randall, U. S. A., of Camp 4, Reynolds, is now in France, ready to do and dare everything for Flag and Country.—W. B. McNulty.

MISSOURI

Dr. Louis Brochler, 2701 Blair Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

From Division Order No. 4.

September 20, 1917.

Attention is called to the two provisions Orders issued under this administration, as "General Orders No. 1 and No. 2, Series 1917," which were in error. Some would have been issued as Division Orders No. 2 and 3, Series 1917. Camp Commanders will please correct this error on the Orders filed in Camp Record by remarking same with ink.

We are now approaching our fourth or last quarter for the ensuing year. The hot weather of the summer months is coming to a close and the attendance at meetings of all camps should be markedly increased. The evening being cool and comfortable, there is no excuse for a member staying away from the meetings on account of the heat.

Upon taking up the Division work in May we were handicapped in several ways. First the matter of Bonds for Officers and then the delinquency of several camps, delaying our report to the National Headquarters. We are now in working harness and are pleased to report that since taking over the duties of this office over 225 letters and 215 parcels of circulars and packages of supplies were mailed out from these headquarters.

The efforts of our Organization Bureau in circulating the Department of Mo. G. A. R. are beginning to bring forth some results, having received in-

quires from Marionville, Maryville, Manchester and Lowry City for information with regard to organizing new camps.

While most of our members are beyond the "draft" age, several camps have contributed a good number of their members to the new National Army. However, there are other ways of coming to the front besides joining the army. It is your duty at all times to be active in matters of civic interest in your city or town. For instance, be among the first as Sons of Veterans, to participate in Flag Raisings, Presentations or Patriotic Ceremonials, letting the interested public see that our Organization truly stands for the Principles and Institutions for which our Fathers fought. Never at any time, let an opportunity pass by, of assisting your local G. A. R. Post in whatever capacity is required.

An increasing membership in camps, as noted in the following from the report of Past Com. Alex. McCandless, Dept. Mo. G. A. R.:

"I have no definite information as to the growth of the Sons of Veterans in this Department for the last year, but from the abundance of material to recruit from, there should have been a large increase in membership during the past year, especially at this time when the enthusiastic spirit of patriotism is so manifest by all loyal American citizens. We especially commend those of the Order who have so persistently labored to keep the organization alive. We extend to them our congratulations and kindest regards, wishing them abundant success in the future."

It is on the strength of this report that so many of the Comrades of the G. A. R. are taking a new interest in the Order of Sons of Veterans, therefore, we surely can do our "little bit" in securing new members for the camp.

In former years when our organization was young, our members did not realize their responsibilities as we do now. In these days the Division Encampment was looked forward to as an occasion for a good time. Now, however, with the benefit of past experience and with fathers and grandfathers in our membership, the organization has settled down to a staid body with a set purpose and real business to perform at its annual meetings. The Sons of Veterans in this Division should be the foremost of all patriotic orders in numerical strength.

At present your Commander has under consideration the placing of a Bronze Memorial Tablet on the former St. Louis home of Gen. Win. T. Sherman. This home was presented to him by the citizens of St. Louis as a mark of esteem. Also the placing of a marker or tablet in the Fair Ground Park of St. Louis, which, during the Civil War was occupied by Gen. Grant and known as Boston Barracks. Work along these lines should be taken up by every camp and, if properly carried out, would create such an interest that every eligible would be only too proud to join the organization.

Camp Commanders are requested to instruct Camp Secretaries and Treasurers to be prompt in sending in their Quarterly Reports. Nine camps were delinquent on their last reports and required considerable correspondence before making reports. We hope that in the future all camps will be more prompt.

Attention is called to the new address of Div. Sec.-Treas. Wm. Heintz, 4129 Athlone Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Camp correspondents for The Banner news will please have their items of news at these headquarters on or before the 25th of the month in order that same may be published the following month.

Attention is called to the good works of the Ladies Auxiliary and they should receive the encouragement of every camp. Mrs. Sara E. Hughes, 2515 DeGloerville Ave., St. Louis, is Division President of the Auxiliary and will cheerfully furnish any information desired for organizing an Auxiliary.

Camps that have not within the last month sent in a complete list of members in good standing, are requested to do so at once in order that the work of correcting the mailing list can be properly accomplished. — Dr. Louis Drechsler, Div. Com. Attest. Wm. Heintz, Div. Sec.-Treas.

4. St. Louis—Maj. Leo Raszleer Camp No. 4 is holding very interesting meetings here lately. Our entertainment committee promise something new, each meeting. The brothers who do not attend meetings certainly miss something. Sept. 12 was held an open meeting which was largely attended. We had the pleasure, on this occasion, of hearing a patriotic address by the Hon. D. A. Kersting, associate City Counselor, which was loudly applauded. A very interesting musical and vocal program followed. Then refreshments and sandwiches were served, followed by dancing; everyone had a pleasant evening. Now that we have started, the entertainment committee promise to keep the ball rolling. It is the earnest desire of our Commander that each brother do his bit.

ILLINOIS
J. Colby Beckman, Commander, Petersburg.

A meeting of Past Division Commanders will be held in Chicago the forepart of October, at which plans will be made for the formation of an Advisory Board.

A new camp has been mustered at Canton by Div. Com. Beckman. The application blank contained 60 names, and the camp bids fair to be a large and flourishing one.

Plans are being made by Div. Com. Beckman to make a trip through the southern portion of the state about the middle of October, to try to organize new camps and ginger up some weak ones.

Past Com.-in-Chief W. T. Church was in Peoria on business one day last month and had a pleasant talk with Past Div. Coms. Springston and Rhinesmith and Brother E. F. Duck.

Past Div. Com. H. C. Springston, of Peoria, attended the convention of the American Insurance Union at Columbus, Ohio, last month.

Major Richard N. McCauley, for thirty years superintendent of the Soldiers Orphans Home at Normal, Ill., was buried at Olney, Ill., Sunday, Sept. 20. Maj. McCauley was a Civil War veteran, and was 74 years old at the time of his death. He and his estimable wife were very successful in conducting the affairs of the Soldiers Orphans Home and were dearly beloved by the children of the Home, to whom they were in truth father and mother. Mrs. McCauley has the sympathy of the entire Division in the loss of her husband.

At a meeting of Camp 100 held in Chicago, Sept. 27, it was unanimously decided to organize one Company or unit in the Illinois Volunteer Training Corps, to be transferred later to the "Reserve Militia" if called by the Governor of Illinois. Our Militia has been called to U. S. Government Service and has already left the state. Three additional regiments have been organized, but they are not considered sufficient to protect lives and property in the state in severe riots or other emergencies of like character. Therefore under authority contained in a law passed July 1, 1917, a Reserve Militia is created, differing from the regular Militia principally, as follows: Enrollment is for two years and is for service in the state only. Physical requirements are not severe; age limits are from 18 to 45. Several companies have already been organized by patriotic societies and in local neighborhoods and it is our desire and intention to act promptly in order to make our company one of the first rank in numbers, quality of the men and efficiency in drill. In view of the necessity for the conservation of our resources and at the same time to further the interests of our Volunteer Company, it has been decided to cancel arrangements for the annual banquet on Dec. 8 and to hold instead an open meeting at a place to be selected later, which we believe will result in great benefit to members of the Company, as well as the camp. Enrollment is not confined to Sons of Veterans, but other men of good character will also be considered favorably. The red of this Militia Reserve is green, and members of our camp who secure the enrollment of one or more volunteers in this work

are rendering most important service.—Hugh C. Beelman, Commander.

