

Joseph A. Mass

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Fortieth
Annual Encampment
OF THE
Commandery-in-Chief
SONS of VETERANS
U. S. A.



HELD AT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 27-28-29
1921



PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 15	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 25-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected.	Name.	Division	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		July 8, 1907
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		May 1, 1899
1883	†A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		January 12, 1889
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penna.	October 19, 1901
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		June 14, 1917
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		
1889	†George W. Marks	New York	537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	December 21, 1902
1889	*Charles P. Griffin	Indiana		February 22, 1892
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		
1891	*George T. Brown	New York		
1891	Edwin T. Karp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York	2 Rector St., New York, N. Y.	
1892	†Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1892	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	198 Trenton St., Boston, Mass.	August 16, 1903
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio		
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kansas	January 19, 1920
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania		
1897	Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.	
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	October 6, 1918
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio		
1899	†R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	November 24, 1912
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania		
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Florida	February 7, 1912
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		November 2, 1915
1902	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island		February 14, 1918
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois		
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	November 26, 1920
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	Altoona, Pa.	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1901 Peoples' State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, Penna.	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	297 Johnston Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1917	Fred. T. P. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.	
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	4223 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1919	Harry D. Slason	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Massachusetts	
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	State House, Lincoln, Nebraska	

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

‡Not a Member.

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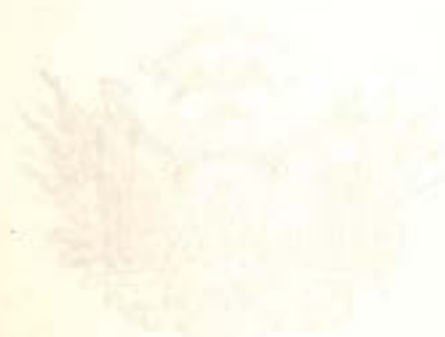
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at two o'clock P. M., Tuesday, September 27th, 1921, in Convention Hall, Denison Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, by Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows.

Commander-in-Chief: The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will come to order. Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois, will act as Guide; Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin, Color Bearer.

If there are any honorably discharged soldiers and Veterans of the Civil War present, will they please rise. (Four Veterans arose.)

We welcome your presence here, Comrades, and would be glad to have you remain, and by remaining we take it that you pledge yourselves not to reveal any of the proceedings of this Encampment, and by your remaining we accept this obligation from you.

Commander-in-Chief: Inspector and Guide, you will make the rounds of the Encampment and ascertain if all are entitled to remain. Brothers Phillips and Bogart will take up the password.

Brother Bogart reported all on the right entitled to remain. Brother Phillips reported two brothers without the password, but properly vouched for.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, we meet here in our Fortieth Annual Encampment to review the work of the past and plan for the future. I trust our deliberations will prove a credit to the Order and insure us a great future. It is, indeed, a pleasure for all of us to come back to Indianapolis. They used us so nicely a year ago, I know they will again. I trust as we go from here we will always have a warm spot in our hearts for this beautiful city, and remember the Fortieth Encampment as one of the best we have ever held.

The National Chaplain, Rev. W. B. Hartzog, will invoke the Divine Blessing. The Color Bearer will present the Colors. Following the invocation the Commander-in-Chief announced:

I now declare this Encampment open for the transaction of such business as may come before it. Guard, you will admit all who are entitled to enter.

National Patriotic Instructor William H. Hyden: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to take a moment's time if there is no objection.

Commander-in-Chief: No objection; proceed.

National Patriotic Instructor Hyden: Commander-in-Chief Barrows, the boys of the California Division remember your visit to us, and as a member of your official staff I want to present to you something that you can use and keep, and we wish you to use it in this Convention. It is this gavel made from the redwood of California. The silver comes from the mines of Nevada; the inscription was put on there by a Son of a Veteran. Please use it.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Hyden, convey to the California Division my appreciation of this gavel. If the wielding of it brings as happy recollections to the givers as I have of my visit to California, there will be no regrets. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the roll call of the Commandery-in-Chief. Secretary, call the roll.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Lincoln, Neb.; F. C. Focht, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, of Indiana; E. H. Milham, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, of Minnesota; Rossiter J. Williams, of Ohio; William H. Klein, of New York; Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine, members of the Council-in-Chief; Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, of Pennsylvania.

National Secretary-Treasurer: Commander-in-Chief, the roll is called; all present but National Counselor Bryson.

Commander-in-Chief: Everybody is here but one. It is very unfortunate that National Counselor Bryson was called to New York. He may be back before this Encampment is over. He wished me to give his regards to all the members.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the appointment of the Committee on Credentials. I will announce the whole list of Committees and have that matter out of the way.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
Past Division Commander F. E. Watson, Indiana.
Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, New Hampshire.
Delegate William F. Jenkins, Illinois.
Division Commander C. Randall Bubb, Washington & Oregon.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Past Commander-in-Chief N. J. McGuire, Indiana.
Delegate Leon E. Moore, Maine.
Past Division Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, Indiana.
Past Division Commander, Victor C. Phillips, Alabama & Tennessee.

Past Division Commander Louis H. Knox, Rhode Island.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. D. Sisson, Massachusetts.
Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, Ohio.
Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York.
Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania.
Past Division Commander F. P. Corrick, Nebraska.
Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, Wisconsin.
Past Division Commander W. H. Hyden, California.
National Chaplain Rev. W. B. Harizog, Michigan.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, Kansas.
Division Commander Fred E. Upham, Massachusetts.
Division Commander Don D. Donnan, Iowa.
Division Commander Frank A. DeGroot, Maryland.
Delegate F. C. Martin, California.

RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mable, Pennsylvania.
Commander D. L. Snook, Michigan.
Past Division Commander D. D. Sharp, Minnesota.
Division Commander Herman Schroeder, New Jersey.
Division Commander W. B. Martin, Ohio.

RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, Ohio.
Division Commander L. H. Gordon, Vermont.
Division Commander A. Huelsman, Wisconsin.
Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Maryland.
Division Commander George W. Laff, New York.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania.
Past Commander-in-Chief P. T. F. Johnson, Maryland.
Delegate L. W. Garrouette, Nebraska.
Past Division Commander Clifford C. Ireland, Illinois.
Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse, Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief: You will notice the Committee on Fraternal Relations is larger than usual, composed of eight names. Instead of appointing five for each organization and taking so many out of the Encampment at the same time, I have appointed eight, and they can divide the delegation up as they wish; that is, two going to each society, or all going together. I recommend in this case that someone be selected to make the Fraternal Relations speech and not take up so much of the time of the other organizations. I hope this will meet with your approval.

We will have the report of the Committee on Credentials.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Credentials respectfully submits the following report:

Temporary Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A., Hotel Denison.

Indianapolis, Indiana, September 27, 1921.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers of the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers: The Committee on Credentials reports that all Divisions except the Division of Missouri, which has not rendered Division Chaplain's report, are entitled to representation in this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAMMER, Chairman.
MICHAEL CROWLEY.
WILL F. JENKINS.
F. E. WATSON.
C. RANDALL BUBB.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the temporary report of the Committee, so far as made, be adopted, and that these names be accredited as the preliminary roll call. Motion duly seconded and adopted. The list of names are as follows:

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

- *Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief,
State House, Lincoln, Neb.
- *F. C. Focht, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Winchester, Ind.
- *E. H. Milham, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
1615 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
- *R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief,
Room 28, City Hall, Columbus, Ohio
- *William H. Klein, Council-in-Chief,
Northup Station, Postoffice, Syracuse, N. Y.
- *Ralph H. Burbank, Council-in-Chief,
156 Alfred St., Biddeford, Maine
- *H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer,
Colonial Bldg., Reading, Pa.
- C. A. Bryson, National Counselor, Iowa Falls, Iowa
- *Rev. W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Mason, Mich.
- *William H. Hyden, National Patriotic Instructor,
1014 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.
- *Henry Stewart, Acting Chief of Staff, Gettysburg, Pa.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

- Louis M. Wagner, 422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bartow S. Weeks, 2 Rector St., New York City, N. Y.
- Joseph B. Maccabe, 198 Trenton St., E. Boston, Boston, Mass.
- Edwin Earp, Lynn, Mass.
- *William H. Russell, La Crosse, Kan.
- R. M. J. Reed, 2232 W. Huntington St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Charles K. Darling, 610 Exchange Building, Boston, Mass.
- *Frank L. Shepard, 108 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- *Edward R. Campbell, Clermont, Florida
- *H. V. Speelman, 1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- Ralph Sheldon, Lyons, N. Y.
- Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- George W. Pollitt, 113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.
- Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
- *Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Ralph M. Grant, 902 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
- *John E. Sautter, 405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
- *Charles F. Sherman, 46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- *A. E. B. Stephens, 207 Johnston Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio
- *Wm. T. Church, 108 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- *P. T. F. Johnson, McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.
- Francis Callahan, 4333 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- *Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.

*Present.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

- Frank H. Challis, 15 Pleasant St., Manchester, N. H.
- E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio
- R. M. J. Reed, 2232 W. Huntington St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Raphael Tobias, Room 607, 280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.

- R. M. J. Reed, 2232 W. Huntington St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio
- Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.

Divisions

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE.

- Com., George P. Schlocker, 726 Looney St., Memphis, Tenn.
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- Wm. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Valentine Gilb, Jr., Box 146, Birmingham, Ala.
- Edgar R. Carter, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Leon W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.
- Orville H. Hall, Atlanta, Ga.
- Ivan A. Miller, Ensley, Ala.
- John F. Ehrhart, 1729 Second Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
- Joseph H. Larimore, Birmingham, Ala.
- W. A. J. Moore, Florida
- A. Ellwyn Ballard, Birmingham, Ala.
- *Henry M. Austin, Bedford City, Va.
- Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.
- Sylvester A. Arrico, Gulfport, Miss.
- John Tinker, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Clark E. Bradford, Chattanooga, Tenn.
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- Charles L. Stapleton, 714 N. 22nd St., Birmingham, Ala.
- Frederick M. Norcross, 1020 Overton Park Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
- *Victor P. Philippi, 12 N. Idlewild Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
- Delegate, *George E. Whitman, Fitzgerald, Ga.
- Alternate, S. A. Pickering, Memphis, Tenn.

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- E. W. Conant, San Jose, Cal.
- Fred V. Wood, Oakland, Cal.
- Charles L. Pierce, Oakland, Cal.
- *Harry T. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.
- A. G. Bennett, San Jose, Cal.

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 Edgar Payton, City Hall, Colorado Springs, Col.
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 Charles Fisher Andrew, Longmont, Col.
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 Dwight H. Bathurst, 803 East 6th St., Long Beach, Cal.
 *J. E. Hopkins, Stockton, Cal.
 *F. A. Callerin, Los Angeles, Cal.
 *P. E. Newman, Santa Ana, Cal.

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	Geo. F. Ogden,	Laketon, Ind.
	*E. E. Friedline,	Jonesboro, Ind.
	*L. A. Handley,	Richmond, Ind.
	T. W. Blair,	Fort Wayne, Ind.
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	*A. W. McDaniel,	Valparaiso, Ind.
	*A. L. McConkey,	Bloomington, Ind.
	*F. C. Focht,	Winchester, Ind.
	*George Matthews,	Richmond, Ind.
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	*T. W. Lindsey,	Evansville, Ind.
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	*James Cook,	Danville, Ind.

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Harry S. Howard, Burlington, Vt.
Roy J. Brown, Brandon, Vt.
George T. Brigham, Barre, Vt.
Arthur W. Robinson, Barre, Vt.
R. B. Gleason, Manchester Center, Vt.
John P. Hoadley, Wallingford, Vt.
A. L. Ware, Chester, Vt.
Charles G. Daniels, Rutland, Vt.
Israel Lassor, Rutland, Vt.
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*L. W. Hammond, Everett, Wash.

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A. G. Braband, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. H. Hudson, Madison, Wis.
John A. Hazelwood, Madison, Wis.
*Felix A. Kremer, Phillips, Wis.

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J. E. Waldron,	Eau Claire, Wis.
B. S. Fox,	Plover, Wis.
W. C. Winter,	La Crosse, Wis.
H. S. Siggelko,	Boyd Block, Madison, Wis.
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Delegates,

DIVISIONS' REPRESENTATION AND NUMBER OF VOTES.

"All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

"One Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

"Elective and Appointive Officers * * * — Constitution and Regulations, Commandery-in-Chief, Chapter 3, Article 2.

Division	Membership	Number Delegates	Const. Life Membs.	Past G.D. Coms.	Past Coms.-in-Chief	Div. Commanders	Total Vote	Roll			
								1st Sec'n	2nd Sec'n	3rd Sec'n	Total
Ala. & Tenn.	217	1				1	33	3			3
Cal. & Pac.	1541	4				1	34	6			6
Connecticut	2478	6			1	1	28	2	1		3
Illinois	2109	5			1	1	33	11	6		17
Indiana	1370	4	1		1	1	28	18	4		22
Iowa	1026	3				1	12	1			1
Kansas	806	3			1	1	26	1	1		2
Maine	2101	5				1	33	2			2
Maryland	521	2				1	26	6			6
Massachusetts	8205	17				1	50	8	1		9
Michigan	744	2				1	20	7		1	8
Minnesota	563	2				1	18	2			2
Missouri	612	2				1	20				
Nebraska	738	2				1	15	3	1		4
New Hampshire	1162	3		1			26	3			3
New Jersey	1693	4			1	1	29	3			3
New York	4906	11		1	3	1	43	7	7		14
Ohio	4606	10	1	1	2	1	45	14			21
Pennsylvania	13295	28	1		3	1	60	11	20		31
Rhode Island	490	2				1	19	3			3
Vermont	1205	3				1	30	2			2
Wash. & Oregon	623	2				1	16	3			3
Wisconsin	1124	3				1	23	5			5
Total	52135	124	3	3	22	482	23	657	121	48	1170

Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business is the reports of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move that the report of the Commander-in-Chief be read by the Commander-in-Chief and that all other officers' reports be submitted to the Committee on Officers' Reports by reading the title. Adopted.

Past Division Commander J. C. Beekman, of Illinois: I move that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief occupy the chair while the Commander-in-Chief reads his report. Motion adopted, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief F. C. Foelt assumed the chair.

Commander-in-Chief Barrows read his report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Sept. 1, 1921.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Just one year ago in this beautiful and hospitable City of Indianapolis, I received at your hands the responsibility which in a few hours will be placed upon the shoulders of another, selected by you in the same manner in which you showed your confidence in your present Commander-in-Chief, and he too will enter the work with the same determination that has possessed every Brother elected to the position, to make the year of his administration one which would mean much to the organization which had honored him and which we all love so well.

That they were disappointed perhaps, as I have been disappointed, that the growth in the membership of the Sons of Veterans did not meet with the success we so much desired, may be true. For many long years we waited for the time to come when our fathers would say to us, "We are ready for you," and it is perhaps natural after waiting all those years, that when the call did come we would find it hard work to get out of the dormant condition we had been in so long and arise to the responsibilities of the work. We have not been able to make our Organization the great organization it should be, and oftentimes during the year now passing I have been asked the reason why the Sons of Veterans Organization did not take the place it should take.

Answering that question I will do so by calling your attention to a paragraph in the report of Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, made one year ago, in which I believed he sized up the situation in the right way. He said:

"You men sitting in this Encampment today have the ability and the energy to put across any large undertaking which might arrest your attention. There is no doubt about it. With the ability, the push, the pull and the purpose, nothing could stop you."

How true that is. As I look over this Encampment I see men, who if I had some great problem in business which I wanted to have solved; some great undertaking which I wanted made a success, could be found by the dozen, and who if they would, have the ability to solve that problem and the push to make it a success. What is the reason that the same degree of

energy and effort is not put into the building up of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans?

The trouble is that we do not take the same degree of interest in the building of our Organization that we take in other affairs which we like to see a success. There is not a Brother attending this Encampment but would like to see the Sons of Veterans reach a membership of 1,000,000. What effort are you making to carry out that desire? With what degree of energy are you backing up that hope?

If some good Brother attending this Encampment should make up his mind when he goes home, that he would like to enter some business enterprise, what would he do? Would he rent a building off on a side street, fill it up with a stock of goods and then sit down and wait for people to hunt him up and purchase of his wares? If so it would not be a very long time before we would hear that our good Brother had gone out of business. But if this Brother would show the degree of energy he is capable of, we would see him displaying his stock of goods in the most attractive manner and would advertise in the newspapers where he could be found and the class of goods he had for sale and do it in the most attractive way. The result would be that the store of this Brother would very soon become an attractive place to trade and the business would be a success.

In this same way must we let the people know that there is an Organization of the Sons of Veterans, an Organization which means a great deal and one which has a future; that we belong to it and that we are proud of it, and of the heritage which has been left us. We must make our Organization attractive; we must advertise, not perhaps in the same way that a merchant would advertise, but in the many ways which would mean so much toward better things. When we put the energy into our Organization that we put into our business, then will we reach the much desired 1,000,000 mark and not before.

VISITATIONS.

It has been my privilege to travel during the past year from one end of the United States to the other in the interests of our Organization. Since I received at your hands the responsibility which you intrusted to me as your Commander-in-Chief, I have tried to make every effort count. On January 1st of this year I gave up my newspaper position, and with the exception of the three months in which I presided over the Nebraska State Senate, have devoted my entire time to the work of trying to build up our Organization. In February I had the pleasure of being present at the annual gathering in Philadelphia where the Brothers of that City and State meet to celebrate the birth of Abraham Lincoln. During that trip I visited the Divisions of Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, holding meetings in from one to three cities in those Divisions. It was also my pleasure to be invited to speak to both of the branches of the legislature of Indiana, New York and Massachusetts, and on each occasion I let the members know that there was such an Organization as the Sons of Veterans and that it was doing a great work and fully alive to its responsibilities.

In May I visited the Division of California and on this occasion I took advantage of the fact that I had traveled a long way,

and visited several cities in that State where we had an organization, delivering addresses in each of them. On my return trip I visited the Division Encampments of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. In June I visited the Encampments of Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio and Michigan. I have also made several shorter trips in the interests of the Organization, so that since my election as Commander-in-Chief I have traveled approximately 17,000 miles, have visited sixteen of the twenty-three Divisions of the Commandery-in-Chief and have delivered about eighty addresses. I therefore feel that I am in a position to say that the Organization is awakening to its responsibilities; that the members are taking a greater interest in the work and that all over this broad land the spirit of patriotism inherited from our fathers is being kindled anew.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

The report of the National Secretary one year ago showed a membership in good standing June 30 of 51,162 distributed among 1,057 Camps. The report of Sept. 30 showed a gain of 294 members, but a loss of six Camps. The quarter ending December 31 showed a loss of all we had gained, the membership being 50,969 with another drop in the number of Camps to 1,031. However the March report brought considerable hope, for we had made a gain in membership, giving us 51,416, but the Camps had dropped to 1,017. This was a gain of 354 members over the report of June 30, 1920, but a loss of 40 Camps.

This upon the face of the report looked decidedly discouraging, but I had faith to believe that better things were coming and when the reports of June 30 of this year came in, it showed the membership to be 52,135, a gain of 1,073 for the year, but we have 35 less Camps than one year ago. However I am looking for the report for this quarter to show a decided gain in membership. New Division Commanders, in many instances have been at work and one especially who was re-elected for another term has been doing splendid work and as a result I confidently expect the September report for this quarter to show a membership of at least 53,000.

While I had expected a much greater increase a year ago, I am pretty well satisfied with the result when it is taken into consideration that the financial condition which has worked so heavy a hardship on all kinds of activities in business life, has had a like tendency to hamper organization work in our Order.

DROPPED CAMPS.

Just a word regarding the loss of Camps in the dropped column. This is due to that fact that in some Divisions Camps appear to have been carried for some time because it was felt that there might come a resurrection day and it would therefore pay to take the chance that they would again get in line if allowed to stay in good standing. In a great many instances this has not been shown to work out, and one Division at one time dropped 26 Camps with a total membership of 425.

In connection with this subject I want to emphasize what National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer has to say in his report regarding the transfer of members belonging to dropped Camps. Almost invariably in the case of dropped Camps there are doubtless some members who if the matter was put up to them

in the proper way, would be glad to take a transfer card and place it in some near-by Camp and thus continue their affiliation with the Organization. A great many of these probably do not know that this can be done and I would urge upon all Division Commanders to make this one of the considerations before a Camp is dropped. We cannot afford to let members drop from the ranks who would like to retain their membership in the Sons of Veterans, even though it be in a Camp outside of their residence town.

Greater interest should be taken in these matters. Not long since a Camp was dropped in one Division with a membership of 37, one in another Division with a membership of 30, while another Division dropped a Camp also with 30 members. A Camp with 34 members was dropped in another Division. I do not know whether any effort was made to save any of these members to the Order and I do not wish to criticize a Division Commander because so large a Camp was lost, but it seems to me that in a Camp with so large a membership, there ought to be enough good loyal brothers who would be willing to continue the organization of the Camp and not allow it to go out of existence. Patriotism and appreciation of the duty they owe the memory of their fathers must be at low ebb in any community, where a Camp with that number of members does not contain enough good loyal Sons who want to keep up the Camp.

THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER.

I now approach a subject in which I feel that I am perhaps inviting considerable criticism and opposition. However I am not going to shirk what I believe is my duty just because it may not be popular in this Encampment. The time has come when we should get down to business principles—the same business principles we would use and do use in our own business affairs, if we desire to get results in the future. I shall endeavor to cover this subject as it relates to the head office of the Commandery-in-Chief, and I am going to give you the benefit of the knowledge that has come to me through the experience which I have had during my incumbency of the office of Commander-in-Chief.

It has been our custom in the past years to permit a Commander-in-Chief to hold office but one year. The effect has been that just when he is in a position to go out and get results because of the experience he has had during the year; just when he has become acquainted with conditions throughout the jurisdiction and knows just where work is needed and where it should be done, he steps out and a new man is elected to the place who goes through the same experience, and then he steps down and the same tactics are continued, and this goes on year after year. Then we get together in Annual Encampment and wonder why it is that our Organization does not grow and take its place where it should be. A business man who would change his managerial head every year, just when that head had got well started, would never make a success of his business nor would that business succeed and grow. Then why should we as an Organization keep in effect a system that is recognized in every business activity as a block to growth and success.

We should get away from the idea of electing a Brother as Commander-in-Chief just because he is a good fellow and is

therefore entitled to the honor of being Commander-in-Chief. Is the man bigger than the Organization, or is the Organization and its welfare of more importance than the Brother? If we expect to grow, then let us use growing principles.

Along these same lines I feel that the time has come when our Organization should get away from the principle of seeing how little money we can spend and get into one of spending money to get results. We pay our Secretary-Treasurer \$3,500 a year. Why? Because he is worth it and gets results in the business office. Then why not give the Commander-in-Chief a sufficient amount so that he can go out and get results without having to dip down into his own private funds. I do not believe it is the right principle to elect a man to the head of this Organization and expect him to keep it going and build it up out of his own income. If our Organization is big enough and important enough so that we want it to become a factor in the future, it should be big enough and broad enough to at least pay its head officer sufficient so that he can go out and get results. Under present conditions a Commander-in-Chief has to step one side and see opportunities pass by or else go down into his own pocket and use his own funds to do for the Organization what it should gladly do for itself. Are we going to keep it up? I want to say that during the past year one of the great regrets of the year has been that I have been forced to let opportunities pass, where I know I could have gone and helped organizations get a foothold and encourage them in the work. I have simply had to pass them because of this reason.

I do not want the Brothers of this Encampment to think for a moment that I have any regrets as I go out of office, other than the one that I have been compelled for want of funds to pass up many opportunities where our Order could have been strengthened simply for the reason I have mentioned. I have tried to do my duty to the Order and I feel that there has been a foundation laid so that we cannot afford to let the next year slip by without building upon that foundation. I am not worrying at all about future financial conditions as regards myself, but I am worrying over the thought that perhaps my successor may not be able to give the personal attention to the work which I feel just at this time it demands and which if followed up will mean so much for the future, just because of reasons mentioned above.

This is not a bid for re-election. Although I have received several communications urging me to take the office again if the Encampment so willed, I could not do so for physical reasons. For fear that I might be misunderstood in that regard I have hesitated to touch upon this subject, but I would be recreant to the trust you placed in me one year ago, did I not, if I have learned anything by experience during the year, pass it on to you, even though I might be misunderstood. If I am getting in bad because I am expressing my convictions, it would not be the first time I have been criticized for expressing views which seemed unpopular. I want to see the Organization of the Sons of Veterans grow; I want to see it arise to its responsibilities; but until we get away from the system which has proven a failure for many years and adopt the same business principles which ordinary business recognizes as the road to success, we will never reach the goal of our ambitions.

We now allow the Commander-in-Chief \$1,500 for all the expenses of his office. Notwithstanding the raise in railroad fare and everything in connection, this amount has not been changed in three years, and it is impossible, if a Commander-in-Chief expects to do things to do it on that allowance, and I believe the time has come when a very substantial increase should be made to that sum.

I will make no recommendation in this regard however. I am simply giving to the Commandery-in-Chief the information which I have gained from experience, and I think every Past Commander-in-Chief in the Encampment will agree with me that the situation is as they have found it, although they may not agree with me as to the remedy.

At the present time we are receiving nine cents per quarter as per capita tax on each member in good standing or thirty-six cents per year. I believe that if the per capita tax was raised one cent per quarter on each member, or four cents per year, that it would go a long way toward bringing results and I do not believe there is a member of the Order but what would be glad to give four cents each year toward the fund for the purpose of seeing the Order grow. On this number, with the membership as at present, 52,155, the amount raised would be \$521.35 per quarter or \$2,085 per year, which with the usual appropriation of \$1,500 would give the amount for the Commander-in-Chief, \$3,585. I think the amount could easily be raised to \$4,000, which would include all expenses of that office and would enable the head of this Order to go out and get results.

This increase would not be felt by the different Divisions to any great extent. Perhaps the ones which would feel the raise the most are those with a membership of less than 1,000, and I do not think there are any of them but would be glad to see a greater activity along organization lines taken by the Commandery-in-Chief.

I am of the opinion that under the conditions which would come from a change in the custom of electing a Commander-in-Chief for only one year, but elect him as long as he produced results, and the small raise in the per capita tax, a better condition would exist. When a business man wants to increase his business he spends money to do so. If we really want to increase the membership of the Sons of Veterans, let us show that we are willing to spend the money to get it.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Our associations with the Grand Army of the Republic during the official year just coming to a close, have been most pleasant. However as one comes in close companionship with the grand men who have done so much for our country, there comes a degree of sadness as we see them marching out in such large numbers to the call from the Other Shore. During the year there has gone out from our midst thousands of these heroes and it simply indicates that not many years more can we expect to have any of them with us. All too soon the call will come; there will be no occasion for us to gather and bear to the last resting place all that remains of the one who fought so nobly and so well under the call of Abraham Lincoln, and when the last brave veteran has been laid to rest; when we have heard for the last time those old heroes as they so affect-

ingly sing "Dropping from the ranks one by one," standing by the casket of the one gone on before, then will come our hardest work. When the last veteran has passed on we must not think that our mission as Sons of Veterans has ended; we must not feel that the work no longer needs our assistance; on the other hand our real work will be before us and it will be all the harder to carry out that work, because we will not have the inspiration which has come to us from the daily association of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic with us. So in the years to come it stands us in hand to so build our Organization that when the time comes to take up the work where the last hero of the Civil War shall lay it down, we can do so in such a way that we can feel somehow those men have knowledge of our work and are giving it their approval.

We should then endeavor to live up to the principles for which they fought and the heritage which they are all too swiftly entrusting to our care. We must prove true to that heritage. We cannot afford to stand one side and allow others to take up the work which rightfully belongs to us. I feel that our fathers would sleep more peacefully in their graves if they could only know that their own sons were each Memorial Day spreading upon their graves the flowers which grow and blossom for that sacred duty, rather than that strangers should do it.

THE HEROES OF OTHER WARS.

This is a subject I approach with a great deal of hesitancy because of the fact that there has been so much misunderstanding of the true situation as far as our rights as Sons of the Union Veterans are concerned. It has been openly said that there is no longer any occasion for the continuance of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans because a younger body of veterans have come upon the scene and they will take over the work of looking after the welfare of the Veterans of the Civil War.

This is a mistake, a grievous mistake. If any Son of a Veteran has any idea that the coming upon the scene of these younger veterans relieves him of the responsibility which is his by heritage and is willing to turn that responsibility over to strangers, a heritage bought with precious blood and great sacrifice, he should stop right now and ponder over the situation. At no time in our history have our responsibilities as Sons of Veterans faced us with greater weight; at no time in our whole existence has the call to duty been more urgent, for not only must we bear the responsibilities which come to us naturally by reason of birth as the sons of our fathers, but we must in addition take on the added responsibilities which come to us because of the coming of these new veterans, many of whom are our own sons. Never since the Grand Army of the Republic came marching home after four years of terrible conflict for the preservation of the Union has any army faced such problems as these younger veterans are facing today and must face in the future. These problems are facing them in almost heart-breaking ways and instead of expecting them to shoulder responsibilities which are our own by right of heritage, we must help them to bear their burdens by giving them all the assistance we can in their efforts to secure what rightfully belongs to them as the defenders of those great principles laid down in

the constitution, and for which Washington fought and Lincoln and Grant preserved, with the help of our fathers. Thousands of brave Union Veterans went to their graves without receiving from the Government the care and assistance which should have been given them, and it is up to us, the sons of those men, to see that the younger veterans are given the rights which were denied our fathers and that this Government is truly responsive to the needs of the veterans who saved the world from the awful fate of despotism. As sons of the men who wore the uniform of Uncle Sam and followed Old Glory through many a battle, we must see that every man who has ever worn that uniform in the defense of the Star Spangled Banner is treated with the consideration which should be given every defender of the principles of our government, whether it may have been on the blood stained fields of the Sunny South, the Islands of Cuba and the Philippines or the battle swept lands of France and Belgium.

It is our right to care for the veterans of the Civil War, to act as their escort on all occasions, when so invited, and to be in deed as well as fact the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War.

THE CHANGE IN OUR NAME.

Year after year our National Encampments have been asked to change the name of our Organization to that of the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic. Frankly I am not in a position to make any recommendation along this line. At times I have felt that to change the name of our Order to the one suggested would be the proper thing to do and if I thought that by so doing it would inspire in the hearts of our membership a degree of activity which has not been inspired by the old or present name I might favor the change. Some have suggested that there are hundreds of our members whose father never belonged to the G. A. R. and therefore they would be placed in a false position. This might be true did the new name really mean that, but as I understand it the reference to the Grand Army of the Republic simply means all of that grand army of men who served from the opening of the war until the close and does not refer to the organization of the G. A. R. Another objection to our present name is that there are some new veterans from later wars and that the name "Son of a Veteran" in coming years would be open to explanation as to which war their fathers served in, and therefore a more distinctive name would be better for our Organization. Others favor the retention of our present name because we have had it so long that it has become well known to which army of veterans we belong, and that to change after forty years existence would be a great mistake. There have been other reasons given why the name should be changed and why it should not be changed, and it is up to this Encampment to settle the matter, and in settling it I trust that it will be done in such a way that we will not have to thresh the proposition out in coming Encampments again for sometime. What action is taken in the matter should be final, at least for some years, for continual agitation does not tend to help build up the Organization and whether the change is made or not, in the interests of the Organization both sides should accept the verdict as final.

However, before this Encampment takes any action regarding the changing of our name to that of Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, we must first ascertain whether such action is desired by that organization or whether it would be acceptable. Unless the Comrades of the G. A. R. favor such action we would be making a very grievous mistake to change our name to Sons of the G. A. R. without their approval. I have been told that they do approve such action and I have been told that they do not approve it, and until they by a resolution passed in their National Encampment give us the authority, so that there will be no question as to their feelings in the matter, this or any other Encampment has no right to make the change, no matter how much we might wish to do so.

THE NEW RITUAL.

It was to be expected that the new Constitution and Ritual adopted at the last Encampment would not please everybody and that perhaps there were some parts which might be improved upon. That this is true has been evidenced several times during the year when I have been asked to give information as to why this part or that part had been left out.

The portion which appears to have met with the most criticism is the initiation ceremony of the Ritual where the passages of scripture, a part of the Chaplain's work, were eliminated. I have been asked if there was any thing that prohibited a Camp from using that part if it so desired. I have also been asked quite frequently why the Ritual in the opening ceremonies did not include the members of the allied organizations besides the G. A. R.

While I do not care to recommend a change in the Ritual, I am convinced that there are a very large portion of our members who would like to see the Chaplain's work of the old Ritual restored, in connection with the initiatory ceremonies.

OUR AUXILIARY.

My report of the work of the year would not be complete did I not express my appreciation of the work of our Auxiliary. The Sons of Veterans are indeed fortunate to have allied with it such a band of energetic loyal women who are doing so much to assist us in every way to do the work we are expected to do. Especially to National President Blanche L. Beverstock I want to express my appreciation for the valuable assistance she has given wherever she has been. In all her travels she has been a wonderful inspiration, not only to her own organization, but to ours as well, which has received from her a new incentive to greater effort along the lines we are so much interested in.

It is a fact worthy of much comment that wherever there is an Auxiliary attached to a Camp of the Sons of Veterans, we have little trouble in their keeping in line and performing the work for which they were organized. These Camps are generally alive to their responsibilities, while on the other hand it is very seldom or ever that a Camp drops from the roll, when it has an Auxiliary in connection with it. Every Brother attending this Encampment can carry back with him to his Camp and Division a valuable asset if he will resolve to see that there are more Auxiliaries connected with the Camps of his Division. The Auxiliary is doing a wonderful work and it stands ready and anxious to help whenever assistance is needed.

OUR ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

To the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic I must convey my feelings of gratitude and appreciation for the assistance they have given us during the year. It has been my pleasure to address several Encampments of these organizations and I have found them very responsive to any appeals made for their help in our work. They have been of much assistance to us and would be more, if we would only give them the chance. In some Divisions members of these organizations have rendered valuable assistance and in several cases coming under my attention they have alone secured enough names to a charter application to secure a Camp of the Sons of Veterans. A Division Commander is losing much of his effectiveness if he does not call upon the members of these organizations for assistance.

The Daughters of Veterans, while not our official auxiliary, are doing a good work for our Organization in many states. In one Division especially, where there is no Auxiliary, the Daughters of Veterans are doing very effective work for the Sons of Veterans. I want to express to them my appreciation of their work in helping us to carry out the principles for which we are banded together.

THE S. V. RESERVE.

Unfortunately, because of certain unforeseen conditions, I have not been able to give the attention to the Sons of Veterans Reserve that I had intended. The sudden death of Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies was a great loss to that organization as well as to the Commandery-in-Chief. The lack of authority on the part of the Commander-in-Chief to fill the vacancy and the expense of calling the Council-in-Chief in session to elect a successor, left only one alternative, and that was to appoint an acting head, which I did in the person of Adjutant General Henry Stewart of the Reserve, who has had charge since that time.

The membership of the Reserve is distributed among several Divisions, the Pennsylvania Division having the bulk of the membership. By consulting the report of the Acting Chief-of-Staff you can discover how this membership is divided. I firmly believe that with proper organization and attention the Reserve can be made a much better military branch of our Order and that the Commandery-in-Chief should give it more encouragement.

Nothing makes the heart of the G. A. R. veteran beat stronger, than to see our boys marching by clad in the familiar blue uniform which has become almost a sacred thing in his estimation. Let us perpetuate the blue uniform and encourage its use by our military rank, that the Veteran who wore it so bravely from '61 to '65 may recall with quickened blood the time when he wore it in defense of his country and the Red, White and Blue.

FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES.

By referring to the report of Secretary-Treasurer Hammer you will discover that there is a cash balance in the treasury of \$4,163.77 which is truly gratifying, when one takes into consideration the raise in prices and the cost of supplies needed

by our Organization. You will also note that while your Commander-in-Chief has been doing considerable traveling, and some of you may have wondered if he was exceeding his appropriation, I am glad to say that notwithstanding the increased cost of railway fares, Pullman and dining car rates, hotel rates and the like, my expense for traveling has only been \$873.31 while the entire expense at the office of the Commander-in-Chief has been \$1,158.49, leaving a balance of my appropriation unexpended of \$341.51, with a few items yet to come in, which will not materially endanger the appropriation. I speak of this at this time because one good brother, while approving my work, was fearful three months ago that I had exceeded my allowance and was running the Organization in debt.

Your attention is especially called to the report of the Secretary-Treasurer as it relates to the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief which have been invested in different securities. Also in his recommendation regarding the abolishing of the Organization Fund and have the same carried in the general receipts. His reasons for so doing appear to me to be well taken and it is up to the Encampment to express itself upon this matter.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

No report of a Commander-in-Chief would be really complete did he not in some way refer to that man who has always shown himself to be the right man in the right place. I do not know what I would have done had I not had Horace H. Hammer at National Headquarters to keep me straight and from going astray. When I was forced to give up because of physical conditions, Secretary Hammer took over the load and my implicit confidence in his ability and his knowledge of exactly what was the right thing to do, had much to do to keep me from worrying when my physician very emphatically said that I should not undertake to handle business affairs, but should keep absolutely quiet. I wish that there was some way I could more fittingly express my appreciation of the wonderful assistance he has been to me, but words cannot be found to measure his true worth, and I can only say to my successor, "When in doubt, ask Hammer; he will guide you aright." I would like to make it stronger, but I cannot. As the saying is, "he is worth his weight in gold," but even that is not putting sufficient weight to the testimonial, unless I should wish that he weighed as much as Past Commander-in-Chief Newton McGuire, who has done so much to make this Encampment and the one a year ago such a success. The Organization of the Sons of Veterans is truly fortunate in its possession of a Secretary-Treasurer like Brother Hammer.

AIDES.

I have become convinced during my term of office that there should be some other method of giving recognition to those who have secured five or more new members than by bestowing upon them the ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief. The promiscuous distribution of the ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief among the membership simply cheapens its value, when some other method might be used to reward the workers. I believe that the ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief should be distinctively a badge of national service so to speak and not given to a Brother for doing what he ought to do anyway without any ex-

pectation of reward, except that of conscientiousness of having done his duty as a Son of a Veteran.

I would recommend that a small button in old gold color with the word "Aide" across the surface, which could be worn with the regulation badge of the Order be substituted for the ribbon upon those who have secured the requisite five or more members. I will admit that I have to a considerable degree received this inspiration from our Auxiliary, which has a similar way of bestowing this honor, but I have received so many inspirations from that source during the year that it seems to come perfectly natural to look in that direction when I want to see anything really worth looking at. The bestowal of the ribbon, of course, is only a custom, but as the Commandery-in-Chief has to bear the expense, I think it should have something to say regarding a change if it so desires.

THE RANK STRAP.

The last National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief abolished the rank strap. I have been convinced several times during my travels that a mistake was made when such action was taken. Nearly every Organization with which I am acquainted has some sort of way which distinguishes the different officers. Under the method we now have it is impossible to distinguish the Commander-in-Chief from the Aide, the Division Commander from the Press Correspondent or the Camp Commander from the Outside Guard.

I would recommend that either the Rank Strap be restored or that the bar of the badge bear the official designation of the official as in nearly all of the allied societies.

PAST CAMP COMMANDER ASSOCIATIONS.

In several Divisions there is in existence what is called a Past Camp Commanders Association, composed as its name indicates, of Camp Commanders who have passed back into the ranks. Such an association has proven to be of immense value to those Divisions and I would suggest to other Divisions that they hasten to organize along those lines. These associations generally hold mid-winter meetings which gives the Division Officers a chance to come in contact with those who can do so much in assisting them in the work of the Order.

It is the Brothers who have been at the head of the Camps who are really in a position to do valuable service, and no Past Camp Commander has any right to think that as soon as he has laid down the gavel his duty to the Camp ends. On the other hand his responsibility to his Camp has just begun, for he is in a position to give valuable service and he should not shirk that duty.

DISCIPLINE.

In only three instances during the year has it been necessary to take up matters relative to charges of misconduct on the part of members of the Order. In the first case an effort was made to have the matter settled without the convening of a Court Martial. However after considerable delay the Division Commander concluded that the only way to settle the difficulty was to appoint a Trial Commissioner and have the case go to trial. Upon his recommendation I appointed the Division Counselor

to set as Commissioner, with the result that the case against the offending Brother was dismissed, there not being sufficient evidence to support the charge. In the second case charges were preferred against a member of a Camp and I authorized the Commander of that Division to make a personal investigation of the case. He did so and reported back that the trouble was one between Officers of the Camp and a former Treasurer, which appeared to be of a personal nature and recommended that the charges be dismissed and they were. Later the trouble broke out again and a new Division Commander appointed a committee of three Past Division Commanders living in that city to investigate the matter and report to him. At the time of the writing of this report the committee had not sent in the result of its investigations.

Since that report was written, however, the Committee made an investigation of the matter and I think held a meeting with the Camp. Two of them investigated very thoroughly and made recommendations that the Camp reconsider its action. If I re-member right, the Camp reconsidered its action and decided that the Brother be given a transfer card so he could go into some other Camp where he could probably work more in harmony. Since coming to this Encampment I have received word from the Secretary of the Division that after listening to the report of the Committee, and the recommendation of the Committee, they refused to adopt the recommendation, so the Brother was dropped as a member of the Order. Unfortunately, he was a delegate to this Encampment and is, therefore, deprived of the chance of sitting in this Encampment.

The third controversy was the result seemingly of an old trouble between two factions in a certain Division, which was passed along and finally became serious because of charges made by the members of one faction against the members of the other. I visited the Encampment of that Division just when the battle was raging most fiercely and pled with the Brothers to forget their differences and use the energy they were wasting in fighting each other along lines which would build up their membership and result in good for the Order. I do not know that my efforts bore fruit, but soon after returning from the Encampment, which was still in session when I left, I received a letter from representatives of each faction saying that the hatchet had been buried and that peace reigned supreme.

I wish that there was some way so that those who are enlisted in such a worthy cause as we are, could forget personal differences, cut out the personal animosities and get down to work for the good of the Order. No Camp or Division can grow and prosper when the members place personal matters above the good of the Order.

MY PERSONAL AIDE.

Upon my election as Commander-in-Chief I revived the custom of several years ago and appointed Past Division Commander Frank P. Corrick, of Nebraska, as my Personal Aide. Knowing his ability and great love for the Organization of the Sons of Veterans, which has many times been shown by personal sacrifice during his thirty-four years membership in the Order, I desired to have his assistance and advice in many things which I felt might come up during the year, and as I be-

lieved his work worthy of some recognition I appointed him to that position. That my action was a wise one has been demonstrated in many ways and at many times, especially in the past few weeks when I really needed advice and assistance, and I take this method of expressing my appreciation of his valuable services during the year.

MY OFFICIAL FAMILY.

If I should say all that I would like to say about the work of the Brothers who have loyally been helping me carry on the work of the year, this report would contain many additional pages. Generally speaking there has been hearty co-operation on the part of nearly all and I have nothing but the very warmest appreciation for their loyalty. Most of them have been real helpers and true Brothers and have been active along the lines which their several positions demanded. It is indeed a pleasure to work with those who have tried to make the year one of real enjoyment in spite of its strenuous activities.

GONE ON BEFORE.

As the years come and the years go, as we gather in National Encampment from time to time, we are forced to meet that one great problem—Death. Since we met one year ago there has gone out from our midst a Brother. When we saw him last, when he gave us the friendly clasp of the hand and the jovial "Good by, will see you next year," little did we think that we should never again see Edwin M. Amies until we should meet him on the other shore.

Our Order has indeed experienced a great loss, this Encampment will not seem like other Encampments, because the Brother who has so well filled the place of Chief-of-Staff for so many years has gone from among us forever. Friends may come and friends may go, but the pleasant smile and loving memory of Brother Amies will live as long as we gather together in Annual Encampment.

THE BANNER.

I believe the time has come when the Commandery-in-Chief should take some action regarding our Official Organ which would give the publisher of the same something definite regarding the future. We cannot get along without The Banner, yet I feel that under the way it is issued at the present time we are not getting value received for the expenditure. This is not the fault of the publishers, but the fault of the members of our organization who do not take enough interest in the Order to try to keep in touch with affairs by reading The Banner. I am fully convinced that not half of the members who receive The Banner ever read it and therefore get no benefits from it.

I believe that some plan should be adopted so that only those who really desire The Banner should receive it. If there was some way so that each Camp could make a canvass of its members and find out how many of them desired the Official Organ of our Order and then have it sent only to those who desired it, that we would thus discover how many would be needed and the paper would go out to actual readers. The paper representing the principles of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, ought to be too valuable to be allowed to be used only for waste

paper and find its resting place unread in the waste paper basket. Let us get back to a foundation and build from it as it applies to The Banner, the Official Organ of our Order.

THE RIBBON.

I am of the opinion that the time has come when we should do something to protect the ribbon of our Order. We have three different styles and there are so many patriotic orders being formed at the present time, it might be well if we took steps to see that no other order adopted our ribbon and have it copyrighted. This suggestion was made to me by Brother Seeley of California and I think a resolution covering such action was passed by the California Encampment. It is practically little trouble to have this done and I think we should act upon the California resolution favorably.

I might say in regard to the ribbon, that since this has been published I have understood that the badge is copyrighted and that that included the ribbon; however, the ribbon has been changed since the organization was started, and I don't know whether that would cover the changes or not. That is something I think we ought to look into.

IN CONCLUSION.

The work of the year has been most pleasant. It has been to me a wonderful experience, and one which I will treasure in memory's casket as long as life shall last. Disappointments have come, owing to the financial conditions which have prevailed and brought so much distress in business circles almost the entire year, but the pleasures have been so many that the disappointments pale into insignificance in comparison.

I have received many tokens of love from organizations all over this broad land, and other kindnesses which has made the year stand out above all other years as the one which will ever be cherished. It has been my fortune to have honors of considerable importance come to me during my life, but none of them have been appreciated like that of being Commander-in-Chief of the grand Organization I love so well—the Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

Fraternally submitted,

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 1, 1920.

General Orders No. 10,

Series of 1920.

Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief at the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 22-24, 1920, inclusive, headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief are established at the State House, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Commander-in-Chief, P. A. Barrows, Lincoln, Neb.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief F. C. Focht, Winchester, Ind.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn.
Council-in-Chief, R. J. Williams, Columbus, Ohio; Wm. H. Klein, Northup Station P. O., Syracuse, N. Y.; Ralph H. Burbank, 152 Alfred St., Biddeford, Maine.
Chief-of-Staff (hold-over), Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.
National Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammett, Reading, Pa.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

National Patriotic Instructor, Past Division Commander William H. Hyden of Los Angeles, Cal.
National Chaplain, Past Division Commander William B. Hartzog, of East Lansing, Mich.
National Counselor, Past Division Commander C. A. Bryson, of Iowa Falls, Iowa.
Personal Aide to Commander-in-Chief, Past Division Commander F. P. Corrick, of Lincoln, Neb.
National Press Correspondent, Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman (Ohio), Washington, D. C.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

The Council-in-Chief organized September 24 and selected the following officers: Chairman, R. J. Williams; Vice Chairman, Wm. H. Klein; Secretary, Ralph H. Burbank.

Bonds for the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief were fixed as follows: Commander-in-Chief, \$1,000.00; Secretary-Treasurer, \$10,000.00.

All communications for the Commander-in-Chief will receive attention at Lincoln, Neb.

Requisitions for supplies, applications for charters and charter fees and all remittances must be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer, Colonial Building, Reading, Pa.

Charter fees have been changed to \$5.00 and all applications must be accompanied by that amount.

Per capita tax remains 36 cents per annum, payable quarterly at the rate of 9 cents per quarter, to be accompanied by Forms 35, 37 and 38 (Reports of Division Secretaries and Treasurers) to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Per capita tax must be paid on each and every member in good standing at the end of each and every quarter.

This provides for the payment of per capita tax on each and every member initiated and reinstated in Camps in a quarter, striking out in Chapter VI, Article XIII, Page 53 of the C. R. & R. the words:

"Provided that neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was initiated."

All previous appointments of Officers and Aides are hereby revoked and said officers are relieved. All heretofore wearing insignias and ribbons designating same—will remove them from badges.

All dispensations heretofore granted are hereby revoked.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF LEGISLATION.

At the Thirty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 22-24, 1920, the following was enacted—and Divisions, Camps and Members will be governed accordingly, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

Membership fees were changed from \$5.00 to amount to be fixed by each Camp.

Members of the Council-in-Chief, Division Council and Camp Council, to be elected annually. Accordingly, Camps will elect three members of Camp Council at the December election of Camp Officers.

Members of Camp Council elected for three years, two years, and one year, are legislated out of office by action of the Encampment.

At the coming Division Encampments members of the Division Council will be elected for one year and members of the Division Council now serving respectively three, two years and one year, will be retired and relieved from said office.

In conformity with the provisions applying to consolidation of the offices of Division Secretary and Division Treasurer and Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer—the offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer may be combined. In accordance therewith, the offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer were consolidated or combined by the Encampment, for the present term as National Secretary-Treasurer. Bond \$10,000.

INSIGNIA OF RANK—Rank straps and all designations of office or rank in Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief have been abolished. They will no more or at any time be worn.

The ribbons as heretofore prescribed for the respective bodies or designations of the Order are continued and will be worn as in the past, viz:

For Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief—YELLOW center ribbon attached to the Regulation Membership Badge.

Officers of Divisions—RED center ribbon attached to the Regulation Membership Badge.

Officers and Members of Camps—BLUE center ribbon attached to Regulation Membership Badge.

Ribbons of the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions can only be worn by officers so long as they are in office.

Past Officers ribbons—Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Division and Past Camp Commanders—are not changed and continue as heretofore.

Badges of Past Division Commanders and Past Camp Commanders will be so designated hereafter and not referred to as "Crosses."

The ONLY Official standard colors of a Camp, Division and the Commandery-in-Chief in future is the UNITED STATES FLAG—no other emblem or banner for parade or display or any occasion.

Camps and Divisions will be governed accordingly.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The Military Department—Sons of Veterans Reserve continues as heretofore—unchanged. All information relative thereto and all matters relating to that Department must be addressed to Edwin M. Ames, Esq., Chief-of-Staff, Altoona, Pa., as heretofore.

NEW CAMPS.

Camps may be organized with NOT LESS than fifteen (15) members. The application for charter must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forwarded as heretofore to Reading, Pa.

The charter fee on all new Camps has been increased to \$5.00.

SEAL PRESSES FOR CAMPS.

Camp seal presses will in future cost Camps \$6.50. Order same on Requisition Form 1 from Division Headquarters. Divisions will pay the Commandery-in-Chief \$6.00 and order from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½. This price will include cost of shipment to Camps.

STATION BANNERS FOR CAMPS.

These will not be furnished in future by the Commandery-in-Chief.

NEW RITUAL.

A NEW RITUAL was also adopted with the above which constitutes important features of a NEW CONSTITUTION adopted by the said Encampment, all of which was submitted and reported by the Committee on State of the Order.

The NEW CONSTITUTION and NEW RITUAL will be furnished as soon as possible and as promptly as the Committee on State of the Order can prepare a record of same and have printed. Prompt notice will be given.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Encampment Proceedings will be printed and as soon as possible supplied to Divisions and through Division Headquarters—each Camp will receive one copy.

IMPORTANT—THE BANNER.

The publisher of The Banner appealed to the Commandery-in-Chief for relief from serious financial loss in the production of the Official Organ of the Order, due to the great advance in cost of paper principally and other essentials in connection therewith. The Encampment as well as the membership generally recognized this as indisputable. It was realized that the contract price of one and two-thirds cents for each copy could be adhered to. It was, however, not the disposition to cause hardship involving a loss approximating \$5,000 the coming year on or to the proprietors of The Banner. The subject was fully and generally discussed.

The Encampment referred to the new (present members) Council-in-Chief the proposition with instructions and authority to devise some method or plan that would not cause financial distress or a great loss of money or injury of such a nature more than could possibly be avoided to the publishers of The Banner, at the same time considering the obligation to the Order and the members.

Publication of The Banner under present regulations would entail a loss of over \$400 per month or issue principally due to the increased cost of paper.

That the revenues or cost to the members, Camps, Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief should NOT be increased and that the PER CAPITA TAX should not be changed or increased, it was decided that:

For the price or cost as now and at the present rate of per capita tax—which is not changed—instead of publishing or promulgating twelve (12) issues of THE BANNER the coming year or term—there shall and will be published and circulated or distributed NINE (9) issues of THE BANNER—the coming year or term, OMITTING publication and promulgation of THE BANNER for and in the months of NOVEMBER, 1920, FEBRUARY and MAY, 1921, respectively.

These months omitted to be combined with the next following or succeeding months or issues of the paper, viz: November matter to be included in the December issue; February matter to be combined with the March issue; May matter to be included and combined with the June issue.

This plan resulting in no increase or change in cost to the Members, Camps or Divisions.

AIDES.

The policy of rewarding special effort in securing new members will be continued. Brothers securing five or more new members within a quarter will be appointed as Aides on the

Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and as such under the authority vested they will be privileged to wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon attached to the Regulation Badge.

Following Aides are hereby appointed:

Division of Pennsylvania:
Oliver G. MacPherson, having secured 12 new members;
G. Harry Roth, 11 members;
Div. Com. Henry Stewart, 11 members;
George Hughes, 5 members;
William L. Meals, 5 members;
Charles B. Stouffer, 5 members;
Harry U. Walker, 5 members;
Charles Deadrick, 5 members;
Robert C. Miller, 5 members;

all of Camp No. 112, Gettysburg.

William Kling, Camp No. 19, Lancaster, 7 new members.
Division of Massachusetts:
Charles M. Leavens, Camp 85, Webster, Mass.

VETERANS' NIGHT—ATTENTION.

Camp Commanders,

Camp Patriotic Instructors:

Veterans' Night is approaching. Preparations should be under way in each and every Camp for its observance. Camp Patriotic Instructors should have under consideration and in operation the arrangements for a great, pleasant and successful and interesting time on that occasion.

Commemorating the anniversary of the delivery by the immortal Lincoln of the famous and ever inspiring Gettysburg Address—so dear and delightful to all true Sons of Veterans and Patriots, it is earnestly urged upon all Camps to fittingly observe this occasion set apart by our Order and dedicated in memory of the Boys in Blue of 1861-1865, for a celebration in their honor.

Make the NINETEENTH OF NOVEMBER, 1920, an historic one in the records of your Camp.

If not suitable for any reason observe some night or time as near as possible to that date.

Do not neglect it or let it pass without some observance.

Camps are urged to have patriotic exercises, camp fires, social affairs, with a program of patriotic inspiration, music and songs, instructive and entertaining to all—but especially delighting and honoring the Veterans of 1861-'65. Invite them, the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of our Affiliated Order, our Auxiliary and all united in honoring and observing an occasion whereby those who saved the Nation in 1861-'65—will know and appreciate that our Order exists for what they accomplished and that we are to be depended upon to preserve what they made possible—The Union Forever, "One Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Camp Patriotic Instructors are instructed to have the Lincoln Gettysburg Address a part of the program.

Honor our Fathers, our Ancestors, our Veterans of '61-'65 and make Veterans' Night a reunion of the members of the Camp.

LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer, shows that at the close of the last quarter the membership in our Order was 51,062. Just at this time I have in my possession the proceedings of the last four encampments preceding the recent meeting and they show the following membership for each year:

1916.....	53,693
1917.....	57,824
1918.....	54,809
1919.....	51,819
1920.....	51,062

Every Commander-in-Chief elected at those encampments has accepted the office with a deep determination in his heart to build up our Order and increase its membership. That they were not able to carry out their ambitions was not their fault. Everyone has worked hard to bring about that much desired result. That they did not lie in the fact that you and I down in the ranks did not give them the hearty support which their efforts deserved. The thought that must be in the mind of every Son of a Veteran during the next year, whether he be simply a member of a Camp, the officer of a Camp, the officer of a Division or an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, is to awaken to the responsibilities which we are facing as Sons of Veterans and resolve that our organization must come to the front and make a showing in the next year which will command attention. We must remember the sacrifices made by our fathers and be true to the heritage entrusted to our care.

There is not a member of our Order, not a one of the 51,062 reported in good standing at the last encampment, but can bring into our organization at least one new member during the next three months if he is really interested in seeing our membership grow. Think of it. One new recruit for each member. Is it too much for your Commander-in-Chief to ask? Will you make the effort?

Division Commanders must arise to the responsibility placed in them by their Divisions when they were elected. Let them impress upon the Camp Commanders of their respective Divisions the importance of going to work for the good of the Order. Let every officer all down the line resolve to build up his Camp, his Division and the Organization at large. You can do it; we can do it if we go to work. Will you? Let our motto be "WORK."

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have received the information that not one city in the whole country sent to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. an invitation to hold the next encampment in that city. Whither are the people of our country drifting? Are they forgetting the great debt of gratitude they owe the men who fought for the preservation of the Union in that great struggle for the cause of human liberty? Is not this a sufficient warning to every Son of a Veteran that the work for which we have been organized for nearly forty years is before us and that we must face the responsibility and show to the world that we are worthy of the name we have adopted?

ANCESTOR'S RECORDS.

Applications for records of Ancestors—Form 16 must be sent to the Commander-in-Chief for prompt return and securing

the record desired. IN ALL CASES the Regiment and State from which in the service and the VESSEL or SHIP MUST BE GIVEN. Otherwise the record cannot be secured.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

Camp Patriotic Instructors will be prompt in forwarding to their respective Division Patriotic Instructors—Form 50—immediately after or on December 31st. This report must NOT be delayed. Camp Commanders will see that Camp Patriotic Instructors forward this report without delay December 31st. Division Commanders will secure these Forms—50—from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½ and SEND SAME TO EACH CAMP without delay. Camps failing to receive said Form will at once notify Division Headquarters of that fact and obtain same, with NO COST to Camps.

CAMP SECRETARY AND CAMP TREASURER REPORTS.

Per Capita Tax and Reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers for the quarter ending September 30th, 1920, are due at all Division Headquarters. Camp Commanders will see that per capita tax and reports as stated are forwarded at once to their respective Division Headquarters.

If blank Forms 27 and 28 have not been sent to Camps for September quarter by Divisions they will do so at once. It is hoped all Camps will promptly report and forward per capita tax to their respective Division Headquarters so that Divisions can promptly report to the National Secretary, with payment of per capita tax for the September quarter.

Promptness will be and is the "Watchword" and if observed business methods can be successfully maintained.

NEW CAMPS.

Application for Charter for new Camp at Minot, North Dakota, Division of Minnesota, was approved September 14, with 24 applicants.

RESTORATION OF PAST RANK.

Rank of Past Division Commander was restored to John F. Mullin, Los Angeles, Cal., Division of California and Pacific. Record will be made accordingly.

Rank of Past Division Commander was restored to Benjamin F. McClelland, Division of Illinois. Record will be made accordingly.

By the adoption of a NEW Constitution rank of Past Commander can be restored by the authority and is in the province of Divisions at Division Encampments—reasonable and justifiable cause therefor being presented by Camps and petition by and from applicants to Camps and from Camps to Division Encampments.

The Commandery-in-Chief will not in future act on or restore rank of Past Camp Commander.

PAST DIVISION COMMANDER'S RANK.

By action of the 39th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, there will not in future be any restoration of rank of a PAST DIVISION COMMANDER (except a pending case for at-

tention and disposition at the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment).

THE FIRST CHARTER.

It is with a considerable degree of pride that your Commander-in-Chief reports the first Camp charter approved by him to be a Camp which he traveled more than 300 miles to muster just before the National Encampment. This Camp is stationed at Benkelman in Nebraska and at the time of muster conditions were such that the country members could not reach town for the meeting, consequently the Camp was given additional time to muster in the rest of the members. The Camp reports 34 men on the charter application.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR CAMPS.

Adopted by the 39th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1920.

CAMPS TO PAY TO DIVISIONS.

	Price.
Form 1—Requisition for Supplies, per 100.....	\$1.25
Form 3—Applications for Membership, per 100.....	1.25
Form 4—Transfers, per 100.....	1.25
Form 6—Honorable Discharges, per 100.....	1.25
Form 7—Past Officer's Credentials, per 100.....	1.25
Form 8—Delegates' Credentials, per 100.....	1.25
Form 8½—Alternates' Credentials, per 100.....	1.25
Form 9—Receipts of Evening, per set of 75.....	.35
Form 10—Treasurer's Monthly Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 11—Constitution, Rules and Regulations, per 100.....	6.00
Form 12—Statements of Account, per 100.....	1.25
Form 13—Camp Council Quarterly Reports, per 100.....	1.25
Form 14—Notices to Delinquent Members, per 100.....	1.25
Form 16—Requests for Ancestor's War Record, per 100.....	1.25
Form 18—Ode Cards, per 100.....	1.50
Form 19—Treasurer's and Council Bonds, per 100.....	1.25
Form 21—Rituals, each.....	1.25
Form 27D—Book—Duplicate Camp Secretary's Quarterly Report.....	.50
Form 28D—Book—Duplicate Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Report.....	.50
Form A—Descriptive Book.....	1.50
Form B—Book—Camp Treasurer's Receipt for Members; Order for P. & C. Visiting Card.....	.75
Form C—Secretary's Requisition Book.....	.75
Form D—Minute Book.....	1.25
Form E—Ledger.....	1.35
Form F—Cash Book.....	1.35
Form G—Roll Book of Members and Comrades of G. A. R.....	1.50
Form H—Book—New Members to sign.....	1.35
Form I—General Order File Book.....	1.25
Electros of Badge, large.....	1.50
Electros of Badge, medium.....	1.25
Electros of Badge, small.....	1.00
Electros, Coat of Arms, large.....	1.50
Electros, Coat of Arms, medium.....	1.25
Electros, Coat of Arms, small.....	1.00

BADGES AND DECORATIONS.

Badges, Members, each.....	.60
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	Price.
Past Camp Commander's Badge.....	.60
*Bronze War Service Cross.....	4.00
Ribbons, each.....	.20
Bronze Recognition Buttons.....	.18
Camp Seal Presses.....	6.50

DIVISIONS TO PAY COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

Adopted by the 39th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1920.

Form 1—Requisitions for Supplies, per 100.....	\$1.00
Form 3—Applications for Membership, per 100.....	1.00
Form 4—Transfers, per 100.....	1.00
Form 6—Honorable Discharges, per 100.....	1.00
Form 7—Past Officers' Credentials, per 100.....	1.00
Form 8—Delegates' Credentials, per 100.....	1.00
Form 8½—Alternates' Credentials, per 100.....	1.00
Form 9—Receipts of Evening, per set of 75.....	.30
Form 10—Camp Treasurer's Monthly Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 11—Constitution, Rules and Regulations, per 100.....	5.00
Form 12—Statements of Account, per 100.....	1.00
Form 13—Camp Council Quarterly Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 14—Notices to Delinquent Members, per 100.....	1.00
Form 16—Requests for Ancestor's War Record, per 100.....	1.00
Form 18—Ode Cards, per 100.....	1.25
Form 19—Camp Treasurer's and Council Bonds, per 100.....	1.00
Form A—Descriptive Book.....	1.35
Form B—Book—Camp Treasurer's Receipt to Members; Order for P. & C. Visiting Cards.....	.60
Form C—Camp Secretary's Requisition Book.....	.60
Form D—Minute Book.....	1.00
Form E—Ledger.....	1.15
Form F—Cash Book.....	1.15
Form G—Roll Book of Members and Comrades of G. A. R.....	1.25
Form H—Book—New Members to sign.....	1.15
Form I—General Order File Book.....	1.00
Electros of Badge, large.....	1.25
Electros of Badge, medium.....	1.00
Electros of Badge, small.....	.75
Electros of Coat of Arms, large.....	1.25
Electros of Coat of Arms, medium.....	1.00
Electros of Coat of Arms, small.....	.75

DIVISION-SUPPLIES.

Form 0000—Password and Countersign.....	Free
Form 1½—Division Requisition for Supplies, per 100.....	\$1.00
Form 4½—Division Transfer Cards, per 100.....	1.00
Form 21—Rituals, each.....	1.00
Form 22—Installing Officer's Reports, per 100.....	1.50
Form 23—Organizer's Reports of New Camps, per 100.....	1.25
Form 26—Camp Charter Applications, per 100.....	2.00
Form 27—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Reports, per 100.....	2.00
Form 27D—Dup. Books, Camp Secretary's Quarterly Reports, each.....	.40
Form 28—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 28D—Dup. Books, Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports, each.....	.40
Form 29—Dispensation Blanks, per 100.....	1.00

	Price.
Form 31—Com. Div. Officers Appointed, per 100.....	2.00
Form 32—Com. Camp Officers, per 100.....	2.00
Form 35—Div. Secretary's Report of Camps Dropped, etc....	Free
Form 37—Div. Secretary's Consolidated Reports, per 100....	Free
Form 37D—Dup. Books of Form 37 for Record, each.....	1.00
Form 38—Div. Treasurer's Consolidated Reports, per 100....	Free
Form 38D—Dup. Books of Form 38 for Record, each.....	.75
Form 40—Division Council Voting Blanks, per 100.....	1.00
Form 43—Div. Chaplain's Consolidated Reports, per 100....	1.50
Form 44—Camp Chaplain's Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 45—Secret Work Envelopes, per 100.....	1.50
Form 49—Certificates of Election of Div. Officers, Delegates and Alternates to National Encampment, each.....	.10
Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports, per 100.....	1.00
Form 51—Div. Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports, per 100.....	1.25
Form 55—Card Index Record of Camp, per 100.....	3.00
Div. Secretary's Cash Book.....	6.00
Div. Secretary's Requisition Book.....	6.00
Div. Treasurer's Receipt Book.....	6.00
Dispensation Record.....	6.00

BADGES AND DECORATIONS.

Badges, Members, each.....	.50
Past Camp Commander's Badge, each.....	.50
Past Division Commander's Badge, each.....	10.00
Ribbons, Members, each.....	.15
Ribbons, Division Officers, each.....	.15
Bronze Recognition Button, each.....	.15
War Service Cross, each.....	3.50
Camp Seals, each.....	6.00

By command of

P. A. BARROWS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, December 1, 1920.

General Orders No. 11,
Series of 1920.

EDWIN M. AMIES—CHIEF OF STAFF.

A most painful announcement in the death after a brief illness, of Past Commander-in-Chief and Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies, at his home in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Friday night, November 26, 1920. He died of pneumonia after six days' illness. He became ill after addressing a large public meeting in behalf of the Red Cross Fund Drive.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1920.

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1920.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing * September 30, 1920.		Amount Paid for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Reinstatement.								By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.													
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps						Members	Camps	Members	Camps							Members		
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	192	1	1	1	1	11	192	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	11	199	\$ 17.10	\$ 1.85	\$ 100.00	\$.....	1	1				
California & Pacific	18	903	160	1	21	182	28	1400	137	1	1	1	1	1	16	17	28	1383	124.38	176.03	1415.35	8.75	1	1				
Colorado & Wyoming	5	137	5	137	5	137	5	137	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	142	180.27	100.68	1187.59	75	1	1				
Montana & Idaho ..	5	176	2	176	2	178	2	178	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	178	221.58	29.29	4376.35	29.30	1	1				
Connecticut	41	2386	87	1	1	88	41	2474	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	12	41	2462	221.58	29.29	4376.35	29.30	1	1				
Illinois	42	1992	20	1	2	42	42	2014	22	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	42	2003	180.27	100.68	1187.59	75	1	1				
Indiana	23	940	14	1	1	14	23	954	14	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	23	934	84.06	8.91	5036.85	295.00	1	1				
Iowa	21	942	93	1	5	98	23	1040	1	19	2	1	1	1	17	1	38	1002	90.18	361.59	420.03	11.52	1	1				
Kansas	27	855	19	4	1	23	27	878	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	27	871	78.39	744.27	132.88	88.05	1	1				
Maine	47	2162	10	1	1	11	47	2173	4	1	1	1	1	1	101	2	106	2067	186.03	516.06	2061.90	3.50	1	1				
Maryland	13	553	9	1	1	9	13	562	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	561	50.49	260.42	1469.84	360.00	1	1				
Massachusetts	154	7802	78	2	1	80	154	7882	1	10	15	16	3	116	1	165	153	7717	294.53	14.32	17678.43	440.17	19	4				
Michigan	18	662	8	1	1	8	18	670	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	8	18	662	59.58	147.38	253.34	50.00	1	1				
Minnesota	15	530	7	1	1	7	15	537	3	1	1	1	1	1	35	38	15	499	44.91	51.56	419.81	.....	1	1				
Missouri	17	700	13	1	1	13	17	713	1	12	1	1	1	1	4	1	16	497	62.73	232.65	518.15	.....	1	1				
Nebraska	17	593	1	45	1	45	18	643	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	27	18	616	55.44	196.22	59.22	50.00	1	1				
New Hampshire	35	1164	14	1	3	17	35	1181	4	2	1	1	1	1	19	26	35	1155	103.95	102.71	1196.94	.....	1	1				
New Jersey	31	1693	24	1	1	33	31	1726	1	22	1	2	1	1	9	1	35	1691	152.19	157.94	5999.85	454.65	1	1				
New York	118	5053	1	122	1	138	120	5196	10	5	1	1	1	146	162	120	5024	455.56	240.58	6433.79	112.65	7	5					
Ohio	99	4514	104	1	1	121	99	4635	2	1	1	1	1	87	91	105	4644	416.61	354.51	278.01	76.50	1	1					
Kentucky	1	100	1	100	1	101	1	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1				
Pennsylvania	196	13720	422	1	1	423	196	14143	7	71	24	1	1	320	7	415	189	13128	1235.52	*	37980.30	7077.88	291	16				
Rhode Island	15	475	1	1	5	6	15	481	2	2	1	1	1	4	8	15	473	42.57	10.81	608.54	12.35	1	1					
Vermont	41	1229	15	1	1	15	41	1244	3	2	1	1	1	8	13	41	1231	110.79	217.93	584.39	.....	1	1					
Washington & Oregon..	13	564	1	71	2	80	14	644	2	1	1	1	1	18	20	14	624	56.16	135.42	505.22	.....	1	1					
Wisconsin	29	1015	1	23	1	24	29	1039	1	1	1	1	1	15	17	30	1022	91.98	**	683.00	.....	1	1					
Total ..	1057	51062	6	1363	13	1	85	7	1461	1064	52523	11	134	81	32	15	2	994	13	1257	1051	51266	\$4217.50	\$4057.30	\$39454.73	\$9221.07	320	28

*Deficit, \$282.85. **Deficit, \$20.90.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies was an early member of the Order, having joined Lieut. S. C. Potts Camp No. 12, Altoona, Pa., as a charter member in 1881, and was its first Commander. He was a member, active in its affairs, up to the time of his death.

He was National Counselor in 1883—on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief, Peoria, Ill., he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

In 1906 at the Twenty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief Peoria, Ill., he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

He was elected Chief-of-Staff in 1908, re-elected in 1914 and 1919, respectively.

Chief-of-Staff Amies always took an active interest in military affairs, and served in the National Guard of Pennsylvania for years, in responsible positions.

Active in the Division of Pennsylvania from its inception, he was beloved by all. Serving as Division Counselor for several terms, his opinions were sound and always accepted.

He was a native of Philadelphia, graduate of Girard College of that city. For many years he was a respected and high standing member of the Blair County (Altoona) Pennsylvania Bar, and quite successful.

Sympathy of the Order is extended his widow, sole survivor, Camp No. 12, Division of Pennsylvania, and the Division.

Camp Charters and colors are ordered draped for a period of thirty (30) days in memory of Chief-of-Staff and Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies.

Division Commander Henry Stewart, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sutter, Past Division Commander David J. Snavely and National Secretary Hammer, in addition to the members of Camp No. 12, attended the funeral. The floral emblems were profuse and many members, Past Commanders-in-Chief and others sent tokens.

1. We are rapidly approaching another New Year and before another General Order will reach you in all probability new officers for the coming year will have been elected and installed. Your Commander-in-Chief wishes at this time to impress upon all new officers that they have been elected for a purpose and they cannot be true to their duty as Sons of Veterans if they do not make good in every sense of the word. In connection with this I want every officer and member to read carefully my communication to the Order in general, appearing elsewhere. Do not be afraid of getting too much publicity in all meetings of whatever character. Interest your local papers in your work. Especially in the smaller towns where Camps are located they can be of valuable assistance to you if you will only let them. Never hold a meeting of any kind which is of a public or semi-public character, but that you see that your local paper knows all about it. If the occasion is of a nature where the editor can be invited, give him a special invitation. Don't be afraid to feed him on plenty of good things, both of a mental and physical character. As a former country editor himself, your Commander-in-Chief is in a position to know that doughnuts and coffee are enjoyed by the newspaper man the same as anybody else. Don't slight the editor, for he is your friend. Perhaps he is eligible to membership in the Order. Have you ever asked him that question?

As we go about the work of the year we must not forget that one of the greatest assets which our Order can have is our Auxiliary. Never were there a band of women who have entered a work with a greater determination to be useful than have these true women. They have entered the work to be of assistance to us and not one of them will refuse to give it whenever it is needed. In the organization of new Camps do not forget that the organization of an Auxiliary in connection with the Camp is the very thing that is needed to make the Camp a live proposition, not only in the community where it is located, but to the whole organization. As you go about in the work of organization enlist those who are eligible to membership in the Auxiliary in the work of forming new Camps and new Auxiliaries. There can be no such word as fail if we will call upon these women to help us. They were organized for that purpose, they are working along that line all the time, and if we do not win with such an organization assisting us, it will be our fault and not that of the Auxiliary.

II. For special work done in the past and in recognition of his services to the Order, on recommendation of Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, I am appointing J. Q. Irwin of the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Mass., who is both a veteran and a Son of a Veteran, as an aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

The following are also appointed as Aides: Geo. D. Ireley, John W. Ireley, C. E. Broughter, S. W. Roop, L. L. Leonard, John Condran, J. S. Broughter, D. W. Weidner, M. L. Horning, E. E. Wherley, Geo. Plott, Wm. Campbell, Geo. W. Nein, P. E. Diehl, Harry Starner, Chas. Schrader.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

III. The new Constitution adopted at the Thirty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Indianapolis, provides that:

Charter Fee for New Camps—shall be five (\$5.00) dollars, which amount must accompany the Application for Charter (Form 26) to the National Secretary—with the Application—for approval.

No Camp can be instituted with less than fifteen (15) members, present.

Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief five (\$5.00) dollars for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped ONE YEAR OR LESS.

Camps having been dropped for one year or less may be re-instituted upon payment of a required fee, to be determined by the Division, and may retain their original charter.

That Camps may fix the amount of Membership fee.

Rank of Past Camp Commander can be restored by Division Encampments—reasonable and justifiable cause being presented by Camps upon petition by and from Camps to Division Encampments.

The Commandery-in-Chief will NOT in future act upon nor restore rank of Past Camp Commander.

The rank of Past Division Commander—cannot be restored.

Members of Camp Council, Division Council and Council-in-Chief to be elected annually, each member thereof to be chosen for a term of one (1) year. Members elected for term of years at last election to be considered as having completed their terms and to be re-elected or succeeded at next election.

Rank straps and all insignias of officers in Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief—abolished. Officers will remove same at once.

Ribbons: Yellow for Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief (so long as they hold office only).

Red for Officers of Divisions (so long as they hold office only).

Blue for Officers and Members of Camps.

Past Officers Badges and Ribbons remain unchanged.

The New Constitution will be printed and ready for promulgation at an early date. It is requested that Division Secretaries make requisition for the Constitution and not defer until printed, so that when ready to supply Divisions and Camps there will be no unnecessary delay incident to the usual holiday rush and condition of the mail.

Orders for the Constitution will be filled as soon as possible and receipt thereof will enable Headquarters officers to determine as to the number to prepare to distribute.

INDIANAPOLIS ENCAMPMENT LEGISLATION.

IV. By the adoption of a resolution from the American and French Children's League, the red poppy was approved as the memorial flower for Memorial Day.

The work of the Near East Relief in its efforts to relieve conditions applying to Christian Armenian girls in bondage and support the cause, was approved.

At the request of the Director of the Savings Division, United States Treasury Department, it was Resolved, that the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., urge and request its members and all others to hold their Government securities and invest their savings in same at the present attractive prices.

The Smith-Towner Educational Bill was approved and endorsed and support thereof was recommended.

RITUAL.

V. On Page 11, Ritual, seventh (7th) paragraph, strike out and omit everything after the word "all"—in Pledge.

APPLICATIONS FOR CAMP CHARTERS—RECORDS OF ANCESTORS.

VI. Division Commanders must see that all Applications for Charters for new Camps have the records of Ancestors' service completed on the Application before forwarding to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

An applicant whose Ancestor's record is not complete cannot be initiated. Division Commanders will instruct Organizers of Camps in this respect and be careful to see that same is observed.

Where a record cannot be ascertained Form 16 will apply and be used—note on Requisition Forms 1 and 1½. They can be secured from the National Secretary on Requisition.

If a record is not complete a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic who may have known the Ancestor under whose record of service an applicant has signed an application for Charter, and is to join such a Camp, can vouch for such an applicant—but the record must be provided subsequently for the Camp.

Upon the institution of a Camp each and every member must fill out an Application for Membership—Form 3, and these will be filed in the records of the Camp and same entered upon and recorded in Form A—Descriptive Book.

All applications for Charter, together with Charter Fee—\$5.00, must be forwarded to the National Secretary.

NEW REQUISITION FORMS.

VII. New Requisition Forms—1 and 1½ have been issued to Divisions. At least one blank Form 1—should be sent to every Camp. Division Commanders will see that this is complied with, so that Camps may be informed of the changes adopted by the Indianapolis Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in supplies and cost thereof.

PAST CAMP COMMANDERS BADGE.

VIII. Every Camp Commander retiring from office should receive and can wear a Past Camp Commander's Badge. Every Camp should make this a matter of presentation at the installation ceremonies inducting the new officers for 1921 into their positions.

WAR MEDAL.

IX. The Thirty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Indianapolis, provided for a War Medal to be worn by all members of the Order who served in the World War.

It also applies to those members who served in the Spanish-American War.

Members of the Order who served our country in time of war—can have the honor of wearing and showing thereby—a medal—which is distinctly a Sons of Veterans' decoration, and indicating that our members who so served are honored—as well as the Order—conferring such badge on our members who served in war.

It is suggested that Camps present these War Medals to Brothers who served in the Spanish-American and World Wars.

The occasion should be made an event under the auspices of such Camps that have members who served in either of these wars—and presentations of these Medals should be at a public or Camp affair—a special occasion, for the purpose and made a social reunion of members of a Camp and others.

It is hoped every Camp will see that its Brothers who were in the service of our country will receive this War Medal. It is a slight recognition of their distinguished service, and a Camp honors itself thereby.

Order same on Form 2 (which can be secured on requisition from Division Headquarters) and forward \$2.50 with Requisition (Form 1) and Application for War Medal (Form 2) to Division Headquarters.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

X. Division Commanders should supply at once all Camps with Form 22—Installation Officers' Reports, and these should

be returned or forwarded to Division Headquarters IMMEDIATELY after installation. From these reports Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will secure Roster of Camp Officers for next year—1921.

This must have prompt attention on the part of Division and Camp Officers.

Camp Installations will take place the first meeting night in January, 1921, and Roster of Camp Officers must be reported at once to Division Headquarters.

This ceremony should be made the occasion for social functions and Veterans of the War of 1861-'65, Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and our allied Orders should be invited and be guests on the occasion.

Every Camp, it is hoped, will provide for an entertainment on that night. Eligibles should be invited and opportunity taken to have an enjoyable and pleasant meeting, and to start the New Year and New Officers of each Camp with an interesting and active meeting—to the end that there may be continued activities in each Camp the coming year.

ATTENTION: WHEN NO INSTALLATION.

There can be no installation of officers in any Camp until the Installing Officer has the receipt for per capita tax or has seen same for the quarter ending December 31st, 1920.

The new password and countersign will NOT be issued to any Camp which has not forwarded reports and paid per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31st, 1920, to Division Headquarters.

Division Commanders will issue instructions and be governed accordingly.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

XI. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers will promptly forward to Division Headquarters quarterly reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December 31st, 1920. These reports are Forms 27 and 28. Camp Commanders will see to it that tax and reports are forwarded the LAST MEETING NIGHT in December.

Division Commanders will give the matter attention of forwarding to each Camp IMMEDIATELY blank Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending December 31st.

PER CAPITA TAX.

XII. In accordance with the action of the Thirty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax is payable on all members in good standing at the end of each quarter. DO NOT deduct from the number in good standing payment of tax on the newly initiated members in a quarter; payment must be made to Divisions on each and every member in good standing at the end of each quarter.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

XIII. Form 50—will be sent out at once, if not already forwarded, to each Camp—by Division Commanders. Instructions should be issued by Division Commanders to have Camps forward this Report IMMEDIATELY after December 31st, to Division Patriotic Instructors. These reports are due after De-

cember 31st as promptly as possible to all Division Patriotic Instructors.

Division Patriotic Instructors will at once take measures to secure all Camp Reports and promptly forward their Consolidated Report—Form 51—to National Patriotic Instructor William H. Hyden, 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, California.

MEMBERSHIP PUBLICITY.

XIV. Divisions have been supplied with pamphlets on "The Declaration of the Sons of Veterans," and on "Information Concerning the Organization of New Camps and Recruiting New Members." These are for distribution to Camps and individuals throughout the respective Divisions. Division Commanders will promulgate same and give all the publicity thereto possible. Camps will also use same in campaign for increasing their membership.

Every Camp is urgently requested to have a campaign for new members at once and do all possible to increase the membership.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

XV. Gen. Charles K. Darling, Past Commander-in-Chief, Division of Massachusetts, Boston, is hereby reappointed as member of the Committee on Military Affairs for a term of five years. The Committee:

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Chairman, Clermont, Florida.
Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Secretary, Easton, Pa.
Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, 108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, 207 Johnston Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, 610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

XVI. Password and countersign for term January 1st, 1921, has been promulgated to Divisions entitled thereto. Division Commanders will ONLY issue same to Camps paying per capita tax and forwarding reports—Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers—for the quarter ending December 31st, 1920. Until these are received at Division Headquarters Camps will NOT be furnished with this password and countersign.

Camp Commanders will ONLY give this password and countersign to members in GOOD STANDING December 31st, 1920.

COMMISSIONS FOR CAMP OFFICERS.

XVII. Upon receipt of Installing Officer's Report from each Camp, Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will promptly issue to Camp Commanders their Commissions. Commissions shall be attested by Division Secretaries with the seal of the Division. Commissions (Form 33) can be procured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary. All Divisions should and are expected to issue to Camp Commanders Commissions.

JUNIOR ORDER CAMP REPORTS.

XVIII. These reports are due to the National Secretary December 31st, 1920. Divisions will have the Junior Camps report promptly for the current calendar year and make return to the National Secretary without delay. Forms for reports should be promulgated by Division Secretaries to Camps. Forms can be secured from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½. Division Secretaries will give this attention without further notice.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XIX. As soon as possible Division Commanders will report to the Commander-in-Chief the date and place of holding Encampments. Prompt compliance with this is expected and desired.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

XX. That this may be understood it is explained that "BANNER MAILING LISTS" refer to the names and addresses of each member of a Camp, the Secretary of which HAS NOT sent to his Division Headquarters, such a list—in order that every member of each Camp can and will receive the Official Organ of the Order—"THE BANNER," without cost to any member. There are many Camp Secretaries that have NOT sent such lists to their Division Headquarters. They will do so AT ONCE. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will secure such lists as soon as possible and promptly forward them to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois," so that every member may be informed of the affairs of the Order through National and Division Headquarters.

Camp Commanders of these delinquent Camps will give this their personal attention; and Division Commanders are instructed to communicate this to such delinquent Camp Commanders—and obtain all lists not received from Camps.

NEW CAMPS.

XXI. Since last announcement new Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Mem.
Aug. 31—	157—	Grant, Iowa	55
Sept. 15—	18—	Johnstown, N. Y.	55
Aug. 2—	156—	Hazelton, Iowa	15
Aug. 5—	19—	Benkelman, Neb.	35
Nov. 17—	3—	Bad Axe, Mich.	16

CAMPS DISBANDED AND DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

XXII. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, their Charters have been revoked and record is to be made accordingly:

Iowa—Dropped—Camp No. 72, Sutherland, with 12 members.
Maine—Dropped—Camp No. 29, South Etna, with 10 members; Camp No. 91, Millinocket, with 10 members.
Massachusetts—Dropped—Camp No. 151, Barnstable, with 10 members.
Missouri—Dropped—Camp No. 12, Kidder, with 12 members.
New Jersey—Disbanded—Camp No. 40, Perth Amboy, with 22 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded—Camp No. 30, Union City, with 10 members; Camp No. 116, Catasauqua, with 10 members; Camp No. 133, Port Carbon, with 8 members; Camp No. 135, Powell, with 10 members; Camp No. 175, New Milford, with 13 members; Camp No. 262, Howard, with 10 members; Camp No. 292, Mount Union, with 10 members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1.

XXIII. Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer for September-October, 1920:

Receipts—

Sept. 24, 1920, to balance	\$ 775.90
Received for supplies	\$263.73
Total receipts	\$ 1039.63

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$128.18
Office expenses	99.55
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	35.64
Total expenditures	\$ 263.37
Oct. 31, 1920, to balance	\$ 776.26

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For stock and supplies	\$ 77.19
Printing	4.25
Shipping supplies	11.74
Bonds National Officers	35.00
.....	\$ 128.18

Office Expenses—

For postage, telegrams, express, stationery, National Officers	\$ 99.55
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, stenographer, express, office....	35.64
Total expenditures	\$ 263.37

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2.

XXIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1920:

Receipts—

Oct. 31, 1920, to balance	\$ 776.26
Received for per capita tax	\$4217.50
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	475.17
Miscellaneous	.50
Total receipts	\$4698.17
.....	\$5474.43

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$2533.46
Office expenses	31.24
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	28.50
Total expenditures	\$2593.20
Nov. 30, 1920, to balance	\$2881.23

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For stock and supplies	\$ 373.88
Subscription The Banner, October and November, 1920, inclusive	1589.44
Printing	3.50
Shipping supplies	16.64
Salary	550.00
.....	\$2533.46

Office Expenses—

For postage, telegrams, stationery, National Officers....	\$ 31.24
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For office and stenographer	\$ 28.50
Total expenditures	\$2593.20

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, January 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 1,

Series of 1921.

I. It is with a great degree of satisfaction that your Commander-in-Chief is able to call attention to the fact that for the first time in several years there was an increase in membership shown in the report for the quarter ending September 30. The three months preceding that date are probably the hardest months for any organization to keep up the interest, but notwithstanding this a dozen Divisions made a total gain in membership, and the fact that we increased our ranks, made the line just a little longer, should be an inspiration for all, for it shows a renewed condition and a new interest which should inspire every brother to greater effort to build up our Order.

Reports coming from the different Divisions indicate that the drive being made for new members will result in great good to the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Nearly every Division

Commander has responded with a degree of earnestness which speaks volumes for the success of the drive. When we meet in National Encampment, for the 1921 session, starting out the third decade in our history, if it can be shown that the organization has made a success of the drive and has secured the increase of fifty per cent which your Commander-in-Chief is asking for and has faith to believe will be secured, that fact will be known all over the country and our beloved Order will receive such notice as will mean much for the success of our work in the future.

In our efforts to secure new members we should not forget that it is doubly important to retain the old ones. No man who has ever taken the obligation before our altar has any right to drop from the ranks. When he enlisted in the work for which we were organized, it was not for a time, it was for life, and no Brother who cherishes the memory of his father and the Comrades who fought with him on many a bloody battlefield, can afford to be other than true to that obligation.

It will be but a few months when we will again be called upon to strew flowers and plant flags upon the graves of our departed heroes. So many Comrades who have marched with firm and steady tread to the graves of their hero comrades, that they might pay a tribute of respect to their memory, are no longer able to take the active part which has so long been their duty. It behooves every Son of a Veteran to be ready to perform that duty and do his part in that work. There is no more important work for us to do, and that work can be no more successfully performed than by our Organization. We should therefore begin the new year with a determination to enlist in our ranks those who will assist in the work and help to make the last days of the Veterans as free from care and responsibility as possible.

Let every Camp begin at once for the work. We must bring into the fold every eligible man whose father fought for the Union. Let us prepare now for the duty before us.

AIDES.

II. Division Secretary-Treasurer R. G. Drake of the Nebraska Division and Past Commander of Nebraska Camp No. 144, having secured more than the required number of new members, is hereby appointed an aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Lew W. McComb, Past Division Commander of the Wisconsin Division, and a World War veteran, having secured more than the required number of recruits, is also appointed an aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Wm. F. Moore, of Camp 9, Boston, is also appointed an aide for securing the required number of new members.

VISITATIONS.