Camp 7, Chicago Highlights—The camp is still growing and we hope to keep it doing so. We have organized a company of Reserve with 23 members, and I am the commander of it with rank of First Lieutenant. We as Co. G. of the S. of V. Reserve, will give a ball on the evening of Oct. 6, the proceeds to go toward the purchase of uniforms for the company. If we are as successful as we hope to be we will have pretty near enough to purchase a complete outfit for the company. And to show the boys that we mean business the following notice is sent out: Headquarters G Co., Second Battalion, Illinois Department, S. V. R., Chicago Heights, Ill. U. S. A.

Attention.
All sons and grandsons of the veterans of the Civil War of 1861-1865, are hereby notified that the above company has been duly organized in connection with James A. Sexton Camp No. 7, Ill. Div. U. S. A., and that all sons and grandsons, 15 years and over, can join the company now, whether they belong to the camp at this time or join it later. They must join the camp as soon as possible. We want every eligible son and grandson to join this company now who lives in this part of the country, so that by next Memorial Day we can show to the twinkling ranks of blue that we remember and appreciate what they did for this nation and for us their descendants. So get into the ranks now, do not be a quitter, or a slacker at this time. If you are in now, have red blood enough in you to stay in and if you are not in, get in at once. Your father or grandfather did not put up the thin excuse of "I ain't got time to go." They made time and went and thousands of them never came back. So get into the ranks now and show the veterans of '61-'65 that you are ready to follow their example if you are needed.—Respectfully in P. C. & L. James H. Knapp, First Lieutenant, Commanding; Dell Johnson, First Sergeant.

Financial Statement
(For month of September)
Balance on hand Sept. 1, \$42.12. Received for per capita tax, \$51.00; received for supplies, \$2. Total, \$95.12.
Expenditures—For supplies, \$2.50; for miscellaneous, \$5; for remittance, A. D. Rhineasmith, \$50. Total, \$57.50.
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1917, \$459.18.—Wm. G. Dustin, Div. Treas.

MICHIGAN
Geo. W. Swift, Commander, 424 Ford Bldg., Detroit; T. J. McMartin, Sec.-Treas., 424 Ford Bldg., Detroit.

Again we are starting in on our fall campaign. Reports are coming in that indicate new camps in the near future. New interest is also being aroused in the camps all over the state for the "Militia" is realizing as never before that the Post his father had once been a faithful member of, needed his strength and support. What better way can a man honor and perpetuate the honorable record of a brave and loyal father, than to wear the "little bronze button" and live up to the principles and objects of the Order of the Sons of Veterans? It shows that his father was not a slacker in '61.

Camp 1, Detroit, has been running in very good form during the summer months. The attendance has been better than usual for the warm weather period and new members have continually been mustered in. We have been honored by the visits of brothers from neighboring camps who know that the "itch string" of Camp 1 is always reaching out. In August, the camp in conjunction with Sarah M. W. Sterling Tent No. 2, Daughters of Veterans, held a joint picnic at "Dob-La." It was a success in every way; socially and financially. P. D. C. Lewis Markham was chairman of the Sons committee and it was mainly through his efforts that it was so successful. While the "Sons" have been more or less interested in the Home Guard, the "Daughters" have not been idle. Tent No. 2 in the honor of having one who is not only a worker but an artist and often

uses her talent in a patriotic way. We refer to Mrs. Catherine H. Wagner, who is Past President of Tent No. 2, and the present Department Secretary of the D. of V. While on the eve of leaving for camp, she presented the 2nd Battalion, of the 21st Mich. Regt., with a beautiful regulation silk flag, which she had made herself. It was mounted on an oak staff, surmounted by an American Eagle with spread wings. The symbol of victory. The presentation was made at the Light Guard Armory. The flag was accepted by the Captain of Co. H, who promised that they would guard it, and each day Salute and Fling Allegiance to the one flag which meant liberty for all. That they would strive to bring it back from the struggle as free from stain as did the brave men who defended our Country and Flag in '61. A recitation was given, "Your Flag and My Pink" by Marlean and Viline Wagner, who were dressed up as Uncle Sam and Miss America. A grand hit with the school boys. Those who were at the State Encampment at Battle Creek and saw the two children in the parade will never forget the beautiful picture they made in the same costumes. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are proud of their patriotic little daughters and are instilling in their young lives, the lessons of patriotism and justice. At the Battle Creek Encampment Mrs. Wagner presented a beautiful silk flag to the Boy Scouts. It was a regulation Scout Banner with their Coat of Arms embrolied in colored silks, and made by herself.

The following is the Roll of Honor of State Camp No. 1, of brothers who are now serving in the great war: Major Fredk M. Alger, Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.; Herbert R. Halo; Captain Christian H. Hecker, Adjutant, 225th Inf., Camp Custer; Captain Henry M. Lamb, Quarter Masters Corps; Leon D. Seeley, U. S. S. Kansas, 4th Div. Radio; R. A. Spillaine, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Russell A. Stevens, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Harry Stewart; A. B. Swallow, 33rd Mich. Inf.; Captain Charles Warren, Judge Advocate, General's Department, Washington, D. C.

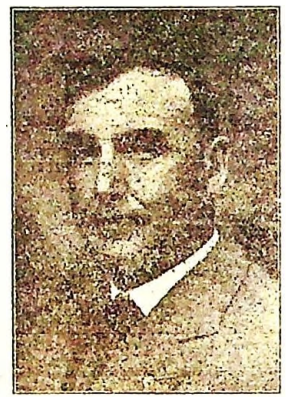
Camp 4, Lansing, received a very fine report of the National Encampment recently held in Boston, Mass., from Past Com. W. A. Spurling, who was one of the Division Delegates. Brother Spurling was so well pleased with the whole convention, that he cannot say which part he enjoyed the most. He is sure that it was not his trip around the fish wharves. The parade which formed on Massachusetts Ave., and marched through Arlington St., to Beacon St., past the State House where it was reviewed by Gov. McCall, marched over the same ground made sacred fifty-six years ago. There was not a Massachusetts Regiment that ever left the State that was not reviewed by Gov. Andrews, during the Civil War. We were but following in the footsteps of the "Mass. Minute Men" of '61. Brother John Crotty was born and raised in Boston, within a stone's throw of the Common. He says that the boys always knew when a Regiment was leaving and they were always on hand to see the "boys in blue" depart. He had special reasons for being interested as he had seen for his own father leave for the front and always felt that they were going where he was. It was from the same State House steps that the "boys of '61" were bid farewell on leaving and received the welcome greetings of the state on returning that Gov. Walcott in 1838 reviewed the boys as they were called away or returned from the Spanish War.