III. The Commander-in-Chief expects to be present at Philadelphia at the annual celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and the exercises annually given by the Sons of Veterans of the city and the Division of Pennsylvania on February 12. He expects to make this trip count for as much good to the organization as possible and for that reason will stop at several places on the way there and on his return. With the excep-

tion of a meeting at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he is expected to initiate a class of over five hundred new members, and at Indianapolis, Indiana, where another large class will be waiting, no other definite arrangements have been made. From Philadelphia he will go to Boston for a meeting of the workers of the New England Divisions, and expects to visit the Divisions of Michigan and Illinois on his return trip. No definite arrangements as to dates can be given until he has heard from other Divisions which have not as yet made their requests for a visit definite.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

IV. With the New Year comes added responsibilities for the Sons of Veterans. During this year there will be many times when we can show to the people of the country that we are alive to the duties and cares which naturally come to us as sons of the men who saved the Union and at no time does that responsibility confront us more as we approach the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, than now.

Union Defenders' Day this year should be one in which every Camp and every member should take an especial interest. It comes to us at a time when we are facing the natural conditions which come after the period of unrest and warfare which always follows such conditions.

We must not forget that it was our fathers, who under the able leadership of the immortal Lincoln, restored this Union and made it truly the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We must not forget as we are rejoicing that the world has been saved from tyranny and perhaps worse, that but for the deed of our fathers the Sons of the Blue and the Sons of the Gray might not have fought under one flag, elbow to elbow and shoulder to shoulder, for the freedom of the world. We should remember that had the Union been severed in the awful days of '61 to '65, our valiant boys who wore the uniform of Uncle Sam would not have been crossing the water under the leadership of "Old Glory," but under different flags and the hosts of oppression and tyranny might not have been turned back when unity of action was necessary to end the awful conflict, and the result might have been different.

And so as we shall meet to commemorate the deeds of the man who gave his life for liberty, may we do so with a prayerful determination from henceforth we will be ever true to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and that February 12 will be a day in which we show our allegiance to our Country, to our Flag and to the man who gave his life that the nation might live one and inseparable.

Let every Camp begin at once to prepare for the celebration of Union Defenders' Day. Enlist the assistance of your Auxiliary and invite in the members of the G. A. R. and allied organizations. If deemed advisable make the invitation public. This should be done whenever possible and the event made of more than passing importance.

NEW CAMPS.

V. Since last announcement Charters were issued to the following newly instituted Camps:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Mem.
Oct. 5—	5—	Minot, N. D. (Minn.)	27
Dec. 2—	19—	La Crosse, Wis.	40

Application for Charter for new Camp was approved December 30, 1920, to be No. 18, at Parker's Landing, Division of Pennsylvania, with 50 applicants.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3.

Receipts—

Nov. 30, 1920, to balance	\$2881.23
Received for per capita tax	1.44
Charter fees	10.00
Supplies	564.94
Miscellaneous	.50
Junior Order—Supplies	.38

Total receipts \$ 577.26
\$3458.49

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$1751.47
Office expenses	220.07
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	46.04
Total expenditures	\$2017.58

Balance, Dec. 31, 1920 \$1440.91

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For stock and supplies	\$ 794.27
The Banner, subscription, December, 1920	795.08
Printing	36.00
Reserve (Military Dept.), Sept.-Nov., 1920, inc.	80.96
Shipping supplies	20.16
Miscellaneous (funeral design)	25.00
	\$1751.47

Office Expenses—

For postage, telegrams, stationery (National Officers), rent (January-March, 1921, inclusive), express.....	\$ 220.07
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses— For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer....	\$ 46.04
	\$2017.58

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 2,
Series of 1921.

I. Your Commander-in-Chief at this time wishes to express, not only to the Sons of Veterans, but to the members of the affiliated organizations, his sincere appreciation of the efforts to make his trip to the East one of such pleasure and success. It was a wonderful experience, not only because of the acquaintances made and the associations thereby, but the knowledge gained that our organization has taken on renewed activity and has awakened to the responsibilities facing it as never before. It was an inspiration and something which will linger in his thoughts as the greatest and most wonderful experience of his life.

Visiting as he did, seventeen different cities in ten different states, and making thirty addresses and talks in thirteen days, covering a total of approximately 4,400 miles, he feels that the effort made was well worth the time taken and that as a result there may come much good thereby.

The fact that our organization is working hand in hand with the members of the American Legion, the boys who did so much to bring about a world-wide peace, is especially gratifying. As sons of the men who brought peace and unity to our own country, we have a duty to perform to the men who brought peace and unity to the entire world. Our responsibilities have not been made the less because of these men. On the other hand, our responsibilities have increased. We cannot shift to their shoulders the responsibilities we owe our fathers, but on the other hand must help the boys of that new army who fought so nobly on the bloody fields of France, to receive what is due them from our government and the people of this country. Our responsibilities are greater not less, our duty larger in every degree and we must not fail in it to the men who have worn the uniform of Uncle Sam, no matter in what conflict it may have been worn.

It was his pleasure to receive into our Order at several places large classes of new members, and among them veterans of three wars in nearly every instance. In one class was a veteran of the war of '61, who was also a Son of a Veteran, and in the class was his grandson and also his great-grandson. In that class were many veterans of the World War. In another class was represented the war of 1861, the war of 1898 and the war of 1918. Perhaps no other organization on the face of the earth can claim so great an honor. Let us be true to the men of those great periods.

Your Commander also wishes to express his appreciation for the many tokens of good will of a substantial character presented by the different affiliated organizations. He hopes to be able to carry out all the expectations which have been expressed by these tokens of good will and love and hopes to be worthy of the confidence placed in him, especially by our affiliated organizations.

In the good will and good spirit manifested all over the land covered by your Commander-in-Chief, let not our brothers forget their duty and the hope of their Commander that each one will bring into our ranks during the year "At Least One New Member."

II. The following brothers having secured the required number of new members, are hereby appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

John Rutter, Camp 60, New Oxford, Pa.
J. I. Weaver, Camp 60, New Oxford, Pa.
A. P. Kester, Camp 216, Walnutport, Pa.
Louis Spindelmer, Camp 216, Slatington, Pa.
Charles Wagner, Camp 216, Walnutport, Pa.
Walter E. Smith, Camp 6, Allentown, Pa.
Alfred E. Gleason, Camp 11, Pennsylvania.
Charles H. M. Vancil, Camp 18, Ellsworth, Kan.
John Barrett, Camp 14, Grand Rapids, Mich.
William Funk, Camp 1, Hoboken, N. J.
Edward E. Bennett, Camp 127, Westboro, Mass.

THE NEW RITUAL

III. The Ritual adopted by the 39th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Indianapolis, 1920, is ready for promulgation. Divisions having been supplied therewith.

Camps will forward their Rituals now in use to their respective Division Headquarters. In return therefor Division Commanders will forward to Camp Commanders five (5) new Rituals, for each Camp.

Division Commanders will take such action as will have Camp Commanders promptly forward all Rituals in possession of a Camp.

ONLY CAMPS IN GOOD STANDING can receive the Rituals. DIVISION COMMANDERS WILL SUPPLY ONLY SUCH CAMPS WITH NEW RITUALS THAT:

Have paid all per capita tax due Divisions, and forwarded all reports—for the quarter ending December 31st, 1920.
Have forwarded Installing Officers' Reports.
Have forwarded Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 50).
Have paid all indebtedness to Divisions and are not in arrears or delinquent in any of the essentials.

Division Commanders will promptly take action putting into force, effect and use the new Ritual in Camps, which is now the only official edition.

NEW ODES AND CARDS

IV. Odes (Form 18) now in use in Camps should be disregarded and abolished. New Odes in conformity with the new Ritual adopted at the Indianapolis Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief are now being supplied on requisition.

All Camps should use the New Odes and discard those now in use. Camps are urged to order the New Odes on Requisition Form 1½ from Division Headquarters at once.

Division Headquarters will make requisition for the Odes on Requisition Form 1 from the National Secretary. Orders for same will be promptly filled and shipped.

CORRECTION AS TO ADMISSION FEE.

V. So much as relates to General Orders Nos. 10 and 11, 1920, specifying that: "Camps may fix the amount of Membership Fee"—is hereby revoked, due to misunderstanding. Error.

The New Constitution (adopted at the Indianapolis Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1920), upon report and recommendation from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, incorporated the propositions from the Divisions of Rhode Island and Wisconsin relative to the Membership Fee.

The action of the Encampment was the adoption of the following: **REGULATIONS—CHAPTER 1, CAMPS:**

"Article VI:

"Section 1. Each Camp shall regulate its dues, fees and revenues, provided: the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than two (\$2.00) dollars, and shall have power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees or members."

Camps will accordingly be governed thereby—and have their membership fee not less than two (\$2.00) dollars.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

VI. The Constitution and Regulations adopted by the 39th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Indianapolis, 1920, has been completed and released by the Committee on State of Order, the same is ready for promulgation. Camps will order on Requisition Form 1 from Division Headquarters. Divisions will order from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

INDIANAPOLIS ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

VII. The Indianapolis Encampment Journal of Proceedings will be forwarded to Division Headquarters of all Divisions. Each Camp will receive a copy from Division Headquarters. Camps will file same in their records.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS—DATES.

VIII. Every Division is required by the Constitution and Regulations to hold a Division Encampment BEFORE July 1st. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

As soon as possible Division Commanders will report to Headquarters the time and place of holding their Encampments.

Encampments are announced as follows:

California & Pacific, week of May 8, at Stockton, Cal.
Massachusetts, April 5-6, at Boston.
New Hampshire, at Concord, April 7-8.
Rhode Island, April 19, at Providence (Old Arsenal Bldg.)
Connecticut, at Derby, April 20-21.
Illinois, May 17-19, at Galesburg.
Pennsylvania, June 6-8, at Allentown.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

Immediately after Division Encampment or Installation of Division Officers—Division Commanders will promptly forward to the National Secretary Form 49 in duplicate—Certificates of Election (and Appointment of Division Officers and Delegates). These must be sent without delay.

BOND OF DIVISION COMMANDER.

Division Commanders must furnish a bond within thirty days after election. It must be a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, to run to:

"Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Lincoln, Neb."

Every Division Commander must give this matter attention immediately after his election and within thirty days thereafter file said bond with the National Secretary-Treasurer, as required by the Constitution and Regulations.

ROSTER CHANGES—RESIGNATION—REMOVAL.

IX. A. J. Albrecht, 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis, has been installed as Division Secretary-Treasurer of the Division of Missouri, vice Walter H. Voss, resigned.

Headquarters Division of Massachusetts has been changed to Room 606 Tremont Bldg., 88 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

PAST CAMP COMMANDER'S BADGE.

X. Every Past Camp Commander is entitled to that special badge indicative of his service and should wear same. Camps should present same. Order on Requisition Form 1 of Division Headquarters.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

XI. Attention is again directed to the necessity for Camp Secretaries to forward the names and addresses of each member of a Camp—(such that have not done so) to Division Headquarters. Upon receipt Division Secretaries will send same to The Banner, Dwight, Ill., so that every member will receive the official organ of the Order—The Banner—regularly. Division Commanders will give this attention and secure these lists at once from their Camps delinquent therein.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

XII. Until further action Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Adjutant General, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will be in charge of matters relating to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, vice Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, deceased. Subjects relative to the Reserve will be addressed to Gettysburg, Pa.

INSTALLING OFFICERS' REPORTS.

XIII. These reports are due from all Camps at Division Headquarters. Form 22 should be provided for each Camp so that complete Rosters of Camps will be on file at Division Headquarters. It is required that all Installation reports be promptly forwarded to Division Headquarters.

COMMISSIONS.

XIV. Upon receipt of Installing Officers' Reports, Division Commanders will issue to each Camp Commander a Commission (Form 33) attested by the Division Secretary. This should not be neglected, and every Camp Commander should see that he receives it.

WAR MEDALS.

XV. During the World War there was a great demand for a Medal to be awarded those members of the Order who were in the service of our Country.

Such a Medal is now available and at the disposal of Camps for the presentations they then were importuning for and very

much desired to make to members in recognition of their patriotism and service.

Camps now have the opportunity to show their appreciation in this manner of the honor conferred on them by the members who were in service.

Every member who served in the Wars of our Country—Spanish-American and World War, as well as the members of the Order who served in the Rebellion—the War for the Union—is entitled to have this Medal and to wear it.

Camps would confer a distinct honor upon themselves by procuring this medal and presenting same to each of its members who served in the Wars of our Country.

It is a small token of appreciation and honor that can be bestowed upon such members.

REQUESTS FOR RECORDS OF SERVICE.

XVI. A practice is being followed to send to Headquarters Form 16—Request for Ancestor's Record of War Service—with Regiment and State omitted. This is wasted time and entirely useless. No record can be secured from the War Department unless the Regiment and State is designated in the Form. All omitting same must be returned to Divisions and no record can be obtained. For a record of service specify the Regiment (and State) the Ancestor served in.

CAMP CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS.

XVII. Division Commanders are directed to forward to all Camps promptly and without delay—Form 44—Camp Chaplain's blank reports.

This report Camp Chaplains will forward immediately after the ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30th, direct to the Division Chaplain.

Division Chaplains will promptly and as soon as possible make report on Form 43 of consolidated returns of Form 44—Camp Chaplains' Reports, to Rev. W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Mason, Michigan.

These reports must NOT be held for Division Encampments—but must be forwarded without delay as directed.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

XVIII. Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 50) were due December 31st. Such Camps that have not forwarded same must do so at once to their Division Patriotic Instructors.

Division Commanders will see that these reports are obtained for Division Patriotic Instructors immediately.

Division Patriotic Instructors will, without delay, forward their Consolidated Reports of Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 51) to National Patriotic Instructor William H. Hyden, 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Do NOT hold these reports for Division Encampments.

CAMP SECRETARY AND CAMP TREASURER REPORTS.

XIX. Division Commanders will issue to all Camps Forms 27 and 28 and direct Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers to forward same with per capita tax for the quarter ending March 31st, 1921, promptly to Division Headquarters. Camp Commanders will give these reports and payment of per capita tax for quarter ending March 31st, their personal attention and

SEE that same are forwarded. Per capita tax is payable on every member in good standing. This tax and reports must have prompt attention and forwarded to Division Headquarters IMMEDIATELY after the last meeting in the quarter.

NEW CAMPS.

XX. Since last announcement charter applications have been approved and new Camps have been instituted, charters issued thereto, as follows, viz:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Mem.
Jan. 21—18—		Parkers Landing, Pa.	48
Sept. 29—36—		Wallingford, Conn.	25
Jan. 20—20—		David City, Neb.	16
Jan. 14—39—		Cameron, Mo.	22
Jan. 25—9—		Bridgeport, Ill.	23

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

XXI. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, quarter ending December 31st, 1920, the charters thereof are hereby revoked. Division Secretaries will make record accordingly:

Maine—Dropped—Camp No.:			
66, Rumford, with	10	members	
Maryland—Dropped—Camp No.:			
8, Moundsville, W. Va., with	40	members	
Massachusetts—Dropped—Camps Nos.:			
107, Merrimac, with	10	members	
157, Hubbardstown, with	23	members	
Minnesota—Dropped—Camp No.:			
9, Swanville, with	8	members	
New York—Dropped—Camps Nos.:			
178, Johnson City-Lestershire, with	10	members	
210, Schenectady, with	12	members	
Ohio—Dropped—Camps Nos.:			
36, Strasberg, with	23	members	
38, Magnolia, with	10	members	
Pennsylvania—Disbanded—Camps Nos.:			
41, Punxsutawney, with	10	members	
46, Strasburg, with	9	members	
53, Bellwood, with	10	members	
55, Newton, with	10	members	
76, Middleburg, with	10	members	
89, Tyrone, with	10	members	
94, Columbia, with	10	members	
95, Leighton, with	10	members	
109, Chicora, with	38	members	
118, Hughesville, with	10	members	
136, Stoystown, with	10	members	
154, Cookport, with	10	members	
174, Beaver, with	10	members	
184, Ligonier, with	10	members	
195, Menheim, with	11	members	
197, New Brighton, with	10	members	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4.

XXII. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1921:

Receipts—

Dec. 31, 1920, to balance	\$1440.91
Received for per capita tax	\$ 497.74
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	411.93
Junior Order, supplies	.02

Total receipts \$ 914.69

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$1201.82
Office expenses	52.42
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	225.50

Total expenditures \$1479.74

Balance Jan. 31, 1921 \$ 875.86

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For stock and supplies	\$ 385.51
The Banner subscription, January, 1921	801.13
Shipping supplies	15.18

\$1201.82

Office Expenses—

For wrapping paper, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, National Officers	\$ 52.42
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Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—

For postage, traveling, stenographer	\$ 225.50
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Total expenditures \$1479.74

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5.

XXIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1921:

Receipts—

Jan. 31, 1921, to balance	\$ 875.86
Received for per capita tax	\$4296.79
Charter fees	10.00
Junior Order, supplies	7.60
Supplies	601.40

Total receipts \$4915.19

..... \$5791.05

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$1783.15
Office expenses	51.45
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	39.73

Total expenditures \$1874.33

Balance, Feb. 28, 1921 \$3916.72

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$ 137.84
The Banner subscription, February, 1921.....	798.54
Printing	2.50
Reserve, Military Department	4.00
Shipping supplies	15.27
Salary	\$25.00
	\$1783.15
Office Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, express, stationery	\$ 51.45
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, traveling	\$ 39.73
Total expenditures	\$1874.33

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

State House, Lincoln, Neb., April 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 3,

Series of 1921.

I. The first six months of the present administration of the affairs of our organization has passed. There has been a great deal to be thankful for with all the disappointments which have come during that time.

The response which you made for co-operation in the building up of our organization was truly gratifying in most instances. Most of the Division Commanders have taken up the work with a degree of enthusiasm which has been highly gratifying, and I believe had not the financial stringency come upon us that we would have been able to have made very decided gains in membership during the period just passing.

That we have failed in our efforts, I am not willing to admit. I feel that a foundation has been laid which ought to bring results in the last half year of our work, and if we can get the same degree of response from Division Commanders who have thus far failed to "get the spirit of progress" that has come from other Division Commanders we can yet make a showing when the next National Encampment convenes that will be of immense benefit to our organization.

That the financial conditions have been largely responsible for present conditions in our Order is no reason why we should be discouraged. On the other hand, it should cause us to redouble our efforts and cause us to make up our minds that such diffi-

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

Division.	In Good Standing Sept. 30, 1920.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS						In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1920.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.					
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	By Disbanded.					By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Total Loss.													
	Camps	Members					Camps	Members	Members	Camps						Members	Camps	Members					Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	190	...	14	...	...	14	11	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	200	\$ 18.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 31.00	...	...	...	...		
California & Pacific....	28	1383	...	70	...	17	92	28	1475	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	28	1463	131.67	227.71	1343.84	18.25	...	...	...		
Connecticut ...	41	2462	1	103	...	...	105	42	2567	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	42	2488	221.49	104.84	4237.46	43.00	...	...	...		
Illinois ...	42	2003	...	36	...	1	37	42	2040	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	42	1973	177.57	474.31	519.40	15.00	...	...	...		
Indiana ...	23	934	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Iowa ...	22	1002	...	15	...	8	23	22	1025	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	22	947	85.23	490.83	567.49	8.70	1	...	...		
Kansas ...	27	871	...	4	...	...	4	27	875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	844	76.14	825.98	275.43	23.85	8	...	...		
Maine ...	45	2067	...	44	...	4	50	45	2117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	44	2074	186.66	360.13	902.94	36.00	2	...	...		
Maryland ...	13	561	...	25	...	...	26	13	587	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	13	531	47.97	329.51	2145.14	245.00	...	...	...		
Massachusetts ..	153	7717	...	184	...	...	197	153	7914	...	33	22	19	16	...	...	95	2	185	500.00	81.50	18507.98	344.44	34	15	...		
Michigan ...	18	662	1	34	...	...	34	19	696	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	19	649	58.41	134.29	448.66	8.85	2	2	...		
Minnesota ...	15	499	1	29	...	...	29	16	528	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1	20	45.72	103.82	416.84	...	...	...	...		
Missouri ...	16	697	...	...	...	...	...	16	697	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	697	62.73	186.13	575.27	...	...	...	...		
Nebraska ...	18	616	...	6	...	...	6	18	622	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	18	607	54.63	57.82	37.38	...	...	...	...		
New Hampshire	35	1155	...	10	1	...	13	35	1168	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	35	1140	102.60	182.68	1172.76	39.60	2	1	...		
New Jersey ...	30	1691	...	37	...	6	43	30	1734	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	30	1705	153.45	231.50	5146.02	610.20	...	...	...		
New York ...	120	5034	...	77	...	1	125	121	5159	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158	2	186	452.57	404.50	7682.64	121.70	8	7	...		
Ohio ...	105	4644	...	35	...	17	52	105	4696	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	2	73	416.07	161.44	2787.13	...	...	...	...		
Pennsylvania ...	189	13728	...	306	1	...	207	189	14305	...	16	188	...	...	...	...	333	16	551	1213.56	405.89	35182.41	8696.97	262	6	...		
Rhode Island	15	473	...	18	1	...	21	15	494	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	15	479	43.11	152.24	634.07	...	...	...	...		
Vermont ...	41	1231	...	18	1	...	19	41	1250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	23	41	1222	109.93	194.10	525.68	...	...	...	
Washington & Oregon.	14	624	...	8	...	1	9	14	633	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	14	630	54.70	184.16	377.04	52.00	2	2	
Wisconsin ...	30	1022	1	52	1	...	72	31	1094	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	25	31	96.21	...	516.96	...	...	...	...		
Total ...	1051	51266	4	1139	28	1	125	5	1292	1056	52558	18	221	112	68	34	7	1154	25	1589	1031	50969	\$4294.53	\$5394.05	\$38533.80	\$10173.56	324	33

*Deficit, \$16.08.

culties will not stand in the way of the wheels of progress. The greater the difficulties, the harder we should work to surmount them.

May not your Commander-in-Chief ask that in the six months to come every Brother will make up his mind if he has not already brought in the one new member that he will do so before reports are sent in for the quarter ending June 30th? If our organization is worth belonging to, it is worth working for, and if it is worth working for, and we do put that degree of energy into it which we would put into making our private business a success, it will become one of the greatest patriotic organizations in the country. Every Brother has the responsibility. Do not think that all of the responsibility is with your Camp officers. You, as a member, have just as great a responsibility as the men you have elected to carry on the work. How many of you, after reading The Banner of this issue, will say to your Camp Commander: "I Am With You For The Building Up Of Our Camp"?

As the day approaches when we will again meet to pay our tribute to the memory of the Comrades who fought to save the Nation in '61-'65, it comes to us with a stronger appreciation of the responsibilities which we, as an organization of the Sons of Veterans, have before us. All over this broad land during the past year there has been added to the places where lay those who have answered the last roll-call, new mounds. Each one of those mounds brings to us a renewed remembrance of our duty to those who are left behind. A few years ago it was one by one that these old Comrades were laid away, later hundreds by hundreds they passed to their reward, and now it is by the thousands that they are daily being carried to their last resting place.

It is but a few years more when the last one will have been laid away and we will not have with us the inspiration which it has been our privilege to receive as we have met them day by day upon the streets as they have wended their way to and fro. At no time in the history of our organization should we arise to our responsibility as much as now. Every Son of a Veteran should forget other duties on Memorial Day and do his part toward showing to the public that he is proud of his inheritance and fully alive to its value. The time has come when we should take our place in doing the part we are expected to take. Every Camp Commander should offer his services and those of his Camp to the Grand Army of the Republic Post in his city for anything which they may desire. Do not be in the attitude of attempting to force your services upon these men. They are, or have been, very loth to give up the rights which they as Comrades owe to those other Comrades who have gone on before. It was their right and they should be accorded that right just as long as they desire to do these things themselves, but they are beginning to understand that they must need help and in the words of Commander-in-Chief Ketcham of the Grand Army of the Republic spoken at Indianapolis in February: "The time has come when we must turn over our work to someone else, and who has a better right to take over that work than our own sons?" Let us not forget, therefore, our duty to our fathers and make every sacrifice necessary for their comfort and assist them in every way as they pay the tribute of respect to their Com-

rades who lay under the little mound in the cemetery on Memorial Day.

Commanders of Camps will take notice that a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at their Forty-fifth National Encampment, held in Rochester N. Y., endorsed the Sons of Veterans as the official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic on all occasions. In order that you may know just the action taken, the resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That this National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic invite the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as their permanent official escort on all occasions and that all Departments and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are welcome to invite them in the same capacity and be officially notified to that effect."

It is possible that a large number of Grand Army of the Republic Posts throughout the country may not know of this official action on the part of their National Encampment and that did they know it would be glad to use the members of our organization in that regard. Perhaps in offering your services to the Grand Army it might be well to call their attention to this action.

II. The following Brothers, having secured the required number of new members, are appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Charles A. Lowe, Camp 2, South Haven, Mich.
 Albert J. Whitney, Worcester, Mass.
 John W. Stalley, 127 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Cal.
 L. A. Ludwig, 314 East Fourth St., Santa Ana, Cal.
 E. A. Bell, 216 Maple Ave., Santa Ana, Cal.
 Frederick C. Martin, 1201 North Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.
 A. D. Cobb, Camp 114, Marion, Mass.
 Jos. E. Howard, Camp 98, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Charles H. Young, New Bedford, Mass.
 R. J. Bosworth, Camp 144, Winchester, Ind.
 John H. Beals, Camp 144, Winchester, Ind.
 P. C. Focht, Camp 144, Winchester, Ind.
 James M. Brown, Camp 144, Winchester, Ind.
 Harry Bosselman, Camp 28, Richmond, Ind.
 Wm. F. Gottschalk, Camp 82, Terre Haute, Ind.
 Geo. W. Krietenstein, Camp 82, Terre Haute, Ind.
 John W. Corbin, Camp 82, Terre Haute, Ind.
 Joseph A. Minturn, Camp 356, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Newton J. McGuire, Camp 356, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Fred W. Hawkins, Camp 356, Indianapolis, Ind.
 E. S. Shumaker, Camp 356, Indianapolis, Ind.
 T. W. Allen, Camp 356, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Clinton L. Wright, Camp 35, 91 Richmond St., New Bedford, Mass.
 Charles F. Washburn, Jr., Camp 4, Pleasant St., Plymouth, Mass.
 Thos. L. Crawford, Camp 17, 72 Falmouth Ave., Brockton, Mass.
 J. B. Dillman, Allen Camp No. 169, Bloomington, Ind.
 Howard Farr, Camp 169, Bloomington, Ind.
 Harvey J. Williams, Camp 1, Detroit, Mich.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

III. Every Division must hold an Encampment before July 1st. As soon as possible Division Commanders will notify Headquarters of the date and place of Division Encampments. Those announced are:

APRIL.

Connecticut at Derby, April 20-21.
 Massachusetts at Boston, April 5-6.
 New Hampshire at Concord, April 7-8.
 Rhode Island at Providence, April 19.

MAY.

California & Pacific at Stockton, week of May 8.
 Illinois at Galesburg, May 17-19.
 Indiana at Newcastle, May 10-12.
 Missouri at Jefferson City, May 17-18.
 Vermont at Montpelier, May 18-19.

JUNE.

Iowa at Waterloo, June 7-9.
 Michigan at Flint, June 21-23.
 Minnesota at Detroit, June 3-4.
 New Jersey at Paterson, June 22-23.
 New York at Binghamton, June 23-25.
 Ohio at Greenville, June 14-16.
 Pennsylvania at Allentown, June 8-9.
 Wisconsin at Antigo, June 7-9.

CHANGE OF DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS.

IV. The Division of Massachusetts Headquarters address is Room 606 Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston. Care must be taken to indicate TREMONT TEMPLE.

NEW CAMPS.

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

Date.	No.	Location.
March 5—	5—	Highland Park, Mich.
March 5—	111—	Noblesville, Ind.
March 18—	50—	Newcastle, Ind.
March 26—	93—	Coopers Mills, Maine.
March 31—	17—	Chittenden, Vt., 18 applications.

New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	No Mem.
Jan. 27—	5—	Highland Park, Mich.	17
Feb. 24—	111—	Noblesville, Ind.	39
Feb. 7—	50—	Newcastle, Ind.	56
Sept. 26—	93—	Coopers Mills, Me.	27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 6.

VI. Report of the National Secretary for the month of March, 1921:

Receipts—
 Feb. 28, 1921, to balance\$3916.72

Received for per capita tax	\$ 2.25
Charter fees	25.00
Supplies	921.05
Total receipts	\$ 948.30
	\$4865.02

Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$2593.03
Office expenses	295.21
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	9.55
Total expenditures	\$2897.79
Balance March 31, 1921	\$1967.23

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

For General Expenses—	
Stock and supplies	\$1267.87
Encampment (Journal Proceedings 39th En- campment Commander-in-Chief	548.05
The Banner, subscription, March, 1921	803.92
Shipping supplies	33.19
	\$2593.03

Office Expenses—	
Postage, telegrams, express, stationery rent, April, June, inclusive	\$ 295.21
Commander-in-Chief's expenses—	
Postage and telegrams	\$ 9.55
Total expenditures	\$2897.79

By order of
PELHAM A. BARROWS,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO IV.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 4,
 Series of 1921.

I. It is with a great degree of satisfaction, after returning from a visit to some of the Divisions of the West, that your Commander can report a general awakening all over the land to the need of better service on the part of all affiliated with our organization and that from this we can look forward to the future with much pleasure.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1921.

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1920.		GAIN			Total Gain.		Aggregate.	LOSS						In Good Standing March 31, 1921.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.			
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.				By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Total Loss.										
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps					Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	200	...	3	...	...	3	11	203	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	11	198	\$ 17.82	\$.41	\$ 50.00	...	...	
California & Pacific...	28	1463	...	111	...	...	114	30	1577	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	28	1414	136.26	84.29	849.54	58.00	...	
Connecticut ...	42	2486	...	35	...	...	37	42	2523	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	42	2469	224.55	95.43	4482.20	150.10	...	
Illinois ...	42	1973	1	114	...	15	131	42	2104	...	...	...	...	...	33	1	42	1867	186.03	91.32	1099.07	18.00	...	
Indiana ...	23	934	...	279	...	...	279	23	1313	...	...	...	...	...	196	5	23	1148	103.32	1.40	3774.85	294.00	...	
Iowa ...	22	947	...	50	...	...	53	22	1000	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	22	916	86.94	589.79	528.28	49.62	...	
Kansas ...	27	846	...	...	...	...	...	27	851	...	...	...	...	...	66	...	27	781	70.29	863.53	302.49	38.90	...	
Maine ...	44	2074	1	64	1	...	67	45	2141	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	44	2025	153.01	354.93	932.56	59.90	...	
Maryland ...	12	531	...	37	...	...	37	12	568	...	...	...	...	...	34	1	12	522	47.83	125.00	1811.59	310.00	...	
Massachusetts ...	151	7729	1	449	31	...	450	152	8209	1	16	20	29	9	116	1	151	8019	721.71	53.58	18987.60	398.28	...	
Michigan ...	19	649	1	52	1	...	60	20	709	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	19	631	62.19	114.69	463.21	41.05	...	
Minnesota ...	15	598	...	13	...	1	52	16	599	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	15	589	54.50	72.14	426.94	...	...	
Missouri ...	16	697	1	32	2	...	34	17	731	...	...	...	...	...	76	...	16	617	58.23	256.33	825.12	...	...	
Nebraska ...	18	697	1	75	...	1	116	20	723	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	18	714	70.61	116.19	296.31	...	...	
New Hampshire ...	35	1140	...	31	...	...	31	35	1171	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	35	1124	103.59	231.61	1239.74	...	...	
New Jersey ...	30	1705	...	31	...	...	34	30	1739	...	...	...	...	...	47	1	30	1638	151.47	276.12	5088.57	376.68	...	
New York ...	119	4973	...	89	1	...	102	119	5075	...	25	12	13	2	125	5	119	4898	440.32	449.36	9087.64	167.75	...	
Ohio ...	103	4623	...	79	...	...	84	103	4707	...	54	7	1	1	132	4	103	4462	401.58	254.09	3178.57	...	...	
Pennsylvania ...	173	13484	1	428	1	...	429	174	13913	5	79	24	4	1	353	5	173	13015	1209.78	465.51	24504.86	10005.18	...	
Rhode Island ...	15	479	...	21	...	...	21	15	500	...	...	...	...	...	18	1	15	450	43.20	176.01	785.90	10.00	...	
Vermont ...	41	1222	1	54	3	...	59	42	1281	3	62	2	4	2	23	3	41	1188	106.92	198.81	496.02	...	...	
Washington & Oregon...	14	630	...	15	...	...	15	14	645	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	14	603	54.27	183.14	319.93	11.50	...	
Wisconsin ...	31	1069	...	48	...	...	53	31	1122	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	31	1008	93.92	24.77	645.08	...	...	
Total ...	1031	50969	12	2212	48	2	136	15	2396	1046	53365	19	291	114	75	25	10	1444	\$4638.79	\$5079.95	\$90095.27	\$12482.96	355	78

The consolidated report for the quarter ending March 31 shows that the membership has increased over the report of last December from 50,969 to 51,416. However, the report also shows that while there has been a small gain in membership, the number of Camps has dropped from 1,031 to 1,017. This is due, doubtless, to the fact that many of the Divisions have been cleaning out the dead timber and are preparing to start the work of building up from a firm foundation. This is as it should be, and no one should be discouraged because the number of Camps are less. We confidently look forward to the June report as showing a substantial gain.

Another reason for the failure of our numbers to increase is the financial condition which has wrought such havoc in business circles. Naturally it affects our organization, as it has many others, but this should only cause us to redouble our efforts and make a determination that we will press forward, overcome all obstacles and place the flag of success at the top of the hill.

It has indeed been a great inspiration to your Commander-in-Chief to have the opportunity of meeting so many of the members of our Order and more especially so as to mingle with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Encampments in the States visited. No one can fail to receive a wonderful inspiration in attending these Encampments, and it is to be regretted that more of the Brothers do not take advantage of the opportunity and spend a few days not only with the men who did so much to save our Union, but with the members of our affiliated societies always meeting at these Encampments.

Our Auxiliary is doing a grand service and if there is any Camp of the Sons of Veterans which is not getting to the place where it should be, is not taking the stand it should take, it should immediately begin the work of organization of one of these societies, for with it in connection with the Camp there will be no question but that the Camp will meet with success. Your Commander-in-Chief has had the pleasure of meeting the National President of our Auxiliary at some of the Encampments visited and has noted with a great deal of satisfaction the work she is doing. The Auxiliary has reason to be congratulated that it has for its national head a woman who is doing such a wonderful work in inspiring the women of the organization to give greater service. Blanch Beverstock is a wonderful woman and doing a wonderful service, and I know the organization of which she is the head is duly appreciative of her work.

II. The following Brothers have been appointed Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief for having secured five or more members:

Stephen F. Degnan, Camp 6, Derby, Conn.
 Clarence A. Perkins, Everett, Mass.
 Bert H. Tyrell, Worcester, Mass.
 Edward T. Hampton, Worcester, Mass.
 A. Chester Dike, Worcester, Mass.
 E. A. Hoyt, Camp 7, Providence, R. I.
 Frank tSewart, Camp 21, Fulton, N. Y.
 Lewis G. Little, Camp 113, Greenfield, Mass.
 Thomas W. Evans, Camp 113, Greenfield, Mass.
 Alex. D. Troy, Camp 24, Gloucester, Mass.
 Benjamin C. Cook, Camp 24, Gloucester, Mass.

F. S. Webb, Richmond, Ind.
 Geo. W. Mace, Camp 2, Hagerstown, Pa.
 Earl W. Hepperle, Camp 2, Hagerstown, Pa.
 T. E. Long, Dayton, Ohio.
 E. H. Jöhler, Camp 17, Blue Island, Ill.
 A. M. Weaver, Camp 17, Blue Island, Ill.
 William J. Baker, New Hartford, N. Y., Camp 43, Utica.
 H. L. Johnson, Camp 43, Utica, N. Y.
 W. V. Shaw, Camp 169, Bloomington, Ind.
 A. L. McConkey, Camp 169, Bloomington, Ind.
 Harry Garrett, Camp 28, Richmond, Ind.
 Wm. T. Church, Chicago, Ill.
 Ed. C. Skinner, Chicago, Ill.
 Frank E. Watson, Camp 124, Tipton, Ind.
 Peter Deitzer, Camp 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
 Harry Brown, Camp 50, Wooster, Ohio.

It is with considerable regret that the ribbon of our Order cannot be bestowed upon the women of our affiliated societies for their activities in helping to secure members for our Camps. Many of them are doing a wonderful service and many of them would do more if they were only invited to do so.

There is but one more quarter's report to be published after the March report is made. It will show a gain, but there is no reason why the last report before the next National Encampment should not show a very substantial gain. The Brothers will have returned home after the State Encampments have been held and in which they must have been inspired after associating with the Comrades of the Grand Army and the affiliated societies and in a mood to go out and build up their Camps. New Division Commanders will have a chance to show their mettle and the result of the report ought to mean something. Then will come the September report, which will not be made until after my successor has been chosen. Make that report mean something and one which will be an inspiration to the new Commander-in-Chief after he has assumed the office.

ENCAMPMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.

III. When place and time of holding the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment is determined, due announcement thereof will be made.

By action of the 39th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (1929), the next Encampment will be held at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders.

This has not been determined. Action relative thereto is under way and has been for some time.

RITUAL CHANGE.

IV. CAMP COMMANDERS: In Ritual, page 6, Change last "E" on last line, to letter "F."

CAMP CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

V. Camp Chaplains will AT ONCE forward to Division Chaplain Form 44. Camp Commanders will see that this is done immediately.

Division Chaplains will forward their reports—Form 43, without delay to Rev. W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Mason, Mich.

CAMP SECRETARY AND CAMP TREASURER REPORTS.

Division Commanders will at once (if they have not done so) send to all Camps Forms 27 and 28 for quarter ending June 30, with instructions to return said reports with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30 to their Division Headquarters, ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN JUNE.

Division Commanders will, upon receipt of these reports and per capita tax, issue to Camp Commanders Form 0000—new password and countersign—effective July 1st.

Camps failing to comply herewith cannot receive the new password and countersign until reports and tax are received at Division Headquarters.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

VI. Conditions incident to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, require that Camps (and Camp Commanders will give this personal attention) forward their reports (Forms 27 and 28) with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30—ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT THIS MONTH—to their respective Division Headquarters.

Division Commanders and all Division Officers are instructed to see that Camp Reports and per capita tax are sent to Division Headquarters without delay.

Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers—will promptly forward their Reports—Forms 35, 37 and 38, with per capita tax, to the National Secretary, for said quarter.

ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATION.

For Divisions to have representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment it is necessary that:

Division Commanders furnish a surety company bond in One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, within thirty days after election, said bond to run and read to:

"Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Lincoln, Nebraska."

Immediately after a Division Encampment, Certificates of Election—Form 49, in duplicate, be forwarded to the National Secretary.

Division Patriotic Instructor's Report—Form 51, is in the hands of National Patriotic Instructor William H. Hyden, 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal., AT ONCE.

Division Chaplains Report—Form 43—is forwarded AT ONCE to Rev. W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Mason, Mich.

Form 35, 37 and 38, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, are in possession of the National Secretary at the time specified in communications to all Division Commanders and Division Secretaries. All indebtedness must be paid and all reports rendered as designated.

Membership will be in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 2, of the Constitution and Regulations. Divisions will be governed accordingly.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

Alabama & Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala., June 26.
 Iowa at Waterloo, June 7-9.
 Maine at Portland, June 15-16.
 Maryland at Baltimore, June 10-11.

Michigan at Flint, June 21-23.
 Minnesota at Detroit, Minn., June 3-4.
 New Jersey at Paterson, June 22-23.
 New York at Binghamton, June 23-25.
 Ohio at Greenville, June 14-16.
 Pennsylvania at Allentown, June 8-9.
 Washington & Oregon at Olympia, June 22.
 Wisconsin at Antigo, June 7-9.

NEWLY ELECTED DIVISION COMMANDERS.

VIII. California & Pacific—Division Commander, A. J. Cloud, San Francisco; Secretary-Treasurer, C. S. Scott, Room 467 City Hall, San Francisco.

Connecticut—Division Commander, Walter H. DeForest, Derby; Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Illinois—Division Commander, Fred J. Phillips, 5 North La Salle St., Chicago; Secretary-Treasurer, A. S. Holbrook, Dwight.

Indiana—Division Commander, E. S. Shumaker, 706 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis.

Kansas—Division Commander, Charles B. Martin, Parsons; Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Callen, Parsons.

Massachusetts—Division Commander, Fred E. Upham, Leominster; Secretary, Henry F. Weller; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, both Room 606 Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston.

Missouri—Division Commander, Edward Brandle, 3417 Osage St., St. Louis; Secretary-Treasurer, A. J. Albrecht, 2405 So. Broadway, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Division Commander, Paul Goss, 2101 Washington St., Lincoln; Secretary-Treasurer, R. G. Drake, 410 South 19th St., Lincoln.

New Hampshire—Division Commander, Arthur J. Griffith, Keene; Secretary-Treasurer, Oscar E. Davis, Alton.

Rhode Island—Division Commander, Enoch A. Hoyt; Secretary, Frank B. Wight; Treasurer, Howard S. West; all 47 Washington St., Room 4, Providence.

Vermont—Division Commander, Lucius H. Gordon, Lyndonville; Secretary-Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

IX. Applications for Charters have been approved as follows:

NEW CAMPS—CHARTERS ISSUED.

Date.	No.	Location.	No. App.
April 1—	133	Attleboro, Mass.	34
April 7—	124	Tipton, Ind.	42
April 18—	11	Stockton, Cal. & Pac.	25
April 18—	33	Santa Barbara, Cal. & Pac.	52
May 31—	5	Fulton, New York	24

CAMPS INSTITUTE.

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Mem.
Mar. 26—	17	Chittenden, Vt.	16
Mar. 14—	124	Tipton, Ind.	42
Feb. 18—	11	Stockton, Cal. & Pac.	25
Mar. 12—	33	Santa Barbara, Cal. & Pac.	56

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

X. Camps Disbanded, Dropped, their Charters are hereby revoked, and record will be made at Division Headquarters accordingly, as follows:

Illinois—Dropped—Camp No.:	
2, Apple River, with	14 members
Indiana—Disbanded—Camps Nos.:	
5, Salamonina, with	10 members
26, Goldsmith, with	10 members
106, Kokomo, with	15 members
107, Elkhart, with	10 members
255, Michigan City, with	10 members
Maryland—Dropped—Camp No.:	
9, Wheeling, W. Va., with	34 members
Massachusetts—Disbanded—Camp No.:	
152, Revere, with	16 members
Missouri—Dropped—Camps Nos.:	
35, St. Louis, with	30 members
46, De Soto, with	22 members
New Jersey—Dropped—Camp No.:	
39, Bridgeton, with	16 members
New York—Camps Nos.:	
4, Brockton, dropped, with	10 members
32, Chatham, disbanded, with	15 members
86, Troy, disbanded, with	10 members
130, Alfred, dropped, with	10 members
188, Andover, dropped, with	12 members
Ohio—Camps Nos.:	
5, Lexington, Ky., disbanded, with	23 members
74, Wellington, O., dropped, with	15 members
80, Canal Dover, O., disbanded, with	13 members
99, Castalia, O., disbanded, with	18 members
Pennsylvania—Disbanded—Camps Nos.:	
83, Chester, with	30 members
172, Shirleysburg, with	10 members
183, Windber, with	10 members
199, Catawissa, with	10 members
218, Braddock, with	19 members
Rhode Island—Dropped—Camp No.:	
4, Shannock, with	10 members
Vermont—Disbanded—Camps Nos.:	
1, Bethel, with	10 members
10, Braintree, with	15 members
57, Poultney, with	37 members

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 7.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1921:

Receipts—	
March 31, 1921, to balance	\$1967.23
Received for per capita tax	\$ 633.94
Charter fees	20.00
Supplies	695.32
Total receipts	\$1349.26
	\$3316.49

Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$1291.54
Office expenses	27.53
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	100.00
Total expenditures	\$1419.07
Balance, April 30, 1921	\$1897.42

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$ 463.10
The Banner, subscription, April, 1921	804.95
Shipping supplies	23.49
	\$1291.54

Office Expenses—	
For postage, express, telegrams, stationery	\$ 27.53
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For traveling	\$ 100.00
Total expenditures	\$1419.07

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 8.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1921:

Receipts—	
April 30, 1921, to balance	\$1897.42
Received for per capita tax	\$4200.46
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	729.57
Total receipts	\$4935.03
	\$6832.45

Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$2664.44
Office expenses	34.99
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	461.25
Total expenditures	\$3160.68
Balance, May 31, 1921	\$3671.77

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$1009.23
The Banner, subscription, May, 1921	799.60
Printing	7.00
Shipping supplies	23.61
Salary	825.00
	\$2664.44

Office Expenses—	
For postage, express, telegrams, stationery	\$ 34.99

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, office, traveling, stenographer	\$ 461.25
Total expenditures	\$3160.68

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 5,
Series of 1921.

I. Having completed visits to Divisions of the Commandery-in-Chief covering approximately 15,000 miles, extending from Massachusetts on the east to California on the west and from Minnesota on the north to Missouri on the south, I feel that I am in a position to say that our Order, which we should always be intensely interested in because of what it stands for and what it represents, is awakening to its responsibilities, and all over the jurisdiction of the Commandery-in-Chief the brothers appear to have taken on a new resolution, which will, if carried out, make for our Order of the Sons of Veterans an epoch in its history which will mean much for its future.

As has been often said, "If our Order is worth belonging to, it is worth working for." Your Commander-in-Chief wants to express himself as feeling that the sentiment expressed above has found a responsive chord in the hearts of our Brothers all over this broad land, and the future looks decidedly encouraging. If we really love anything, we will gladly give service for it, and so in the years to come let "Service" be our motto, and let every brother do his best to see that it counts for something.

II. The following Brothers, having secured the required number of new members, are hereby appointed Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief for the balance of his term:

Harry Brown, Wooster, Ohio.
Alfred E. Linden, William A. Sparling and Arthur E. Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
B. B. Whittier, East Lansing, Mich.
Dr. Louis C. Day, Elmira Heights, N. Y.
Joseph E. Locke, Leominster, Mass.
Fred E. Upham, Leominster, Mass.
W. B. McNulty, Philadelphia, Pa.
Wm. T. Church, Louis Weller and Frank H. Stephens, Chicago, Ill.
Leslie R. Hines, New Bethlehem, Pa.
Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.

III. In the visits of the Commander-in-Chief over the country he has discovered that a large number of the brothers who have been appointed Aides on the staff of former Commanders-in-Chief are still wearing the ribbons given them at the time of their appointment. As a result there is much complaint regarding this, and it may be well to let it be understood that Aides appointed by any Commander-in-Chief hold only as long as that Commander-in-Chief is at the head of the Order. When the Commander who appointed them retires their commission as an Aide ceases and they must remove the ribbon and substitute the regular ribbon of the Order. The right to wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon has been so much abused that it may become necessary for the next National Encampment to take some action in this matter. The bestowal of the ribbon for obtaining members is recognized only as a custom and for the "Good of the Order." It may have to be abolished and some other manner substituted for the recognition of those who bring in the new members.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

IV. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations:

From the Division of California & Pacific, and Camp No. 15, San Francisco, Division of California & Pacific:

Chapter 1, Article 1, after the words—"Sons of" eliminate the word "Veterans" and substitute in lieu thereof the words: "the Grand Army of the Republic."

Article to read: "Chapter 1, Article 1, The Name of this Association shall be the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic."

OBITUARY—ISAM CUTLER—CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBER.

V. It is with sadness that the death on June 15, at Quincy, Illinois, is announced of Constitutional Life Member Isaac Cutler.

The honor of a Constitutional Life Member was bestowed upon the deceased at the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Detroit, Michigan, 1899.

Brother Cutler for years was active in the Order, and especially in the Division of Illinois, to which sympathy is expressed, as well as to the surviving members of his family.

Camp Commanders will drape Camp Charters and colors for a period of thirty days in memory of the deceased.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

VI. As soon as the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic announce where and when the National Encampment of 1921 will be held, announcement of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment will be made, same having been decided to be at the same time and place as the National Encampment of the G. A. R., at the 1920 Encampment (Indianapolis) of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Division Commanders, Delegates and all members of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment will prepare for the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Regulations. For representation therein:

Divisions must have paid all indebtedness due the Commandery-in-Chief.

Division Secretary's and Division Treasurer's Reports—Forms 35, 37 and 38—must be in the hands of the National Secretary, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1921, at the time designated and of which Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers have had notice and orders.

Form 49—Certificates of Election at Division Encampments have been vied with the National Secretary.

Surety Company bond in One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, made to run to: "Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Lincoln, Nebraska," is filed—within thirty days after election of a Division Commander.

Form 51—Division Patriotic Instructor's Report is in possession of National Patriotic Instructor—William H. Hyden, 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, California.

Form 43—Division Chaplain's Report is in possession of Rev. W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Mason, Michigan.

Attention of Division Commanders is directed to the foregoing so that all necessary requirements will be complied with and that no Division will be deprived of representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

CAMP SECRETARY AND CAMP TREASURER REPORTS.

VII. Camp Commanders will see that Reports—Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th—are forwarded without delay (if not already forwarded) to their Division Headquarters.

Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers must not be delinquent with these returns. Promptness is absolutely necessary.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

VIII. Divisions have held their Annual Encampments. New terms are now under way and new officers are in command. Much is expected. It is hoped none will be neglectful of their duties and that all will realize and meet their responsibilities.

All Division Officers are urged to plan and arrange for a campaign of recruiting and increasing the membership in their respective Divisions. There is every opportunity.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

IX. Camp Secretaries that have failed to forward the names of the members of their Camps to their respective Division Headquarters will do so at once. Division Commanders will make every effort to obtain lists of the members and their addresses—of these delinquent Camps, and forward said lists to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, in order that every member of every Camp may receive the Official Organ of the Order—without cost to any member.

NEW CAMPS.

X. More new Camps have been organized and Charters issued thereto than for some time. This suggests to the newly elected Division Commanders and Officers, that new Camps can be organized if an effort is made and if energy is put forth for such work. It is hoped that all Division Commanders will make use of every opportunity and make special efforts to organize new Camps.

Applications have been approved and Charters issued to new Camps instituted, as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	No Mem.
May 21—	6—	Williamston, Mich.	17
Mar. 6—	61—	Greenville, Ohio	127
May 12—	76—	Marshalltown, Iowa	24
May 19—	23—	Freeport, Me.	20
May 6—	2—	Baxter Springs, Kan.	29
June 2—	158—	Nevada, Iowa	34
June 22—	239—	New Bethlehem R. D., Pa.	28
June 2—	3—	Charleston, Ill.	33
May 4—	296—	Rockport, Ind.	25
May 23—	228—	Princeton, Ind.	27
Apr. 14—	56—	Tuscarawas, Ohio	34
June 21—	33—	Anderson, Ind.	67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 9.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1921:

Receipts—

May 31, 1921, to balance	\$3671.77
Received for charter fees	\$ 60.00
Supplies	394.38
Junior Order, supplies	7.40
Total receipts	\$ 461.78
	4133.55

Expenditures—

By general expenses	\$1712.97
Office expenses	203.45
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	99.34
Total expenditures	\$2015.76
Balance June 30, 1921	\$2117.79

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For stock and supplies	\$ 890.28
The Banner, subscription, June, 1921	809.28
Shipping supplies	13.41
	\$1712.97

Office Expenses—

For postage, telegrams, express, rent (July-Sept., 1921, inclusive)	\$ 203.45
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, traveling, stenographer, miscellaneous	\$ 99.34
Total expenditures	\$2015.76

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska., Aug. 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 6,

Series of 1921.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

I. Pursuant to action by the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1920, the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene in the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, same having been decided upon and fixed by Commander-in-Chief William A. Ketcham and the Executive Committee—for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and National Encampments of the various Allied Orders.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution and Regulations, the Fortieth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene at the Hotel Denison, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 2 o'clock P. M. of Tuesday, September 27, 1921.

All National Officers, Members of the Commandery-in-Chief and Delegates, will be governed accordingly and respond to this summons.

ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP.

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, in good standing who have served a full term, or elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

Of one Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional Delegate for every five hundred (500) members or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Washington, Indianapolis, Indiana, Monday, September 26, 1921.

HOTEL RATES.

Hotel Headquarters—Hotel Washington: All rooms with bath—European plan:

A limited number of rooms at \$2.50 per day per person.

One or two persons, \$3.00 per day, \$6.00 for room.

Three persons, \$10.50 per day for room.

One or six persons (sample rooms), for delegations, \$15.00 per day for room.

One or eight persons (sample rooms), for delegations, \$2.00 per day per person.

For rooms or reservations for rooms, write Mr. C. B. Smith, Manager, Hotel Washington, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Reservations for rooms can only be secured upon applica-

tion to the Hotel Manager. Advise if possible date of arrival. This is important.

GENERAL HOTEL RATES.

Other and numerous Hotels have made rates moderate and varying in degree. Hotel Denison, Hotel English, Hotel Spencer, from \$1.50 per day and up. Write direct to Hotels, for rooms and reservations.

RAILROAD RATES AND TRANSPORTATION.

Railroad Rates—One fare and one-half fare. Identification certificates for reduced rates must be applied for by Division Headquarters to Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Department (your Division) of the Grand Army of the Republic, from whom alone they can be obtained. Railroad ticket agents CANNOT supply these Certificates—only Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Division Commanders or Division Secretaries will obtain these Certificates from Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their respective Departments.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will supply these Certificates to the Delegates and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, from their respective Divisions.

TIME LIMIT OF TICKETS—WHEN ON SALE.

For information as to time limit of tickets to and from Indianapolis, date tickets will be on sale, route and all information pertaining to transportation, ticket agents of railroads MUST be consulted. They alone can furnish that information.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

TUESDAY—September 27, 1921—at two (2) o'clock P. M. Opening session—Fortieth Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

(The time designated for each session will be strictly observed and Encampment always convened promptly at the specified hour.)

TUESDAY—September 27—at eight (8) o'clock P. M. Reception tendered by the Sons of Veterans Auxillary, U. S. A., to the Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and National Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary.

WEDNESDAY—September 28—Morning—Annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Wednesday, September 28, at two (2) o'clock P. M., session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Wednesday, September 28. Receptions, Reunions, jollifications and acquaintance gatherings.

THURSDAY, September 29—Sessions of the Encampment and adjournment.

ENTERTAINMENT.

During the week of September 25th there will be receptions, reunions and gatherings of the various Allied Orders, Grand Army of the Republic campfires, public meetings and entertainment of various kinds—all instructive, patriotic and inspiring.

Due announcement of additional arrangements, program and details will be made in the September issue of The Banner.

PARADE.

In the absence of detailed information and plans now being formulated in connection with the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, incident to the National Encampment of that Order, and National Encampments of other Allied Orders, the same time and also at Indianapolis, it is expected and arranged for

WEDNESDAY, September 28—Morning.

By action of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1920, viz:

"At future parades the escort shall be confined to one hundred (100) Sons of Veterans in uniform."

It is hereby ordered that:

The Sons of Veterans Reserve, under authority of Acting Chief-of-Staff, Colonel Henry Stewart, shall and is hereby constituted the parade Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Annual Encampment thereof at Indianapolis, Ind., at the time designated.

All information relative to the parade and details applying to same, must be addressed to Colonel Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa.

Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Chief-of-Staff, is directed to report to Adjutant-General (State of Indiana) Harry B. Smith, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., Chairman Committee on Parade.

ENCAMPMENT—INDIANAPOLIS COMMITTEES.

Committee on Housing—Newton J. McGuire, Esq., (Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.), Chairman, Room 9, Court House, Indianapolis.

Committee on Reunions—Rev. Dr. E. S. Shumaker (Division Commander, Division of Indiana, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.), Chairman, 706 State Life Building, Indianapolis.

Committee on Music—Frank C. Huston (Past Commander), Chairman, No. 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.

Committee on Information—Harry Franklin, Chairman, No. 431 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis.

Committee on Parade—Harry B. Smith, Adjutant-General (State of Indiana), Chairman, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Matters relating to the above Committees will be communicated to the respective Chairmen of the Committees indicated.

The members of the Indiana Division, Indianapolis members of the Sons of Veterans, Committees and citizens generally, are leaving nothing undone for our entertainment and comfort, and their open and generous hospitality, interest in our behalf and desire to please us—was so well evidenced a year ago that it is a guarantee of what we can all expect at this Encampment.

It is their desire that our members attend in large numbers and it is hoped that this Encampment will be a great success in point of numbers as well as all other features associated therewith.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

II. From the Division of California & Pacific, and Camp No. 15, San Francisco, Division of California & Pacific:

Chapter 1, Article 1, after the words—"Sons of"—eliminate the word Veterans," and substitute in lieu thereof the words: "the Grand Army of the Republic."

Article to read: "Chapter 1, Article 1, The Name of this Association shall be the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic."

From the Division of Nebraska:

"Favor change of name of the organization to 'Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic,' or some similar designation which will perpetuate the traditions and memories of the Grand Army of the Republic in our Order * * *"

From the Division of Ohio:

"That we continue our efforts to urge the change of the name of our Organization to the 'Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic.' * * *"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL.

From the Division of Pennsylvania:

"That the Ritual be amended by adding to the secret and unwritten work as contained in the Ritual of January 1st, 1891, Pages 23, 24 and 25 (features designated)."

THE ENCAMPMENT.

III. Again we are approaching the time when the patriotic organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in National Encampment. As you will note elsewhere, the honor of entertaining the Encampment has again gone to Indianapolis, and as we remember the excellent reception given us by the good people of the Indiana capital city last year let us resolve that once having had a taste of their hospitality we long for a further feast and will return for more.

Unfortunately, the railroad rates this year are not as low as that given us last year. But that ought not to keep any Brother from attending the Encampment. The pleasure of associating with those who compose that Grand Army of the Republic and with the members of the affiliated organizations should make us resolve to be present irrespective of the higher rate we may have to pay.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

IV. The year is rapidly closing. There will be but one more issue of The Banner before the Encampment and your Commander-in-Chief wishes to thank the Brothers all over this grand old United States for the many manifestations of hearty fellowship and good will which have greeted him on all occasions. The next issue of The Banner may not reach some of the Brothers before they start on the trip to the Encampment, and so at this time I want to urge, as the year is closing, that there be a spirit of service given in the present quarter which will show such a healthy growth of the Order in the September report that will make the new Commander-in-Chief feel that he has a foundation to build upon which will encourage him to go forward with that courage which means so much for the success he deserves.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

V. I had hoped to have some information for the Brothers in these Orders which might be of interest to all who feel that the Reserve should have the hearty support of the organization, but was unable to secure it in time. I feel that the military branch of the Order can be made a valuable part of the Sons of Veterans. I had hoped to have put in some work along the line of more work for the Reserve in Divisions where there is a friendly sentiment, but the conditions have not seemed just right and I have not been able to push the matter as it should have been pushed. In many Divisions I have visited I have found that there is a decided feeling that the military branch of the Order should be continued and in some of these Divisions the Reserve can be made a valuable part of the Order if a proper effort is made, which I hope will be made another year.

AIDES APPOINTED.

VI. The following Brothers having secured the required number of new members are hereby appointed as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Charles Thompson, Camp 2, Philadelphia, Pa.
Henry J. Sterner, Camp 60, Oxford, Pa.
Samuel Dawson, Camp 8, Scranton, Pa.
James P. M. Brookings, Camp 44, Williamsport, Pa.
Fred Holzapple, Camp 144, Williamsport, Pa.
Leon Snow, Camp 144, Lincoln, Neb.
Charles G. Nolop, Camp 1, Seattle, Wash.

DIVISION OFFICERS COMMISSIONS.

VII. Commissions have been issued to all Division Officers entitled thereto, the Division Commanders having furnished bond as required, and Certificates of Election at Division Encampments having been received.

Such as have not received Commissions will know that failure is due to neglect in forwarding bonds and Certificates—Form 49.

These are due. Failure to receive same by the National Secretary by the time designated in communications to such delinquents, will deprive such Divisions from representation in the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and not being reported, names of such members of the Commandery-in-Chief cannot be enrolled.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

VIII. Reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending June—Form 35, 37 and 38, have been called for and all notified as to date when same are to be in possession of the National Secretary. Failure to respond will deprive Divisions from representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

The responsibility is upon Division Commanders and Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers—to forward their reports and per capita tax at once. All have been notified of the date of the books being closed and the preparations required for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED.

IX. All reports due are: To the National Patriotic Instructor, William H. Hyden, 1014 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, Reports of Division Patriotic Instructors—Form 51.

To the National Chaplain—Rev. W. B. Hartzog, Mason, Michigan, Reports of Division Chaplains—Form 43.

Unless these are received by the respective National Officers—Divisions cannot have representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

NEW CAMPS.

X. Since last announcement Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved and new Camps have been instituted and chartered as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Men.
Mar. 29—133—	Attleboro, Mass.	56	
July 1—11—	Newton, Ill.	15	
July 8—94—	Mattoon, Ill.	28	
July 14—86—	Robinson, Ill.	17	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 10.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1921:

Receipts—	
June 30, 1921, to balance	\$2117.79
Received for per capita tax	\$ 110.52
Charter fees	15.00
Supplies	645.63
Junior Order—Supplies	2.05
Total receipts	\$ 773.20
	\$2890.99

Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$1273.74
Office expenses	75.48
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	38.26
Total expenditures	\$1387.48
Balance, July 31, 1921	\$1503.51

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$ 192.15
The Banner, subscription, July, 1921	814.62
Encampment (1921)	20.80
Shipping supplies	28.17
Printing	20.00
Publicity—pamphlets	198.00
	\$1273.74

Office Expenses:	
For wrapping paper, postage, telegrams, express, stationery	\$ 75.48
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For telegrams, office, stenographer	\$ 38.26
Total expenditures	\$1387.48

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII,

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, September 1, 1921.

General Orders No. 7,
Series of 1921.

I. With this issue of The Banner closes my administration of the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. When I was elected to this honorable position I looked forward with much anticipation of what might be accomplished if a proper effort was made. I have tried to make the effort. That I have not accomplished what I had hoped to accomplish is probably due to two or three things. First that I did not really comprehend the great work that would be required and the lack of interest that I have discovered exists among so many of our members, who could if they would, do much toward bringing our organization up to where it should be; second, that the financial conditions which came upon us so severely just at a time when we hoped to accomplish something had a tendency to hamper the work; third, lack of proper organization in most of our Divisions.

Notwithstanding this disappointment, I am not willing to admit that my administration has at all been a failure. On the other hand, I know that a foundation has been laid so that if the Brothers all over the broad land will give the next Commander-in-Chief the co-operation which he will ask for and which is due him, the Sons of Veterans in the next year can be made the organization it ought to be and should be.

During the year many Division Commanders have apparently become convinced that it was useless to carry Camps which had been dead timber for some time, consequently fifty-four Camps have been dropped from the rolls. Unfortunately in many cases there has been apparently no effort to transfer those members who might want to retain their membership in the Order to some other Camp. Whenever a Camp is to be dropped the Division Commander should make an effort to see if there is not at least one or more members who would be glad to retain their connection with the Order by holding their membership in some nearby Camp.

II. The following have qualified for appointment as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief by reason of having been responsible for the required number of new members:

Charles A. Wyman, Camp 43, Belfast, Maine.
Frank O. Whitney, Camp 43, Belfast, Maine.
Edward S. Buell, Camp 21, Fulton, N. Y.
L. W. Garoutte, Camp 144, Lincoln, Neb.
Michael J. Crowley, Somerville, Mass.
Geo. A. Wood, Kansas City, Mo.
Wm. Wallace Cook, Camp 22, Marshall, Mich.

Commissions of all Aides appointed under the administration of the present Commander-in-Chief will expire upon the election of a new Commander-in-Chief at the Encampment in Indianapolis, Sept. 29, 1921. They will not be entitled to wear the rib-

bon of the Commandery-in-Chief after that date, unless re-appointed by the new Commander-in-Chief.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

III. The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is ordered to convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 2, Constitution and Regulations, at the Hotel Denison, at 2 o'clock P. M. of Tuesday, September 27, 1921.

All National Officers, Members of the Commandery-in-Chief and Delegates, will be governed accordingly.

ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP.

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, in good standing who have served a full term, or elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

Of one Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred (500) members or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Washington, Indianapolis, Monday, Sept. 26, 1921.

HOTEL RATES

Hotel Headquarters—Hotel Washington: All rooms with bath—European plan:

A limited number of rooms at \$2.50 per day per person.

One or two persons, \$3.00 per day, \$6.00 for room.

Three persons, \$10.50 per day for room.

One or six persons (sample rooms), for delegations, \$15.00 per day for room.

One or eight persons (sample rooms), for delegations, \$2.00 per day per person.

For rooms or reservations for rooms, write Mr. C. B. Smith, Manager, Hotel Washington, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Reservations and rooms can only be secured upon application to the Hotel Manager. ADVISE DATE OF ARRIVAL. This is important.

GENERAL HOTEL RATES.

Other and numerous hotels have made rates moderate and varying in degree. Hotel Denison, Hotel English, Hotel Spencer, from \$1.50 per day and up. Write direct to Hotels, for rooms and reservations.

RAILROAD RATES AND TRANSPORTATION.

Railroad Rates—One fare and one-half fare. Identification certificates for reduced rates must be applied for by Division Headquarters Officers to Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Department (your Division) of the Grand Army of the Republic, from whom alone they can be obtained. Railroad ticket agents CANNOT supply these certificates—only Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will supply these Certificates to the Delegates and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, from their respective Divisions.

TIME LIMIT OF TICKETS—WHEN ON SALE.

For information as to time limit of tickets to and from Indianapolis, date tickets will be on sale, route and all information pertaining to transportation, ticket agents of railroads MUST be consulted. They alone can furnish that information.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

TUESDAY—September 27, 1921—at two (2) o'clock P. M. Opening session—Fortieth Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

TUESDAY—September 27,—at eight (8) o'clock P. M. Reception by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., to the Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and National Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

WEDNESDAY—September 28—Morning—Annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Wednesday, September 28, at two (2) o'clock P. M., session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Wednesday, September 28, Receptions.

THURSDAY—September 29—Sessions of the Encampment and adjournment.

ENTERTAINMENT.

During the week of September 25th, there will be receptions, reunions and gatherings of the various Allied Orders, Grand Army of the Republic campfires, public meetings and entertainment of various kinds—all instructive, patriotic and inspiring.

PARADE.

WEDNESDAY—September 28—Morning.

By action of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1920, viz:

"At future parades the escort shall be confined to one hundred (100) Sons of Veterans in uniform."

It is hereby ordered that:

The Sons of Veterans Reserve under Acting Chief-of-Staff Colonel Henry Stewart, shall and is hereby constituted the parade Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, at the time designated.

All information relative to the parade and details applying to same, must be addressed to Colonel Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa.

Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Chief-of-Staff, is directed to report to Adjutant-General (State of Indiana) Harry B. Smith, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., Chairman Committee on Parade.

ENCAMPMENT—INDIANAPOLIS COMMITTEES.

Committee on Housing—Newton J. McGuire, Esq. (Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.), Chairman, Room 9, Court House, Indianapolis.

Committee on Reunions—Rev. Dr. E. S. Shumaker (Division Commander, Division of Indiana, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.), Chairman, 706 State Life Building, Indianapolis.

Committee on Music—Frank C. Huston (Past Commander), Chairman, No. 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.

Committee on Information—Harry Franklin, Chairman, No. 434 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis.

Committee on Parade—Harry B. Smith, Adjutant-General (State of Indiana), Chairman, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

Matters relating to the above Committees will be communicated to the respective Chairmen.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

IV. From the Division of California & Pacific, and Camp No. 15, San Francisco, Division of California & Pacific:

Chapter 1, Article 1, after the words—"Sons of" eliminate the word "Veterans," and substitute in lieu thereof the words: "the Grand Army of the Republic."

Article to read: "Chapter 1, Article 1, The Name of this Association shall be Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic."

From the Division of Nebraska:

"Favor change of name of the organization to 'Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic,' or some similar designation which will perpetuate the traditions and memories of the Grand Army of the Republic in our Order * * *"

From the Division of Ohio:

"That we continue our efforts to urge the change of the name of our organization to the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic * * *"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL.

From the Division of Pennsylvania:

"That the Ritual be amended by adding to the secret and unwritten work as contained in the Ritual of January 1st, 1891, Pages 23, 24 and 25 (features designated)."

THE BANNER MAILING LISTS.

V. Divisions (Headquarters) have been supplied with a list of the Camps in each Division, that have and have not supplied mailing lists of their members who receive and do not receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner."

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are directed to secure lists from Camp Secretaries delinquent. Upon receipt forward same to "The Banner," Dwight, Illinois.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will give the matter of revising and correcting all incomplete lists their personal attention. Many former members (dropped) are receiving the paper—and are not entitled thereto; others who should receive it are not on Camp Secretaries' mailing lists.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries must see that these lists are correct, or as nearly so as possible.

BLANK FORMS TO BE SUPPLIED TO CAMPS.

VI. Division Commanders are instructed to promptly send to each Camp Forms 27 and 28—blanks for Reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers—for quarter ending September 30, 1921. These forms must be furnished Camps without delay and instructions should accompany same to all Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers to forward same to Division

Headquarters, with per capita tax for said quarter—on the last meeting night in September.

Camp Commanders will see that this is done without fail.

DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORT.

VII. Should be supplied to Camps promptly so that these reports—Form 50—from all Camps will be rendered without delay and complete.

Division Commanders will supply Camps with this form.

PUBLICITY AND CIRCULARIZATION.

VIII. Pamphlets for circulation among eligibles and members to instruct and interest them in securing new members and Camps—have been promulgated to all Division Headquarters.

These should be distributed to all Camps. They are helpful in securing new members and contain information and instruction relative to the organization of new Camps.

Camp Commanders should use these in circularizing in their localities, among eligibles and members.

Every Division Commander should plan now for a campaign to increase the membership in Divisions and all Camps should put into operation active efforts and urgent work.

Camp Commanders should have Committees working with the officers and members should be impressed, now that the Fall of the year is at hand, so that a general campaign of progress, activity, interest and recruiting new members can be put into operation.

All along the line there should be renewed interest and plans under way for a great Fall campaign to increase membership in Camps.

Division Commanders will not allow these pamphlets to be idle at Headquarters—but will distribute them and promulgate them to Camps and members.

NEW CAMPS.

IX. Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	No Mem.
July 26—	13—	Richmond, Cal. & Pac.	28
June 18—	14—	Monterey, Cal. & Pac.	15
July 15—	301—	Oblong, Ill.	19
Aug. 12—	21—	Tecumseh, Neb.	21

CAMPS DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

X. Camps having been Disbanded and Dropped, the charters thereof are revoked and record at Division Headquarters will be made accordingly:

Iowa—Dropped; Camp No.:	
15, Magnolia, with	10 members
Maryland—Dropped; Camp No.:	
1, Weston, W. Va., with	23 members
Massachusetts—Disbanded; Camps Nos.:	
38, Georgetown, with	19 members
126, Ware, with	23 members

Missouri—Dropped: Camps Nos.:	
65, Melrose, with	17 members
67, Mayaville, with	20 members
New York—Dropped: Camp No.:	
68, Ilion, with	10 members
Ohio—Dropped: Camp No.:	
23, Wilmot, with	18 members

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 11.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of August, 1921:

Receipts—	
July 31, 1921, to balance	\$1503.51
Received for per capita tax	\$4554.27
Charter fees	10.00
Supplies	249.35

Total receipts

\$4813.62

Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$1985.73
Office expenses	192.09
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	74.68
Junior Order—Shipping supplies (term)	.86

Total expenditures

\$2253.36

Balance

\$4063.77

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$ 20.61
The Banner, subscription, August	\$17.80
Printing	.75
Shipping supplies	9.45
Salary	825.00
Publicity Department, circulars, pamphlets, and shipping to Divisions	46.99
Miscellaneous, including Testimonial (Badge) for (Past) Commander-in-Chief	265.13

\$1985.73

Office Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, express, rent (three months)	\$ 192.09
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, office, traveling, stenographer, miscellaneous	\$ 74.68
Junior Order—Shipping supplies (term)	.86

Total expenditures

\$2253.36

By order of

PELHAM A. BARROWS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY—QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1921.

Division.	In Good Standing March 31, 1921.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing June 30, 1921.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.				
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	By Disbanded.					By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.														
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members					Veterans				
Alabama & Tennessee...	11	198	...	20	...	...	20	11	218	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	11	217	\$ 19.53	\$ 2.73	\$ 125.00	\$	...	...				
California & Pacific....	30	1514	1	51	2	14	1	34	31	1588	...	...	1	1	45	47	31	1541	138.69	8.69	598.65	15.00	15	...				
Connecticut	42	2495	...	28	...	1	...	29	42	2534	...	...	...	...	45	56	45	2478	223.02	88.79	4570.68	78.10	...	...				
Illinois	42	2067	1	102	...	1	103	43	2170	...	...	...	...	...	57	61	45	2109	189.31	237.64	1836.74	27.00	...	...				
Indiana	21	1148	2	214	...	18	2	232	24	1380	...	1	...	...	7	10	24	1370	123.30	160.11	3409.85	238.25	2	2				
Iowa	22	966	2	75	...	6	2	81	24	1047	1	10	...	...	11	1	21	1026	92.34	300.16	374.69	...	...	...				
Kansas	27	781	1	34	...	12	1	36	28	817	...	...	...	...	11	11	25	804	45.18	782.40	809.02	9.50	4	2				
Maine	45	2089	1	69	...	8	1	77	46	2166	...	...	...	...	58	65	46	2101	189.09	266.05	1313.32	5.00	1	...				
Maryland	11	532	...	19	1	...	...	20	11	552	...	...	...	...	27	1	31	10	521	46.39	80.66	2098.59	326.55	...	...			
Massachusetts	151	8019	...	276	19	...	...	295	151	8214	2	42	12	13	27	2	109	140	5205	738.45	...	19586.86	712.77	21	14			
Michigan	20	691	1	56	2	4	1	62	31	753	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	21	744	66.96	111.73	450.31	43.48	5	1			
Minnesota	16	550	...	18	...	...	...	18	16	568	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	16	563	50.67	26.92	344.89	58.00	3	...			
Missouri	15	647	...	6	1	...	...	7	15	654	...	...	...	...	41	2	42	12	612	55.08	178.38	578.21	...	...	...			
Nebraska	20	714	...	23	...	...	...	25	20	729	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	728	66.42	31.84	41.27	...	...	...				
New Hampshire	35	1151	...	23	1	...	...	26	35	1177	...	1	3	...	11	15	35	1162	104.58	185.79	1346.86	...	...	...				
New Jersey	29	1683	...	26	...	...	...	31	29	1714	...	...	...	...	18	...	21	29	1692	152.37	181.02	5052.74	363.95	...	...			
New York	114	4898	...	117	3	11	...	131	114	5029	...	8	6	...	109	1	123	113	4906	441.54	145.95	4267.34	290.23	12	10			
Ohio	99	4462	2	263	4	4	2	271	101	4733	...	9	1	3	114	1	127	100	4606	414.54	177.51	2495.25	5.37	...	...			
Pennsylvania	169	13442	1	266	...	...	1	267	170	13709	...	10	...	...	292	...	414	170	13295	1196.55	1048.39	35265.50	7401.14	138	22			
Rhode Island	14	480	...	12	...	...	...	14	14	494	...	1	1	...	2	...	4	14	490	44.10	24.49	1432.57	...	...	...			
Vermont	39	1188	...	37	...	...	...	39	39	1227	...	2	4	1	15	...	22	39	1205	108.45	195.28	610.82	...	...	...			
Washington & Oregon...	14	603	...	34	1	9	...	44	14	647	...	1	...	...	23	...	24	14	623	56.07	205.08	255.60	...	...	...			
Wisconsin	31	1098	...	40	...	1	...	41	31	1139	...	2	...	...	13	...	15	31	1124	101.16	.92	583.32	...	...	...			
Total	1017	51416	13	1825	27	...	91	13	1952	1030	53369	3	52	78	40	27	5	1037	8	1234	1022	62135	\$4664.78	\$4571.95	\$87463.19	\$9485.56	199	52

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(Continued)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the fine report of our Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Adopted.

National Secretary: I have the printed reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Acting Chief of Staff, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Counselor, National Chaplain, National Patriotic Instructor, etc., reports which under the motion passed will be given to the members without reading except by title, and with your permission they will be distributed.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Winchester, Ind., Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

Little did I think, prior to the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, that I should ever have the honor of being elected to serve as one of the National Officers of this great patriotic Organization. My election to this honored position as Senior Vice Commander, came as a great surprise, and I feel that it has come as a recognition to the Indiana Division, where I have always held my membership, as much as it has come to me personally.

I assure you, Commander, that the year has been one of pleasure. While I realize that I have not been called upon to perform much active duty, yet I at all times knew, and was at all times in touch, and always in accord, with the ambition that you, as Commander-in-Chief, have and hold for our Organization, and it has been a pleasure to be associated with a Commander and Leader who has striven so hard to bring about a successful year for the good of the organization, over which he presides.

A patriotic organization such as ours, should appeal to everyone who is eligible to become a member, and it has always been a source of regret to me, that so many of those who are eligible look lightly on the Organization, and decline giving it their support, by neglecting to become active members.

I am of the opinion, however, that should we be so fortunate

nate as to have Commanders-in-Chief to succeed you, in the next few years to come, who will be as active as you have been, in outlining to the Divisions, as to what courses to pursue to bring about results, it will not be many years until the Sons of Veterans will rank among the first, if not the first, of the great patriotic organizations of the Country.

Under your administration so well outlined we are catching the spirit in Indiana, and have made great gains, as you can see from our Division Commander's report.

Camp "Old Forty-four" of this city, of which I am a member, took in a class of eighty new recruits at a reception, which was given in honor of my election to the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Our Indiana Division Commander being very desirous of having Indiana to do as much as was asked of it to be done by you, has made extra strides for results, and Indianapolis can now boast of having one of the largest, if not the largest Camp in the United States.

I have been receiving the reports from nearly all of the Divisions from over the United States, and have, with great pleasure gone over them, and find in all of these reports that fine principle of loyalty and patriotism, and in my judgment these principles, which are the foundation of our Organization are appealing to the people, as they have never done before, and it will not be a great length of time before those who are eligible, will be seeking admission into our Organization, and the time is not far distant, when the greater percent of those who are eligible, will deem it an honor, as they should, to be numbered with us, and when that time comes we will be recognized as a force in all patriotic and loyal work, in the upholding of the principles for which our fathers fought, and which is the foundation rock upon which we exist as a Nation.

At this time we have such a large element of foreign population residing within the boundaries of our fair land, who were so oppressed before coming here, that they cannot appreciate the blessings which a free land and Nation, such as ours, extends to them.

It is necessary that they be taught the fundamental principles of our free government so that they will become in harmony with these principles, and make good, loyal citizens, and for this reason it is a necessity that loyal organizations, such as ours, become active and effective, and by so doing can eliminate a great deal of the dissensions which arise in that part of the Country that is thickly populated by these elements, by mingling among them and teaching them the true principles of Americanism.

It is also our duty to become more active for the purpose of looking after and caring for the wants of the few remaining soldiers of the War of 1861 to 1865, and we their sons, of noble sires, will not be doing our duty unless we see that they are all properly looked after and cared for, in their declining years. This as I see it is also a great work yet to be performed by us as individuals and as an Organization, and it is my hope and desire that not a one of these few remaining heroes will in any way ever be neglected nor be permitted to go uncared for, and by so showing, at all times, our true patriotism and devotion to our Country and its heroes, the object and purpose of our Or-

ganization will become fully accomplished, and by our work we will become one of the greatest Organizations for patriotism within the borders of our land.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
F. C. FOCHT,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

It is a duty and also a pleasure to tender a report as Junior Vice Commander, for the work and observations of the past year. During that time the duties have been few and the pleasures many. All honor has been shown this office at conventions and receptions.

While visiting sixteen cities in the South last winter, I made diligent inquiries for a Camp of Sons of Veterans and only found, at Lynn Haven, Florida, one that had been in existence up to the time of the World War. At that time so many of the members responded to their Country's call there were not enough left to hold meetings.

Lynn Haven is a real American town, composed of Grand Army men and their families. There is a good Grand Army Hall and a monument erected to Union Soldiers through the help and assistance of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is needless to say that my wife and I felt immediately at home in this place.

I succeeded, with the help of some of the old members, in getting them together and reorganized the Camp, and installed the officers. They paid their per capita tax. They were represented at their Division Encampment recently, and one of their members was elected Junior Vice Commander of the Division of Alabama & Tennessee. There is great need of a Camp at this place as there are so many of the comrades who are answering the last Roll Call.

We have much to be proud of in the rich heritage left us as sons of worthy sires, who sacrificed so much in defending our flag and united for all time this beautiful land of ours. Then let us labor, by precept and example, to elevate the standard of our Order and to enlarge its sphere of usefulness. Remember the Veterans of Sixty-one to Sixty-five.

All republics are overthrown from within. The forces within our own social structure are the forces we have to watch; but an order springing from the loins of a million heroes, should and must teach the lesson of guarding against the internal dangers of anarchy, bolshevism, riot and destruction of property without warrant of law, and in this course will lie the safety of our country.

More respect should be shown our flag by the populace. Since the close of the World War, I have noticed in some localities a woeful disregard and disrespect for the flag. When passing in parades, many people do not uncover or salute when the flag goes by. This should not be tolerated.

America is rightly called the "Land of Opportunity." Let us realize what that means; let us strive to keep it so; to become better citizens, to do our utmost in accordance with our several abilities, to make the world and particularly that portion of it which our fathers saved, a better and happier place in which to live.

In severing my relations with the Official Family, covering a period of two years, I wish to extend my hearty thanks for courtesies received at their hands. In taking my place in the ranks I trust that I may never be found wanting, but willing to do all in my power at all times for the success of our Order.

Loyally yours,

E. H. MILHAM,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF ACTING CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Adjutant General's Office,

Gettysburg, Pa., September 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Sir:

Having assumed "charge of matters relating to the Sons of Veterans Reserve," pursuant to your instructions of December 7, 1920, confirmed by G. O. No. 2, C. S., dated March 1st, I have the honor to submit the following report of the Reserve, as now of record.

	Officers	Men
Pennsylvania Brigade	104	1841
Department of Ohio	15	239
Department of New Jersey	13	201
Department of Rhode Island	9	161
California	3	47
Minnesota	2	54
New York	10	195
Delaware	3	58
Washington	3	40
Wisconsin	1	22
Total	163	2858

Colonels	1
Lieutenant Colonels	4
Majors	7
Captains	50
First Lieutenants	52
Second Lieutenants	49
Total	163

FINANCES.

Expenses to November 30, 1920 (death of General Amies):

Clerical assistance	\$ 60.00
Postage	4.60

Printing	4.00
Seals	.50
Paper	6.00
Mailing tubes	4.40
Express	.50
Traveling expenses	20.99
Total	\$100.99

Received:

For supplies	\$.10
From the Chief-of-Staff	19.93
Vouchers from the Commandery-in-Chief	80.96
Total	100.99

December 1, 1920, to date.

Expended:

Postage	\$ 8.74
Seals	.40
Total	\$ 9.14

Receipts:

Commission fees:

Lieut. Wilson, California	\$ 1.00
Capt. Goldthrite, New York	1.00
Lieut. Cross, Washington	1.00
Capt. Hubert, Delaware	1.00
Lieut. Hollis, Delaware	1.00
Capt. Prentice, New York	1.00
Capt. Cross, Washington	1.00
Lieut. Guy, Washington	1.00
Lieut. Stewart, Washington	1.00

Warrants:

Capt. Turner, Minnesota	.50
Capt. Cross, Washington	2.25
Total	\$ 2.75

Balance, Cr.	\$ 3.61
Due this office for traveling expenses, authorized by General Amies, payment refused by the National Secretary	\$ 90.30
Balance due this office	\$ 86.69

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART,
Colonel, S. V. R.,
The Acting Adjutant General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report.

Unsettled conditions in the Country applying to reconstruc-

tion from war results affect the Order. Seemingly they are improving in Divisions and Camps.

Finances are in good order. Generally it appears that the work of the Order is carried on by Camps.

This term closes a year in which a gain in membership is shown for the first time in four years—since 1917.

While a source of satisfaction, it is all the more reason and shows the positive necessity, that to hold this position and to now go forward with gains in the future, it is absolutely required that every member be active for continued successful results.

Anticipation of a gain in membership the coming year, favorably indicated, and not to assume a prerogative of the Council-in-Chief, it is

RECOMMENDED: That it provide in the budget for next year for a reduction in per capita tax.

It is realized that necessarily the amount must be slight. But that will be a relief and indicate to Divisions that their interests have every consideration. It will be a benefit to and aid them in extension and organization work.

MEMBERSHIP OF DIVISIONS.

Division:	June 30, 1920 Camps Mem.	June 30, 1921 Camps Mem.	Gain Cps. Mb.	Loss Cps. Mb.
Ala. & Tenn....	11 192	11 217		25
*Cal. & Pac....	28 1216	31 1541	3 325	
Connecticut ..	41 2386	42 2478	1 92	
Illinois	42 1992	43 2109	1 117	
Indiana	22 940	24 1370	1 430	
Iowa	21 942	23 1026	2 84	
Kansas	27 855	28 806	1	49
Maine	47 2162	46 2101		1 61
Maryland	13 553	10 521		3 32
Massachusetts ..	154 7862	149 8295	403	5
Michigan	18 662	21 744	3 82	
Minnesota	15 530	16 563	1 33	
Missouri	17 700	15 612		4 88
Nebraska	17 598	20 728	3 140	
New Hampshire...	35 1164	35 1162		2
New Jersey	31 1693	29 1693		2
New York	118 5058	113 4906		5 152
*Ohio	105 4614	100 4606		5 8
Pennsylvania ..	196 13720	170 13295		26 425
Rhode Island ..	15 475	14 490	15	1
Vermont	41 1229	39 1205		2 24
Wash. & Ore....	13 564	14 623	1 59	
Wisconsin	29 1015	31 1124	2 109	
Total	1057 51062	1022 52135	19 1914	54 841

*Including former Divisions of Colorado, Montana & Idaho.

†Including former Division of Kentucky.

RECAPITULATION—MEMBERSHIP.

	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1920.....	1057	51062

Gain—	Camps Members	
By Organization and Initiation....	36	6539
Transfer		126
Reinstatement	4	437
Total gain.....	40	7102
Aggregate	1097	58164
Loss—		
By Camps Disbanded.....	51	698
Death		385
Honorable Discharge		216
Transfer		101
Dropped	24	4629
Total loss	75	6029
No. in good standing June 30, 1921....	1022	52135

Amount of Cash in Division Treasuries.....\$ 4571.95

Amount of Cash in Camp Treasuries.....\$57463.19

Amount Expended for Relief.....\$41563.15

No. and families relieved:.....Members, 1208; Veterans, 191

(NOTE—Initiations of new members showed an increase of 630 over term of 1920. The total gain this year over last, showed an increase of 711.

Loss from Dropped this year was 1,076 less than last year. Total loss this year was 1119 less than last year).

NEW CAMPS.

Division:	Applications Approved	Number Applicants	Camps Instituted	Charter Members
California & Pacific....	4	132	4	124
Connecticut	*		1	25
†Illinois	7	179	7	159
Indiana	6	282	6	256
Iowa	2	58	2	58
Kansas	1	30	1	29
Maine	2	61	2	47
Massachusetts	1	34	1	56
Michigan	3	57	3	50
Minnesota	*		1	27
Missouri	1	59	1	22
†Nebraska	2	43	2	37
†New York	2	42		
Ohio	2	143	2	161
Pennsylvania	2	74	2	76
Vermont	1	18	1	16
Washington & Oregon...	1	27	1	27
Wisconsin	1	40	1	40
Total	38	1279	38	1210

*Application approved in previous term.

†Supplemental report.

RETAIN MEMBERS OF DROPPED CAMPS.

In most instances when a Camp is Disbanded or Dropped no effort is made to retain or secure for the Order the members of such Camps. Frequently they are in good standing, but they are left go by default and no action taken to have them remain in the Order. They should be assembled or associated in a Camp near their former Camp. Their transfer cards should be deposited in a nearby Camp and if given due consideration, sought as new members are—many such members of Disbanded and Dropped Camps could be retained.

It is urged upon Division Officers to resort to this to hold such members.

DIVISION OFFICERS.

Recently inducted into office some have displayed considerable activity in recruiting and building up Camps. All have splendid opportunities for recruiting. It is hoped they will realize this and put forth every effort to increase the membership and number of Camps in their Divisions.