Camp 55, Battle Creek—Past Div. Com. Walter L. Haynes has been on the sick list since the first of August. Between a "War Garden" Home Guard, and any other line of patriotic work that came his way, he found that while trying to do his "bit," he had "bit off too much." Being under the doctor's care he has been compelled to share the work with others. He feels better than he was and hopes to soon be on his feet again.

The interest of mankind in peculiarly attracted by examples of signal goodness in high places; for that testimony to the worth of goodness is the most striking which is borne by those to whom all the means and pleasure and self-indulgence lie open.

CAL. AND PACIFIC

Geo. H. Whitte, Commander, Long Beach. We herewith present a picture of Brother Geo. H. Whitte, who was elected to the office of Division Commander at Long Beach, Cal., last May. Brother Whitte became affiliated with our Order in its early days, having joined a camp in Montana in 1887. Later he transferred his membership to Fair Oaks, San Francisco, and from the latter city moved to Long Beach and there became a member of Lawton Camp. Brother Whitte, being a Mason, is taking his Knight Templar degrees at the present time. He was born in Fort Harker, Kan., where his father, at the time an officer in the regular army, was stationed. Most of his early mischievous boyhood days were spent within or in close proximity to Uncle Sam's frontier forts, which accounts for his habit of always being obedient to his fellow men, especially his brother Sons of Veterans. Discipline is his watchword. He always get his reports and per capita tax to National Headquarters on time. His long and faithful service in the Order of Sons of Veterans has made him familiar with the needs of our organization on the Pacific slope. At present writing he is preparing his schedule for touring California for the purpose



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of visiting many of the camps in the Division. Com. Whitte remembers a little of the exciting days of the massacre of General Custer's army, his father at the time being stationed near where the slaughter occurred. While but a mere boy at the time he recalls some interesting stories of that historical event. Long Beach—Lawton Camp held an open meeting Sept. 15. A splendid entertainment was furnished. The Auxiliary assisted. The latter part of the evening the local Tent, Daughters of Veterans, arrived to help enjoy and assist in the laughter in behalf of the program. The Daughters came in a body, having held a session of the Tent in another hall the early part of the evening. Div. Com. Whitte will leave in the early part of October for the northern part of California, where he will make extensive visits to the camps in that part of the Division. Los Angeles—Brother Joseph B. Cummings, of Rosemead Camp, has been appointed Assistant Organizer on the staff of the Division Commander. He has a number of prospective camps under way and hopes soon to be able to muster a few. The camp's "boosting committee" has done good work the last quarter, the membership having increased quite materially. Los Angeles—Stanton Camp having taken two months' vacation will start its business sessions again the second Monday in October. Com. Lyman P. Clark has received a captain's commission and may be called any day for duty in France. San Francisco—Com. Foster, of Sherman Camp, reports his camp to be in a

prosperous condition regardless of the demoralizing effect the war situation has on the membership. A number of the boys have gone to the front—"The Gavel."

KANSAS

Frank U. Russell, Division Commander, InCrosse, Kan. "The big drive is on," a drive for camps and members. Div. Com. Russell has issued a call for a big drive for new camps and members to begin the first day of October and to last six months. This will be a great drive and contest, each and every brother of the Kansas Division is interested and should let his light shine by personal work in getting new members and camps. Each camp is urged to take action at once, pick out a place near by where there is no camp and make a strenuous effort to get a list of the eligible in that vicinity and see that there is a camp placed there this winter. We can each do that much for our organization, and for our country. "Do your bit." Several camps have designated their intentions to enter into the drive and contest by active work. Sedgewick Camp No. 18, of Ellsworth, has made a great start and they are made of the stuff that will win. Old Abe Camp of Topeka participated in the great patriotic parade on the big day of the fess state fair. The Topeka bunch have the push and loyalty and have something doing most of the time. Tyrone Camp No. 4, of Tyrone, Okla., has also made a good start and they will no doubt make a good showing this winter.

A new camp at Okmudale will be mustered Oct. 13 by Brother Moon of Old Abe Camp No. 16, and they have a fine list of eligibles on their application list. Lookout Camp at Gypsum is getting in the contest and will make Ellsworth hurry and step up and take notice if they don't want to get dented.

There is going to be a great effort made by the members of Parsons Camp No. 23 to organize camps in the state of Oklahoma this year to form a new Division and they ask the assistance of all the camps and members of the Kansas Division in their efforts. There never was a time in the history of our organization when our country needed our help and assistance more than now; many of our brothers have answered and are answering the "Call to the Colors" and many of us are unable to go with them but we have a great work which we may do and our country needs us at home. There never was more need for a strong patriotic order like the "Sons of Veterans" to combat the opposing influences that are springing up to oppose our Government.

A new list of Special Aldes to the Division Commander will soon be appointed and it is hoped that a strong staff of workers will be enlisted for the drive and winter contest. Commanders should look to it that only good workers are appointed on the staff of the Division Commander. Most of the camps have shown good gains during the last quarter; this will give us a good start on the drive.

Brother W. Y. Morgan just returned from Canada where he made an inspection of the military and industrial conditions there; he was glad to get back to Kansas however and was more convinced than ever that our country is the best "that ever sun shone on." Brother Morgan is one of our best and strongest leaders of Kansas and no one need be surprised when we make him Governor of our state.

Brother Frank Green of Old Abe Camp No. 18, of Topeka, and C. B. Martin, of 23, Parsons, represented the Kansas Division at the National meeting of the Commandery in Boston last month and they report having had a very enjoyable and profitable trip. The Kansas Division still has a National Officer in the person of C. B. Martin, Chairman of the Council-in-Chief. The Kansas Division is glad to see Brother H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, get that nice little present. He has worked hard for our Order and deserves all the honor and credit we can bestow upon him. The Cherrylvale Reunion this year was a grand success. Brother A. Luther

Smith, of Wichita, and J. V. Div. Com., made a pleasant call on the Reunion on Sons of Veterans Day (Friday) and made a short talk, he also called on the brothers of the Cherrylvale Camp and gave them a few lessons in patriotism. The Sons of Veterans Drum Corps of Parsons Camp 23 officiated at the Reunion again this year and all the brothers reported having had a great time. The Sons of Veterans in the southeast also counted organized by electing officers and directors and delegates with the object in view of making the program on Sons of Veterans Day always the best of the entire Reunion. C. B. Martin was elected President and Paul Callan, Secretary.

Brothers, don't forget the drive and contest. Get ready for the next Division Encampment which is to be held in Chamite in 1918. And don't forget the new Division of Oklahoma and any brother that can assist by sending in the name of an eligible living in Oklahoma please write to our Division Commander giving his address. Any other assistance will be greatly appreciated. —C. B. Martin, Div. Press Cor.

INDIANA

F. C. Foelt, Commander, Winchester.

From the Commander.—Greetings to Indiana Division. You are called upon to exercise diligence in your various communities in promoting the work of the Order. Particularly are you called upon to discourage slackers, and seek out and report to proper authorities any man or woman who is talking or acting against the interests of the government in the great business on which we are engaged, which is, in the language of President Wilson, the work of "making the world safe for democracy." Men who are not for us in this movement are certainly against us, and the man who does not whole-heartedly support the government of the United States at this time is a dangerous man and will bear watching. It is your duty to keep your ear to the ground and report all breaches of loyalty. Your Commander was called to Indianapolis to a conference of the heads of the different fraternal organizations for the purpose of uniting the organizations in enthusiastic support of the government. The Sons of Veterans should be in the front of every movement for the furtherance of the welfare of our boys at the front. Buy Liberty Bonds. Subscribe to the Red Cross. Support the library fund. Help buy tobacco for the boys. Do everything possible to help. Remember we folks at home must make sacrifices as well as our boys at the front.—F. C. Foelt, Commander.

Sons of Veterans should offer to help the boys of '61 in the various recreational reunions that are being held at this time. Many of them do not feel equal to the task of making arrangements. It is your duty to help them, and should be a great pleasure.

All camps should start work at once to take in members and help to make this winter season one of great growth of our Order.

There is work to be done by our Order. A master of great importance to our state may be called to your attention room, and when you are called upon cheerfully and promptly "do your bit."

Call on our own Auxiliary to help you. They are willing and glad to be of service. A more loyal society of ladies exists nowhere than our own Aux. Do your bit, whatever it may be, without hesitancy, and no matter what it may be. Keep your eye on every man who is not whole-heartedly for the government. The state has many who are not supporting us like they should. Watch them.

Past Div. Com. Geo. Kreitenstein, of Terre Haute, writes that Brother James Wise, Valparaiso, Brother Frank Houston, Indianapolis, and himself, were the only Indiana members at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Boston. Brother Kreitenstein had the honor of serving on the Press Committee, and made a short talk in memory of Past Com. Geo. C. Harvey. Brothers Houston, Wise and George had the honor of escorting the committee of Army Nurses to the platform, and George also served

on the committee to escort the Ladies of the G. A. R. That's whose George Wise—escorting the ladies. Brother Houston also carried the Encampment by storm when he was called upon for some of his patriotic songs. George says the Sons and our Auxiliary took possession of one of the hotel lobbies and kept everybody awake with singing until 2 o'clock a. m., which is George's usual hour of retiring at Encampments. Past Com. John D. Miller and family and your correspondent and family spent Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Knightstown House.

Logansport—Sept. 13 was a red letter night for John A. Logan Camp, Brother E. S. Shumaker, of Indianapolis, delivered a splendid address on the "Object and Aims of the Sons of Veterans." This address was certainly a masterpiece and was pronounced by all to be the best effort along patriotic lines heard in Logansport for many years. At the close of his address his hearers would not permit him to stop but insisted on more, which he very kindly and efficiently handed to them. A large number of members of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and of the W. R. C. were present. Brief addresses were delivered by Mrs. Pearl Wright and Mrs. Florence Johnson. Another speaker of note was Rev. Charles E. Petty, who was one of the fifteen new members. On Sept. 20 we turned out nearly a hundred strong, joining with the affiliated patriotic societies as honorary escort to our departing soldiers from Logansport and other northern Indiana cities.

RHODE ISLAND

Chan. P. Hall, Commander, 20 Oak Hill Bldg., Pawtucket; E. A. Hoyt, Press Cor., 333 Pine St., Providence.

Reception to New Officers. On Sept. 20 a reception was tendered by the W. R. C. and S. of V. Auxiliary to Dept. Pres. Mrs. Hattie M. Thurber of the W. R. C. and Dept. Com. Augustine Munn of the G. A. R. Div. Com. Chas. P. Hall, of S. of V., and S. V. Com-in-Chief of S. of V. Chas. H. Young. The exercises were opened by singing one stanza of "America." This was followed by the Flag Salute and a verse of the "Star Spangled Banner." Dept. Pres. Mrs. Hattie M. Thurber then gave a description of her trip to the National Encampment at Boston and the reception she received there. A selection by the Pilgrim Quartette followed this.

Dept. Com. A. A. Mann's address described the assistance the W. R. C. had been to the Port and the aid they would render the country and its fighting forces in the present struggle.

S. V. Com-in-Chief Chas. H. Young spoke, referring to the deplorable lack of interest on the part of eligible sons becoming members of the Order. He also stated that in the country places where there are no camps of Sons many Veterans' graves are unweared for year after year.

Div. Com. Hall spoke feelingly on Patriotism.

Flowers were in abundance as all the notices were presented with beautiful bouquets and gifts. S. V. Com-in-Chief Young was the recipient of a handsome toilet kit in a leather case. It was presented in behalf of the R. I. Division by Div. Com. Hall. He mentioned the fact that Oregon was a long way and it was thought best to prepare him for the journey.

The humorous selections by Rev. C. D. Crane were very good, also the poem, "John Burns of Gettysburg." The affair ended with the singing of one stanza of "America." Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The visitation to the Soldiers Home at Bristol occurred Oct. 7. The R. I. Division visits the Home each year and gladdens the hearts of the old fellows who are fast passing away. Since the last visitation 25 have answered the last roll-call. The entertainment given there consisted of addresses by various officials, interspersed with songs and humorous selections.

S. V. AUXILIARY

Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, Nat. Pres., 200 West 27th St., N. Y. City; Miss Jennie Thole, Nat. Pres. Corp., Dwight, Ill.

(From Division Orders No. 2) Aides have been recommended and appointed as follows: Minnie Leiman, Cora Franklin, Aux. 21, Naperville, Jacksonville, Ill.; Lillian McCall, No. 22, Chicago. Aux. Presidents who have not sent in names of members to serve as Division Aides, please send same at once, so they may be announced in next General Orders. Sisters, do not consider this appointment an empty honor. You are expected to work for your members, stir up the old ones, improve every opportunity to double our membership before the end of this administration.

The officers for the coming year are to be elected during the month of December and installed the first meeting in January. It is for the best interest of our beloved Order to see that efficient members are chosen to fill these offices.

Each Aux. is expected to observe Veterans' Night, Nov. 15, with a suitable program. Invite all the old soldiers in the vicinity and give them a social time.

An annual donation to the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home is expected and is always acceptable. It is called a Christmas offering to the children, and is used to provide for their pleasure and amusement. Let each Aux. give generously to this home. All donations should be sent to the Div. Treas., Mrs. Jennie Fuller, 111 Illinois Ave., Aurora, Ill., not later than Nov. 15.

The annual visit of the Committee from the Sons and Aux. is made usually the first Monday in December, and anyone participating in this visit and enjoying the Christmas entertainment will feel amply repaid for the journey.

As an inducement for increasing the membership of the Order the Div. President offers a recognition pin to each sister bringing two new members into her Aux. Make an effort, and if successful send in your name to Division Headquarters and receive the pin.—Alice M. Fletcher, Div. Pres.