Some Division Commanders fail to promulgate Division Orders or issue Circulars to their Camps. All Camps and Officers should be communicated with frequently and every opportunity taken by Division Officers to incite all to active co-operation and service.

FINANCIAL.

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RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Sept. 29, 1920, to balance	By General Expenses
Received for:	Office
P. C. Tax...\$18514.91	Expenses... 1283.48
Charter Fees 165.00	Com.-in-Chief's
Supplies 5952.47	Expenses... 1158.49
Miscellaneous 1.00	Junior Order,
Junior Order,	Ship. Sup. .86
Supplies .. 16.85	
To total receipts...\$24650.23	Total expenditures...\$21362.36
	Aug. 20, by balance.. 4063.77
	\$25426.13

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	Per Capita	Charter					
	Tax	Fees	Sup.	Mls.	Jr. Ord.	Total	
Ala. & Tenn....	\$ 72.44	\$	\$ 31.81	\$	\$	\$ 104.26	
Cal. & Pac.....	531.09	20.00	418.95			970.04	
Connecticut ..	892.89		293.73			1186.62	
Illinois	733.68	25.00	379.35	.50	2.45	1140.98	
Indiana ..	394.74	30.00	480.50			905.24	
Iowa	354.69	10.00	71.14			435.83	
Kansas	270.00	5.00	61.45			336.45	
Maine	749.79	10.00	220.43			980.22	
Maryland ..	193.23		81.37			274.60	
Massachusetts...	2850.20	5.00	927.89			3783.19	
Michigan ..	247.14	15.00	157.40			419.54	
Minnesota ..	195.80		77.89			273.69	

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Missouri ...	238.77	5.00	41.19		284.96
Nebraska ..	247.10	5.00	103.15		355.25
New Hampshire.	414.72		97.47		512.19
New Jersey	609.48		133.54		743.02
New York	1792.99	5.00	521.80		2319.79
Ohio	1650.15	10.00	337.36		1997.51
Pennsylvania ..	4855.41	10.00	973.37	14.40	5853.18
Rhode Island ..	172.98		97.02		270.00
Vermont	436.14	5.00	123.51	.50	565.15
Wash. & Ore....	223.20		132.78		355.98
Wisconsin ..	388.17	5.00	142.96		536.13
Miscellaneous ..			46.41		46.41

Total\$18514.91 \$165.00 \$5952.47 \$0.50 \$16.85 \$24650.23

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$5551.93
The Banner, subscription, October, 1920,	
August, 1921, inc.....	\$834.36
Encampment (Thirty-ninth Journal of Pro-	
ceedings printed)	568.85
Printing	74.00
Reserve (Military Department)	84.96
Shipping supplies	210.31
Salary (to Aug. 20, 1921).....	3025.00
Bonds National Officers.....	35.00
Miscellaneous (Badge of Commander-in-Chief,	
and items not under caption).....	290.13
Publicity Department, pamphlets and circulars	
on organization, promulgating to	
Divisions	244.99
	\$18919.53

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Wrapping paper and twine.....	\$ 14.90
Postage	145.41
Express	17.39
Telegrams	43.34
Stationery (including National Officers).....	331.19
Rent	706.00
Miscellaneous (insurance)	15.25
	\$ 1283.48

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Postage	\$ 40.34
Telegrams	26.84
Traveling	873.31
Office	32.71
Stenographer	171.40
Express	4.13
Miscellaneous	9.76
	\$ 1158.49
Junior Order: Shipping Supplies	.86
Total	\$21362.36

VOUCHERS.

1. Keystone Electrotype Co., electros, stock.....	\$ 47.00
2. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.19
3. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery, National Officers, and stock forms	86.49
4. G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing.....	4.25
5. H. H. Hammer, October expense a/c.....	34.15
6. Edwin M. Amies, bonds	35.00
7. J. George Hintz, stationery supplies.....	15.65
8. Pelham A. Barrows, October expense a/c.....	35.64
9. The Banner, subscription, October-November, forms—supplies	1651.44
10. The L. S. Ramsey Co., stock and printing.....	266.88
11. H. H. Hammer, purchase of copyright music (Ode Form 18), salary, October-November and expense a/c	623.11
12. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery, National Officers	23.27
13. Pelham A. Barrows, November expense a/c.....	28.50
14. The Robbins Co., badges (stock).....	666.02
15. H. H. Hammer, stock (L. S. Ramsey Co., \$128.25) and December expense a/c.....	171.68
16. The Banner, subscription, December, 1920.....	795.08
17. G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing.....	2.50
18. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery.....	38.45
19. Henry Stewart, September-November expense a/c Reserve	50.96
20. A. I. Vescelius, floral design.....	25.00
21. Remington Typewriter Co., supplies	11.25
22. J. George Hintz, stationery supplies.....	4.10
23. Colonial Trust Co., rent, January, March, 1921....	176.50
24. Pelham A. Barrows, December expense a/c.....	46.04
25. Pelham A. Barrows, January expense a/c.....	225.50
26. The Robbins Co., badges—supplies	294.00
27. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal presses..	10.36
28. Ralph M. Grant, Chairman, (to E. T. Green) type-writing Constitution	36.15
29. The Banner, subscription, January, and supplies, forms	833.13
30. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery	37.81
31. H. H. Hammer, January expense a/c.....	31.59
32. F. L. Kautzman, stationery	4.00
33. M. J. Earl, wrapping paper.....	7.20
34. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.13
35. The Banner, subscription, February, and supplies, forms	331.25
36. G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing	2.50
37. Thos. H. Greevey, Administrator (E. M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff)	4.00
38. H. H. Hammer, salary, and February expense a/c	858.85
39. The Dreka Company, stationery	32.87
40. Pelham A. Barrows, February expense a/c.....	39.73
41. The Robbins Co., badges, supplies.....	294.00
42. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.37
43. The Banner, subscription, March, Constitutions (stock), 39th Encampment Journal	2220.87

44. H. H. Hammer, stock (L. S. Ramsey Co.), March expense a/c	95.25
45. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery, National Officers (stock supply)	85.00
46. Colonial Trust Co., rent, April-June, inc.....	176.50
47. George W. Billman & Co., insurance on stock....	11.25
48. Pelham A. Barrows, March expense a/c.....	9.55
49. Pelham A. Barrows, April expense a/c.....	100.00
50. The Robbins Co., badges, supplies.....	294.00
51. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.19
52. The Banner, subscription, April, and stock forms..	954.36
53. Wm. O. Platt & Bro., electrotypes and stationery	18.40
54. H. H. Hammer, expense a/c April.....	43.37
55. F. L. Kautzman, stationery	3.75
56. Pelham A. Barrows, May expense a/c.....	167.60
57. Pelham A. Barrows, May expense a/c.....	250.00
58. W. B. Windroes, stenographic service, Commander-in-Chief	27.15
59. The Robbins Co., badges and ribbons, supplies....	394.00
60. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.28
61. The Banner, subscription, May, 1921, and supplies—Constitutions	1280.71
62. H. H. Hammer, supplies (L. S. Ramsey Co.) May expense a/c and salary	1009.44
63. G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing.....	7.00
64. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery	3.00
65. Thos. Parry's Sons Co., supplies—badges.....	200.00
66. The Robbins Co., badges, supplies.....	475.25
67. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.28
68. H. H. Hammer, supplies (L. S. Ramsey Co.) June expense a/c	314.83
69. The Banner, subscription, June, 1921.....	809.28
70. Colonial Trust Co., rent July-September, inc.....	176.50
71. Pelham A. Barrows June, expense a/c.....	34.62
72. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal presses	20.90
73. The Robbins Co., supplies—ribbons.....	50.00
74. The L. S. Ramsey Co., supplies and publicity pamphlets	319.25
75. The Banner, subscription, July, 1921.....	814.62
76. H. H. Hammer, July expense a/c.....	80.48
77. G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing.....	20.00
78. M. J. Earl, wrapping paper and tubes.....	11.14
79. Wm. O. Platt & Brother, stationery	23.75
80. J. George Hintz, stationery supplies.....	9.10
81. Pelham A. Barrows, July expense a/c.....	38.26
82. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press...	5.63
83. The Banner, August, 1921, subscription.....	817.80
84. Pelham A. Barrows, August expense a/c.....	74.68
85. L. S. Ramsey Co., supplies—forms.....	44.68
86. H. H. Hammer, salary, August expense a/c.....	862.62
87. C. G. Willson Co., badge, etc., Commander-in-Chief	265.13
88. M. J. Earl, wrapping paper	5.46
89. Colonial Trust Co., rent	176.50
1. Junior Order a/c: H. H. Hammer, shipping supplies	.86

Total amount of vouchers\$21362.36

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

Receipts for supplies were larger than for some years due to advance in prices by the last Encampment and orders for the new Constitution and Regulations there adopted. Number of requisitions filled was also larger. Shipping costs were greater than usual owing to promulgation of the new Ritual adopted by the last Encampment to Divisions for Camps with no charge.

Conditions applying to some forms are still unsettled as to prices. These are ruled blanks and books.

Notwithstanding prevailing business conditions and a risk, it is believed that a material reduction in prices in some supplies can safely be made.

RECOMMENDED: That the following be adopted:

Form:	Prices from	
	Divisions to Commandery-in-Chief	Camps to Divisions
3—Applications for Membership, per 100.	\$0.60	\$0.75
11—Constitution and Regulations, per 100.	3.50	4.00
21—Ritual, each	.40	.50
Regulation Badge, each	.40	.45
Past Camp Commander's Badge, each	.40	.45
Ribbons, each	.10	.12
Bronze Recognition (lapel) Button, ea.	.10	.12
Forms 31 and 33, Commissions (being lithographed and such work still exceedingly costly) should be increased if to be profitably furnished. They should be increased to at least \$3.50 per 100. To supply them at present prices is a loss.		
To cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1920.	\$284.55	
Cost of supplies purchased (including New Rituals, Ode Cards, Constitutions and Regulations.	5551.93	
Cost of supplies to account for.	\$8436.48	
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1921.	\$4822.51	
Cost of supplies sold during term.	\$3613.97	
Amount received for supplies	\$5952.47	
Cost of supplies sold.	\$3613.97	
Cost of supplies furnished National Officers.	10.55	
Cost of supplies obsolete.	78.19	
Cost of shipping supplies.	210.31	
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.	14.90	
Express on supplies received.	13.19	
	\$3941.11	
Profit	\$2011.36	

JUNIOR ORDER.

There has been a material loss in this branch and very little interest is manifested therein. Divisions and Camps are apparently not concerned regarding Camps of the Junior Order. There are possibilities in the Junior Order that ought to be developed if continued and as connected with Camps. There are special localities where these Camps receive attention. It should be a general condition.

The annual report for term ending December 31, 1920, showed:

	In Good Standing Dec. 1919		Gain: By Initial		Aggregate		Loss		In Good Standing Dec. 1920	
	Cps.	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.
Maine	3	90			3	90			3	90
Massachusetts	3	79	3	3	82				3	82
New Jersey	1	20	2	1	22				1	22
Pennsylvania	9	334			9	334	1	232	8	102
Vermont	1	10			1	10	1	10		
Wisconsin	1	16			1	16	1	16		
Total	18	549	5	18	554	3	258	15	296	
	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1919		Received in 1920		Expended in 1920		Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1920			
Maine	\$.....		\$.....		\$.....		\$.....			
Massachusetts	28.12		22.71		41.17		9.66			
New Jersey	29.00		12.60		16.25		25.25			
Pennsylvania	157.37		62.15		95.50		100.90			
Vermont	2.51									
Wisconsin	7.65									

Total	\$224.65	\$97.46	\$152.92	\$135.81
Cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1920.	\$298.14			
Cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1921.	288.86			
Cost of supplies sold during term.	\$ 9.28			
Amount received for supplies.	\$ 16.85			
Cost of supplies sold	\$9.28			
Cost of shipping	.86			

Total cost of supplies sold. \$ 10.14

Profit \$ 6.71

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

August 20, 1920, To Balance Cash	\$2185.79
Bonds and Mortgage Notes.	4500.00

Total \$6685.79

By action of the Council-in-Chief Third Liberty Loan U. S. Government Bonds were purchased with the cash balance.

Aug. 20, 1920, To Balance Cash	\$2185.79	Nov. 10, 1920, By purchase of \$2,350 Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bonds	\$2144.89
		Mar. 21, 1921, By purchase of \$50.00 Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bond	40.11
		By balance cash, transferred to Organization Fund	.79

\$2185.79

\$2185.79

Aug. 20, 1920, To Second Liberty Loan U. S. Bonds....	\$2500.00
International & Great Northern Railway Company Collateral Mortgage three year 5% Notes, due August 1, 1914	2000.00
Nov. 10, 1920, Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bonds.....	2350.00
Mar. 29, 1921, Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bond.....	50.00
Aug. 20, 1921, Total of Fund	\$6900.00

RECOMMENDATION: That the interest from this fund be credited to and carried in the general receipts and revenues and not in the Organization Fund, that benefit may be derived from this source.

THE INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, as reported to the last Encampment, is still in the hands of Receivers. Recent advice is that:

"There is to be a reorganization. The issue which will suffer most in the reorganization is the above Notes. They are secured by over 100% of First Refunding 5% Bonds which are a second mortgage on most and a first mortgage on some of the tract between Houston and Fort Worth, and Laredo and Longview, Texas. There does not seem to be very much equity behind these notes. The Company in pre-war years showed good earnings, but since 1914 the earnings have been poor. Recent earnings seem to be picking up and are as follows:

	1921	1920
Net, after taxes and rents, in May	\$138,665.00	\$377,112.00 deficit
Net, after taxes and rents, January-May, inclusive.	\$370,164.00 deficit	\$399,417.00 deficit

The Road's main earnings come from cotton and oil industries. The Notes are quoted at about 32½ to 34½ at present. (About same quotations last year)."

ORGANIZATION FUND.

Believing that best interests are for fewer separate funds or an accumulation thereof by the Commandery-in-Chief, that can be used to advantage by Divisions and Camps it is

RECOMMENDED: That the Organization Fund be abolished and the amount therein transferred to general receipts.

The interest on the bonds which is credited to and constitutes this Fund can as well be in the general receipts. The less to secure from or to be paid by Divisions and Camps and funds that they can have the use of will be the more beneficial and of service for the purposes of the Order.

It is only necessary for the Commandery-in-Chief to have sufficient revenue to conduct business with safety. This it is believed is provided and amply covered by the budget system, which in its annual consideration will make required provision. Every possible attention for reduction of per capita tax and expenditures should be in mind.

The Organization Fund to accomplish its original purpose would require considerable addition and years of accumulation to be used as designed. Organization work can be conducted

under the budget with as great and satisfactory results as under a separate and distinct fund, which is not sufficient and for years could not be, to produce the results therefrom.

August 20, 1920, To balance cash.....	\$579.89
To interest on bonds in Permanent Reserve Fund:	
Second Liberty Loan	\$53.12
Third Liberty Loan	49.92
Balance cash in Permanent Reserve Fund....	6.91
Second Liberty Loan	53.13
On cash balance	4.11

Total interest

\$167.19

August 20, 1921, Total amount of Fund.....

\$747.08

WAR SERVICE MEDAL.

The last Encampment adopted this for members who served in the Wars of our Country. Each Medal is numbered and record kept to whom issued. There was quite a clamor during the recent World War for a badge for our members in the service. Since provision was made therefor there does not seem to be same eagerness or desire to honor such Brothers with a decoration.

There have been issued—

126 Medals to World War members.

832 Medals to Spanish-American, etc., members (aggregate since 1898).

2 Medals to members who served in the War for the Union, 1861-1865.

No World War Medals have been issued to Brothers in the Divisions of: Alabama & Tennessee, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Wisconsin.

OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER.

As required by the Commandery-in-Chief the annual returns of the lists of members in Camps receiving the official organ—THE BANNER, were checked (in July) before receipt of the June quarter's reports, so that comparison is made with March quarter's reports.

THE BANNER is sent to members reported by Camp Secretaries to Division Headquarters; members dropped are stricken from mailing lists when reported to Division Headquarters. Usually this is not done until quarterly reports are received and until such are reported lists cannot be purged or revised as pertains to dropped members.

The accuracy and attention mailing lists are given and reported by Camp Secretaries is shown by the following:

Division:	In Good Standing		The Banner		Excess	
	March 31, 1921	Not Receiving	Receiving	Mem.	Copies	Report'd
	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.	Cps.	Mem.
Ala. & Tenn.....	11	198	3	35	8	162
Cal. & Pac.....	30	1514	9	444	21	1089
Connecticut .. .	42	2495	59	42	2465	29

Illinois	42	2067	1	74	42	2036	10
Indiana	21	1148	4	304	20	1078	115
Iowa	22	966	2	141	22	981	103
Kansas	27	781		38	28	783	42
Maine	45	2089	1	161	45	1974	26
Maryland	11	532		35	11	503	6
Massachusetts	151	8019	1	192	150	7845	12
Michigan	20	691	2	116	19	610	19
Minnesota	16	550	1	42	15	511	3
Missouri	15	647		30	15	650	43
Nebraska	20	714	3	118	17	608	6
New Hampshire	35	1151		59	35	1113	21
New Jersey	29	1683		129	29	1562	7
New York	114	4898	14	621	98	4605	327
Ohio	99	4462	16	842	85	4018	231
Pennsylvania	169	13442	17	1159	153	12705	404
Rhode Island	14	480	1	41	13	447	8
Vermont	39	1188	7	285	32	925	15
Wash. & Ore.	14	603	1	107	13	513	17
Wisconsin	31	1098	1	29	30	1109	40
Total	1017	51416	84	5055	943	48302	1512

Since the foregoing period, there have been added to the mailing lists 10 Camps and 347 members.

If Camp Secretaries would promptly report members dropped and revise their mailing lists there would not be an exceptional or unusual expense for excess copies or papers and persons not entitled thereto would not receive same. If additions were promptly reported, new members would receive the paper to which they are entitled. Attention has frequently been called to this in communications and in General Orders. Such Camps, officers and members not receiving The Banner are uninformed, as to the requirements of the Order, are not advised of events, or orders of the Commander-in-Chief, and are without knowledge of the requisites.

The Banner office at all times endeavors to secure correct lists, furnishing blanks for Camps for same, and materially assists in all efforts to obtain revised and complete up to date mailing lists of members of Camp.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

As usual we have demonstrated when privileged, our ability and pleasure to render service to the Grand Army of the Republic. In our Union Defender's Day, Veterans' Night and other occasions when tribute is paid to the honored remnant of the Union Army and Navy of 1861-'65, Camps have performed their obligations.

In Memorial Day observance the ceremonies in every section and Division were faithfully performed. Many Camps had entire charge of the arrangement and conduct of the exercises, dutifully and successfully decorating the last resting places of the Preservers of the Nation. In other instances Camps and members figured prominently in assistance rendered to Posts of the G. A. R. in the duties of the day.

At Division Encampments officials of the G. A. R. were honored guests. At other functions they were prominent fig-

ures. Commander-in-Chief William A. Ketcham has shown his interest in and for our Order in numerous ways. His influence and assistance has been ours. He has taken every opportunity to favor and show his appreciation of us. He always emphasized to his Comrades the importance, influence and value of the Sons of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic. We are indebted to him for many courtesies and his advocacy of our Order.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

For years it has been shown to be a valuable ally. Reiterating references in previous reports emphasizes them. The Auxiliary comprises a highly cultured society of patriotic ladies. They are enthusiastic and reliable in their services to Camps. They give material aid in Memorial Day, financial and social obligations and in some sections successfully recruit members for Camps. Through the National President our Order was given prominence and publicity in many different parts of the Country. The Sons of Veterans will have substantial assistance in the Auxiliary, by continuing fraternal co-operation and the organization of Auxiliaries by Camps that now have none.

THE ALLIED ORDERS.

The Officials of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, all, have been cordial. Circulars relating to the history of Memorial Day from the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps were promulgated to Divisions for the Camps and members.

All are in harmony with the objects and purposes which we uphold. We have the assurances from the respective Societies of their assistance in our projects.

MISSING.

Encampments have been saddened in recent years by some of our most influential members missing—summoned to the Great Beyond. Their places have not been filled. They are always missed. This year another vacancy in the Roster was experienced. Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies—for years Chief-of-Staff, was taken. The shock greater and the fact almost unbelievable due to the brevity of his illness and sudden demise. Active in the Order since its inception, influential among the strong men of the Order, staunch friend, lovable, genial, always considerate of others, ever to be depended upon for counsel—the Order and members sustain a distinct loss. His memory will be cherished by hosts.

CONCLUSION.

You have visited many Divisions and were in contact with members who seldom had the personal influence of or privilege to meet a Commander-in-Chief. Able to expound official knowledge under such favorable advantages you inspired sentiment and renewed activity, greater service and efforts for the upbuilding of the Order—that ought to be productive of great benefit in those parts of the Country. The splendid and enthusiastic meetings were a tribute to and compensation for your journeys. Fatigued and with health impaired you continued your visitations. Response to the service you gave is your desire. Suc-

cessful accomplishment of results and growth of the Order is your ambition.

With sincere appreciation and acknowledgment to you and all other National Officers for courtesies during the term, the foregoing is

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

H. H. HAMMER.

National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

of the National Secretary-Treasurer, to the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Ind., September 27-29, 1921.

DR.		CR.
Receipts—	Expenditures—	
Aug. 20, 1921, to balance	By gen. exp. \$2836.31	
Received for:	Office exp. ... 23.86	
Per capita tax \$27.36	Commander-in-Chief's exp. 115.29	
Charter fees ... 25.00		
Int. on cash bal. 71.23		
	Total exp	\$2975.46
Total receipts	By bal. Sept. 29, 1921, \$1211.90	
		\$4187.36

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For The Banner, subscription, Sept., 1921	\$ 823.93
Encampment	1533.40
Salary	275.00
Printing	2.16
Reserve, Military Department	86.69
National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain, postage (term)	20.53
Miscellaneous—Third Liberty Loan, \$100, U. S. Bond (by direction of Encampment)	94.60
	\$2836.31
Office Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, express	\$ 23.86
	\$ 23.86
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For postage, telegrams, stenographer, traveling, office	\$ 115.29
	\$ 115.29
Total expenditures	\$2975.46

VOUCHERS.

No.	To.	Item.	Amount.
90.	P. C. Focht, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses		\$ 44.94

91.	E. H. Milham, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	81.67
92.	William H. Klein, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	115.60
93.	Ralph Burbank, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	133.03
94.	Wm. H. Hyden, National Patriotic Instructor, Encampment expenses (\$233.37), postage (\$7.00)	240.37
95.	R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	57.30
96.	Henry Stewart, Acting Chief of Staff, Encampment expenses (\$107.98), reserve (\$86.69)	194.67
97.	W. B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, Encampment expenses (\$32.46), postage (\$13.53)	45.99
98.	Bertermann Bros. Co., Flowers, Encampments	20.00
99.	Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses (\$170.25), Aug.-Sept. expense account (\$60.29)	230.54
100.	F. E. Kautzman, printing (Commander-in-Chief)	55.00
101.	The Banner, subscription, Sept., 1921, (\$823.93), Enc. Roster and Reports of Officers (\$146.07)	970.00
102.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, Encampment expenses, including National Officers (\$207.53), printing, salary, office expenses, account August-September (\$301.02)	508.55
103.	Minor S. Bacon, Encampment stenographic report	175.80
104.	Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, balance Encampment expenses	7.40
105.	Reading National Bank, Third Liberty Loan, \$100 U. S. Bond	94.60
	Total	\$2975.46

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

August 20, 1921, to amount in fund	\$6900.00
September 29, 1921, to one \$100 Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bond	100.00
September 29, 1921, amount total fund	\$7000.00

Respectfully submitted

H. H. HAMMER.

National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Iowa, Falls, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

I have the honor to submit this as the report for this department of the Commandery-in-Chief for the current year.

The first matter submitted by the Commander-in-Chief to this department for a ruling, came from the Massachusetts Divi-

sion on the question of procedure for court martial. It was deemed advisable to order court martial proceedings through the Division Commander of that Division, and if necessary a Trial Commissioner be appointed to take testimony and make preliminary findings before submission to higher authority.

There was a very similar question submitted by the New York Division, and as in the Massachusetts case, the matter was referred to the Commander of the New York Division ordering court martial proceedings through the Division, it being deemed best in all court martial cases that action be taken by local authorities, they being more familiar with and in closer touch with the entire situation.

It is to be regretted that some times court martial cases are the result of mere personal prejudice or personal grievance, it is therefore desirable that the Division investigate this class of cases.

A most lamentable situation developed during the first of the year in the Missouri Division, this was however adjusted by our Commander-in-Chief and some of the loyal brothers of that Division.

If it be permissible, as advisor of our Order, your Counselor would suggest that, every brother should at all times remember that the general welfare of the Order should come first; that the Order, and what it represents, is greater than any man in it; that we should be fraternal, or friendly, in our relations with one another; that we should exercise the same Charity for his short comings that we would ask for our own; that our Loyalty to the Order and what it represents, should enable us to put behind us personal grievance, likes and dislikes.

There were two questions submitted relative to conferring War Medals, one to a Y. M. C. A. worker, the other to a brother who had served in the Navy. It was the ruling of this department that, the War Medal could not be given in either case. The reasons being that Section 3, Article III of Chapter V, provides that the medal shall be given only to those who have served in the WAR, and the wars designated are: Spanish-American, Philippine service, and World War, and the service must have been between certain specified dates. To prove this service one thing required is a Certified Copy of Honorable Discharge, and Y. M. C. A. workers were not given discharges by the War Department.

A question on increase in Per Capita Tax has come from the Division of Pennsylvania, ruling and recommendations are being made to the Commander-in-Chief upon this question at this time.

In closing this report, permit me to express to you my deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred on me. With the present active interest taken by our members our organization MUST and WILL increase in membership. I have full faith in its future.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the success of your administration.

Cordially yours in F. C. and L.,

C. A. BRYSON,

National Counselor.

Divisions.	Name and Address of the Division Chaplain Reporting.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camp.	No. of Brothers Participating in Mem. Day Observance.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Uniformed in Line.	Number of Firing Squads Furnished.	Number of Memorial Day Addresses by S. of V.	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sun.	Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	G. A. R. Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a Body.	G. A. R. Number of Burials conducted by Camp.	"A" Did Camp Use Memorial Service?	"B"	Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans' graves.	Number of graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.		
Alabama & Tennessee.....	E. K. Carter, Knoxville, Tenn.....	June 27	206	182	0	0	4	15	184	6	1	88	1	0	0	0	25	10900	10900	11	0	100	
California & Pacific.....	S. A. Drummond, Long Beach, Cal....	Aug. 7	943	327	85	73	2	13	247	2	6	5	3	0	0	1	0	28	1084	1012	13	7	7
Connecticut	E. C. Babson, Danielson.....	July 23	2052	874	10	87	3	61	547	14	16	23	7	0	0	1	6	242	12740	8738	22	10	76
Illinois	E. T. Carroll, Greenville.....	July 20	548	233	14	100	1	16	172	5	2	2	10	2	1	3	0	200	1880	760	9	22	19
Indiana	A. W. McDaniel, Valparaiso.....	July 20	1166	516	30	21	0	23	331	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	164	16160	11854	21	3	87
Iowa	S. C. Wadding, Des Moines.....	June 11	317	163	8	8	1	4	117	1	6	5	5	15	2	0	0	42	1974	1974	7	14	21
Kansas	John W. Lewis, Manhattan.....	Aug. 2	196	118	5	15	1	5	96	3	1	5	1	1	1	3	0	.....	.....	.....	6	7	7
Maine	Rev. A. M. Soule, Kingfield.....	July 2	1985	994	91	545	9	25	610	14	9	12	2	5	2	5	282	10747	10541	38	7	81	
Maryland	S. M. Zinn, Grafton, W. Va.....	June 9	564	282	85	103	17	27	237	10	6	5	4	0	2	1	0	49	5083	8533	10	1	91
Massachusetts	Rev. C. Strongpond, Beverly Farms...	July 23	7770	4405	574	2751	33	155	2478	56	50	143	47	19	23	18	11	781	46975	42305	140	9	94
Michigan	Delbert C. Ryan, Birmingham.....	July 12	624	312	84	50	4	11	260	8	6	16	5	2	1	1	1	62	4652	4812	16	4	86
Missouri																							
Minnesota	Geo. R. Gessert, St. Paul.....	Aug. 18	334	143	60	56	11	38	105	4	3	20	2	0	1	1	1	28	626	3232	8	8	50
Nebraska	W. L. Gaston, Lincoln.....	July 29	340	181	37	52	0	6	102	2	2	13	1	12	1	1	0	10	1000	905	6	15	25
New Hampshire	Fred E. Sanborn, Lakeport.....	July 20	887	596	74	287	5	22	345	10	4	22	4	2	2	.....	146	4984	4876	24	7	7	
New Jersey	W. H. Cawley, Jr., Somerville.....	July 29	1683	728	197	277	15	31	463	14	8	0	28	5	3	4	1	224	8845	4959	22	7	75
New York	Rev. Alex Hamilton, Norwich, Conn...	July 8	3318	1514	220	470	276	161	828	35	31	37	26	24	15	10	0	318	32012	27060	61	161	26
Ohio	W. A. Condon.....	July 9	1585	720	148	149	8	87	532	10	5	17	12	4	2	2	0	141	7976	9752	23	7	7
Pennsylvania	W. G. Stevenson.....	July 27	9416	4711	1727	1938	60	165	2788	55	88	106	59	37	60	22	9	617	43791	41457	78	91	48
Rhode Island	C. P. Hall, Pawtucket.....	Aug. 4	329	229	80	174	8	8	144	7	1	11	1	1	1	0	0	73	3447	3000	11	3	79
Vermont	Fred V. Fuller, Tunbridge.....	July 16	762	446	44	111	2	9	318	5	7	2	5	1	1	6	1	169	4313	2148	24	7	7
Washington & Oregon.....	H. P. Williams, Tacoma, Wash.....	July 2	185	88	10	7	2	4	49	4	1	0	11	0	2	0	1	12	390	890	5	9	25
Wisconsin	W. W. Moore, Baraboo.....	July 30	712	209	52	141	3	13	180	2	5	19	4	6	0	1	1	51	2292	2292	12	7	7
Totals			36421	18213	3646	7440	463	910	11297	301	268	548	249	154	121	77	38	3720	226272	203116	580	372	

CONSOLIDATED REPORT
National Patriotic Instructor
for year ending Dec. 31,
1920.

Names of Divisions and
Division Patriotic Instruct-
ors making Reports.

	Date report received.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Teachers show lively interest.	5. Number of flags donated.	6. Prizes offered by Camp or individual.	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	15. Division Patriotic efforts.
Alabama and Tennessee Frank P. Stoops	May 21	not all	some-O	none	no	50	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	nothing	yes	yes	Participation in patriotic endeavors.
California and Pacific Frank A. Carpenter	June 15	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$175.00	yes	2	
Connecticut Leonard M. Tarr	April 21	yes	yes-D-O	yes	yes		some	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	
Illinois W. C. Gullett	May 20	nearly all	yes	yes	yes	many	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$56.00	yes	yes	Flags placed on houses.
Indiana James V. Cook	March 21	yes	yes	yes	yes	200	yes	2	yes	yes	yes	no	\$67.00	yes	yes	Some hold patriotic meetings, inviting the public.
Iowa Frank Cole	Feb. 7	yes	yes	yes	yes	6	2	1	yes	yes	yes	no	\$10.00	yes	yes or assist	Special programs, patriotic exercises.
Kansas Frank H. Russell	April 22	80 p. c.	yes	yes	yes	many	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	no	\$40.00	yes	few places	Public meetings.
Maine Henry S. Perkins	Feb. 10	yes	yes	yes	nearly all	111	1	3	15 p. c.	yes	yes	no	\$20.00	yes	yes	Assist Posts in patriotic vices; furnish firing squares.
Maryland Samuel P. Croft	March 10	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	no	2	yes	yes	yes	no	\$145.00	yes	some	
Massachusetts Guy Richardson	April 1	yes	yes	yes	yes	277	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$748.00	yes	18 - others part	
Michigan Roy T. Kaywood	May 13	yes	yes	yes	yes	5	no	5	15 p. c.	yes	yes	no	\$75.00	yes	yes	Open meetings, special patriotic programs.
Minnesota George E. Bailey	June 11	yes	yes	yes	yes	32	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$105.00	yes	yes	
Missouri H. O. Chapman	April 18	yes	yes	generally	yes	1	2	no	in part	yes	yes	no	\$23.00	yes	yes	Observance of holidays.
Nebraska L. W. Garoutte	April 10	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	
New Hampshire Albert P. Harvey	Feb. 15	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$413.00	yes	when requested	
New Jersey Frank Parker	April 30	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$500.00	yes	assist	
New York A. C. Taylor	April 22	yes	yes	yes	yes	95	some	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	some	
Ohio J. E. Tritzsch	April 20	yes	yes	yes	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$400.00	yes	mostly	
Pennsylvania Wm. W. Stevenson	Feb. 8	yes	yes	yes	yes	2500	25	few	yes	yes	yes	no	\$1602.50	yes	yes	Patriotic meetings.
Rhode Island John W. Maguire	Feb. 11	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	assist	Open patriotic meetings.
Vermont A. G. Archer	April 13	yes	yes	yes	yes	129	1	2	yes	yes	yes	no	\$60.00	yes	assist	
Washington and Oregon George Ross	Feb. 13	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$100.00	yes	1	
Wisconsin G. M. Palmer	March 28	yes	yes	yes	yes	supplied	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$100.00	yes	assist	

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Mason, Mich., Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as National Chaplain. There has been a hearty and prompt response from twenty-one Divisions.

The statistical table, which is the most important feature of my report, will bear study. The twenty-two reports submitted give a membership of 36,421, as against twenty-three reports last year, giving a membership of 28,568. This year 18,213 members participated in Memorial Day services, as against last year's total of 13,664; while in the present year 910 Sons of Veterans delivered Memorial Day addresses, compared to 667 last year.

There were more than twice as many firing squads furnished by Sons of Veterans this year, than last, and although the number of cemeteries covered is smaller than last year, the reports show an increase of over 45,000 in the number of graves given attention.

Among the losses by death which our Order has sustained in the past twelve months, are five men of prominence, who have for years wielded great influence. These are: Benjamin J. Northcott, of Washington, D. C., Past Division Commander, Division of Maryland, died October 27, 1920; Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa., Past Commander-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff, died November 26, 1920; William P. Baker, South Bethlehem, Pa., Past Division Commander, Division of Pennsylvania, died April 4, 1921; H. B. Reed, of Columbus, Neb., Past Division Commander, Division of Nebraska, died July 11, 1921; and Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Illinois, Constitutional Life Member, died June 15, 1921.

In closing this report, I desire to register my conviction that the Sons of Veterans have not only a tender heart for the Veterans of the Civil War but are actually waking up to a sense of responsibility to minister to their needs and cherish their memory.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

W. B. HARTZOG,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

I take pleasure in submitting to you my report as National Patriotic Instructor.

Many of the Division Patriotic Instructors have been very prompt in submitting their reports. The efficiency of many of the Divisions is commendable and indicates that the Division

Patriotic Instructors are alive to their responsibilities. We are very much gratified to note the true ring of patriotism that runs through the reports from many of our Divisions.

It is of the greatest importance that Division Patriotic Instructors emphasize the proper observance of all patriotic days.

Let us, as Sons of Veterans, hold high the lofty ideals of our fathers, and let our devotion to our flag and love for our country know no limit and no end.

Let us hold to the principles of patriotism on which our Order is founded.

Below is a tabulated report compiled from the reports of the various Division Patriotic Instructors:

Alabama & Tennessee Division again reports the use of objectionable school histories. We hope by the time the next National Patriotic Instructor makes his report this objectionable feature will be overcome.

California & Pacific reports patriotic meetings and celebrations are very general throughout the Division. Pasadena and Long Beach Camps have charge of Memorial Day services. Rosecrans Camp, Los Angeles, reports that Patriotic Lecturer, W. P. Lowrey, delivered forty-seven addresses in public schools.

Illinois Division reports that Sunday Schools and public schools take part in Memorial Day services. In many instances Camps take charge of Memorial Day exercises for Posts.

The Indiana Division donated over two hundred flags to schools. Sunday Schools and public schools take part in Memorial Day observances. Camps assume charge of Memorial Day for Posts and in some instances hold special services for them.

Kansas Division reports general observance of Memorial Day by public schools and Sunday Schools. Special patriotic programs have been featured by the Division Commander.

Maine Division holds occasional public meetings.

Maryland Division reports: Assists the Posts in holding patriotic exercises, acting as escorts to the Posts, and furnishing firing squads at funerals of G. A. R. Comrades.

Massachusetts reports that public schools and Sunday Schools take part in Memorial Day exercises. Thirty-eight Camps assumed full charge of Memorial Day exercises for Posts. One Camp renewed 306 flags on graves of Comrades in November, at its own expense. One Camp presented a flag to every school room in town. One Camp held Memorial services in a neighboring town, where none had been held for years.

In Michigan ten Camps assumed charge of Memorial Day exercises, and others assisted.

Missouri Division. H. O. Chapman reports that early in the year, at a called meeting of leading members of various Camps, he presented the project of erecting a Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Tablet in the fine new Capitol Building in Jefferson City. After hard work the plan was put through, and the Tablet was unveiled at the State Encampment in May, with the Grand Army as their special guests. The Tablet was presented to the State by Commander-in-Chief Barrows, who is Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska. Commander Barrows made the chief address and the Tablet was accepted on the part of the State of

Missouri by Governor Hyde, who is also an active member of the Order. The contract price of this Tablet was \$325.00.

In Nebraska, Division Patriotic Instructor Leroy W. Garoutte reports that steel flag poles and flags have been furnished to every precinct public school in the Division by the State. He reports that Lincoln's Gettysburg Tablet has been placed in many public schools and soon will be in all. Camps take sole charge, by request, of all G. A. R. Posts, also of trains to National Encampments, and furnish firing squads for G. A. R. funerals.

Pennsylvania Division donated 2500 flags to schools. Few Lincoln's Gettysburg Tablets have been placed in schools. Sunday Schools and public schools, generally, observe Memorial Day exercises. Camps assume charge of Memorial Day exercises of Posts.

Vermont Division donated 139 flags to schools.

Washington & Oregon Division reports that John Buford Camp has a representative on the local Americanization Council who does such work as welcome those who have just been admitted to citizenship, presenting them with flags and performing other work along similar lines. Colonel J. J. Edens Camp has been instrumental in getting a certain company, which employs 2000 men, to employ none but Americans.

Ten Divisions report the expenditure of moneys for patriotic purposes to the amount of \$100.00 and over and are as follows:

California & Pacific.....	\$ 175.00
Maryland	145.00
Massachusetts	748.00
Minnesota	105.00
New Hampshire	413.00
New Jersey	500.00
Ohio	400.00
Pennsylvania	1602.50
Washington & Oregon	100.00
Wisconsin	100.00

In conclusion, Commander-in-Chief, I want to express to you my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me by yourself and National Secretary Hammer and to assure you of the pleasure I have had in my work as National Patriotic Instructor. I also desire to express to the Division Patriotic Instructors my appreciation for their prompt and efficient reports and their hearty co-operation.

Most sincerely in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM H. HYDEN,

National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Sir:

Under the supervision of the Acting Adjutant General, the affairs of the Reserve have been managed in such a manner

that the Committee on Military Affairs has had nothing to do during the year just passed. No matters of whatsoever kind have been referred to this Committee for consideration.

The Military Department is in the hands of this Commandery, and its future depends upon action taken at this time.

The future of the Reserve is gloomy, but we are revived by our ever living faith in our Order, and we look forward with confidence to the liberal action of this Commandery. We doubt not that means may be provided for the maintenance of our Military Department.

Fraternally submitted,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

Chairman.

REPORT OF PERSONAL AIDE.

Lincoln, Neb., September 1, 1921.

To Hon. Pelham A. Barrows,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

The march of time again brings us near to the annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of our beloved Order. In the year that is now fast slipping away it has been my privilege by reason of my close connection with your office to observe the efforts that have been put forth by you and your associate officers to maintain for our Order the numerical and spiritual influence in behalf of patriotism and the preservation and integrity of those principles of freedom and liberty which are the corner stone of the nation.

In a small way I have been enabled to contribute in this endeavor. In December, pursuant to instructions from you I spent several weeks in Omaha in the reorganization of General Charles F. Manderson Camp No. 1 which was accomplished through the addition of some of the most influential and prominent citizens of the city and state to its membership. My experience in this work impressed me in a most forcible manner of the difficulties which your administration has encountered throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Order.

I congratulate you upon the achievements of the year. Notwithstanding an era of general financial distress which has covered the entire year and still continues, the losses of past years have been checked and a gain has been recorded. It is worthy of notice that in the new accessions to our ranks will be found the names of many men of the highest standing and influence. Their presence will aid in our future growth and usefulness.

Let us not worry because of the future. The Order is on a solid foundation. The coming years as they multiply into decades and even into centuries will measure its growing strength and influence and the added glory of devotion to its principles and objects. Whatever sacrifice of time and strength of body and effort of mind you have made will be repaid a hundred fold by the glorious achievements which will be the record of the Sons of Veterans in the years to come.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANK P. CORRICK,

Personal Aide.

Guard: Commander-in-Chief, a committee of ladies from Sons of Veterans Auxiliary No. 10 desire admittance.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and Past Division Commander Yengling, Ohio, escort the ladies in.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: May I ask that the Committee on Fraternal Relations get in touch with the organizations in the following way:

To visit the G. A. R. and Ladies of the G. A. R.—Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter and Past Division Commander Bogart.

To visit the Women's Relief Corps—Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman.

To visit the Daughters of Veterans—National Chaplain Hartzog and National Patriotic Instructor Hyden.

To visit the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary—Past Division Commander Corrick and myself. And if there are any other visits to be made, if the member will report to me I will see that they are taken care of.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and Past Division Commander Yengling, as escort, presented Mrs. Goe, president of Auxiliary No. 10, and Mrs. Vanoy, Past President of Auxiliary No. 10, Sons of Veterans, of Indianapolis, who were escorted to seats upon the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: I have the pleasure of introducing these ladies, who come from Auxiliary No. 10. Nothing more need be said. We will now listen to Mrs. Goe.

Mrs. Goe: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It gives Auxiliary No. 10 great pleasure to present to the National Encampment greetings, and the nicest part about my speech is it is going to be very brief. I know you are busy and don't want to take up much time. I see a brother in the room who on one occasion, when we were making a short address, talked twenty-five or thirty minutes, and when the ladies got up to make their addresses, he says, "Hadn't we better limit them to five minutes?" I overheard that, and have never forgiven him, so I won't even let the time of my speech cover five minutes. I want to say to the Sons that we Girls of the Auxiliary pledge anew our allegiance. We are with you in whatever you undertake to maintain the principles and objects for which the dear old Boys in Blue sacrificed so much to preserve the honor of the Flag they brought back untarnished.

"For when we see her waving on high,

And our Boys in Blue go marching by,

There is a shout in our throat

And a tear in our eye,

And a longing in all of us

To live with her forever or die,

If dying, we still keep Old Glory

Untarnished, waving on high."

Commander-in-Chief: Sister Vanoy will now talk to us.

Mrs. Vanoy, Past President of Auxiliary No. 10, of Indianapolis, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It gives me great pleasure to assist in bringing to you the greetings from

Auxiliary No. 10, with their love, esteem and best wishes for a grand and successful convention. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: To respond to this greeting, I am going to ask a brother whom I know has just been aching for this job, because he hinted to me a year ago that if I ever became Commander-in-Chief that he wanted to respond to the greetings of the first ladies who came to the Encampment, and I will appoint Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin, to respond to the ladies.

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief and Ladies of the Local Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: I don't happen to live in Indiana, or I would be well acquainted with you, because I know all the girls of the Auxiliary in Wisconsin and a lot in New York. One time I was sold outright to an Auxiliary lady from the New York Division. Along about thirty years ago they had a Division Encampment in New York, and we went on an excursion, and it seems the Division funds were low in the Division Auxiliary, and some bright scout says, "I will tell you how to get the money." He says, put up some Son of a Veteran and sell him to the highest bidder, and the money goes into the treasury. They put up the most popular boys, and one ran up to \$1.89, one to \$1.53, something like that, and finally they said let's put up Bogart—there is where you will get the money—and I was knocked down to Mrs. Moynihan for 29 cents. She told me time and again that she was in doubt whether she got bit or not. I had the pleasure of being a lone organizer of two Auxiliaries in my lifetime and three Camps of Sons of Veterans. The Camps I am very proud of. I am a little bit prouder of the Auxiliaries. I have found that 99 times out of 100 that if you have a real live whooper-up Auxiliary that your Camp is also a live one.