Old Glory Aux., Chicago, is still gaining in membership. We are going to bring the banner home again next year. Sister Fletcher, Past Pres. of old Glory Aux. 22, who has been elected our Div. Pres., installed Macon City Aux. in July. The Aux. held a reception in honor of Div. Pres. Sister Fletcher, a splendid program was rendered, at the close of which Sister Fletcher was requested to sing "Face to Face" accompanied by Sister Johnson. At the close of the program, Sister Mamie Coleman, in behalf of the members of the Aux., presented Div. Pres. Fletcher with a hand-painted tea set, which was a great surprise to the President. After the close of the program, ice cream and cake were served and all our members and friends departed for their homes, hoping that they could all meet again in the near future for another such a pleasant and enjoyable time.

Kansas

(From Division Orders No. 11) All sisters serving as Division Aides during the last administration are relieved from duty and the following sisters have been appointed: Mrs. Nancy J. Moon, Topeka; Mrs. Cora Callens, Parsons; Mrs. Margie Prowes, Wichita; Mrs. Mary Daddock, Manhattan.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction I learn that a great many of our members are interested in the Red Cross work in some way. Sisters, this is a good way to do "our bit" to help win the war.

From the amount of business transacted at headquarters, I believe the Aux. took a vacation during the month of August. But now that the summer is past, we must awaken to the work before us. Let us strive to increase our membership and make this year the best year of our Division. Let our aim be 100 or more members by the next Encampment. Let it be known that you belong to the S. of V. Aux. and want those eligible to belong also. If we work with a determination to win members, we will surely reap some harvest.

Let us make our meetings interesting and enjoyable this fall and winter. Invite the Sons of Veterans and Comrades of the Grand Army to the meetings. Have something besides the order of business at least one meeting each month, and it will perhaps prove an incentive for those who are indifferent to become interested again.—Leona Sweet, Div. Pres.

Missouri

(From Division Orders No. 2) The following are appointed to serve as Aides on the Division President's Staff: Aux. 1, Boothbay Harbor—Sisters Fannie G. Reed, Irene A. Kelley; No. 2, Portland—Sisters Nellie Anderson, Lena Hunt; No. 3, Detroit—Sisters Mollie Webster, Ethel Fowler; No. 12, Farmington—Sisters Mabel Miller, Nellie M. Fitts; No. 14, Farmington—Sisters Emma Hubert, Lydia Nicholson; No. 16, Brunswick—Sisters Abbie L. King, Hattie Terry; No. 25, Patten—Sisters Sue M. Moody, Margaret Scribner. Aux. Presidents who have not sent in names of two sisters will please do so at once. Sisters, this appointment is not for honor alone but for work. I trust that each one will do something for the advancement of our Order during the year. Aides will please communicate with Div. Chief-of-Staff, Miss Ida H. Hokes, 47 Park St., Rockland, Me., for instructions.

At last Encampment it was voted to give five dollars in gold to the Aux. making the largest net gain in members from June 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918. Two of my predecessors have given a beautiful silk altar flag as an extra incentive. This year I will present the Aux. making the largest gain in said time with an altar Bible. I sincerely hope that every member will work hard to win the Bible and incidentally build up her own Aux.—Edith M. Wallace, Div. Pres.

Maryland

Aux. 4, Washington, D. C.—Cushing Aux. had the pleasure of a visit from Sister Grizzle of Aux. 4, of Philadelphia, Pa., at their regular meeting in July. She gave a very nice and interesting talk and the Cushing girls hope she will visit them again soon. E. F. Droop, one of the large piano houses in Washington, presented to Cushing Aux. through the efforts of Sister Augusta Palmer, our pianist, a piano. I am sure the Cushing girls feel very grateful to Sister Palmer for her generous gift. The President of Cushing Aux. has done more than her bit for her country by giving two of her sons. They are members of the D. C. Cavalry. Past Nat. Pres. D. H. B. Davis, who is also a member of Cushing Aux., gave her son who is a member of the Md. guards. I hope that the sisters of other Aux. will pray to God to comfort and bless these soldiers, and spare their sons to them. July 4, Sister Rosa E. Rutledge, on behalf of Cushing Camp and Aux., presented to Mr. Frank Williams of the Va. state legislature a large American flag to be flown from the Fairfax Courthouse at Fairfax, Va. The exercises were held jointly with the Sons of the Confederacy. Bro. G. B. Scott was master of ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. Duro and Brother S. E. Robb. After the celebration a basket picnic was held at the beautiful country home of Brother and Sister Barringer at Vienna, Va., where a most enjoyable time was spent.—Mabel D. B. Gates.

Aux. 4, Washington, D. C.—Wm. D. Cushing Aux. No. 4, are proud of the success they made of their recent social Aug. 25. The social opened by the audience singing "America" and concluded with the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Miss Alvarez to Beany. A most enjoyable program was enjoyed and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Sister Anna J. Kirkley, Pres. of Cushing Aux., has been very ill and all send their love and prayers to her through The Banner for speedy recovery. The Division of Maryland presented a beautiful American flag to the Methodist Protestant Church. The presentation was made by Sister Rose Rutledge followed by addresses by Past Com.-in-Chief Col. H. V. Speelman and Senator Jones.

Massachusetts

The Mass. Div. is very proud of the honor of having two National Officers among its Div. Officers: Our Div. Pres., Sister Mabelle M. Ham, elected Nat. Vice Pres. and Div. Chief-of-Staff, Sister

Margaret L. Waters, appointed Nat. Chief-of-Staff. Sister Ham, as head of the Div. and Sister Waters, as chairwoman of the Com. of Arrangements, assisted by their different committees, worked indefatigably to make the Encampment a success, and their efforts were well repaid, as the recent National Encampment will go down in history as one of the most largely attended and harmonious ones ever held. Our Mass. sisters fully appreciated the privilege of meeting their sisters from all over the country, and the ties of fraternal love were bound closer with golden links that can never be severed.

Aux. 41, of Arlington, fully appreciating the honor of having three Div. officers among its members may feel more highly honored in also having a National officer. Nat. Vice Pres. Mabelle M. Ham, also Pres. of the Mass. Div. We had five members for the class initiation during Encampment week and several other candidates are to be initiated at an early date. Our camp has responded to our country's call with several Aux. and is now making preparations to send each of these brothers a box for Christmas. On Sept. 25, the Aux. and Camp gave a burlesque dance which was well attended and proved a pleasing novelty.

Aux. 65, of Woburn, held a most enjoyable and well attended lawn party on Aug. 6. There was graphophone music, and a large amount of refreshment. It proved a most successful affair. A rummage sale was held on Sept. 15, from which quite a sum was realized. The Aux. sent four candidates to the class initiation during Encampment. The sisters feel very proud of the fact that one of their Past Presidents and now Div. Chief-of-Staff was also chosen Nat. Chief-of-Staff.

The sisters of Aux. 25 of Whitman went on an auto outing trip to Lowell on July 31, to visit their President who was camping out on the banks of the Merrimack River during the summer. Two candidates were initiated at a recent meeting and there are several applications for membership awaiting action. The Aux. is taking up Red Cross work in connection with its regular work committee's work.