Ladies, we thank you for your greetings, and hope that in the days to come your Auxiliary here will not only reach the same membership that your local Camp has reached recently, but that you will have two to one. They tell us there are about two ladies to every man in the world anyway; therefore, you should have twice as many members as your local Camp. I thank you.

The visiting ladies with their escort retired.

Delegate George S. Geis, Washington & Oregon: Commander-in-Chief: May I convey the greetings of the Soldiers of Foreign Wars?

Commander-in-Chief: Proceed.

Delegate Geis: Commander-in-Chief, Comrades and Brothers: Last week at Detroit, Mich., was held the meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and at that meeting they selected a Committee on Fraternal Greetings to the various other Patriotic Organizations, and of which committee I was elected chairman. This committee brings you greetings from over 100,000 overseas veterans, some of whom served in France, some in China, some in Siberia, and elsewhere. They appreciate the efforts of the Sons of Veterans and their labors and work along the same lines, and in behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States I convey to you from the National Encampment held at

Detroit last week their God-speed and good wishes and fraternal greetings to your organization.

Commander-in-Chief: Speaking for the Commandery-in-Chief, Brother Geis, I return to your organization our greetings, and say that we are with them, and that we are duly appreciative of the work they have done in the past, and we are glad to work in harmony with them in any undertaking they may have in the way of patriotic work.

Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief: I wish to speak of the Grand Army of the Republic parade tomorrow. The program does not say anything about our holding a meeting in the morning or at any time at which we could make this announcement. We want every man in this Encampment to march in the parade. The instructions at this time will be very few and simple, because the orders change about every other day and we don't know what they may be tonight or tomorrow. We meet at 2:30 promptly. We have been listed as a Guard of Honor to Commander-in-Chief Ketchum and the G. A. R. I think it well to say that the Commandery-in-Chief Officers and past Commanders-in-Chief ought to head that column, of course, that is about all the instructions we will give at this time.

Commander-in-Chief: I think it well that when we recess it be until tomorrow morning. We did not expect to meet because we thought the parade was to be in the morning, but as it now stands the parade is at four o'clock in the afternoon, and I think it best to have a session tomorrow morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: I move that when we adjourn we recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief N. J. McGuire, of Indiana: Tonight at the State House is to be held the reception of all patriotic women's organizations, to the Officers of the G. A. R., and the Sons of Veterans are especially urged to take an important part. We have been asked to furnish at least fifty Sons of Veterans for special duty and to be at the bidding of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. I hope all the delegates will attend. I think one thing we lack, and that is to participate in these receptions, for we get an understanding of the parent organization that we don't get in any other way.

Commander-in-Chief: How many brothers will accept the honor of being one of the fifty who will report for special duty tonight at the reception. All who will please rise. Many rose.

Commander-in-Chief: And let every Son of a Veteran be in the parade tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief: We will listen to the reading of communications by the Secretary:

San Francisco, Cal., September 27, 1921.

Pelham A. Barrows, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Hotel Denison, Indianapolis, Ind.

Regret being unable to attend Encampment. Four important California Educational Meetings, in all which I am an officer, held same time as Commandery, and demand my presence. Trust de-

liberations will be harmonious and beneficial to Order. Strongly urge passage resolution changing name to Sons Grand Army Republic.
A. J. CLOUD, Division Commander.

Stoughton, Wis., Sept. 25, 1921.

Hon. P. A. Barrows, Indianapolis, Ind., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My Dear Commander: I hereby tender fraternal greetings to the 40th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Although not present, I am with you in thought and spirit and all that our grand organization stands for.

Sincerely yours,

LEW WALLACE McCOMB,

Past Division Commander, Wisconsin, 128th Infantry, 32nd Division.

Sept. 25, 1921.

Mr. H. H. Hammer, Secretary-Treasurer, Washington Hotel, National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother: Please extend to the Brothers of the Encampment my regrets for not being able to attend this year. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to be with you. You might state to the Encampment that the Kansas Division is making a great drive for new members and new Camps. Kansas Division Headquarters is against the proposition to change the name of the Organization at this time.

With my personal regards and best wishes for a large attendance and a successful Encampment, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

C. B. MARTIN,

Division Commander, Parsons, Kan.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 27, 1921.

Pelham A. Barrows, Washington Hotel, Indianapolis.

Greetings and best wishes to the Encampment assembled. Regret but vaguely expressed my disappointment not to be at Indianapolis for strong sentimental reasons. Should you determine to change name, consider well the objects of Order, which are to honor all the soldiers, sailors and marines. Thus perfect the title of our Order and let it be: The Sons of Veterans of the War of '61 to '65. God bless you.

CHARLES C. BEHNKE.

Lyons, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1921.

H. H. Hammer, Indianapolis, Ind.

Deeply regret unable to attend Encampment. Extend my good wishes and greetings. Illness Mrs. Sheldon prevents my presence.

RALPH SHELDON,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any communications or resolutions to be submitted at this time?

Commander-in-Chief: Secretary, call the roll.

The National Secretary called the roll of Divisions, and communications were received, which, with those in possession of the National Secretary, were referred to committees.

National Secretary: The badges of the Encampment will be given out before we recess, and the chairman of each delegation will come forward and get them for the members for each Division.

Commander-in-Chief: We have a communication here which means a lot to our organization, and I want the brothers to listen while the Secretary reads that communication.

National Secretary: The letters written by our Commander-in-Chief to President Harding, and President Harding's reply thereto, are as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., July 29, 1921.

Hon. Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother: As you are doubtless aware, our next National Encampment will be held in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary organizations at Indianapolis, Ind., on the week beginning Sept. 25, and as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to invite you to address the Encampment at such time as may be most convenient for you during that week.

I know that the Brothers there assembled will feel it a great honor if the President, one of our members, could find time to visit us and join with the delegates along lines "For the Good of the Order."

Trusting to receive from you an assurance that you will be with us, I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

PELHAM A. BARROWS.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

White House, Washington, Aug. 13, 1921.

My Dear Mr. Barrows: Your letter of July 29th has just been laid before me, my acknowledgement being delayed by reason of my recent absence from Washington. I thank you most sincerely for your invitation to participate in the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Indianapolis. As you doubtless know, I have been compelled by reason of the requirements of public business to express my regrets at being unable to participate in the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at the same time. The same regrets apply in the case of your own invitation. As a member of the organization of which you are Commander-in-Chief, it would be a special pleasure if I were able to accept. Unfortunately, I have been estopped from making further engagements that would take me away from Washington for a considerable time, because of the demands of public affairs.

I cannot, however, refrain from saying to you that as each year takes us farther away from the Civil War and from the active participation of its veterans in our national life, I feel increasingly the importance of the Sons of Veterans as an instrumentality for perpetuating those high ideals of patriotism and public service which we have inherited from our fathers of the Civil War epoch. More and more, the duty descends upon the sons to carry forward the splendid work of the fathers. Therefore I am particularly hopeful that your Encampment this year may be a marked success.

Very truly yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the Commander-in-Chief be directed to acknowledge this greeting in behalf of this Encampment and express to the President of the United States, our Brother Warren G. Harding, its high esteem and extend to him our best wishes, and our pledge of support in his great fight for truth and Americanism. Unanimously adopted.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: A matter left over from last year as Unfinished Business, as recorded on page 216 of the Proceedings of the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, relative to the restoration of lost rank of a Division Commander, Brother Otis E. Gulley, of the Indiana Division, which was by action of the Encampment a year ago left over to be presented at this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: That will have to come up under the head of Unfinished Business.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: Does it go to the Committee or would it come up in the Encampment under the head of Unfinished Business?

Commander-in-Chief: I think it would go to the Committee on Resolutions. The National Secretary has the record of last year, is that a matter of unfinished business?

National Secretary: I have the original here. It will be a matter for the Encampment.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: I simply wanted to make sure.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The Sons of Veterans Auxilliary were announced as waiting at the door for admission to participate in the joint Memorial Services.

Commander-in-Chief: Division Commander Phillips of Illinois, Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman of Ohio, and Past Division Commander Bogart of Wisconsin, escort the ladies into the room.

The Committee escorted the members of the Auxilliary of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, of the Fortieth Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. It is my very great pleasure and honor to present to you at this time Mrs. Blanche Beverstock, of New Hampshire, National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxilliary.

Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I present Sister Blanche M. Hawthorne, National Chaplain of the Auxilliary.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: I present Sister Julia Moynihan, of New York, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxilliary.

Commander-in-Chief: The ladies please take seats on the platform. National Chaplain William B. Hartzog will take charge of the Memorial Services.

William B. Hartzog, National Chaplain: Sisters and Brothers, it will be necessary to make some comments in this service. It would be nice to go through that feature of it without comment, but under the circumstances we will have to make some remarks; services will open with the recitation of the Twenty-third Psalm together, followed by a brief invocation by the National Chaplain.

Brother William B. Hartzog, National Chaplain, of Michigan: We will sing one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee" with Sister Claudia K. Erther at the piano.

Chaplain Hartzog: Mrs. Blanche M. Hawthorne, National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans Auxilliary will have charge of the Auxilliary part of this service.

Mrs. Blanche M. Hawthorne, National Chaplain, spoke as follows:

This is the time when we come to think of those who have gone on before; sometimes we wonder why they must leave us and we don't understand it, but some day, some happy day, we will see and understand, but this we know, that our Father doeth all things well.

I will now introduce Past National President Julia Moynihan, of New York, who will pay a tribute to our departed sisters.

Sister Moynihan: Members of the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: We meet on these occasions from year to year to pause over a happening that has caused sad hearts during the past year. Some years our hearts are made more sad by the great numbers who have left us than other years. This year the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary mourns the loss of 197 members, good and faithful women devoted to the cause which we are trying to carry out, and it saddens our hearts. It is very fitting that these memorial services should be held that we should pause and look back and look forward to what the next year may bring to us. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary have not only lost their own members, but every loss to the Sons of Veterans is ours as well. During the past year we mourned with you particularly for the man that we all loved, honored, all respected, who has left your ranks and caused such a great loss to the Sons of Veterans, Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies. He was Commander-in-Chief when I was elected National President of the Auxiliary, and I doubt if any of the other Past National Presidents could feel his loss in quite the same way as I do. There never was a call from the Auxiliary on Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, but what it was granted willingly; he was always looking for the best interests of our Auxiliary, as well as the Sons of Veterans, therefore, it is a great gap in our ranks, and we mourn with you for your loss and ours. Past Commander-in-Chief Amies was a man that we could all rely upon for good judgment and good advice and great help. So, we, with you, mourn his loss and of all your brothers as well as the 197 members of our own Auxiliary. I am unable to say just what is in my mind and my heart for all these members. I hope God will be good to us during the coming year and leave all those who are present today to meet again next year.

National Chaplain Hartzog: There is an instinct in every human being to desire to be remembered. The ancient monuments of ancient civilization show that is true. It is true of the City of Indianapolis for they have prepared for future generations a monument to the memory of departed heroes, and when the soldiers of the Civil War come to Indianapolis they go to see this grand monument. Now every monument bears two messages. One is the desire of those to honor those who are dead, on the part of the living. The other is, and it is instinct in humanity to desire to be remembered; so all the silent tombs erected in all the cemeteries of the land are silently teaching this great doctrine of memorialism, on behalf of all those who have passed away among the ladies as well as among the Sons.

I believe this concludes the part the Ladies have, and I will now call on different ones to respond to certain names, Past Division Commanders who have passed away during the past year. We will begin with Benjamin J. Northcott, of Washington, D. C., and Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson will respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson: Brother Chaplain, Sisters and Brothers: Maryland, like most all the other Divisions of this Organization has suffered during the past year the loss of nine members, a small number, but a large number for a small Division. Among those was one of our most beloved Brothers, Past Division Commander, Benjamin J. Northcott. He was a literary man, born many years ago, many years before the

Civil War, but a cripple who was unable to take part in that great conflict. He, however, accompanied his father who was a Colonel in the Army, a Chaplain of one of the Illinois Regiments. He went to the war with his father and after it was over came to Washington,—and I will say in passing that Washington,—the Order of the Sons of Veterans in Washington, is made up very largely from acquisitions from the various states in the Union, or from the Northern States—Northern and Western States.

Brother Northcott settled in Missouri in his early life and lived near Kansas City; in 1880 he came to Washington and was employed in the Pension Office. In 1899 he joined Lincoln Camp Sons of Veterans of Washington, D. C., of which I have the honor of being a very humble member. He endeared himself not only to the members of Lincoln Camp through the easy going disposition of the man, but also to the members of the Division of Maryland, and he was very well acquainted with the members of the Auxiliary who liked him very much. He became a Past Commander of the Camp, and in 1907 there was a call for him throughout the Division as Division Commander, at which time he was in the neighborhood of 70 years of age. We selected an elderly man in our Division because we needed it.

Brother Northcott died in November, 1920, leaving a wife and two sons. He was buried at his old home place in Missouri. We in the Division of Maryland, feel that we have suffered a great loss, not only by the death of Brother Northcott but by the death of four Past Camp Commanders and three members. Thus has death stricken our Division.

National Chaplain Hartzog: Edwin M. Amies, Past Commander-in-Chief and also Chief-of-Staff, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, passed away during the past year; also William P. Baker, Past Division Commander of Pennsylvania. Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, will speak of Brother Amies by direction of his Division, the Division of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: Chaplain, Brothers and Sisters: Cherishing the memory of friends who have passed into the "Great Beyond" is to be commended.

It is with this beautiful impulse of the heart, brothers and sisters, that we tarry in our deliberations in behalf of our beloved fraternities, for a few moments, that we may pay tribute to one who was associated with us for so many years as a friend, a co-worker and loyal supporter of a worthy and great cause.

Sorrow presses upon us with increasing weight. But a short time ago we mourned Abbott, the great hearted. Passing from that shadow, the beloved and gentle Dustin. Last year it was my sad duty to express in words our grief at the loss of that tireless worker, the magnetic Lew Rake. Pennsylvania and the Order, as well as our Auxiliary, mourn again as we record the passing to the other shore of another equally beloved brother, Past Commander-in-Chief and Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, after a brief illness, November 26, 1920.

"Like a shadow thrown
Softly and sweetly from a passing cloud
Death fell upon him."

Abbott, Dustin, Rake, Amies, have all "crossed the bar." What an irreparable loss our Order has sustained.

Ned Amies was a true Son of a Veteran. He loved our Order and his Country with a passion of patriotic devotion, giving of his best thought, his time, his energy, his unequalled ability in its behalf.

He could not have done otherwise and been worthy of that father, who in the dark days that overshadowed our beloved land, when its very life was threatened, when it even appeared that our flag might be lowered in defeat, gave his life upon the sacred soil of Gettysburg, in the second day of that important and decisive battle. Looking from that other shore this patriotic father could find naught that would give him regret of the son who so worthily honored his memory.

As a young man, almost forty years ago, he became a charter member of Lieut. S. C. Potts Camp No. 12, in his home city of Altoona. His membership was active and continuous to the end. He served his Camp as Commander, and early took an active interest in the larger work of the Order by attending the sessions of his Division and the Commandery-in-Chief, his first office in this body being that of National Counselor in 1883. His trained legal mind permitted him to fill this, and other offices, with conspicuous ability.

From this post to his selection as Commander-in-Chief, at Peoria, Illinois, in 1906 his interest was unceasing. His service in the highest office his brothers could honor him with was of much value to our Order. Always interested in military affairs, serving for years in the National Guard of his native state, rising to the rank of Adjutant of the 5th Regiment, he was elected Chief-of-Staff of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, in 1908, which position he continued to fill with skill and satisfaction to all until his departure.

He was an outstanding figure at all sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief. As a parliamentarian, as a debater, he was unequalled. One of the most gifted speakers our Order has had, he was always listened to with rapt attention and interest. He was ever willing to give of this power for the betterment of his fellow-men, and was especially active during the period of the World War as a speaker in the several Liberty loan campaigns.

No movement for the upbuilding of mankind failed to find in him a friend and counselor, his interest and affection embracing all.

One of the last public acts of his life, completed just a short time before he was called, was to guide the campaign in his city in behalf of that worthy agency for good, the Salvation Army.

Many a weary and struggling person went to him in time of need and distress for aid and counsel, and was not disappointed, kindness of heart, and a desire to aid others being one of his prominent characteristics.

Most touching was his love and tenderness for his life companion. Himself for long an invalid, he was ever solicitous of her welfare. Few women are privileged to know the unchanging devotion, the unfailing sympathy and kindness of such a husband.

God grant her continued courage and consolation in her great and unhealing sorrow.

Ned Amies gone. It is hard to realize this.

"Would I could utter all our hearts can feel,

But there are thoughts our weak words cannot reveal."

It can fall to the lot of but few to cross to the other shore amidst so warm a gratitude flowing from the hearts of those with whom he associated and labored.

He shall never be forgotten while our Order exists.

Ned Amies has gone from among us. We shall see him and greet him no more. We have been often cheered and benefited by our association together. It is for us now to renew our pledge of fidelity and apply ourselves even more wholeheartedly and with renewed fervor to the welfare of the country he loved so well and served so truly, and the Order that he loved next to his God, his life's companion, his Country.

"Life's road well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest."

National Chaplain Hartzog: Isaac Cutter, of Illinois, Constitutional Life Member, is another of the distinguished men who passed away during the past year, and Past Division Commander Clifford Ireland will speak concerning him.

Past Division Commander Clifford Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, Chaplain, Brothers, and Ladies of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Isaac Cutter, our beloved and lamented brother, passed to the great beyond on the 15th day of June last and ceased to belong to the visible Commandery-in-Chief. He was born, if my memory serves me right, on the 21st day of January, 1854, which would give him almost the span of three score years and ten. His was a unique and rare personality. One who flourished in the activities of our Order in a decade when few of us at present were able to be so active, and, therefore, many of us contributing to this Commandery-in-Chief were not privileged to know the value of his close relationship. He was indeed one of those rare personalities that submerged his own individuality in a most generous and unselfish manner possible to conceive. His was the devotion of a lifetime to his fellow-man, to his flag and to his country, and his devotion to his fellow-man was only overshadowed by his love of country. He as a man of such individuality, refused repeatedly distinction within the Sons of Veterans of a commanding nature, though amply fitted by all the wonderful attributes the good Lord had generously endowed him with. The only recognition he would permit his fellows to offer was the one creating him, during the administration of Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard at Detroit, when he was made a Constitutional Life Member, an honor seldom granted to anyone in our Order. Many honors came to him unsolicited during his life, but none was so religiously coveted and beloved as the honor bestowed upon him by the Sons of Veterans in giving him this Constitutional Life Membership. He was one of the bulwarks of our Order; he belonged to that great triumvirate of Illinois, of Dustin, Abbott and himself, who were the con-

temporaries of the great Rake and Amies of Pennsylvania, and many others of that type. It is impossible for us to realize their wonderful value during the constructive period of our Order; impossible to realize the great work he accomplished for our Order, and the splendid manner in which he builded that we might enjoy the fruits of his labor. He and his contemporaries builded better than we are building today, and better than they knew at the time. His was a unique character, a wonderful character, and by the same token his reward in that temple not made with hands will be the greater.

He has passed from us. He has taken that uncertain journey. He has traveled to the undiscovered country from whence no traveler ever returns. Stricken with an incurable malady of many years standing—for the last decade we have missed him at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments; yet he met that great adventure with the same courage that he lived, and has pictured to us the pathway that we can with the greatest value follow in pointing the way and directing the paths of this great Order.

Another of the wonderful bulwarks of this great Order has passed to the Great Beyond and received his reward, and it is ours to only carry on his ideals here established.

It is impossible that our grief be assuaged, or we may in the least through our instrumentality properly offer solace and consolation to his bereaved relatives he leaves behind. Though death is natural and the mourned one succeeds to an assured better estate, yet we who are left behind to mourn the character and life that we loved, cannot be philosophical in that loss; and the sentiment of our grief can only be exceeded by the clarion notes that acclaim the arrival of a beautiful soul, a wonderful character to that house above.

National Chaplain: There is one more name that we want to mention, Past Division Commander H. B. Reed, of Columbus, Nebraska. Past Division Commander Frank P. Corrick, of Nebraska, will respond.

Brother Corrick: Brothers and Sisters. Brother Reed was one of those quiet and unobtrusive members who didn't become known in general and yet he was one of the most faithful members, and is entitled to great praise for the splendid work he did in trying times when the Spanish-American War came on, and it seemed that whole Camps of our Order marched away by reason of their membership in the National Guard to take part in that struggle, and our Order suffered, its membership was lowered. H. B. Reed was one of the Brothers who stood by us. He upheld its banner and was faithful to every trust, serving not only as Division Commander, but in several other positions. As a member of our Division he came to this Encampment, sometimes coming alone, being the only one who came from Nebraska. He was unable to be here a year ago, but two years ago he was with us at Columbus, and we were shocked to learn, notwithstanding we knew that death must soon come, that H. B. Reed had passed away. Even if I don't follow the phraseology, it is a pleasure for us to know that this memorial covers all those who have been with us and worked with us, and will meet with us again, and in the language, which I will endeavor to quote:

"When we've left this land of clay,
Wandering in the far away,
When we've reached that strange country
To'ther side of the range,
There the folks will know who we be,
And say hullo."

National Chaplain Hartzog: Announced "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and closed with benediction.

The Auxiliary members then withdrew accompanied by the escort.

Delegate Frank C. Huston, Indiana, led in singing.

Commander-in-Chief Barrows reassumed the chair and called for Unfinished Business.

National Secretary: We had the application of the Division of Indiana at the Encampment last year for restoration of past rank as Division Commander to Otis E. Gulley, of the former Division of Arkansas & Texas, he having served that Division as its Commander in 1886, and requesting the Commandery-in-Chief to act upon said resolution. The Thirty-ninth Encampment referred this matter to the present Encampment without prejudice for action. Inasmuch as the Constitution had been adopted last year and this was to have no bearing or effect on the action by the adoption of the new Constitution as a matter of unfinished business it was so ordered. It is now in your possession.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I move that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for recommendation. Referred.

National Secretary: With the permission of the Encampment—this may not be in order—I have a report of the meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies of the G. A. R. to which we elect delegates to their annual meeting. The Orders affiliated with the G. A. R. the Federated Societies want a special drive made this year, and every year, to have the public schools take up a study of "the life, character and influence of Abraham Lincoln." We are all in favor of that, of course, and such other things as we think patriotic propaganda, and anything we can do along that line we should do with all our strength.

I move the adoption of the report. Agreed to and follows:

REPORT OF THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES OF THE G. A. R.

Federated Patriotic Societies of the G. A. R.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24, 1921.

To the Fortieth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greeting:

The second (annual) meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies of the G. A. R. was held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24, 1921. Mrs. Eliza Brown-Daggett, National

President, presided. All Societies were represented. Commander-in-Chief Wm. A. Ketcham, and Past Commanders-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams and Washington Gardiner of the G. A. R. were present. They delivered inspiring addresses, encouraged the Federated Societies and urged active work along patriotic lines in all the Societies in the Federation.

Reports of interest from the various Societies were made as to propaganda of Americanization work, patriotic features and efforts, to have all bodies more active in patriotic public service, love of Country among all people, and to honor and assist the G. A. R.

The membership of the Federated Societies was changed to include the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. so that it now is the Patriotic Instructor and two delegates from each Society.

The National Memorial University Association project for a National Memorial University was endorsed.

The study of "the life, character and influence of Abraham Lincoln" was ordered to be recommended to each Society to be taken up and made a part of the study in the schools, and that each body be active to have this receive active and prompt attention.

It was decided to suspend the dues (\$25.00) from each body and assessments, and that no further payments be made until necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA G. YENGLING, Secretary.

By H. H. HAMMER, Secretary Pro Tem.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will call the roll and the Chairman of the Divisions will come and receive the badges for his Division representatives.

The National Secretary called the roll and distributed the badges.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, one of the questions which will come before this Encampment tomorrow will be the question of changing the name of the Order. It is one of the biggest questions that will come up, and I am sure we don't want to do anything which will not meet with the entire, hearty approval of the G. A. R. and it seems to me the essential thing should be to secure their wishes in that matter, and for that reason I move that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to confer with the G. A. R. and ascertain their wishes in this matter.

Division Commander Don D. Donnan, Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order. This is a matter that will come before the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief: The point is well taken. The motion is out of order.

A recess was taken until 9:30 o'clock, September 28, 1921, pursuant to the motion previously adopted to that effect.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, September 28, 1921.

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at 9:30 o'clock a. m., by the Commander-in-Chief.

A delegation of the Woman's Relief Corps being in waiting the Commander-in-Chief appointed Division Commander Don D. Donnan, of Iowa; Past Division Commander Richard F. Locke, of Illinois; Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska; Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland; Delegate Frederick C. Martin, of California & Pacific; Division Commander Frank A. DeGroot, of Maryland; Past Division Commander W. T. Shrieve, of Ohio; Delegate L. S. Barnes, of Ohio; Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, and Delegate E. E. Boden, of Ohio, as escort.

The Committee found in waiting: Mrs. Baker, Department President W. R. C. of Kansas; Mrs. Haight, Department President W. R. C. of New Jersey; Mrs. Kate Whittington, W. R. C. Department of Washington & Alaska; Mrs. Eva Courtney, Past Department President W. R. C., Winchester, Ind.; Mrs. Lindice Coats, Jessie F. Fulgham, Mrs. Susanna Haines, of Winchester, Ind.; Martha J. Watts, Past President, W. R. C., Sarah E. Cleveland, Past President W. R. C., Mrs. Pierce, W. R. C., Winchester, Ind.

Commander-in-Chief: I am sure the Brothers of the Encampment will join with me in the expression of good feeling towards these committees that have come in here and taken us by storm in such a large force, but we will try to get through without too much embarrassment. We will first listen to Sister Ida H. Baker, Department President of the Kansas W. R. C.

Mrs. Baker, Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans; this is indeed a very great pleasure for me to speak here as one of the committee to bring the greetings from the National Organization of the W. R. C. Now we say you are our sons, but do you know, I see too many here with gray hairs for me to say that personally. Nevertheless we are here bringing the greetings to our sons from the organization of the W. R. C. Our National President, Ida Jamison Bender, had for her slogan this year and for the Relief Corps this year: "Service," and we have exemplified that in that we now have over 220,000 members, so you see we have followed the leadership of our great leader. She gave me this complimentary badge for you Commander-in-Chief and it has her picture on it, and which has underneath the picture the words: "Service is supreme, committed to life," that is quoting our President Harding, and I present this to you with the greetings from the National W. R. C. While I am here I want to say that in Parsons, Kansas, my home town, we have a Division Commander, Brother Charles Martin, many of you know him personally, some do not. He was not able to attend

at this time, but he wanted his greetings brought to you and I thought it a fit time to extend the greetings from the Division Commander of Kansas to this body.

Commander-in-Chief: I have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Kate Whittington, Department President of the Department of Washington & Alaska.

Mrs. Whittington: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans; It is indeed a great pleasure to me to appear before you as one of the committee. I am proud to be a delegate. I have never visited the Sons of Veterans before. I have visited the G. A. R. many times but not the Sons of Veterans. I feel that our President did me a great honor in appointing me on this committee. I am proud to tell you that we have our Division Commander C. R. Bubb here. I want also to extend the greetings from the National W. R. C. to you.

Commander-in-Chief: I present Mrs. Lena Hayden, Department President of New Jersey.

Mrs. Hayden: I feel especially pleased to be sent by our National President to visit this organization because I so frequently go to the New Jersey Encampment Sons of Veterans. I am Department President this year but next year I will not be able to visit the Sons of Veterans, and I am especially pleased to come this time and help extend the greetings of the National President.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we appreciate this visit and I thank you for the remembrance you have brought me personally. The ladies have informed me that they will have to go to their organization and cannot wait while the other greetings are being extended, therefore, we will have to excuse them after I have asked Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard who got somebody else to act in his place, to respond to the greetings:

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: We are highly honored in that these representatives from the W. R. C. have brought their greetings by these charming representatives of that grand organization. The first Women's organization that I ever addressed—that I ever had the pleasure of addressing—was that grand organization of the W. R. C. Those organizations are all grand and noble, but the W. R. C. has had, as long as I have known them, that strength that is brought by large numbers as well as charming personalities that inspires every Son of a Veteran as well as the G. A. R. and encourages us to a better life and greater renewed activities in better work in our organization and our citizenship toward others. Ladies, our guests, we thank you for this charming greeting and for your visit to us this morning.

The visitors retired accompanied by their escort.

Commander-in-Chief: It now gives me pleasure to present Sister Eva Roberts Courtney, Past President of the Department W. R. C. of Winchester, Indiana.

Mrs. Courtney: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans; we consider it not only a pleasure but a great honor to be admitted to your meeting this morning. We know you are busy and we are in a hurry to return to our own Convention of the W. R. C. so we promise not to delay your work but a few min-

utes. Commander-in-Chief, our business here is to have a word with your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Focht, stand up.

Mrs. Courtney continuing: It may be well to have the last word, but the W. R. C., G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and the American Legion constitute one harmonious patriotic family in our little City of Winchester. We consider that the G. A. R. boys of '61, the Sons of Veterans, and the Legion boys are our boys, and we thought it quite an honor when one of our Sons, a member of Old Camp 44, was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of your Organization, so the W. R. C. No. 46, Department of Indiana, delegated us to bring you a little gift for our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to show that we appreciate the loyalty and devotion and assistance they have given our Corps. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it gives us great pleasure to bring to you this little emblem of freedom.

"There are many flags in many lands,
Flags of every hue,
But there is no flag, however grand,
Like our own Red, White and Blue."

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it gives us who are here from Winchester, pleasure to bring you this little ornament and we wish you success in all your undertakings and we hope the time is not far distant when you will be elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Focht: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the W. R. C., and Brothers; this certainly comes to me as a surprise and I surely do appreciate this remembrance which I have received from the ladies of the W. R. C. of the city from which I come. I am proud that you can look into the faces of a few of the ladies who constitute that great organization in our city. There never was a more loyal set of people than our W. R. C., they are ready at any and all times to do for the old soldier, and also to do anything in a patriotic way. They are second to none and we certainly do appreciate them and we feel the effect of such an organization in our little city. I am glad that they have come to us this morning that you may look into their faces and I think I voice the sentiment of all who know them and can say to you brothers that when you look into their faces you are looking into the faces of an organization which is second to none in our locality, so far as patriotic organizations are concerned. I surely thank them for the token they have brought me today and I shall always cherish it as one of the sweet memories which we all at times receive.

Commander-in-Chief: I am sure I express the sentiments of this Encampment when I say we are glad to know that the Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps appreciate our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as we appreciate him, and probably, as they know him personally better than many of us do they appreciate him all the more, but I think I can safely say that we have enjoyed this occasion.

The ladies with their escorts, after saluting, retired.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Credential Committee ready to make a further report?

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee submits an additional report, showing 167 members present.

Commander-in-Chief: The report is received.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment; the Resolutions Committee at this time presents the following partial report. The first subject to be taken up is restoration of past honors. I move that unless there be objections, that the report of the Committee as submitted section by section be considered as adopted, seconded by Past Division Commander P. F. Yengling, of Ohio. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The first case considered is that of United States Senator, Wesley L. Jones, Past Division Commander of the Division of Washington & Oregon, formerly a member of the Camp at Yakima, Washington. He was in Washington, D. C., attending to his duties as a Member of Congress at the time his Camp disbanded. He was not notified of such disbanding until it was too late to retain his membership in the Order, and he applies for restoration of Past Honors. The Resolution is as follows:

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Fortieth Annual Encampment:

Whereas, Wesley L. Jones was formerly a member of the Camp at Yakima, Washington, and was in Washington, D. C., attending to his duties as a Member of Congress at the time his Camp disbanded, and was not notified of such disbanding until it was too late to retain his membership in the Order, and

Whereas, The said Wesley L. Jones was a Past Camp Commander and Past Division Commander, for the Division of Washington and Oregon, and by such action lost his rank,

Now Therefore, I do respectfully request your Honorable Body to restore to him his rank as Past Division Commander and give as my reason for such request the following:

He, of his own free will, made application to the Camp in Seattle, Washington, for membership as soon as it was possible for him to do so, and upon being admitted to membership, petitioned his Camp to take action regarding the restoration of his rank as Past Camp Commander and as Past Division Commander. His Camp very promptly endorsed his petition and presented it to the Division Encampment where it was acted upon favorably, his rank of Past Camp Commander restored and the request made to the Commandery-in-Chief to restore his rank of Past Division Commander. For some reason or other, unknown to me, this petition seems not to have been received or acted upon. In view of the fact that the said Wesley L. Jones is a United States Senator, a valuable and efficient member of our Order, and the fact that we need such men, his rank

should be restored to him and I pray your favorable action on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

C. RANDALL BUBB,

Division Commander, Division of Washington & Oregon.

Your Committee recommends the approval of this resolution and the restoration of rank to Senator Jones.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections, is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The next is another case from the Division of Washington & Oregon. It seems that both of these cases should have come up in the Commandery-in-Chief a year ago, but as has been suggested they failed to reach the proper place. It appears that it was never presented to the Commandery-in-Chief. This is the case of Brother John W. Manley, and the record is as follows:

July 26, 1921.

Re Restoration to Brother John W. Manley of Rank as Past Division Commander.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers: At the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Division of Washington & Oregon, held at Yakima, Washington, on the 16th and 17th of June, 1920, there was presented for action a document of which the following is a true and correct copy:

November 14, 1919.

To Erasmus T. Colner Camp No. 7, Sons of Veterans, of Tacoma, Washington:

The undersigned, a member of your Camp in good and regular standing, hereby makes application for restoration of the rank of Past Commander of G. H. Smith Camp No. of the jurisdiction of Colorado (Name not on record) of which he was Camp Commander in the year 1891, and for restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander of the State of Colorado of which he was Division Commander in the year 1894 and in support of the same herewith presents his certificates evidencing such service.

(Signed) JOHN W. MANLEY.

(Notation on margin: B. G. Robbins, 1893, John W. Manley, Res. Record, Claude N. Clark, Division Commander 1894).

To the Division Encampment, Division of Washington & Oregon, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

I do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of Erasmus T. Colner Camp No. 7 the above petition was presented to the Camp and upon motion was approved. Same is transmitted for your approval, with certificates attached.

(Signed) M. E. Langford, Camp Commander.
(Camp Seal) Attest:

(Signed) EUGENE CARR, Camp Secretary.

Attached thereto, and now in the Division files, is a true and correct copy of an original commission submitted in support of application for restoration of rank, attested by Eugene Carr

Third. Time has swept away their earning power, and in many cases has made them wards of OUR REPUBLIC.

Fourth. Hundreds of Veterans have vainly asked for monthly payments, and thousands have hopelessly wished them.

Fifth. Time enfolds more than one hundred of the Veterans each day, more than four thousand Veterans and their widows dying monthly.

Lastly. In their young manhood they saved OUR UNION, and our care for them should be no less than their care for us, for their Devotion, Service and Sacrifices saved our Flag and our Country, one and inseparable, now and forever.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the discrimination now existing in the payment of pensions to Civil War Veterans and their widows should end, and the inequities and injustices of the present system of payments be changed, and that Civil War Veterans and their widows be paid monthly and not as now, quarterly.

That, in simple justice we earnestly request the President of the United States to invite the attention of Congress and urge it speedily to do away with the discrimination now existing in the payment of pensions to our Union Veterans and their widows.

FRANK A. DeGROOT,

Member of Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30,
Washington, D. C.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections to the resolution?

Delegate Walter F. Hinkley, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I oppose this resolution. I think there are enough represented in the Division who appreciate it to a degree and that is not to put any further expense upon the Department in the Pension Office, for they make out our checks once every quarter and we get them without asking for them. Our check comes in the mail just as promptly and we know it is going to be there on a certain day every quarter. I rather oppose at this particular time the up-setting of the arrangements at the Pension Office by asking any additional requests at this time. Why you may even know of the confusion that exists in the United States, such a confusion that we have even got to turn our clocks ahead and get up earlier; the confusion of taking up the matters of the Government and the Railroad Companies where they were given \$400,000,000 in benefits and letting the boys who served over on the other side only have one dollar a day and when they came back they found their jobs taken. I don't want to upset the uniformity of this matter, and I believe that when we come to consider it it would be better to say nothing and let the pensions go on because the first thing you know there will come up some kind of an administration that will feel like cutting the old Veterans out instead of increasing their pay, and I don't believe in making any more burdens by issuing the checks once a month instead of quarterly.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I fully appreciate the loyalty of my comrade over there, but there are many things which we may

consider in this that will be of great benefit to the Union Soldier, and I am speaking as a Union Soldier and as a pensioner. I was employed in the Pension Office for thirty-three years and I know something about the workings of that institution. I know full well that the matters the comrade has mentioned cut no figure in the payment of pensions once a month. The Commissioner of Pensions has already reported that he could issue the checks once a month with the same force that he now issues them once a quarter. Our comrades are dying rapidly and the accrued pension due at the time of their death, if it should be at the end of the quarter, goes back to the Government. The Government has made this provision that the soldiers may have the benefit and have given them the very last cent they are entitled to if paid once a month.

Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska: I endorse what has just been said, that every soldier would like to draw his pension monthly instead of quarterly. I draw a pension every thirty days, but not from the Government, I draw mine from Andrew Carnegie, and if it came every ninety days instead of every thirty days I would have more trouble in getting it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell: Commander-in-Chief, I am informed that a Bill will be presented to the next Congress to make the law for paying pensions monthly and I am assured by brothers of this Order and Members of Congress that the Bill will pass.

Past Division Commander Charles J. Miller, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

Motion adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Resolution No. 2, from the Massachusetts Division endorsing and urging the passage of House Bill No. 2882, a bill to pension blind children of persons who served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War. The resolution and copy of the bill are as follows:

Resolved, That the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., endorse and urge the passage of H. R. 2882 entitled "A Bill to pension blind children of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War. The full text of the Bill is as follows:

"67th Congress—1st Session—H. R. 2882.

In the House of Representatives—April 13, 1921.

Mr. Dallinger introduced the following Bill; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

A BILL,

To pension blind or partially blind children of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That from and after the approval of this Act any blind or partially blind child of any person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War for ninety days or more, and was honorably discharged from such service, or, regardless of the length of service, was discharged for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$20 per month."

Be It Further Resolved, That the Honorable Charles F. Fuller, Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions; Honorable David I. Walsh, United States Senator, and Honorable Frederick W. Dallinger, the introducer of the Bill, be notified of the action of this Encampment.

Also, it is Ordered, that the Commander-in-Chief cause to be published in General Orders the text of the Bill, the action of the Encampment, and to request the Camps of this organization to pass a vote endorsing the proposed legislation and to notify the members of Congress in their several and respective Districts of such action and urge their support of the Bill.

81 Albion St., Medford 25, Massachusetts.

Dear Brother Bolton:

Enclosed please find copies of H. R. Bill 2882 which tells its own story. Three words "or partially blind" will be stricken out by the House Committee.

As you know the Bill is backed by the Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind, as well as all other similar Commissions beyond our borders, save those in the South.

The G. A. R., W. R. C. and the D. of V. endorsed it at Indianapolis, last year, and will again take further steps to bring about this needed legislation. The S. of V. A. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. will also endorse it, this month, and provide measures to push it most effectually.

Many of the official heads, past officers, etc., of the Allied Orders have lent their personal aid, by writing to members of Congress, urging favorable enactment on the bill. Too many such letters cannot reach Hon. Charles E. Fuller, Chairman of House Committee on Pensions, Hon. David I. Walsh, U. S. Senate, and Hon. F. W. Dallinger, who looks after the matter in the House.

Brother Bolton, knowing that you favor this proposed legislation, I ask you to kindly see that the National Encampment of the Sons, this month, not only endorse the Dallinger Bill, but provide measures to make such endorsement effective. While you understand the best ways to bring this about, I suggest that the action of the Encampment be sent promptly to the three members of Congress named already, as coming officially from our Order.

Then in the first General Order issued by the next Commander-in-Chief, all Division Commanders shall be requested to call Camp Commanders attention to the bill, and ask that all local Congressmen hear from Camps in their districts. That is what I expect the D. of V. will do, and there is no good reason why the Sons cannot do likewise. The W. R. C. can be relied on to do their share, as well as all other allied Orders.

Why is a General Bill of this kind necessary? Because, under existing laws in the Pension Bureau, it is easier to obtain a pension if one has influence and political friends. Those without this backing find it almost impossible to obtain a hearing in Congress. These people are the most needy. You understand that.

After a careful investigation, for the past two years, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind can locate but twenty-six persons in this State who come under the Dallinger bill. If these figures serve as a basis, in the rest of the Country there may be about five hundred persons to come under H. R. 2882. The appropriation, therefore, by Congress will not be large, and it will grow less each year as the pensioners are dying out.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. STONE.

September 9, 1921.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Your Committee reports favorably on the resolution, and I move its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Resolution No. 3.

Be It Resolved, By U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, Sons of Veterans of Cincinnati, Ohio.

That we disapprove the organization called the Ku Klux Klan. Whatever may be its purpose, we believe its methods are un-American, and that its existence is a standing menace to constitutional government and to the open and impartial administration of the law.

The adoption of the name Ku Klux Klan indicates a lack of knowledge of the history of our country. The name itself is enough to merit the condemnation of all in whose veins flows the blood of the veterans of 1861-5.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans at its meeting to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26, 1921, and that a copy be likewise sent to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

FRANK O. WILKINSON,

Commander.

Attest:

B. THOS. ELLIS, Secretary.

U. S. Grant Camp No. 100,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Seal)

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Your Committee approves the resolution and I move its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Resolution No. 4, from Major E. M. Brown Camp No. 22, Department of Washington and Alaska, United Spanish War Veterans, Tacoma, Washington, which is as follows:

Headquarters of Major E. M. Brown Camp No. 22, Department of Washington and Alaska United Spanish War Veterans, Tacoma, Washington, June 13, 1921.

Whereas, The membership of this Camp has clearly demonstrated the possibility of quickly stopping the desecration of Memorial Day the 30th day of May by securing the co-operation of all organizations who claim to be patriotic, and

Whereas, The City of Indianapolis, Indiana, is the most conspicuous spot in the United States for the open desecration of that sacred day, by holding, year after year, automobile races which are very widely advertised, and

Whereas, We the membership of Major E. M. Brown Camp believe that the time has come for the veteran organizations of all wars and other patriotic societies to unite to the end that the aforesaid desecration by any commercialized sports, organized picnics or excursions shall be discontinued within the jurisdiction of the United States on the day observed as Memorial Day, therefore be it

Resolved, That our representatives to the VETERANS CENTRAL COMMITTEE be and hereby are instructed to urge all bodies affiliated that they secure the support of their Camp or Post to the end that their National organization shall officially demand in the name of their membership that the said desecrations shall cease, and be it further

Resolved, That the Adjutant of this Camp shall send a copy to the Camp or Camps located in Indianapolis and if desired advise them of the method pursued by this Camp in stopping Tacoma Races in 1915, and that our National Headquarters be requested to take the necessary steps to notify the citizens of the great commonwealth of Indiana that the races held on that day are obnoxious to all patriotic people and to the veteran organizations in particular, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each veteran organization of this city with the request that they notify this Camp of their attitude and action.

Endorsed on Back—Headquarters Erasmus T. Colner Camp No. 7, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Tacoma, July 8, 1921.—Respectfully forwarded to Division Commander with the information that at a regular meeting of the Camp, held July 8th, this resolution was endorsed and referred to you for further action.—C. Randall Bubh, Camp Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Your Committee approves this resolution. I move its adoption.

Division Commander of Indiana, E. S. Shumaker: Commander-in-Chief, as Commander of the Indiana Division I want to second these resolutions.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections they are adopted as read. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, that is all the Committee has to report at this time.

The Guard: A committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: To escort the ladies to the platform, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief E. H. Milham, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief P. C. Focht, and Past Division Commander George W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana, will receive the ladies. They are the official representatives of our Auxiliary and I hope you will all show your appreciation when they come in.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief E. H. Milham: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor of introducing Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., Mrs. Bessie Bowser, of Indiana.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Focht: I have the honor to present Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Past Division President of the Pennsylvania Division.

Past Division Commander George W. Kreitenstein, Indiana: It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens, Past Division President of Ohio, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, it gives me great pleasure to present Mrs. Bessie Bowser.

Mrs. Bessie Bowser: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I am very glad to meet you. We have come once again, as we come each year, to pledge you our allegiance and our support in this work that the two organizations are doing for the G. A. R. You are banded together to see that all of their wants and wishes are fulfilled as far as lies in your power, and we are banded together to help you do this. We want you to feel that you can ask us anything in their name and we are willing to grant it. Commander-in-Chief, I want to congratulate you upon this successful year you have had; it has been a pleasure to watch your work. We hope the Commander-in-Chief will do more each year than the one before. As you progress we progress, the growth of your organization cannot but help the growth of ours. We think this year we are going to pass a resolution wherein we may organize Auxiliaries before the Camps are organized because we know it will help the Sons of Veterans, and because we believe the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary can organize many times where the Sons fail. I don't mean to say that we can work any better, but I believe we are a little more persistent; if we set out to do anything I think we can organize an Auxiliary and it will be easier for the Sons to organize a Camp after we are organized. Commander-in-Chief, I have here a small gift as a little token of love and esteem from your sisters. It is a clock, and we want to see that you have a little more time next year. I think we ought to give a clock to the Commander-in-Chief when he is elected instead of when he has finished his work, but of course, it doesn't make so much difference to us. At the beginning of the year we want you to have all the time there is to put in. With the love and esteem of the Auxiliary I present you with this clock, and our National President asked me to extend to you her personal greetings, by these flowers.

Commander-in-Chief: I surely appreciate this gift from our Auxiliary. I wish I could fittingly express my appreciation. You have said you think this clock should have been given me at the beginning of my administration instead of at the end of it in order that I might keep closer track of when to get up in the morning and when to go to bed at night. I haven't examined this clock

at all but if there is an alarm in it that will wake me up, and I get up, perhaps I shall have many occasions to think of you sisters during the next year. I do truly appreciate this gift. I appreciate the work of this Auxiliary. I tell you, brothers, you don't really know—you don't really appreciate what these sisters of ours are doing until you come in contact with their work as I have all over this country. The sister has spoken of the little remembrance which the National President, Mrs. Beverstock, sent along with this clock. I wish you brothers could become better acquainted with the present head of this Auxiliary. She has done a wonderful work, as these sisters here fully know. She has been in places where I could not go because of duplication of Encampments, but boys, it didn't make any difference whether there was a National representative of the Sons of Veterans there or not. Mrs. Beverstock always put in a good word for the Sons of Veterans, and I expect she got a great deal farther with it than if I had been there myself. We all appreciate what these girls are doing for us, and, as I said in my report, you can't carry back any better asset from this Encampment to your Camps and Divisions, than a resolution to get busy, if you haven't an Auxiliary get one, in connection with your Camp. I want to again thank you for this gift. It isn't necessary that I should have this to remember you and your organization by. I shall always remember you as long as life shall last.

Commander-in-Chief: It isn't necessary to introduce Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens to the Sons of Veterans. They all know her so well. We all love that Brother of ours who has been so fortunate in the selection of a wife and I will not introduce Sister Stephens. I will simply present her.

Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens: Commander-in-Chief Barrows, and Brothers of the Encampment: I thank your Commander-in-Chief for the lovely things he has said about our National President, Sister Beverstock has worked incessantly for the Order of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and we have had a splendid increase of about 2500 members, and now Brothers, I am not going to say much for I know your time is valuable, our Past National President has presented to you this clock, but it is my privilege of bringing this bouquet for your National Encampment, I bring it with the greetings and the best wishes and love of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Stephens, and Brothers: I am pleased to know that the incentive of the announcement is always a sentiment of larger loyalty and appreciation of the Sons and I am glad to have you carry back the sentiments of the Commandery Boys of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief: I take pleasure in presenting Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Past President of the Pennsylvania Division.

Mrs. Keene: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: after hearing what my sisters have said there is very little left for me to say any more than to voice the sentiments and pledge anew our loyalty to you and hope that you will have a harmonious and profitable convention, and I wish you God-speed in your noble work. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I think this is a fitting place to give

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens a chance to talk to his wife when she can't talk back at him. I will ask Brother Stephens to respond to the splendid addresses of the ladies.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: It is very embarrassing to be called upon to respond to anything that your wife has to say. I have learned to keep perfectly quiet and whenever she says anything I just take it for granted and don't reply. I don't know why the Commander-in-Chief should call upon me to respond to anything my wife might have to say. I think Brother Crowley responded to her greeting and, I might say, to the rest of the Committee, that we are always delighted to have a visit from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.—Brother Hammer says, but not our wives,—but I want to say that the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary have been growing closer and closer together every year. We find that the Sons of Veterans for some 20—30 and even longer, years ago, have taken quite an interest in the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and as I look around me here and there, occasionally I find that some of these Sons of Veterans have taken unto themselves a wife from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, so you can see that they are growing into closer relationship right along. If we lived long enough I would imagine that this great body of Sons of Veterans here or at some time in the future life, or in the future—I don't mean in the future life, but in this life in the future, would probably have for his helpmate one of these most estimable members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Brother Crowley has been looking around for quite a number of years, he is still a bachelor, however.

The Auxiliary is growing in numbers and growing in size, not only collectively but individually. I know the growth of our own organization in a good many parts of the country is attributed to the activities and work of the Auxiliary. I know that a great many of the members from the State of Ohio—and I imagine other states—have taken more interest because they know when they go to their Division Encampment they will meet again these pleasant, beautiful smiling members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. I don't believe it is necessary for me to apologize for these remarks I am making about the Auxiliary, for I will admit I would be afraid to do otherwise. I have just been informed that one of the members of the Auxiliary who has just spoken to you is about to be selected as National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, so all of you members from the different Divisions no doubt will be visited during the coming year by the National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and in all probability you will find a man about my size tagging along behind carrying the baggage, and probably paying the freight. There is no doubt but what these anticipated journeys will be very pleasant. I have been accustomed to carrying the baggage for quite a number of years, and when any of you see the National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary coming into your city or town or community, you will know that some place along in the same square I will be coming along with the trunks. I thank the ladies in behalf of this organization for their visit and hope they will come to see us again.

Commander-in-Chief: I didn't think, when I gave Brother Stephens the opportunity to enjoy himself, that knowing some-

thing was coming afterwards that it would take him such a long while. Brother Stephens, perhaps I have an apology to make to you, while I told you your wife should not be permitted to talk back to you, I noticed her whispering to the lady on my right, and she has asked if she might just say a word, so we will listen to her.

Mrs. Bowser: Commander-in-Chief, you will have to get up awful early to get ahead of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. When Brother Stephens was talking I couldn't help but think of that old story, where a man said he and his wife got along beautifully, he consulted her about everything he did and asked her opinion and then he went ahead and did just as he pleased, and I will leave to the Sons of Veterans if this (indicating Mrs. Stephens) is our next choice for National President, if we haven't made a good selection?

The visiting ladies retired with their escort.

National Chaplain Hartzog: National Patriotic Instructor Hyden and myself have just attended a meeting of the Daughters of Veterans.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, of Kansas:

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 28, 1921.

To the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

We, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations, respectfully submit the following report:

The petition of Frank C. Shipley, Past Division Commander of the Division of California & Pacific, to amend the preamble and eligibility article of the Constitution by including the male descendants of "Contract Surgeons," and also to amend Section 3, of Article 2, of Chapter 1, of the Regulations, concerning dropping members, is adversely reported by your Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection the same motion which was carried when the other reports were submitted will stand, and unless objection is raised to the report the recommendation will stand until the entire report is read.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell:

From the Divisions of California & Pacific, Ohio and Nebraska were submitted resolutions asking that the name of the Order be changed to the "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic."

These resolutions received very careful consideration and the committee was unanimous in the opinion that the resolutions be referred back to the Commandery-in-Chief with the recommendation that they be laid upon the table.

No other resolutions or petitions to amend the Constitution and Regulations having come to your Committee, and feeling that as a general revision of the same was had a year ago, no

amending legislation is advisable now. We submit no recommendations for change therein.

W. H. RUSSELL, Chairman,
F. A. DeGROOT,
DON D. DONNAN,
F. E. UPHAM,
F. C. MARTIN.

Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska: I want to ask whether the committee has heard about the name from the G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, of Kansas: I move the adoption of the report as a whole, and in doing so I want to make this explanation, simple though it be, for the purpose of giving you an understanding of the way the Committee regarded the only matter of great importance that came before us. That was the matter of the change in name. We deem it inadvisable to have any discussion in the Encampment upon the proposition at this time, for the reason that we don't want it to appear by these resolutions themselves,—and the proponents of the plan to change the name were represented upon the committee,—it did not appear to be the opportune time for discussion upon the subject now, for the reason that we had no power—no matter what might be done—and did not want it to appear that we were soliciting the G. A. R. to permit us to change the name, and the consensus of opinion was that the initiative in this matter, without regard to the merits of the names suggested, or anything of that kind, that the initiative for the change in name should come from the G. A. R. I am not officially, but reliably, informed that the G. A. R. in their Encampment in this city will take some action along this line at this time; if they should do so, this resolution to consider a change of name, if laid on the table now, may be taken up at any time that the opportunity seems ripe for it.

Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee. Adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: While I have been traveling over the country it has been deplorable to see the large number of men who stand as if they didn't know anything about "Old Glory" when it is passing by in a parade, who don't take off their hats or do anything else, and cards are here for the purpose of advertising the proposition of paying the proper respect to "Old Glory." Take as many as you need.

Commander-in-Chief: Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Chief-of-Staff, will make an announcement regarding the parade.

Acting Chief-of-Staff Stewart: You will report to me at Meridian Street just south of Vermont, that is two full squares directly north of the Monument, at 2:30 p. m. Please remember this means 2:30. Any Son of a Veteran attired in a blue uniform not grossly at variance with our regulations and not in violation of the United States Statutes will be permitted to parade with us. Past Division Commander Shellhouse, who has not gotten back yet, will see that all members of the Order attired in civilian clothes will report to him at 2:00 p. m. on Meridian Street.

Commander-in-Chief: Follow out the orders of Colonel Stewart.

A committee of Ladies of the G. A. R. was announced.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Harry T. Moore, of California & Pacific; Division Commander Frank A. DeGroot, Maryland; and Delegate M. B. Austin, of Massachusetts, will escort the Ladies of the G. A. R. into the room. The committee retired.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, I move that when we recess we meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Motion adopted.

The committee appointed to escort the Ladies of the G. A. R. presented:

Past Division Commander Harry T. Moore: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Emmie Clark, Past Department President of Missouri.

Division Commander Frank A. DeGroot, Maryland: I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Louise Peterson, Past Department President of Michigan.

Delegate M. B. Austin: I have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Finch, Department President of Colorado & Wyoming.

Commander-in-Chief: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Emmie E. Clark.

Mrs. Clark: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I want to call you all my boys. I am blest with only one son and he is a member of the Sons of Veterans. I had the pleasure a year and a half ago of making him an honorary member of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and also a grandson at the same time, and all the men folks I have in my family are all included. This is a great pleasure to me and a pleasure in other things previous to this year, a pleasure I have longed for and I feel less able now to say anything that will be of interest to you that I think I might have said a few years ago. I did not know until my name was read that I was to be on the committee to carry the greetings to the Sons of Veterans, if I had known it three months ago I would have been prepared to speak to you, but after I got here and looked into your faces I wouldn't have remembered a word if I had prepared it. I want to say to you that we hold you as one of the dearest of our possessions, we Ladies of the G. A. R. are looking forward to you to perpetuate the name of your honored fathers, and I know that every father's son of you appreciates the heritage he has in being the son of a Veteran of the Civil War. I expect you have some here who were in the late war, and we certainly love to honor you, and on every occasion we do honor them, but I want you, if there are any such here to remember that you would have never had the honor of being a soldier of the World's War if it had not been for your ancestors; they fought in the Civil War and they saved this country for you, that you might enjoy the privileges that you are now enjoying. Had it not been for what those men did and the victories they won there would be no such a country as this for you to be citizens of today. Once again I want to convey the love and esteem of the Ladies of the G. A. R. for the Sons of Veterans and assure you that we will look to you for the

perpetuation of the honor of your father's and mother's name. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I present Mrs. Peterson, Past Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Michigan.

Mrs. Peterson: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I never expected to have such a great honor bestowed upon me as to stand before such a fine body of grown men as the Sons of Veterans. You know my first love is the old soldier. I have been working along that line since I was a child, and next to the G. A. R. there is no organization so dear to my heart, and the heart of every lady of the G. A. R. as the Sons of Veterans, you have a warm friend in them. No doubt many of your mothers were members of the Ladies of the G. A. R. you will never have warmer friends, those who are ready to reach out their hands to you on all occasions than the Ladies of the G. A. R. Now I am not going to take up any more of your time because you, like ourselves, are very busy and I wish you God-speed in all you do, and God's choicest and richest blessings upon your organization.

Commander-in-Chief: I present Mrs. Finch, President of Colorado & Wyoming Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Finch: Commander-in-Chief, I deem this a great pleasure to bring greetings from our organization to this great body. I remember as a little girl the pride of an elder brother when he was taken into the Sons of Veterans, and I thought I would be one when I got old enough, and I want to tell you I have been a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. many years—several anyway—and I am proud of it. I wish you all success and would be glad to help you in any way possible. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I was going to say that I appreciated this visit from our mothers, but when I found out that every one of you are younger than I am I can't very well say that, however, I am going to call upon one of the kids of this Encampment to respond to these greetings. Colonel E. H. Milham, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, of this Encampment will respond.

E. H. Milham, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, and Ladies: I have a very warm spot for the Ladies of the G. A. R. because last fall they conferred upon me the privilege of being an honorary member in that organization. I attended like a little man and took the obligation. We have in our State a Soldiers Home in Minnesota that was built and furnished by the Ladies of the G. A. R.; it has quite a number of inhabitants. Of course, we also have a regular Soldiers Home furnished by the State, but this is separate and the entire thing was contributed through the efforts of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I also had the pleasure of attending last winter at Lynn Haven, Florida, and spent a week or two there, where I saw the first federal monument erected south of the Mason and Dixon line and that was erected by the Ladies of the G. A. R. I feel very close indeed to you ladies. We appreciate your visit and thank you very kindly and wish you every success. I voice the sentiments of the Sons of Veterans wherever located when I say you can always find us ready to assist you in any way, shape and manner that we can do so.

Commander-in-Chief: We appreciate this visit and thank you for coming.

The ladies withdrew accompanied by their escort.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, four beloved and well known members of our Encampment are absent on account of illness and inability to be here: Past Commander-in-Chief Dick Reed, of Pennsylvania, for two years has been at the Soldiers Home at Hampton Roads, Virginia; Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts, is ill; Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey, is also stricken; Past Commander-in-Chief Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania, is also ill at home. I move the greetings of this Encampment be extended to these four brothers, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey this message. Motion duly seconded and adopted.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee reports. The Encampment consists of 9 National Officers; 11 Past Commanders-in-Chief; 15 Division Commanders out of 23, and the Encampment roll totals 170 members.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Wade, of New York, who is not only a member of the G. A. R. but also is a Son of a Veteran, has a few words to say to us.

Brother Wade: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans; I stand before you at this time perhaps in an isolated position such as no other man in this convention today stands, that is a double-header, I am a Veteran and the Son of a Veteran. I have had a good relationship with the New York Division Sons of Veterans, having been their Chaplain, also having been their first Patriotic Instructor. I say this by way of introduction to you here as Sons of Veterans, and by the way as I look into your faces now you look like old veterans instead of Sons, you are bald headed, white headed and a few black headed ones, we are Sons nevertheless. I speak this as Sons, we have never welcomed our fathers as we ought to, we have been proud to say he is my father but that is all, and our fathers have never welcomed us as Sons of Veterans. The Sons of Veterans and the Veterans should have a closer relationship by calling each other companions as well, and we ought to give forth something and welcome them. I am glad to stand here today and offer you a little encouragement and hope that hereafter you may hang at the outer door out in front of us, and in the name of my comrades, my brothers from New York, I present to you, Commander-in-Chief, this little item that will be welcome to the G. A. R. and they will feel welcome. That is all I have to say.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrade and Brother, in behalf of this organization I thank you for this offer, which I am sure we appreciate and which we will always keep where the comrades will know they are welcome to us.

Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska: As a committee from the State of Nebraska, I have a companion piece, I wish to say a word, and that is as soon as he is released from here our Commander-in-Chief, who is also the President of the Senate of Nebraska, is going to take up his pen and resume his old position as a newspaper man, and he will need a lamp to

help him and the Sons of Veterans of the State of Nebraska told us to get something to present to the Commander-in-Chief at this meeting, we kept looking around and as the pen is mightier than the sword, we have concluded to give him a lamp presented by the Sons of Veterans of the Division of Nebraska to our Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: You don't know how I appreciate this, coming from my good brothers of the Nebraska Division with whom I have worked for thirty-four years. I will not keep you waiting by a long speech, you all know that I appreciate this, and the Brothers from Nebraska know it, so I will just say, thank you, and as I shall sit under that lamp it will not only give me an inspiration in my work, but it will also bring to mind the source from whence it came. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Council-in-Chief.

R. J. Williams, Chairman Council-in-Chief:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 28, 1921.

To the Officers and Members of the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief begs to submit the following report:

Immediately at the close of the sessions of the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, the Council-in-Chief met and organized with R. J. Williams, Columbus, Ohio, as Chairman, William H. Klein, Syracuse, N. Y., Vice Chairman, and Ralph H. Burbank, Secretary.

The bonds for the ensuing year were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$ 1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer	10,000.00

These bonds were turned over to the proper officials.

The vouchers covering the expenses of the Indianapolis Encampment were duly audited, approved, and ordered paid.

Pursuant to the vote of the Encampment, "That the matter of the publication of The Banner be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief with power to adjust in any way they see best, with the proviso that the per capita tax shall not be changed this year, and that some definite proposition be offered at the next Encampment," after due deliberation the attached agreement with the publishers of The Banner was unanimously adopted.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24, 1920.

The following agreement entered into by Allan S. Holbrook, President of the Dustin & Holbrook Co., Inc., and the Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., viz:

That the party of the first part agrees to publish and mail to the members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., nine issues of The Banner.

The party of the second part agrees to pay to the party of

the first part at the rate of (12½) one and two-thirds cents per copy for the twelve issues.

The party of the first part further agrees that in case the price of paper, as well as labor, returns to normal, party of the first part will publish extra issues, not to exceed twelve issues per year.

This agreement to run until the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in 1921.

(Signed) ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Party of the First Part.
R. J. WILLIAMS,
WM. H. KLEIN,
RALPH H. BURBANK,
Council-in-Chief,
Party of the Second Part.

We recommend at this time that owing to a fifty (50%) per cent decrease in the price of paper, and the further anticipation of reduction of the cost of materials and labor in the near future, that there be no further deviation of the original contract.

We authorized and approved the purchase of United States Liberty Bonds to the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents (\$2185.79) by the National Treasurer, the same being cash on deposit of the unexpended War Ambulance Fund and directed the same to be accredited to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

We recommend that the purchase of United States Liberty Bond of \$100.00 so as to make the amount of the Permanent Reserve Fund Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) and the interest from this fund be credited to the General Fund.

A complete audit was made of the National Secretary-Treasurer's accounts, covering the financial and business conditions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the past year, and verified as correct. The balance on hand attested by the Cashier's certificate hereto attached.

The Reading National Bank
Reading, Pa., Sept. 23, 1921.

Council-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that the balances standing to the credit of Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in this bank at the close of business this day, are as follows:

General Account\$4,189.36
Organization Fund 747.08

READING NATIONAL BANK,
B. F. WHITMAN, Assistant Cashier.

We recommend that the National Secretary be authorized to renew the lease for the rental of rooms in the Colonial Trust Company Building, Reading Pa., now occupied as National Headquarters for the space of one year, beginning November 1, 1921.

We recommend the publication and distribution of 1500 copies of the Official Proceedings of this Encampment. That one copy of same be mailed to each member of this Encampment and to each Division Commander by the National Secretary, and to each Camp of the several Divisions by their respective Division Headquarters.

And we further recommend that the General Orders, all speeches unless of vital interest and importance to the Order, be omitted, and the report of Encampments be condensed as far as possible.

We concur in the recommendation of the National Secretary, relative to reduction of price of supplies and recommend a general reduction of price of all supplies, where conditions warrant.

We submit the following budget for the ensuing year:

RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax, 52,000 members at 32c.....	\$16,640.00
Charter fees, 40 Camps.....	200.00
Supplies	4,500.00
Junior Order	20.00
Interest on bonds in Permanent Reserve Fund.....	206.00
Transfer of Organization Fund	747.08
Total	\$24,113.08

EXPENDITURES.

The Banner	\$10,400.00
Supplies	2,500.00
Encampment, including printing proceedings.....	2,500.00
Printing	200.00
Reserve and Chief-of-Staff	100.00
Shipping supplies	250.00
Salaries, National Secretary-Treasurer	3,300.00
Bonds	35.00
Miscellaneous and Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge (\$150.00)	250.00
Publicity—Circulars and pamphlets to be supplied to Divisions for Camps and Members, and Organizations	1,000.00
National Officers other than Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chief-of-Staff	100.00
Office expenses and equipment	1,500.00
Commander-in-Chief's expenses:	
Travel and office expenses.....	\$1,500.00
Traveling expenses of officers by direction of Commander-in-Chief	300.00 1,800.00
Total	\$23,935.00

We concur with the National Secretary in the recommendation of the Organization Fund and amount to be transferred to the General Receipts.

The Council-in-Chief wish to call attention of the entire organization to the high efficiency of National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, whose faithful work shows so well his devotion to the good of the Order for which he ever labors. And for the

other officers, we wish to thank them for the many courtesies extended.

During this period of reconstruction, Retrenchment is the Watchword in all business and your Council-in-Chief has the same upper-most in our minds in performing our duties.

With fond hopes that our Order may continue and prosper,

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. WILLIAMS,

WILLIAM H. KLEIN,

RALPH H. BURBANK,

Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief R. J. Williams, Chairman: Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of the report.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mable, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I don't know why we should not continue to print the General Orders, and I would move as an amendment that we strike out the words—(Interrupted).

Commander-in-Chief: There is a committee in waiting from the G. A. R. Brother Mable will you give way?

Past Division Commander W. C. Mable, of Pennsylvania: Yes, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Wade of New York, Delegate Frank Barrows of Massachusetts, and Past Division Commander Spaulding of Illinois will escort the Comrades in.

Delegate W. E. Mason, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I object to the escort going out without the Color Guard.

Commander-in-Chief: We haven't a Color Guard here.

The escort appeared with the visiting committee from the G. A. R.

Brother Wade: Commander-in-Chief, with great pleasure and with great honor I present to you Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. David J. Palmer, of Iowa.

Brother Frank Barrows: Commander-in-Chief, I take pleasure in presenting Past Department Commander W. G. Cochran, of Illinois G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: We are always glad to greet our fathers and at this time it is not necessary to introduce this good Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., I will just present him.

Comrade Palmer: Commander-in-Chief, and Sons of Veterans; this was a picked up committee which was very suddenly called together, but it did not take the pleasure away from us to be called together so suddenly and dragged in here among a lot of fellows like you because we enjoy to be with you as we have done heretofore many times. We understand very well what you have been doing as Sons of Veterans. We know what the Sons of Veterans are doing all over the country, at some places a little better than others, but no place that I know of any better than out through this western part of the country and especially through the Mississippi Valley, somehow there seems to be more pep in the rising generations of the western

states than way back east; I may not be saying that right but that is my feeling from what I have seen. We certainly move faster in the western cities than they do way back east, I don't know why because some of the proudest men we have in our work in the country are from the east, and the Sons of Veterans now have on their hands a great responsibility, you can and must take care of it if you are loyal to the country, and which you are, but these old coffee-coolers of the G. A. R. are going to quit soon, but they will be doing something in the interest of the country as long as they can do it, but it has come to the place now where we must have some help and we want the Sons of Veterans to help, which we know they will. It is worth while to come into a meeting like this. It helps me and I am only a kid of 81 years, but I never want to get old up here (indicating his mind). I may get old in my limbs and body, but I never want to get old up here and forget that I was once a boy, able to do and dare for the country and for the flag, and we are standing by the flag yet with the stars and stripes floating everywhere in this country and no one dares to mutilate it or tear it down. I say with Governor Dix of New York: "He who tears down the American Flag, shoot him on the spot." As long as we have that flag up there in the air where everybody can see it people will find out what it represents. It represents the freedom of every man, woman and child under its shadow, and we want to stand by it as long as we are able, and he does and not hearers only.

Commander-in-Chief Barrows: We are always glad to hear Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer, and now we will hear Past Department Commander of Illinois, Comrade Cochran.

Comrade Cochran spoke as follows: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans; in looking over this splendid young audience I was just thinking in my mind what a difference there is in the tops of your heads and the tops of the heads I was looking at a little while ago, those fellows over there are about all bald-headed inside, so, as the Past Commander-in-Chief just told you as long as we are able to go we are going to be found on the beat—I mean the guard-beat—not on the beat of other people.

Several years ago—I have three Sons of Veterans and two daughters—and sometime ago Governor Fifer was at my house and we were going out to a reunion that we were holding in our town, and I had been calling the Governor comrade, and just as we were going out of the door to get into the carriage to go to the reunion my youngest boy took me by the elbow and held me back and says: What makes you call that man comrade? I says, well because he was in the army with me. He says, My God, that is the first time I ever knew anybody was in the army but you. He had taken it from me, he had heard me talking and had concluded that I myself had put down the rebellion. So at the same time, or rather the next day at the dinner table Governor Fifer and I were discussing whether or not the moon was inhabited—that seemed to be going the rounds of the newspapers then—and just at that time my youngest girl, about 8 or 10 years of age, interrupted us and says I will tell you how to find out whether the moon is inhabited or not without any bother or trouble, and I says, how sis? Well, she says, just have a reunion up there and Pa will go right up to it. So you may rest assured that my folks knew I was in the service.

I wrote a little history of my family and I said I served three years in the Union, and put the word Union in red ink, so they wouldn't have any trouble in finding out which side I was on. As the years pass and we go to the reunions we ask our comrades what company, what regiment, what division or what corps you were in, but the time is coming when it will be asked of us, which side were you on? I want to eternally state that I was on the side of the flag, and of the Union, and if any of my generation ever go back on that, hell will be to pay if I ever find it out, because I won't stand for that. I am for you boys. Lord, I wish I had been about your age when this World War was on. I would like to have had a free trip to Europe and have stood with you in the trenches; with the experience I have had I think I could have gotten along pretty well, and I think you fellows had something to eat, but we of the G. A. R. won't treat you as a fellow did his mother-in-law. In the earlier days a fellow settled in our country—that was along about 1832—he settled along a river, he bought a piece of land on each side of the river, and built himself a house on one side and one on the other side of the river. He occupied the one on one side of the river and put his mother-in-law in the house across the river and there was no bridge across the river. Now we won't do that with you. We want you on the same side we are on and you will be there. There isn't any question about that. Let me tell you boys, I stood here for one hour yesterday, right out there trying to get into this room, but my comrade and I failed to connect, and the other fellow they appointed on our committee wasn't there, but I rushed down here at 3 o'clock and sat there until 4 o'clock expecting Past Commander Palmer to meet me here, but I guess the river was up and he couldn't get across. I suggested to Commander Palmer that as soon as we took a recess we should rush over here and say a few things to you boys to encourage you all we could, and then after the parade I will have to go back home, but you see me this afternoon, I am the Senior Past Department Commander of Illinois and my place in the line of march is on the right of the first column that follows the flag and no man is going to come between me and that flag.

Delegate Garrouette, Nebraska: Have you any Ku Klux in your town?

Comrade Cochran: None whatever, and God being our helper with the thirty old soldiers that live in our town there never will be any there. When we were gone there were 200 of us marched out of that town one day, in a county that only had 6,000, and while we were gone a lot of fellows thought they would have a hell of a time; they opposed the war, but as soon as we got home they all vanished. There is nobody there now doing that. When this World War came on you fellows got into line, and I worked for thirteen months day and night helping on the exemption board and we got those fellows into the army. I kind of got even with them on that score.

Now boys, stand right by the flag. There is only one banner better that has ever kissed the sun and that is the banner of the cross of Christ, that is greater than Old Glory. I am past the three-quarter mile stone of the century, and have had a lot of experience in this world. I have been eighteen years on the Circuit Bench and have sent all sorts and kinds to the Peniten-

tiary and only one of them was a man who wore a bronze button. I want to tell you one of the little circumstances: There was an old fellow who had a habit of changing pennies by the pasteboards and they caught him at it, and one day he came up before me and had his button on, and I says what is the matter? He says those fellows haven't a bit of respect for an old soldier. I says why? and he says we were playing a little game of poker for one cent, and this damned grand jury indicted me and they told me to come here. I says have you got any money? He says no, I says your case will be continued until next term, and I says you raise \$10. The next term he came up and laid \$10 on the table in front of me and says here it is. I fined him \$10 and that was all there was to it.

Now boys, if there is another war—and there will be—one-seventh of our time we have spent in war, yet we are the most peaceable people on the face of the earth, but we still have war and I will tell you why, not because of any feeling on our part, but we won't be trampled upon; we are not too proud to fight if it is necessary, but if any nation of the world who we have been fighting for and sending missionaries to and doing everything we can for them, if any on the face of the earth become so ungrateful as to insult this government I am in favor of backing a man-o-war up to their gates and shooting a hole in them at once. If any fellow ever insults me or any of my family he will have to fight. A man that won't protect his family won't protect his country, that is the kind of a man I want to see and know, one who will protect his family and his country; that is the kind you boys are. Stand by the flag and the G. A. R. and they will stand by you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I know you all deeply appreciate what these comrades have said. When Comrade Palmer was Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. we had a good brother as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans at the same time, Brother Sherman, and I will call on him to respond to the greetings from the comrades who have just spoken.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, Comrades from the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans; I was so far in the rear and I have lived so long that I couldn't hear as well as I did formerly, and I wasn't aware that you were giving me this real special honor, but I would say to my brothers there is no real honor that could be given to me at this time more highly prized than to reply to these brothers because the comrade who has just spoken to you, Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer, headed the G. A. R. when it was my privilege to serve the Sons of Veterans so that we two were in a similar position at the same time. He said he was 81 years young. I wish I might look forward to the time when I might be 81 and be as well preserved and possess my mental and physical faculties equal to his at this time. I couldn't hear all that the second speaker said, but I am sure it met with your hearty response because of the applause you gave him. It may be that in the distant future there may be a name that will be equally honored with the G. A. R. I am not a prophet and know not what the future has in store, but up to this date there never has been an organization in the United States of America that the very name of which would thrill the people as does the honored name G. A. R. There have been organiza-

tions without number since the institution of this Republic—some of them with the worthiest motives and with the most honorable aims but I cannot conceive that any of them ever had a more honorable history than that of the G. A. R. The place they occupy in the history of this Union is beyond comparison. No man can reckon the influence of this organization when it numbered a quarter of a million people, more powerful than any other similar class of people in this country and even so to-day, although their membership has dropped below 100,000, yet they are a potent factor not only in civic life but in patriotic life of every community. Whenever I see a G. A. R. wearing upon his coat the little bronze button I don't see that veteran so much as I see the service he rendered to his country in the dark days of 1861 to 1865. I see even more than that because I believe the service they were permitted to render during the trying days of the war was equaled by the service they were able to render when they returned to their several homes and took up the duties of citizenship again, and during all the years from that day stood steadfast for the ideals of the best citizens of the American people. An inspiration not only to their sons but to the whole people. We love the G. A. R. for what it is—for what it has been and for what it is destined to be in the future; and even as the children of Israel were led through their wilderness wanderings by the pillar of cloud by day and the flame by night so we look upon that flag to be our guiding star in the day and at night through times of peace or stress of war, knowing that it has never led us astray, and that under the providence of our wise God we shall be safe in following it. Comrades of the G. A. R., we appreciate your counsel, your guidance, your love of the Sons of Veterans and we shall ever try to be worthy sons of honored sires. We trust that the closing days of your life may be the most peaceful of all, and that as the shadows come towards the close of day, may there be a halo rise over each honored head of your honored organization that shall be an inspiration to the youth of the day and to the Sons of Veterans.

The committee from the G. A. R. retired, accompanied by their escort.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, I move that we recess until tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Thursday, September 29, 1921.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Commander-in-Chief, who appointed Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin, as Color Bearer, and the password taken.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the report of the Council-in-Chief, R. J. Williams, Chairman, which was interrupted yesterday before it was completed.

Commander-in-Chief: A delegation from the Daughters of Veterans is in waiting and as an escort Past Division Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland, Past Division Commander Richard F. Locke, of Illinois, and Brother J. E. Wilson, of Nebraska, are appointed.

The escort reported as follows:

Brother Hiatt: I have the pleasure of introducing Sister Ellen Shelton, of Washington, D. C.

Brother Locke: It is my privilege to introduce Mrs. Mary M. Holmes, Past Department President of the Daughters of Veterans of Illinois.

Brother Wilson: I take pleasure in introducing Mrs. Howells, Past Department President of New York.

Commander-in-Chief: We are always glad to have these sisters come to us and I know you will be glad to hear what they have to say. We will now have a few words from Mrs. Holmes.

Mrs. Holmes: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and Brothers: I know it is not in good form to apologize but I wish you to know that we were all day yesterday trying to visit you and we were informed that you were not in session yesterday morning and we had flowers for you and were all dolled up. I realize that we are taking long chances in coming to speak to you so early in the morning, but having some idea of the thoughts and moods of our brothers and husbands I trust that you have all breakfasted and are in a good humor. This morning we arose very early and our committee went out and gathered roses while the dew was still upon them—I trust there is still dew in Indiana—and I wish, Commander-in-Chief, to present these roses with the compliments of our National President, Nellie M. Goodman, and we again renew our pledge of loyalty and will ever walk with you through paths of light and patriotic duty to the rights of American citizens; I will also present you with the badge of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to another eloquent address by Mrs. Shelton.

Mrs. Shelton: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers: one of my greatest pleasures in coming to Indianapolis at this time

was because I saw my name on the Greetings Committee of the Sons of Veterans. I never had been on that committee before and I felt so highly honored because our little Tent had thus honored me, we are not a big Department, and I was glad to be put on this committee. I never knew that I had so many brothers and I am very much pleased to learn that I have. We meet our brothers in Washington, D. C., whom our Daughters love so much, and we often on patriotic occasions gather together, and I love to see some of them sitting here. I was glad to hear that you had initiated so many candidates on the opening night and I rejoice with you. We bring you the greetings from our Daughter's Convention and I bring them from my own beloved organization and assure you that our hearts are together in our splendid patriotic work for our boys in blue. We cannot help but feel that we have the best and greatest heritage that any American citizen ever had. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear from Mrs. Howells of New York:

Mrs. Howells: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: Good morning, Brothers. It is with a great deal of joy and pleasure that I greet you. I never talk long. I am a woman of few words. My name is not on our official program. Our National President says is there anyone of these conventions you would like to visit? I say yes, sister, there is one; I would like to be on the visiting committee to our brothers, the Sons of Veterans, and you will share with me this morning the realization of my fondest hope and bring to you especially the greetings from my brothers in New York. Brother Bolton was the president and he has been said to be a silver-tongued orator. I will add that I am no gaily feathered nightingale, neither am I a silver-tongued orator, but the love I bear you is both tried and true and you will always find me willing if there is aught that I can do.

Commander-in-Chief: As these good sisters have just returned from a morning stroll picking roses from the dew-kissed gardens of Indianapolis, I think it would be no more than fair or appropriate that the response to these greetings should come from the orange blossoms of California, therefore, I shall select for that great honor one of our very popular members, and I will call upon Brother Martin of California to perform that duty. This is somewhat of a surprise to Brother Martin and I doubt whether he can say much of anything but under the inspiration of this pleasing delegation he ought to be very eloquent. Brother Martin.

Delegate F. C. Martin, of California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies and Brothers: It is quite an honor to be called upon to respond to the National Greetings from the Daughters of Veterans, being a junior member of the National Organization of the California & Pacific Division it kind of stuns me. I know what I would say if I had your committee by myself but it is hard to publicly express my feelings. I will say for the Pacific Coast that it surely extends to this committee the flowers and poppies of the Pacific Coast. We are always noted for being from the land of sunshine and flowers, not leaving out the Washington & Oregon Division when it comes to the question of the Portland Tournament of Roses, and I assure you that we extend to you and your co-patriots the sincere greetings of the Sons of Veterans for your future happiness

and prosperity and hope for your continued patriotism in conjunction with the activities with the Sons of Veterans National Encampment. It is one of the greatest movements, and the greatest inspiration that we have in the West, that is the co-operation of the Daughters with the Sons of Veterans. The Daughters have worked extremely hard for the Sons of Veterans in the last year or so toward securing the increase in membership. I assure you. The increase in membership of the Daughters of Veterans for 1920-1921 is something in the neighborhood of 14 Tents which have been organized by the California & Pacific Division, and it has been a great pleasure that we have had an opportunity to help them, and at the same time, while we have not organized so many Camps we have had their hearty co-operation and we have in contemplation the organization of four more Camps at the present time. I wish to extend to you again from this body of the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans our sincere thanks. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: These sisters tell me they are coming back again. The visiting ladies with their escort retired.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now take up the report of the Council-in-Chief, which was interrupted when we took our recess yesterday. Brother Mabie had the floor when we stopped. The motion before the Encampment at the time was to adopt the report of the Council-in-Chief, and Brother Mabie had just arisen to offer an amendment. Brother Mabie.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I move to amend the report by striking out the following paragraph:

"And we further recommend that the General Orders, all speeches, unless of vital interest and importance to the Order, be omitted, and the report of Encampments be condensed as far as possible."

Seconded by Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana, and also seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any remarks?

Past Division Commander E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, we of Massachusetts are not in favor of the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief in this: In regard to the high cost and that The Banner is not able to produce the goods on account of the high price of paper and the high cost of printing, etc., it seems that we have an opportunity of saving some money for the Commandery-in-Chief. The General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief are promulgated each month through The Banner and every brother has an opportunity to receive and read them and can preserve them. How many of you brothers ever stop to read the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief? When you look at your proceedings you look at your officers' reports and compare the statistics and look at the legislation of some previous Encampment, but I doubt if you ever stop to read the General Orders as they are re-printed in the general proceedings of the Encampment. It seems that here is an opportunity with the high cost of paper and printing and

the cost of postage, to cut out from 23 to 40 or 50 pages of the proceedings. And let the National Secretary take the money that might thus be saved and use it to get printed material to send to the Divisions where there is need of work. That seems to me to be the practical way when just now every man is looking over his business to see where there is an opportunity to make a saving, in order that he might get new business. It seems to me that here is a chance to make a saving on this printing. You don't care to read all the speeches, you want to know who was here, who the visitors were and who responded, you don't want to read the speeches, you won't look at them except once in awhile, but you look at the figures and the officers' reports, let's have them, but the General Orders let's cut them out and the book will be only about half the size it is now, and let the National Secretary have the money to spend in the Divisions for getting new members.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Now brothers, the best possible argument why these proceedings should not be reduced, is the speech of the handsome Doctor. I want to say that the difficulty in this world is that so many fellows think the things they say are a little more important than what the other fellow says. I came here with the express intention of making no speeches whatever. I think this will be the first as well as the last I will make before this Encampment today. I think it is unfair for us to shoulder upon the National Secretary of this Order the responsibility of saying whose speech shall or shall not be published or what paper shall or shall not be published. Now the speeches in the Encampment or the remarks which to some may seem to be most insignificant may be of the most importance to some other brother, and if these proceedings form the permanent record and history of our organization it is of historical value to the youngest brother in the smallest Camp and who cannot be here and is absent for thousands of reasons, yet he is entitled to all of this information as to what is being done here; it is for the benefit of the absent brother and I believe it is our duty to give him the entire proceedings of this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: I would like to enquire the amount of saving, perhaps Brother Holbrook can tell us?

Brother A. S. Holbrook, of Illinois: Last year there were probably sixty pages used for General Orders, and the price it figures as I recall was \$2 per page which would equal \$120. In addition to that there were four table reports which would add \$20 to \$25 more, probably \$150 altogether for reprinting the General Orders.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell: The amount is so insignificant that I think it is due our Commander-in-Chief that they should be published.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts: I think I can make a suggestion that will save a whole lot of money and at the same time give you the General Orders. In your record I believe the General Orders are a part of the record of the transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief, but tell me why in conscience name the sense in setting them up in a single column? You can set them the size of the page and don't

have to pay for re-setting all that type, you can make the plates cheaply and print enough extra copies on the paper you are going to use when you print The Banner?

National Secretary: We took that up quite sometime ago with The Banner, and Brother Holbrook says that it costs about \$2 to produce a plate and about \$1 to print the page; so in printing them we save more than by getting the plates.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts: I know, but there is no use in paying for it the second time. I believe there ought to be a record kept.

Division Commander Don D. Donnan, of Iowa: I am not speaking from the standpoint of a newspaper man of thirty years standing, but I want to speak from the standpoint of a Son of a Veteran who wants our organization to grow. We must stop absolutely on this idea of cutting down on the publication of material matters. We put out 1500 copies for 1000 Camps. Now if you try to run a paper on that basis where will you land? We should have a copy of the proceedings of this Encampment in the hands of every member, it would be good advertising if we could afford it—to put one copy into the hands of every single member in the organization, 50,000 copies not 1500. I don't advocate that now, but to cut down \$100. Why, the thing to consider is how many more copies will we put out to build up the Order?

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell: I move the previous question.

Commander-in-Chief: I think the introducer of the amendment has the right to the floor.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mable, of Pennsylvania: I didn't know there were so many printers here today. But speaking of the increased price of the printing and the paper just at this time, if any of you are paying the increased price send some of it on to Philadelphia, we can get it awful low for you just now; paper has gone way down. Fortunately we have just hit the tail end of the strike, and I imagine that printing in Philadelphia is going to cost a whole lot less. I am not here soliciting the order for these proceedings, but am just listening to the other brothers saying that it would be foolish at this time or any other time to attempt to cut out the speeches. We go home and in about nine to eighteen months—just according to how fast the mail is working—and we will get a copy of the proceedings. We generally go over it—some of us—to find out if our names are entered as delegates, others look it over to see how many times they spoke, and then others who sort of brush up our minds on just what was done and how it was done. But if you are going to cut this out and I go back to Pennsylvania and some other member from Pennsylvania gets to telling them just how something was done and I don't quite remember, if I have a copy of the proceedings I can refer to it and then I have some authority to speak from as to just what was done. Don't let us just get into the plain habit of making a motion, and saying the motion was seconded, and the motion was carried or the motion was lost, but what is the use of all this stuff here that we hear and that we sometimes try to say ourselves. It isn't so much just to benefit this little 125 members that are here, but it is for the benefit of the whole organization, but we

can't seem to get that thing in our heads. Some of us spend enough money to come here to pay for printing the 1500 copies. The thing to do is to send them out and not to try to save about \$150. We are going to get the General Orders. We are told to save the copies of The Banner. We can do that for about five years and we can rent a fireproof house on the corner to store them in and we will be hunting for this Order or that one and can't find it. We are told that nobody ever looks at these. I know brothers who do look at them. If you want to know of one brother who does and he has a very well thumbed copy and he can tell you just what is in it from cover to cover, and I doubt if there is a man in this Order who is more interested in the Order than Division Secretary McNulty of Pennsylvania. If you go into his office you will find all of these proceedings well thumbed, where he has gone over the speeches; where he has no doubt received some of the points he gives us at different times; we also have brothers in the Camps who do the same thing. I can't stand innocently by as a printer of thirty years standing—I am not that old in the business—but of a few years standing and listen. It would be different to talk of saving money last year or the year before, but just at the present time printing prices are just one-half of what it cost to get this book up, that is, now you will pay about one-half of what you paid for this one last year. And last year it was fattened out by printing the new Constitution, that added a whole lot to the cost of this one. I don't imagine that will have to be done again very soon. If you will take one of these proceedings and try to count up how many pages were used, and how much money was wasted by the Commandery-in-Chief on speeches, you will have to do some counting to find a dozen pages. I have looked it all over.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I was talking with Brother Holbrook night before last in regard to the paper, and I would like to have him state the price of paper that he was telling me about, he will then compare it with the other Brother's statements.

Brother Holbrook, of Dwight, Illinois: At the present time I am paying the price of 6 cents per pound delivered at Dwight, Illinois. If anybody can tell me where I can buy it any cheaper I would be glad to hear of it.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania: What did you pay for it last year?