Aux. 78, of Boston, and allied organizations held "Open House" the first three days of the National Encampment. It was a decided success and many out of town and state visitors availed themselves of the generous hospitality of these patriotic ladies. Ladies of the Corps and sisters of the Aux. served refreshments all day and impromptu entertainments were enjoyed at different times. On Wednesday evening there was a splendid patriotic and musical entertainment with Mrs. Louise Lucien, President of Corps 28, presiding. The program was as follows: Frederick C. Richardson, baritone soloist and violinist; Gertrude Thomson, reader; Minnie Fowler Scott, soloist and accompanist; Charles Laylor, Jr., violinist; Brother Charles Fernandez (Camp 9) basso; Brother Dalke (Camp 9) tenor; patriotic reading on "The Flag" by Sister Hattie C. Parker with a flag march by four members of Corps 28. Brief addresses were made by Com. Scanlan, P. E. McGrath and P. C. Long of Past 2, Com. George Clark, P. C. Walter B. Scott of Camp 9, and Sister Minnie E. Scott, President of Aux. 78. The Aux. won the banner offered by the Mass. Div. to the Aux. furnishing the largest number of candidates for the class initiation during Encampment week. Ten candidates were sent by the Aux.

Aux. 21, of East Weymouth, sent six candidates to the class initiation held Encampment week. On Sept. 24 and 25 a successful fair was held in G. A. R. Hall. A supper was served each evening.

Aux. 22, Sister Margaret W. Carney, Nat. Pat. Inst., presented a large American flag from the National organization, to Troop 116, Boy Scouts of St. Leo's Church, Dorchester. The presentation was made to the altarman's chamber in City Hall. Scoutmaster

Francis M. Fogarty accepted the flag. Short addresses were made by Father Cunningham, of St. Leo's Church, Sister Mayme Dwyer, Past Nat. Pat. Inst., Walter Tait, Secretary of Dist. 1, and J. H. Freeman, Dorchester District Secretary.

On Sept. 19 an Aux. of Frederic Nelson Bigelow Camp 161 was initiated at Holbrook by Div. Pres. Sister Mabelle M. Ham and Div. officers and others. There are 42 on the charter list of whom 25 were present. The exercises were witnessed by the Camp, comrades from the local Post and sisters from other Aux. The installation was particularly impressive and not only Div. officers participated but also present and past National officers, among their being Past Nat. Pat. Inst. Sister Margaret W. Carney, Nat. Chief-of-Staff, Sister Margaret L. Waters and installing officer, Nat. Vice Pres. Sister Mabelle M. Ham. Sister Barbara Carney presided at the piano, and her inspiring music lent added charm to the exercises. Sister Jha Driscoll is the President of the Aux. and much is expected of an Aux. organized under such favorable auspices. Among the guests was Conrad Frederick Nelson Bigelow, for whom Camp and Aux. are named. Ice cream and cake were served by the Camp.

The following Aux. held exemplifications during September: Aux. 11 of Amherstburg on Sept. 20; Aux. 45 of New Bedford, on Sept. 25.—Lucretia X. Floyd, Div. Pres. Cor.

New Jersey

Camden—Aux. 4 is doing good work this year. We recently had a class initiation, and three of our members have received recognition pins from the Div. Pres. for bringing in new members. Many of our camp boys are now in the government service and we are trying to do our "bit." Each week we entertain at our homes, some of the most recruits who are stationed here, Sister Carlo Bealer, especially, looking after the comfort of these boys. Sister Bealer's grandfather, Capt. Joseph H. Richardson, died recently. He was one of the "grand old men" of Edgewater Park, and was the first naval volunteer of the Civil War. Our recent picnic was a splendid success, our social meeting night is well worth attending, so come and visit us, and give us the encouragement of your presence.

Paterson—On Monday evening, July 29, Aux. 3 celebrated its 25th anniversary, and were royally entertained by Camp 8 boys. Each member present had a patriotic verse, flowers were distributed, old sisters were remembered, and an enjoyable luncheon served. Sister Nellie Collier received a silk umbrella from Pres. Nellie Masker for wearing the most new members in the Camp 8-Aux. 3 contest. Our Aux. has been saddened by the death of one of its best members, Sister Annie Hopper, who was suddenly called home. Our loss is her gain, and no bow to the will of Him who knows best, keeping ever in our minds the memory of her loyalty to our Camp and Aux.

Union Hill—Aux. 2 has been highly honored this year, and it behoves us to prove our worthiness of these honors that have come to us. At the recent Division Encampment Sister Annie Zimmerman was elected Div. Pres., and at the National Encampment held at Boston, Past Div. Pres. Elizabeth Hansen was elected Nat. Treasurer, a well deserved recognition. Let us work as never before for our Order, and by our work express our appreciation. On Sept. 11 we had with us Sister Arold, Myers and Overlock of Aux. 3, Paterson, and were glad to see them. We would also be pleased to have other sisters visit us. We are working with the G. A. R. W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans, to erect a monument in the City Park to the memory of the Veterans of the Civil War. It means much effort, but we shall be successful in due time.

New York

A dinner was tendered Nat. Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer by Mr. and Mrs. L. Loewenstain at the Ciderella, New York City, Sept. 8. The toastmaster of the evening was Past Div. Com. Franz Sigel who welcomed all. Those present were Nat. Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer, Nat. Sec. Kate Teufel, Div. Pres. Harriet Hollinger, Div. Council Mary Stapleton, Div. Council, Miss Sherman, Div. Sec. Kathryn M. Rooney, Div. J. V. Div. Com. Chas. Helmsath and Mrs. Helmsath, Div. Treas. of S. of V. Hormas E.

Lange and Inst Div. Pres. Ida B. Lange, William A. Stubbs, of Div. Council, Past Com-in-Chief Chas. Sizeman, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Beck, Mrs. Fanny Teufel, Mrs. M. Hoyer, Miss E. Dwyer, Miss Lella M. Hoyer, Mrs. M. Hoyer, Mrs. Looewenstein. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Div. Pres. H. Pottinger, on behalf of the host and hostess, presented Sister Dwyer with a beautiful white ivory comb and brush. At the conclusion of a very fine dinner, dancing was enjoyed.

No. 7, of Waverly, had a social in the Public Park recently and served cream. The Shop Band gave some fine music and all together we realized a nice little sun.

Sept. 7, Vanderbilt Aux. 5 presented a flag to a school in the Catskill mountains. The school is in District No. 3, Denver, N. Y. Through this entire section there is not a school that gives the Salute to Old Glory and it is through the direct efforts of one of our Past Pres., Sister Maude B. Schmitt, that we have been able to promote the interest in our flag. Mr. Ed. Morse, who is the teacher, has taught the pupils the Salute and every morning we are happy to report the Salute is given. Sister Schmitt presented the flag and at the request of the teacher gave the history of our flag. We are proud of having gone so far to present a flag and to do this direct means of furthering patriotism. The flag presented is for class room use and Denver school in the only school to have a flag for that purpose.