Brother Holbrook: As high as 12 and 13 cents and that was an inferior quality.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell moved the previous question, all in favor of the same say Aye. Motion declared adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: The question now before the house is on the amendment "And we further recommend that the General Orders, all speeches, unless of vital interest and importance to the Order, be omitted, and the report of Encampments be condensed as far as possible."

The motion was put. The Commander-in-Chief stated he was in doubt and directed all in favor of the amendment to rise.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I think there is some doubt in the

minds of some Brothers how they should vote, will you make the statement that those who desire a continuation of the publication of the General Orders, etc., need not rise?

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the committee is, "And we further recommend that the General Orders, all speeches, unless of vital interest and importance to the Order, be omitted, and the report of the Encampments be condensed as far as possible." In other words it gives the National Secretary authority to cut out the General Orders and such speeches as he thinks ought to be cut out. The amendment is that they continue to be printed as they have been in the past. Do you understand the motion? All in favor of the amendment that the Proceedings be printed with everything in as they have been in the past, please rise.

Commander-in-Chief: All opposed, please rise. One dissenting vote being recorded, the amendment was declared adopted, and so ordered.

Commander-in-Chief: Now the question is on the adoption of the report of the Council-in-Chief as amended. Motion put and declared adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the report of the Ritual Committee, W. C. Mabie, Past Division Commander of Pennsylvania, Chairman.

Brother Mabie: Commander-in-Chief: To the Commandery-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies beg leave to submit the following report:

Proposed amendment from Pennsylvania Division asking for restoration of Secret Work, Signs and so forth to the Ritual, does not designate just what the proposed amendment shall be and, is therefore, not concurred in.

Commander-in-Chief: We will continue the same order previously adopted, that unless there is an objection the action will be considered as adopted. Are there any objections? None. Report adopted.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania: On page 19 of the new Ritual, at the bottom of the page there is a transposition of words. It now says on the last line, "That we shall rise when the National Anthem America is sung or the Star Spangled Banner is played. We wish to transpose the two titles.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections to that section of the report?

National Secretary: Is that to be done now or after the Rituals we have on hand are sold?

Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska: I move that the Secretary be given power to change the wording with pen and ink or any other way he sees fit.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections the section will be considered as adopted.

National Secretary: What the Secretary wants to know is whether that is to be done now or when new Rituals are printed?

Commander-in-Chief: What the Secretary wants to know is whether he shall change the Rituals on hand, or whether he shall give them out as they are until new ones are printed?

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I move that until the change is made by printing new Rituals that the change be promulgated by the Camp Commanders.

National Secretary: I submit. What is the difference where we have in the Ritual when the Star Spangled Banner or America is sung that we rise. What is the difference whether it reads America first or Star Spangled Banner first?

Delegate Frank C. Huston, of Indiana: In answer to the Secretary's question I will say because the Star Spangled Banner is officially recognized by the United States Government as the official National Anthem, America, or "My Country 'Tis of Thee" is recognized by custom only. The other is recognized by Government action, and the words "Star Spangled Banner" takes precedence because of Government action.

National Secretary: I am willing to be corrected but I still insist that under the instructions if I put down John Smith's name first and Bill Jones' name last there is no difference. These Ritual plates are all new; the Rituals have been issued since last January or December and if these changes are made new plates will have to be made.

Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: The Ritual states "Our National Anthem America." I move that we have stickers printed for the others. We have been criticized for stating that the National Anthem is America when it is the Star Spangled Banner. If it was that we should rise when either one is played but the Ritual does not state that; it says the National Anthem America, which is not correct.

Commander-in-Chief: The question before the house is upon the adoption of this amendment. There seems to be some objection and it will, therefore, be necessary to take a vote upon it. All in favor of the amendment as introduced by the committee, that this change be made in the Ritual will please say Aye. Those opposed will say No.

Commander-in-Chief: The nays have it, the amendment is lost.

Division Commander F. J. Phillips, of Illinois: Do I understand it should be left in the Ritual as our National Anthem America?

Commander-in-Chief: As I understand it it should be left as it is.

Past Division Commander W. C. Mable, of Pennsylvania: That is all that we have, with this exception, two or three Brothers have buzzed around that there is something the matter with the Code, but nothing definite to act upon.

The resolutions acted upon by the committee are in full as follows:

July 12, 1921.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

At the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to your body for action:

That the Ritual be amended by adding to the Secret and unwritten work as contained in the Ritual of January 1st, 1891, page 23, 24 and 25, which refers to the giving of the grips, hailing signs, etc.

Fraternally,

ROY F. WITMAN,

Division Commander.

Attest:

W. B. McNULTY,

Division Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

The following amendment to the Ritual of the Order was adopted by the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at their meeting held at Allentown, Pa., June 8th and 9th, 1921.

AMENDMENT.

That Passwords, Grips and Signs be added to Instructions of Recruits in the Ritual.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. McNULTY,

Division Secretary.

Approved:

ROY F. WITMAN,

Division Commander.

Commander-in-Chief: The question now is upon the final adoption of the report of the Committee. Motion put and declared adopted and so ordered.

Commander-in-Chief: If the Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report we will listen to that now.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Officers and Members of the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg to submit the following:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We desire to congratulate Commander-in-Chief Barrows and the Order upon his successful administration. He has given of his best during the year for our Order, and is to be commended

for his zeal and earnestness. His report is a comprehensive review of the state of the Order and should receive the careful study of every member. Many suggestions are offered which, if carried into effect, must undoubtedly result beneficially. Upon these suggestions we do not comment, since it is our function to deal only with the specific recommendations contained in the report. His report contains two recommendations, one under the caption of Aides, in which it is recommended that a small button in old gold color with word "aide" across the surface be provided the Aides to be worn with the regulation badge of the Order.

The Regulations provide in Article 4, Section 3, that the Commander-in-Chief "may appoint such Aides as he may deem necessary, and for such service as he may designate." It is apparent, therefore, that matter of Aides is one entirely within the option of the Commander-in-Chief. No decoration, even in the form of a ribbon, is provided for them. The practice of a number of administrations has been to recognize the service of brothers, usually for the securing of members only, by designating them as Aides to the Commander-in-Chief and authorizing them to wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon as he may deem desirable and advisable.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any objection to this part of the report? Adopted.

The second recommendation is under the caption of Rank Strap.

At no time has the Constitution and Regulations covered the question of rank straps. In the Constitution immediately preceding the present one over the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief was shown a bar, which is similar to the rank strap of a General. With the adoption of the present Constitution and Regulations—following the thought that we are a civic order—consequently military ranks and titles are out of place, the badge provided for the Past Commander-in-Chief omitted the bar. To properly cover this would require amendments to the Regulations and your Committee, therefore, reports adversely upon this recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: There being no objection it is adopted.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Focht is indicative of commendable interest in the affairs of our organization and his services are worthy of recognition. He makes no recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections? Adopted.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Milham has been a member of our Order for many years; always interested in its welfare and his services as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief was a continuance of that which he has given the Order for so long. He makes no recommendations.

Commander-in-Chief: Adopted.

REPORT OF ACTING CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

The report of Colonel Henry Stewart, acting Chief-of-Staff,

Sons of Veterans Reserve, shows the present condition of the military department of our Order. His long association with our beloved Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies gave him a knowledge of conditions pertaining to the Reserve which proved of value to our Order in the condition created by the sudden death of Chief-of-Staff Amies. This report should receive the careful attention of the entire membership.

Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The report of the National Secretary-Treasurer is a most valuable one, containing information and statistics upon the condition of our Order in detail, both from the standpoint of the membership and finances that is of extreme value and should receive the careful study of every member. A vast amount of labor was necessary to prepare this report, and to pass it by with a glance will deprive those who do this of the satisfaction concerning the conditions of our Order which they can only obtain by a careful perusal of this report. He has shown the same interest and attention and devotion to the performance of his duties as has characterized him during the entire period he has filled this most important office. Combining as it does for the first time in our history the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, we believe the results of the year prove the wisdom of the consolidation of these offices.

The report contains four specific recommendations. First, for a reduction in per capita tax, which is referred to the Council-in-Chief for action and recommendations from them.

Second: A revision in prices downward of several of the forms, badges, etc., on which we report favorably.

Third: That the interest from the Permanent Reserve Fund be credited and carried to the general receipts and revenues in lieu of the organization fund. We report favorably.

Fourth: That the Organization Fund be abolished and the amount therein transferred to General Receipts. We can see no good purpose being served by the maintenance of a separate fund of this character and, therefore, report favorably.

Commander-in-Chief: Report adopted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

The report of National Counselor Bryson covers matters referred to him during the year. After referring in general to several items of interest he refers specifically to two questions being submitted relative to conferring war medals. One to a Y. M. C. A. worker, and the other to a brother who had served in the Navy. We concur in his decision as to the brother in the Y. M. C. A. that he was not entitled to the bronze war medal. His reference to the brother who served in the Navy is vague, but if it referred to a brother who served in the Navy during a period that our Country was at war, we believe that under Article 3, Section 3 of the Regulations, the National Counselor erred and that such brother was clearly entitled, under the provisions referred to, to the bronze war medal, provided, of course, that he could prove service as required under this provision.

Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

National Chaplain Hartzog is to be congratulated upon his complete report. The summary shows but two Divisions failing to report, and it is our understanding that one has since reported, and that he will continue his effort to obtain a report from the other Division. The report of the National Chaplain is a most interesting one. Any brother desiring knowledge of the activities of our membership along certain and important lines in the observance of our principles and objects can find it by a study of this report.

Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Brother Hyden is complete, reports having been received from every Division, and we congratulate him upon his successful efforts. This report likewise contains information of interest and value, reflecting as it does the activities along the line of one of the most important purposes of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Military Affairs, and the report of the Personal Aide contains no recommendations requiring action upon the part of this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SAUTTER, Chairman,
L. W. GARROUTTE,
CLIFFORD C. IRELAND,
F. T. F. JOHNSON.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Delegate L. W. Garrouette, of Nebraska. Adopted.

MESSAGE TO BROTHER WARREN G. HARDING.

Commander-in-Chief: Under the instructions of the Encampment the following message was sent to President Harding by Commander-in-Chief Barrows:

Hon. Warren G. Harding,
President of the United States,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter received some time ago regarding the invitation extended to you to be present at the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Indianapolis, at the meeting here. While we are exceedingly disappointed that you are not able to be with us because of your duties at the National Capitol, the Encampment instructed me to convey to you its most hearty greetings and appreciation of the kind sentiments expressed in your letter to me regarding the importance of the work of our Organization.

With very kindest regards not only from the Encampment, but from myself personally, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

PELHAM A. BARROWS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 29, 1921.

PER CAPITA TAX.

R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, some question has arisen as to when the reduction in per capita tax takes effect. In order to make it clear, I move that the reduction from 36 cents to 32 cents be made effective at once for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1921. Motion adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana, asks for a few moments the floor as a personal privilege.

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander-in-Chief, it is a matter that may be of interest to the Brothers attending this Encampment that we have here a Brother with an ancestral military record that is said by military officials in Washington to be almost without a parallel. On his paternal side his Great-Great-Grandfather served in the Revolutionary War; his Great-Grandfather in the War of 1812; his Grandfather was too old to serve in the Civil War, but his Father was in the Civil War; he was in the Spanish-American War of 1898, and his son was in the World's War. That is five out of six generations on one side of the house.

On the other side of the house in his maternal line, his Great-Great-Grandfather served in the War of 1812; his Grandfather in the War of 1812 and also in the War of 1846; his Grandfather was too old to serve in the Civil War, but his mother's two brothers were in the Civil War; he himself was in the War with Spain and his son in the World's War. That makes five out of six generations on the maternal side all engaged in the wars for the defense of the Flag, ten out of twelve. I refer to Delegate Mason from Lancaster, Ohio, the County from which many Union Soldiers went in the Civil War. I wish that he might stand up that the brothers might see him.

Delegate Mason stood up, and Commander E. S. Shumaker announced Weaver Edward Mason, of McKinley Camp No. 21.

Commander-in-Chief: We are all proud of Brother Mason and he ought to be exceedingly proud of his record.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any other committees to report?

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following supplemental report:

Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, That the next regular Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be held at the same time and place as deter-

mined upon by the Grand Army of the Republic for its next regular annual Encampment; provided, that if the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., finds it advisable, he may, with the advice and consent of the Council-in-Chief, fix another date and place for said Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, then read Resolution No. 6, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Encampment assembled in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of September, 1921, approves and endorses the action of President Harding in calling the limitation disarmament conference to meet in our National Capitol on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, and that the membership of the Order is hereby pledged to the support of the great movement that is being made for peace and the welfare of mankind throughout the world.

Commander-in-Chief: Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The following resolution is presented upon the suggestion of the Committee on Resolutions of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:

Resolution No. 7:

Resolved, That the Constitution and Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be amended so that the word "Division" be changed to read "Department" wherever used.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Your Committee recommends that no action be taken at the present time. That action be deferred until the next Annual Encampment, and that the National Secretary be directed to have it promulgated to the several Divisions and Camps. We are advised that this Committee will submit a like resolution to the National Encampment of that Organization, now in session in this city. The argument being that it is in the interest of uniformity in using the word "Department" instead of "Division." Our two organizations being the only ones meeting here that use the word "Divisions" where it is proper to use the word "Department."

Commander-in-Chief: No objections. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The next is Resolution No. 8, as follows:

Resolved, That the appreciation of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby expressed and our heartfelt thanks are extended to the Indiana Division of the Sons of Veterans; the Indiana Division of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the public press, the Street Railway Company, and to all the good people of this grand old state for the many courtesies and the characteristic Hoosier hospitality shown us during our visit here in Indianapolis on account of this, the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN, Chairman.

E. R. CAMPBELL,

L. H. GORDON,

A. HUELSMAN,

GEORGE W. LUFF,

Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: This completes the report of the Committee on Resolutions, so far as anything is before us. I move the adoption of the report as a whole. Seconded by Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

Past Division Commander Daniel D. Sharp, of Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, I see no recommendation is made by the Committee as to the courtesies of the Street Car Company in giving us free rides.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The Committee will so amend their report. I understand that the official responsible for that is a Son of a Veteran and that is his contribution.

(Note: The correction was inserted in Resolution No. 8, to wit: "The Street Railway Company," by Chairman Speelman).

The motion to adopt the report of the Committee as a whole carried and it was so ordered.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to apologize for having so much to say, it is more than I usually say at Encampments. I have a matter, not by request, but as information. Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Hartford, Connecticut, is not able to be here. Some time ago his safe in his office was robbed and several thousands of dollars in bonds were stolen as well as valuable and highly prized papers. The most treasured article stolen was his Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel, a very valuable emblem which probably could not be bought for \$2500, and even that isn't a matter that worries him. It is not the value but because it was given to him by this Order. It was stolen and has not been recovered. It just occurred to me—the brother who wrote me advising me about it, said that I should not in any of my correspondence refer to it to Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, and not let him know that I knew about the robbery, and I never did refer to it. It occurred to me that some Brother should make a motion to appropriate—say \$100—or at least instruct the National Secretary to secure a badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief for Brother Ralph M. Grant to replace the stolen one, as a tender of the Commandery-in-Chief. If you don't feel that way drop it.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I know Brother Grant. All the Brothers know him. He is a splendid fellow and if what our Secretary says is true, and he wouldn't say it if it were not true, he has sustained a great loss; perhaps can recoupe the other losses, but not this emblem. I move that the Secretary be authorized to buy this badge. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania. Adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary is authorized to secure the badge, for Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.

National Secretary: The Brothers of his Camp would do that but that would not be from the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Has the Committee on Constitution completed its work?

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, of Kansas: Yes, sir.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any Unfinished Business? Or any Committees to report? Or any New Business?

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

Commander-in-Chief: We must complete all other business before we go to the election of officers.

Division Commander Don D. Donnan, of Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, in watching the parade of the G. A. R. yesterday for the first time—and probably many of you also saw it for the first time having had to be regularly a part of it, I was surprised and obliged to change my mind entirely as to the years that are ahead of me. The strength and vigor of so many of those men marching for hours when some of us were pretty tired standing. It was wonderful, but at that we face the proposition. It seems to me, that at this Encampment we should consider the fact of the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans co-ordinating with the National Encampment of the G. A. R.

Five years from now, it is nearly safe to say, they will be through, and perhaps long before that. We have a roll of 600 and something upon our list as voters in this Encampment, and that has dwindled to 170 actual votes, a very good representation at that and is fairly along with the line of other years.

When the G. A. R. are through with their Encampments what are we going to do in the way of transportation to cities by invitation of 170 eligibles? We must remember that with 100,000 G. A. R. men that want to come and take part in the parade the question of delegated strength is not the point. Five years from now we will have a greater membership in the Sons of Veterans than there will be in the G. A. R. and our 50,000 is not at hand as a wedge to use against the appetites of the transportation companies. Our strength is a delegated strength and I think we are facing the necessity of a change in the representation of the Order.

For myself, I don't feel at this time that I would even want to make a tentative suggestion of what that change should be, but the time will come when we should have a delegate representation of 1000 men instead of 200, if we are to become, as I believe we are, the leading patriotic organization of this country, that change must be made. How are we to put the question up for future Encampments to decide? It may be that it will come to the idea of dropping the delegates and making every Commander of the 1000 odd Camps a member of this Encampment. They are the real men who do the work in the Sons of Veterans throughout the country. All I want to do now is to take the time to make this motion:

That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three—make it small because I think small committees can work better than large ones—to consider the question and the advisability and best method and necessity of changing our manner of delegate vote or the representation and to report at the Encampment in 1922.

Seconded by Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: If the mover of this motion had had to go through with the work of making provisions to entertain two successful Encampments of our National Order, and any other Orders, like the G. A. R., he would probably understand something of the difficulty of taking care of large gatherings of this character. But, if it is the desire to do this, to increase the representation, I think the right way to do it is to begin at once throughout the Order and build up the Order of the Sons of Veterans until we will have at least 100,000 members in good standing and we will get the 1000 delegates.

The motion was put. The Commander-in-Chief declared himself in doubt and called for a rising vote, which was taken and motion declared adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint that committee later or allow the next Commander-in-Chief to appoint it.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander-in-Chief, I come with a new proposition. It is not an amendment to the Constitution, it is an amendment to the Regulations which you will find incorporated in our Constitution and Regulations. I do this at the request of a number of Brothers, not because I am particularly interested myself but because of some who are who feel the necessity of some legislation along this line, and it being an amendment to the regulations only, it may come before you and the result depends upon the majority vote of this body.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is confined to two Divisions, as I understand it, and the Commandery-in-Chief has but little interest in the Reserve. It is a matter of Division interest in those Divisions having it. Some Divisions cannot have it owing to the laws prohibiting military bodies, and that will necessarily confine it to more or less a Division organization. The great body of the Sons of Veterans then have no interest in the Reserve, though we have laws in our Regulations governing the Reserve, and in that way hampering the Reserve where it does exist, in the things it desires to do, and so these amendments—the amendments that I have to offer, will reach the condition that actually exists I think.

Now any of you who have the Constitution and Regulations may follow me, I have the pages marked for reference.

Past Division Commander Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Before you go any farther, I would ask how you dispose of the blue line paragraph in the Constitution at the head or top of page 5, a part of the Constitution and not of the Rules and Regulations, which specifically provides as one of the Divisions of the Commandery-in-Chief organization the Military Department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve?

R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief: I will answer that question. The amendment doesn't touch that at all. We have no desire to interfere with the Military Department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the amendment does not touch that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: Now if you will turn to Article 4, of Chapter 3, of the Regulations, page 32, you will find the amendments touched by the first resolution which I will read:

Resolved, That the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans be, and they hereby are, amended as follows: In Article IV of Chapter 3, (pages 32 and 33) strike out the words "Chief-of-Staff," wherever the same occurs. Further, strike out all of Section No. 6, Article 5 of Chapter 3 (page 36).

Further, strike out all of Chapter 4 (pages 38 and 39) after the title "Sons of Veterans Reserve," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve, as it may now exist, or may hereafter be organized, shall be governed by such regulations, as may be adopted by the several Divisions having such military bodies, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, so that uniformity may be insured."

The purpose of this will be to pass to the several Divisions, of Ohio for instance, or Pennsylvania, having the Reserve now, the government of their own Reserve without interference from the Commandery-in-Chief which has no interest in it, but with one exception and that is, the regulations such as they may adopt pertaining to uniform for instance (I use that as an illustration) will have to be submitted to the sitting Commander-in-Chief for his approval, that uniformity may be had in the uniforms used by the military bodies in our Order, so that there will be no disparity in uniforms, for instance, Pennsylvania has blue uniforms, Ohio has Khaki, and that the Regulations such as they adopt will be subject to the approval of the sitting Commander-in-Chief so as to insure uniformity. I trust I have made myself plain. If anyone has any questions to ask I will be glad to answer them.

R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief: I move the adoption of the resolution submitted.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the motion, in other words it abolishes the Chief-of-Staff, and each Division controls its own Reserve, and it will select some uniform which will be universal throughout all of the Divisions wherever there is a Reserve or number of Reserves.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: The question I desire to ask, if, upon the adoption of this change a brother from Pennsylvania should be Commander-in-Chief, and Pennsylvania wanted blue uniforms, it would be all right, but next year you elect a Commander-in-Chief from Ohio and they wanted Khaki uniforms, then we would have to change this motion in some way to definitely decide on the uniform for all time.

Past Division Commander Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: I am not going to fight this year. Last year some very similar propositions were thrown in our path without any notice or chance for thought, and we threw the monkey-wrench into the cog wheels that spoiled it, but I am not going to fight you this year. But I want to ask how in the name of common sense, a snap judgment arrangement thrown out for our consideration with scant consideration—with all due respect to whoever may

be responsible for originating it—a very doubtful qualification to consider the various phases of the question. How in the name of common sense are you going to adopt a workable legislation off hand? Just one point. One is enough to illustrate. In the first place the Constitution says that the military department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve, shall be under the authority of a Committee on Military Affairs, of which at least three shall have had military experience; they shall be the law making body of the Reserve and shall pass upon such recommendations for amendment of the Regulations as shall from time to time originate within the subordinate bodies. Their action when approved by the Commander-in-Chief shall become law. You cut off all before that and place the authority, and only the approving authority in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief. Years and years ago, in the formative period of the organization we had that trouble, the minority interested in the military affairs wanted it to come to the Commander-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief has a carefully thought out procedure to eliminate the main difficulties and to place the absolute control of the military matters in the hands of a body of men competent and qualified to judge such matters from any position or standpoint. The Committee of Military Affairs was created and has functioned ever since and has been created by the Constitutional prescription the law-making, controlling body of the Reserve. You cut all of that out and there is absolutely no provision for any unit, primary, regimental department or anything else. Touching the Commander-in-Chief, you have from year to year a Commander-in-Chief, he is at least as like as not to know absolutely nothing technically of military affairs. How are you going to develop a workable organization? If you are going to do anything, in the name of common sense expunge every reference in the Constitution or otherwise and do it right now, and you will take care of the matter and the organization known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve isn't going to die, but you mix up things worse than they were ever in the past, and that is going some.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell: The question has been asked why abolish the Committee on Military Affairs? If the Commandery-in-Chief is taking its hands off of the conduct of military affairs and leaving it to the Divisions, we don't want the Commandery-in-Chief Committee. The military bodies will select their own military committee for their own guidance and control, and of course, ultimately I think Ohio and Pennsylvania will form a mutual combination. If there is a third Division consisting of a Reserve they will constitute a National, that is they will form a coalition and form Divisions having military men who will have control of all the affairs and I don't think the objection is good that we are abolishing the Committee on Military Affairs. They are turning it over—those say who know, I don't know anything about it, but I should not have a voice in attempting to manage the military affairs of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. I want to say that 95% of the attendance in the Commandery-in-Chief from time to time who legislate on the Sons of Veterans Reserve know about as much as I do. In regard to this objection of Brother Bogart that perhaps Pennsylvania would want the blue uniform, and Ohio the Khaki and if Illinois would organize they would want

one or the other and which would it be. I anticipate that whoever is Commander-in-Chief, whether he came from Pennsylvania, or Ohio will be broad enough at all times, as the ruler of this great and magnificent Order to reach a proper understanding with the membership of the Reserve from both Divisions and there won't be any conflict along those lines. I anticipate that. I think the Commanders-in-Chief who have served in that office, with perhaps one exception many years ago, have been broad minded men.

Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: May I ask Brother Russell a question?

Commander-in-Chief: Yes, you may.

Division Commander Fred J. Phillips: Do I understand that the Commander-in-Chief would have the right to designate what kind of uniform each State can have, or must they have what the States that already exist have?

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell: Answering your question, there is nothing touching the uniform at all. I used that as an illustration merely, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, so that uniformity may be insured. How did it look yesterday to see nondescript and civilian dressed men marching beside uniformed men. We want uniformity that is all, in uniform but no other regulations covering the body.

Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I would like to make a substitute motion: That each Division may take care of its own military affairs with the consent of the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell: The resolution reads: "The Sons of Veterans Reserve as it may now exist or may hereafter be organized shall be governed by such regulations as may be adopted by the several Divisions having such military bodies, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief so that uniformity may be insured."

The question was called for and motion adopted.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, yesterday the Encampment restored Brother Otis E. Gully, of Danville, to past rank, and I wish he might be presented to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Otis E. Gully, of Indiana.

Brother Gully: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I come to you in the manner not of one who has been lost, a matter which may seem to each one of you does not amount to very much, but it is a matter which may amount to a great deal. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the consideration you have given me, which has been brought upon me largely by my neglect, but I want to assure you that my neglect was not on account of any depreciation or feeling of a lack of interest in the principles of this Order. I remember when I sat in the first Encampment in Indiana, and in a National Encampment at Paterson, New Jersey, and at St. Joe, Missouri, coming from the Sunny South where I helped install the Division of Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, and since then I have not been permitted to meet with you as I would like, but if I have one wish above another and there is only room for

one inscription upon my tombstone I want my name left on and that I am the son of a Union Soldier.

National Secretary: The Credential Committee presents its final report. We have on the roll 170 members, and one in doubt, the committee is divided for an established precedent. In the Constitution, Article 2, Section 4, page 31, it provides: "The Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness and fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in the Commandery-in-Chief."

One Division has failed to present to the National Chaplain a report. The Commander-in-Chief rules that such Division shall not have representation, and the Committee feels like sustaining the Commander-in-Chief, of course we don't know whether he will sustain the Committee and we don't know whether the Encampment will sustain the Committee, and as a matter of precedent that we may know, the Committee will not recommend the seating of the Brother from the Division that has failed to present the Chaplain its report. Consequently we report 170 members and one here from a Division not entitled to representation. That closes our final report.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the final report of the Credentials Committee, all in favor of adopting the report will say Aye. Motion adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. D. Sisson, of Massachusetts: Before we cease all other business I want to report for the Fraternal Relations Committee. We have attended all of the Societies and return to you the greetings of the several organizations the Committee has visited.

Commander-in-Chief: The report will be adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now proceed to the nomination and election of Officers of this Encampment for the ensuing year, if there is no other business, but we cannot transact any other business after we start in on that.

* Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are in order and the Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and when Illinois was announced--

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois, was recognized. He said: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment. A new star shines in the patriotic firmament today. It is in its ascendancy in the Division of Illinois. It is a star of the first magnitude flashing the colors of the red, white and blue. A star whose brilliant rise shall float the pathway of this Order with the great light of leadership. Illinois presents to you today a chieftain of character. She presents to you, of course, a son of a gallant soldier of the Union Army, and she presents one who has added distinction by his own efforts, and is of a distinguished ancestry. In the same business, in the various affairs of life, in fraternity, in public affairs, in his chosen profession, in the National Congress, everywhere and at all times he has proven himself to be a nation's leader of men, a perennial distributor of good will. My brothers, there is a culture that brings to its possessor a fullness of knowledge and a richness of wisdom; there is unanimity that adds grace to their greeting; there is a friendship that holds like the clasp

of a mighty hand; there is a little smile so bright the suspicion can cast no shadow; there is a form that for purposes in things for right can swerve; there is a liberality that gives and brooks no return; there is a desire to serve with his companions all through hardships; there is a good will so ardent that when it has charged the local reservoirs to full capacity its wireless waves in magnetic sympathy are transmitted to the most remote Division sounding the call of brotherhood, and the beauty of all these are all attributes of his character, and these, Brothers of this Encampment, are the qualifications of Illinois' candidate. The Division of Illinois presents to you today a man mature in years, but not old; a man of affairs trained to the keenest competition in business, professional and public life; a busy man, who has the ability to lead our Order of the Sons of Veterans to prosperity and honor in the year before us; and in the full belief of this the Division of Illinois presents to you the name of Clifford Ireland, of Peoria.

National Secretary proceeded with the roll call to Indiana, when—

Div. Com. E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana, was recognized and said: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment, I do not arise at this time to place in nomination a brother from our own Division. I do arise to say that two years ago when the National Encampment convened in Columbus, Ohio, we had instructions to present the name of a favorite son from Indiana. We did not meet with encouragement that would have been gratifying to us, particularly on account of the fact that the Indiana Division had not been making the progress that any Division ought to make in our Order. We went out and strengthened our lines and our Division and made some growth in the year that followed, when unfortunately, perhaps for us, the Encampment convened in this city and so we did not at that time present the name on this account. We were told by Brothers of the Encampment that in the future the Commandery-in-Chief was going to be particular in regard to the activity within the ranks of Divisions when selecting their leader for an ensuing twelve months. We did not dream then that Indianapolis, this Capital City, was going to entertain and serve as host to our Brothers for a second year in succession and end the aspirations the Indiana Division might have had for having as the leader of our Order her most favored, highly beloved and capable son. For the good of the Order itself Indiana Division in the last twelve months has increased its membership by 90.2%. If the entire Order had made a similar increase our ranks today would number nearly 100,000 instead of a little over 52,000; but again, unfortunately for Indiana Division, we have been host to this Encampment, but we are glad to have you here, in fact we would be glad if you could be here every year, for we love you and love to have you in our midst. We are going to go ahead during the next year and we are going to do our utmost to raise the membership in Indiana Division to 5,000 members by the time another National Encampment is upon us. And we believe the State of O. P. Morton, the man who kept Indiana—as did Dick Yates in Illinois keep a large section of that State, which brought me up, from going over to Southern Confederacy. I see the State of Indiana had enlisted 207,000 boys in defense of the Flag during '61 to '65 is going in

her Order of the Sons of Veterans to place the Division right where it ought to be, right up in front in the point of efficiency, and I want to say that at the National Encampment next year which will not convene in this State the Indiana Division is going to ask for the consideration of her favorite son, Colonel Frank Shellhouse for the next Commander-in-Chief.

Brothers, I take pleasure as the Division Commander of Indiana in seconding the nomination made by Brother Church of Illinois for their favorite son, Clifford Ireland, to be our standard bearer for the ensuing year. And I want to assure you that no Division in our Order is going to have more or is going to give more loyal support to the Commander-in-Chief for the next year than Indiana Division will give you. We are going to furnish him the same kind of support we have tried to give our present Commander-in-Chief, Pelham A. Barrows, and we hope after the year is over we will see our beloved Order with its membership, if not doubled, at least increased by 50%, and I have this confidence if our Order now is to function as it ought to do, in a few years the Order of the Sons of Veterans will number at least one million active members, and will be ready to step in the place that will be vacated when our fathers have all gone and have answered the summons of their Commanders, Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Thomas and Washington, around the camp fires above.

National Secretary proceeded with the roll call. Maryland:

Division Commander Frank A. DeGroot: The Maryland Division in its Annual Encampment unanimously endorsed Brother Clifford Ireland for Commander-in-Chief. Today the Maryland Division unanimously seconds the nomination of Clifford Ireland for Commander-in-Chief.

Nebraska: L. W. Garrouette, Delegate: Nebraska rises to second the nomination of Clifford Ireland.

New Hampshire: Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: New Hampshire takes more than pleasure in its endorsement of Brother Clifford Ireland. New Hampshire is small but mighty, it is striving for the prosperity of the Sons of Veterans.

Ohio: Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: It is with very great pleasure that Ohio seconds the nomination from Illinois for its favorite son.

Pennsylvania: Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: On behalf of the delegation from Pennsylvania it gives me considerable personal pleasure, and I desire to second the nomination of Clifford C. Ireland for Commander-in-Chief, appreciating as I do fully the magnanimous disposition of our good brothers from Indiana. I am privileged to know Brother Ireland perhaps as well as any other Brother in this Encampment, outside of his home state, and because I know that he possesses in a unique way the ability to successfully fill the position of Commander-in-Chief, and because I believe that Clifford C. Ireland will exert and use that ability in furthering the interests of this organization as best he can.

Wisconsin: Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer: I take great pleasure in behalf of the Wisconsin delegation in seconding the nomination of Clifford C. Ireland for Commander-in-Chief, and I now move that rules be suspended and the Secre-

tary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Clifford C. Ireland as Commander-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion.

Motion adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Clifford Ireland for Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary has cast the Encampment vote for Clifford Ireland, of Illinois, for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Clifford Ireland, of Illinois, having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment he is declared elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the election of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the further calling of the roll be dispensed with; seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.

Motion declared lost.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will call the roll.

When California & Pacific was called Delegate F. C. Martin was recognized and said: I have the pleasure of presenting to this Encampment one of our favorite sons of California & Pacific Division. During the last three years he has worked very successfully, and for full two years as Past Division Commander, and has increased our membership with the co-operation of the officers from 478 to 1682; we are still continuing to grow and he is giving his utmost efforts, and during the past year has served this body as National Patriotic Instructor, and as his report was read awhile ago I noticed that he had received reports from every Division of this National body and it is with great pleasure that I present the name of William H. Hyden, our present Past Patriotic Instructor for the position of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I am sure he will give the proper co-operation to our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Ireland, and I take great pleasure in presenting his name to the Encampment.

National Secretary proceeded with the roll call:

Vermont: Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell: Before the battle of Gettysburg, General Wright was in command of this corps, and we were on the way to participate in that battle, and he issued the orders to put the Vermonters ahead and keep the column well closed up. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to stand here as a Vermonter and nominate a brilliant son of that Division; he has served the Division faithfully increasing the membership about 25%. He is worthy of your highest consideration. He is well known in this body, and I have great pleasure and honor in recommending for the Division of Vermont Brother Elmer E. Perry, Secretary of the Division of Vermont.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: Commander-in-Chief, in calling the roll I did not hear the Secretary call Kansas.

Kansas: Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell: When I had the honor of representing this body more than twenty-five years ago W. H. Hyden was a son of ours, and I found him one upon whom I could lean. He was a member of the Leavenworth Camp then. He has grown since. He has made an excellent record not only in the middle portion of this country but on the golden shores of the Pacific, and because California asks it, I am glad to second his nomination for his long and faithful service.

Delegate L. W. Garroutte, of Nebraska: I want to keep up the pep we have in the West and I second the nomination of Brother Hyden, of California, as our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin, moved that the Commander-in-Chief appoint the Credentials Committee as tellers, or appoint two members as tellers.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint as tellers Delegates D. Ardin Carriek, of Maryland, and E. H. Gleitsman, of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief: As there are two names proposed the Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for voting.

National Secretary called the roll and the vote was as follows:

	Hyden	Perry
Alabama & Tennessee.....	3	
California & Pacific	5	
Connecticut	1	16
Illinois		2
Indiana	20	1
Iowa		
Kansas	2	2
Maine		6
Maryland		9
Massachusetts		5
Michigan		2
Minnesota		
Nebraska	4	3
New Hampshire		3
New Jersey		12
New York		11
Ohio	9	22
Pennsylvania		2
Rhode Island		1
Vermont		
Washington & Oregon.....	2	3
Wisconsin	2	
	45	100

Vote taken and tellers announced the result: Hyden, 45; Perry, 100.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Perry having received a majority of the votes is declared elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The next in order is the election of a Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Secretary call the roll.

National Secretary called the roll. Minnesota:

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief E. H. Milham: With most of the States that border on our State we are quite friendly, the State where the tall corn grows, you know what State that is. You probably noticed in the parade yesterday a very large delegation from the great State of Iowa; I suppose one of the most representative collections in numbers of G. A. R. men from all walks in life. The brother that I will nominate is a resident of that State, and the probabilities are that we may possibly, or that our next National Encampment may go to Des Moines, Iowa. I want to say in that regard that if it is to go there that you will be well taken care of because I attended the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine there where there were 365,000 people in Des Moines and there is no place where we were better taken care of than in Des Moines. I wish to nominate one of their favorite sons for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Don D. Donnan, of Independence, Iowa.

Past Division Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland: On behalf of the Maryland Division I have the honor and the pleasure of seconding the nomination of Brother Donnan of Iowa.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Brother Don D. Donnan, of Iowa, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Motion adopted.

National Secretary: The unanimous vote of the Encampment is cast for Brother Don D. Donnan, of Iowa, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I hereby declare Brother Donnan elected.

Commander-in-Chief: The next in order is the election of three members of the Council-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: On behalf of the New York delegation it gives me great pleasure to nominate as its candidate for the office as a member of the Council-in-Chief one of our honored Past Division Commanders who has served during the past year as a member of the Council-in-Chief. It is unnecessary to further eulogize him, and I nominate for your favor Past Division Commander William H. Klein, of New York.

Past Division Commander E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts: It gives me pleasure coming from the old Bay State to place in nomination a candidate for the position of one of the members of the Council-in-Chief, a man who grew up in our Commandery and left us, going to the State of Maine. The Commandery-in-Chief has once honored him and it is fitting that I place in nomination Brother Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine.

Past Division Commander Frederick J. McMurtrie, of Michigan: Following the usual custom, two members of the Council-in-Chief have been renominated; that leaves a vacancy of one member and Michigan desires on this occasion to place in nomination one of her favored sons, a man well known, a man in

every sense of the word with 19 years experience in the Postal Service; I place in nomination the name of Arthur E. Lewis, as the third member of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be authorized to cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Brothers Klein, Burbank and Lewis as the three members of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I second the motion. Motion adopted.

National Secretary: The unanimous ballot of this Encampment has been cast for Brothers Klein, Burbank and Lewis as the three members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I hereby declare Brothers William H. Klein, Ralph H. Burbank and Arthur E. Lewis as the members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: This completes the election of officers. The next in order is the installation of officers. Brother Ireland, are you ready to announce who you want for installing officer.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Clifford Ireland: Brother Frank L. Shepard, Past Commander-in-Chief of Illinois will act as installing officer.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Division Commander Phillips to escort the installing officer to this station.

Division Commander Phillips: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to present Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, as installing officer.

Commander-in-Chief: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard, of Illinois, who will install the officers elected by this Encampment.

Installing Officer Frank L. Shepard assumed command.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Brother Installing Officer, before we commence this ceremony I would like to have Commander-in-Chief Barrows arise.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Brother Barrows, having no fear of the blue pencil of the censor, but having fear of tiring you and trying your patience I assure you these remarks will be very brief. Brother Barrows, one year ago in this city was conferred upon you the highest honor of the Order of the Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A. The record of your services during the past year have proven conclusively the wisdom of that choice. You are now about to retire from this high and honored office to the ranks with the Brothers, and I am sure I make no mistake in predicting that your interest as an officer of this Order which you have loved all these years will continue during the future years as it has been shown in the past years of service. I wish to present to you, not only on behalf of the Encampment but on behalf of every member throughout every Division, this badge, which is the mark of the office upon which you are about to enter. This gold star takes you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this Order, as one of the "has-beens," and on behalf of all of the Past Commanders-in-Chief I give you a hearty welcome into our ranks. I know it is unnecessary for you to wear this badge long and proudly as

you have worn this one since the day you were taken in as a member of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Commander-in-Chief, as a further evidence of the love and esteem and affection that your Brothers in this organization hold you and following the tip of yesterday when the good ladies decided to see that you were "well timed," I wish also in their name to present you with this gold watch, likewise the additional necessary accompaniment that goes with the watch, and last but not least coming from the most modest member of our Order, I wish to hand you this additional mark of appreciation—this gold buttonhole decoration from our National Secretary, who is too modest to speak for himself. May God speed you and bless you in all the years to come is our earnest prayer.

Commander-in-Chief Barrows: Brother Speciman, and Brothers of the Encampment, I wish I could in some way express to you the feelings I would like to express, if I could find the words. This has been a wonderful year to me, a most wonderful year, as I now lay down the responsibilities that you gave me a year ago. I want you to know that I am still going to be a member of the Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief whenever God in his good wisdom will permit me to do so. I can't find words to express my appreciation for these gifts you have given me. I will simply say to the Commander-in-Chief-elect that whenever you want anything done that I can possibly do you are just going to find me as willing to work in the future as I have been in the past. I want to thank these brothers again. I don't want to keep you here any longer so I will just simply say thank you.

Installing Officer Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: Secretary, you will call the names of the Officers-elect, and Brothers as your names are called please arise.

National Secretary called the roll and the officers-elect responded, as follows:

Clifford C. Ireland, Commander-in-Chief.

Elmer E. Perry, of Vermont, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Don D. Donnan, of Iowa, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

William H. Klein, of New York; Ralph H. Burbank, of Massachusetts; Arthur E. Lewis, of Michigan, Members Council-in-Chief.

Installing Officer: Commander-in-Chief-elect, have you any appointments on your staff which you wish to announce? Please announce them now, and such persons as their names are announced will you also please arise and remain standing.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Clifford Ireland:

National Patriotic Instructor, Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts.

National Counselor, William M. Coffin, of Ohio.

National Chaplain, Frank C. Huston, of Indiana.

Installing Officer: Past Division Commander R. F. Locke, of Illinois, will act as Guide, and Past Division Commander Fred C. Stilson, of Michigan, will act as Assistant Guide.

The officers-elect were duly installed.

Commander-in-Chief Clifford C. Ireland assumed command, and spoke as follows:

Brother Installing Officer, Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Gentlemen of the Commandery-in-Chief: I realize the futility of attempting to tell you that this unmerited elevation to the office comes to me as an entire surprise; although I have not been in the confidence of the arch-conspirators who perpetrated this little piece of indiscretion upon you, yet I have had some slight information that you might suffer such an unwarranted infliction for the ensuing year; I want you to believe that I am deeply grateful. No man may receive the office which I now assume to occupy, even though he be as I am, conscious of my lack of merit, without some degree of gratification and gratitude to his fellow members of our beloved Order because of the implied confidence placed in me; I have always thought, and reiterated the thought, that membership in this Order was a sufficient honor for any of us, and that service in office, if demanded by one's fellows, was more of a duty than any other obligation imposed, and yet, I would have you believe from the bottom of my heart that I am seriously appreciative and grateful for the confidence you have apparently reposed in me. It was entirely fitting that I was permitted to receive the oath from our eminent and distinguished Past Commander-in-Chief, and I realize the solemnity of that oath all the more because it came from that source and the affectionate regard in which I may presume it was delivered. However, even above my appreciation I hold an intense idea of the responsibilities involved, and shall, to the best of my limited ability and time discharge them as best I may to your satisfaction. I may not hope to acquire your good approval in all my acts, but insofar as I may with intense hope for devotion to the Order, discharge those responsibilities you have so generously heaped upon me, I shall do so.

As you know my time is pretty well occupied, but whatever I may have been accused of in the past, and misdirected as many of my efforts have been, it has hardly been said that I have ever been a loafer. With that thought in view I am sure you will be as generous and charitable in your thought of me and my efforts during the ensuing year as you have been in the past, with the full realization that my time is pretty well occupied at present, but by the grace of God and the confidence you boys have expressed in me, I shall not neglect any duty willfully you have so generously imposed; insofar as lies within my power I shall devote the energies of my poor ability to the cause we all love and trust that you may have at our next meeting a year hence, as little cause for regret in your selection of a Commander-in-Chief as possible.

Again, let me assure you I am deeply grateful to you and insofar as I can, I shall endeavor to merit your confidence. It would seem to me, in my inexperience, quite presumptuous to attempt to announce a policy at this time. If I may, in some small measure, emulate the example of my distinguished predecessors, I shall have achieved my ambition in service to the Order.

Division Commander F. J. Phillips: If it is in order I will be glad to make a motion that the greetings of this Encampment be extended to Past Division Commander A. D. Rhinesmith, of Illinois. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there anything further to come before the Encampment—has anyone anything to offer for the good of the Order?

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, that they be approved as taken by the official stenographer, and that the Encampment Committees be discharged.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I second the motion. Adopted.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: I move that we adjourn without delay. Agreed to.

Lincoln, Neb., November, 1921.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Indiana, September 27-29, 1921, as reported by Minor S. Bacon, Official Stenographer.

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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