Sept. 7, our Division President made a visit to Aux. 37. We had a fine meeting and concluded with a social hour. We also had one of our visitors Sister Stapleton, who is a member of the Division Council. Other visitors were Sisters Margaret Riley and Isabella Riley, of Aux. 59, and Sister Kent, of Aux. 46, Sister Reed, of Aux. 39. A very pretty harvest was presented to Sister Pottinger and a set of hat pins to Sister Stapleton. On Sept. 25 the Patriotic Instructor, Sister Ellen Westworth, presented a silk flag and staff to Royal Welcome Rebekah Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F. Patriotic songs were sung and remarks were made by Sisters Ellen Westworth, Lella Stielor, who is our President, Josephine Douglas, Mae Westworth, Mary Bloss, Helen Seaman, Mary Wolford, Currie Gill, Edna Johnson, Ida Johnson. At the conclusion of presentation, lunch was served.

One of the nicest affairs held in Brooklyn in some time took place on Aug. 21 at the Johnson Bldg, when Aux. 26, 60 and 65 tendered a public reception to Div. Pres. Harriet A. Webster upon her official visit to Brooklyn. The committee in charge of which Kathryn M. Rooney was chairman did justice to the affair and no labor was spared to make it a success. The opening was the words of welcome by the chairman and the receiving of Div. President and escort. With all Division and National officers each with a escort, a receiving line was formed and nearly 200 welcomed our guests. Nat. Pres. Sister Mayme E. Dwyer in behalf of the three Auxs. of Brooklyn, presented Sister Pottinger with a beautiful diamond bracelet. Sister Pottinger thanked the girls of Brooklyn for their gift and praised them most highly for what they had done. Brother Rooney presented at the altar the Div. Pres. Harriet Pottinger, Mary Stapleton of Div. Council, Nat. Pres. M. E. Dwyer, Nat. Treas. Elizabeth Hansen, Nat. Sec. Kate Teufel, and Nat. Insp. Mary L. Loewenstein. The chairman of the committee presented each with a handsome bouquet on behalf of the Auxs. of Brooklyn. Past Div. Pres. Ida B. Lange presented Chairman K. M. Rooney with flowers from the Brooklyn Auxs. and Div. Treas. Sister Bartley presented her with flowers from an admirer. Twelve different Auxs. were represented and eight camps of S. of V. also the W. R. C. Elegant music was furnished and enjoyed. Refreshments were served and the girls in Brooklyn are proud and happy that they were able to entertain all who came. We want to thank the brothers of all camps, the Division officers of the Sons of Veterans and sisters for helping to make the evening so pleasant.

Aug. 27 was the banner night for Anderson Aux. 40 and never in the history of Anderson Camp or Aux. was there so much rejoicing. The occasion was the

home-coming of Mayme E. Dwyer from Boston as National President of the S. of V. Aux. The manner in which Camp and Aux. arranged for welcome should prove to our Nat. Pres. that she will have the earnest and untiring support of each and every member during her term of office. Headquarters were beautifully decorated with flags, lanterns and flowers. It was all a great surprise to our Nat. Pres. At the given time Pres. Krejling called the meeting to order and welcomed Div. Pres. Harriet Pottinger, Div. Treas. Kathryn M. Rooney, Div. Treas. of S. V. Herman L. Lange, Brother Elmsfield, of Anderson, Camp, and Com. These sisters were appointed to act as escorts to Nat. Pres. and Nat. Sec. They were received with a royal welcome and cheers and applause. Com. Rogers introduced our Nat. Pres. Sister Dwyer, said to never knew of a greater honor that had come to him; he spoke of her work in the years gone by as a member of the Lady Cadets and then of the organization of Aux. 40 and of her ever a gentle manner, lovable at all times and of her kindly acceptance into an office, and how proud he was as the Commander of Anderson Camp to see Miss Dwyer at the head of the national organization. Sister Teufel was mentioned for her splendid work as Div. Secretary and the Secretary of Aux. 40. The Nat. President was presented to the station under Old Glory which was placed to represent a camp. She was called upon for remarks and expressed her love and appreciation for the celebration. After her remarks she was escorted to the altar and presented with a handsome basket of flowers from the brothers of Anderson Camp who came out in large numbers to welcome her whom they love so well. Flowers from Brother and Sister Schmitt, flowers from Brother and President Krejling, flowers and vase from Sister Jennie Currah, comb and brush from Sister Carmel, gloves from the Elmsfield Society, and a beautiful silk dressing robe from Aux. 40. Sister Dwyer was not alone in receiving gifts. Flowers went to Nat. Sec. Kate Teufel from Aux. 10, by Div. Pres. H. Pottinger and Div. Treas. K. M. Rooney were presented with bouquets. They were thanked by their Div. officers who appreciated their thoughtfulness. Remarks were made by our two Past Div. Vice Presidents, Mary Klose of Albany and Mary H. Feldman of New York. Nat. President at this time appointed Sister Mary L. Loewenstein as her Nat. Special Aide. Outside Guard announced that Brother W. J. A. Rooney, John H. Traver and Brothers Watkins and Oliver of Co. S. V. of Co. G, 2nd Regt., were in waiting. They were welcomed and refreshments were served to all officers who danced and enjoyed, and we left for home. All with hopes and love for a most successful year for our beloved Nat. President, her Camp and Aux. Burial for Anderson Aux. for our Nat. President and Secretary and for Anderson Camp.

New Hampshire.
 Aux. 5, of Alton, held a meeting July 27. Although the night was very warm there were thirty-five present. Fine positions were received and three installed. Mrs. Annie Kimball from Farmington and Mrs. Edna Lamoye and Mrs. Ethel Sanborn from Lakesport, there being no S. V. A. in other town. The work was well done even with some of the regular officers absent. It was voted to purchase the yarn for an outfit for one of our young S. of V. who is now on the battleship New Hampshire, Frank Gray, who enlisted last spring. At the June meeting the silk quilt that was made by the members to raise money was discussed by Helot. Mrs. Gertrude McKinnon Secord, a bride of two weeks and one of our youngest members, held the winning number. About \$19 was realized. Ice cream was served after the close of our last meeting.—Edna B. Bassett, Press Cor.

Ohio.
 (From Division Order No. 2)
 The following Special Aides have been appointed to assist the Division President in building up the membership of Ohio Division and organizing new Auxs.: Past Nat. Pres. Kate G. Baynor, No. 65, Toledo; Past Nat. Pres. Maime E. Herbst, No. 5, Akron; Past Div. Pres. Mae E. Vollmer, No. 17, Columbus; Margaret Headington, No. 18, Mt. Vernon; Ella L. Hunt, No. 12, Logan; Charlotte Stockhat, No. 8, Akron.

The following Division Aides have been recommended and are appointed to serve on the staff: Katherine Volter, No. 100, Mansfield; Jessie H. Centani, No. 100, Ida S. Riley, No. 16, Zyrin; Anna Kulin, No. 71, St. Bernard; Adith McDowell, No. 17, Coshocton; Mellicie Burns, No. 93, Steubenville; Tina Stewart, No. 42, West Millgrove; Louise Crunk, No. 62, Newark; Mary Koht, No. 95, Ashland. Their duty will be the upbuilding of their own Aux. and the good of the order, and they will report to Div. Chief-of-Staff Jenn H. Bowers, No. 549, N. Broadway, New Philadelphia, who will have charge of all Aides.

The following sisters were appointed on the Christmas Committee for the O. S. & S. O. Home at Xenia: Chairwoman, Miss Grace L. Johnson, No. 64, Toledo; Mrs. Jean E. Bowers, No. 6, New Philadelphia; Mrs. Eva R. Chambers, No. 7, Cincinnati. Sisters, let us give cheerfully and liberally to this noble cause, for how could we better show that unselfish sentiment that should exist at the home Christmas time than by helping the boys and girls at this home to feel that we, too, think "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sister Ising of the last General Order, the Angel of Death, has visited the homes of several of our sisters. Miss Grace L. Johnson, No. 64, Toledo; Mrs. Jean E. Bowers, No. 6, Toledo; Katherine Skelton. To you we extend our kindest thoughts and deepest sympathy in this your hour of sorrow.

Aux. 12 at Logan, Ohio, have been doing some splendid work for their S. of V. members with the Women's Relief Corps. Lady Elks and Rebekahs, they made and presented 136 county kits to Co. G. Each kit contained in its well arranged pockets various small articles of value needed by the boys in camp, from Himble's thread, needles and pins up to a few buttons. Not the least part of the value attached to these gifts were from their very great serviceability as in the memory of the kindly interest that inspired their making and was passed into their structures. This Aux. has also held monthly socials at which delightful programs have been rendered by members having birthdays during that particular month, and light refreshments have been served.

Carrollton, No. 68 have been very busy during August and September. A "rainy kit" containing a shining stick, tooth brush, hair pins, comb, rubber soap, hand and white thread buttons, needles, pins and safety pins with other pockets for extras was made and equipped for each of the 140 S. S. boys leaving Carroll County. At the suggestion of the Aux. President who was also President of the local C. T. U. that union furnished a religious card, a pocket containing 12 home songs, "God's Word to the Soldiers" and a "Letter from Mother" for each kit. The kits were made \$211 with one large and seven small pockets and rolled very compactly. The Aux. will start to make more kits to Columbus for boys who were not so well satisfied. The order and friends have been knitting for the "Navy League" and to this date have knitted \$50 worth of yarn in about twenty sets of sweaters, waistlets and helms of uniforms. They expect to keep up this work as long as needed. Besides this nearly every sister belongs to the Red Cross and in doing "her bit" for that. The Aux. prepared a very elaborate chicken dinner for the last quota to leave and will do so for the next. Funds for these are contributed by various business men and organizations, who are glad to help sisters in their work. The County Fair will be held Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5, and a display of knitted coats and comfy kits will be made and funds collected to help on the work.

Columbus, Aug. 17—The week of July 28th our Aux. made \$178.50 serving dinner to the National Central Convention which met in the Memorial Hall. We donated \$25 to the Red Cross and \$5 to the Baby Camp Fund. We have organized a knitting class and many of our sisters are busy knitting scarfs, sweaters, waistlets and helms for the soldiers. The Aux. is buying the yarn and Sister Ida Schablich very kindly offered to teach any who wanted to learn how to knit.

Pennsylvania.
 On Sept. 8 the Lincoln Social journeyed by automobile to the home of

Sister Reifensider, of Colmar, Div. 1st. Inst. After a most enjoyable and eventful ride we arrived safe. Meeting was called in order by Vice Pres. Sister Reifensider, No. 29. We then sang "America" followed by the flag salute and reading of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg. Business session followed, after which we were entertained by sister Reifensider in a very splendid manner, when we were entertained to the dining room, to partake of a very luscious supper. Sister Mela thanked the sister for her hospitality and presented her with a marble bust of Lincoln, which was received with many thanks. After a very pleasant evening we returned home. All voted it a very pleasant occasion.

Aux. 38 had a very large attendance at their regular meeting. Three members were initiated, and one reinitiated. Our delegate brought back a very interesting report from the convention which convened at Johnston. Our boys and girls committees are meeting with quite a success. All are interested and seem to be in good cheer. No. 38 met Friday eve, Aug. 17, in Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Our Pres., Sister Prudy Coleman opened in regular form with 39 members in attendance. One was initiated and one reinitiated. Several of our Camp brothers were visiting and gave us words of praise. The Aux. is doing real actual work. Our Pres. addresses strictly to rules and regulations which makes the work interesting. Our work and means committee keeps quite busy.

Scranton—July 6, S. of V. Aux. entertained about 200 members and guests of Aux. 10 and made merry at a reception in Memorial Hall in honor of Mrs. Laura Euloch, Div. Pres. of S. of V. Aux. of Pa. Mrs. Mary Reifensider, Div. Sec. and P. C. J. L. Vliet, Div. Judge Advocate. Following a general business session an enjoyable musical program was given. A quartet composed of Mrs. J. M. Aesher, Mrs. Mary Reifensider, Mrs. Laura Euloch and Mrs. Fred Morton, sang several numbers. Several solos were sung by Mrs. Jennie Stetson, and accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Ryan. At the close of the program refreshments were served under direction of Mrs. J. L. Vliet, chairlady of entertainment committee.

Aux. 82—Col. Ed Schall Camp 82 tendered a banquet to Aux. 82, Lansdale, Wednesday eve, June 27, in honor of one of their members, Sister Wilhelm Reifensider, having been duly elected and installed at the last Div. Encampment as Div. Inst. Aux. 82 is in a flourishing condition, having taken in a number of new members this last quarter.

Aux. 12—This entertainment committee of the Aux. gave a successful block party on Aug. 25 from which over \$42 was realized. The same committee intend giving a euchre in the near future. Aux. 12 is still going forward.

Aux. 28 had an excellent time the last meeting night and the ways and means committee are sure are making good. They rendered valuable service at the G. A. R. picnic in the Memorial Hall on the 27th of September. The ladies are proud of the one hundred mark by the close of the membership rally. Every means of progress has been work for the benefit of the Aux.—Mrs. Edna B. Woods, P. C.

Wisconsin.
 August meeting of Aux. 1, of Racine, was one long to be remembered not only by the members but also by the G. A. R. Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans. The meeting was followed by a reception in honor of our newly elected Division officers: Miss Nellie Healey, Div. Pres.; Miss Myrna McNamara, Div. Sec., and Mrs. Anna Poehlmann, Div. Press Cor. A patriotic program was carried out with the following numbers: Vocal solo by Rose Pell with Genevieve Loper at the piano; recitation by Rae Giesey; reading by Mrs. Catherine W. Jensen; piano solo by Marie Quinn. After singing of "America" by the audience they marched to the dining room where a luncheon was served. The guests included the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons and of Veterans. The presence of Past Div. Pres. Mrs. Goldsmith was much appreciated. Toasts were given and responded to after which recognition pins were presented to the new officers. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.—Mrs. H. Pottmann, D. T. C.