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# PROCEEDINGS

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

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# DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

.. CONVENED AT....

THE COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS,

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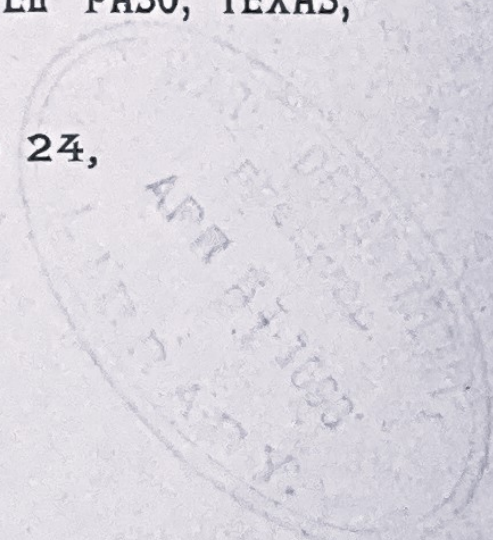
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## THE PARADE AND RECEPTION PROCEEDINGS

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Upon the arrival of the headquarters train and after a short rest, the march to the courthouse took place.

Everything worked favorably for the parade. Gen. Malloy moved the column on time. First came the platoon of mounted police, every man as neat as a pin and ready for duty, under command of their efficient chief. Gen. Malloy and aids, consisting of Frank E. Hunter, J. M. Smith, Z. F. Merrill, W. B. Merrick, Geo. Parker, E. B. Hawley and Milo G. Goss, all mounted, made a splendid appearance. The Ysleta band came next, followed by Major Henton at the head of two companies, B and D, of the United States regular infantry. A few paces in advance of the companies marched three buglers. The showing that they made was a splendid one, formed in four batalions the command showed off to the best advantage. Officers and men won for themselves that high opinion so richly deserved for the great service rendered. Following the regulars came the ex-Confederates, under command of Adjutant Kemp, of John C. Brown Camp. Here were the representatives of those who staked their all for the cause that was lost. No body of men were more welcome, as in all the genial good cheer that follows from



gatherings like this, America's delight is to honor Americans.

Next came the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, under command of Capt. P. F. Edwards. This order did itself credit, at its head a knight bore the banner of Texas. Col. E. J. Townsend and staff accompanied the command. The Fire Department performed its duty splendidly. At its head was President John Julian and its various civic officers, and along behind came the Hooks with truck handsomely decorated and every man in his place. The Hose companies turned out in full force and presented a fine appearance. A Mexican brass band followed the Firemen and then the line of Veterans commenced. New Mexico in the lead, bearing the old ensign that floated from Fort Filmore at the time of its surrender in 1861. In the New Mexico column were official representatives of the New Mexico militia. Next came the Sons of Veterans, under command of their dashing captain, Harry Smith, followed by Emmet Crawford Post, Grand Army of the Republic, with Adjutant M. M. Spencer in charge. The visiting Comrades came next, marching two by two, in their neat blue uniforms with black slouch hats. They presented a fine appearance.

The music of fife and drum inspired them in their marching, but the young men of '61 are old men today—grizzled beards and furrowed cheek attested the fact.

#### MEXICAN GUESTS.

The Committee on Invitation had extended a most cordial invitation to prominent Mexican citizens to participate in the parade, and the same was accepted. By an unforeseen and unavoidable circumstance the carriages spoken for them were not obtainable at the last moment, much to the regret and chagrin of the Committee. The Mexican visitors attended the session



at the courthouse and were extended a most hearty welcome.

Following out the line of march the courthouse was reached, when Gen. Malloy called order and introduced Mayor Caples, who welcomed the Veterans as follows:

"Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic: I have the honor to tender you a welcome from the citizens of El Paso, and El Paso's welcome always comes from the heart. If there is anything you see that you want, God bless you, take it, and if there is anything you want which you do not see, ask for it and you shall have it. I hand your commander the key of the city. [Here Mr. Caples held out a key fully four feet long and six inches wide, with the motto: "Paint the Town Blue and Gray," painted on it.] I am an expert on keys and I promise you that, in your hands, this key will unlock every door in El Paso. Gentlemen, I welcome you."

Collector Webster Flanagan was next introduced and spoke as follows :

Commander, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I do not deem it necessary that I add one word to what has been said so brilliantly and so eloquently by our worthy mayor and your distinguished comrade, General Malloy. You are here today by invitation and by appointment, and I have the honor and the pleasure of joining in an expression of hearty and cordial welcome. The keys of the city have been turned over to you, take what you want, take all, except our splendid climate and our, the only, McGinty club. These are institutions that no other city in this great country has. Enjoy them while you remain with us fully and heartily, but when you leave the tented field remember they can't go with you, even as souvenirs, for they are truthfully good, and we would kick hard to have them taken. Old soldiers, we are glad to have you with us. We think of other days long gone by, the many changes time has made, the then smooth faces and sun burned cheeks, "the smiles, the tears of boyhood years, the words of love then spoken."

The nights we witnessed on the battle field. waiting the dawn of day that we might commence the work of destruction. We remember the long march from the Pacific waste to El Paso. Some are here today who made that march, and, though widely separated, some of you are from the North, some from the South, East and West, you have come together to talk over old times, receive the warm grasp of comrades' hands, and once more see faces dear to



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you. You wore the Blue, we wore the Gray, but time and love of country has blended the colors. We are one people, sons of noble sires. And if there is a nation on the face of the earth who thinks we are not one and inseparable, let them knock the chips off of Uncle Sam's hat—and hear the cry to arms, to arms; see the Blue and Gray as they march shoulder to shoulder under the Stars and Stripes that so proudly waves over this, "the land of the free and home of the brave." Hear the battle cry, for thus it shall be: Remembered—Remember Grant and Lee.

Patriots, soon you will be gathered to your fathers. Many have gone before you.

They have crossed the boundary line. The strong gates have closed behind them forever, forever.

And we should be ready to repeat these lines—

My days are gliding swiftly by,  
And I, a pilgrim stranger;  
Would not detain them as they fly,  
Those hours of toil and danger.

Soldiers, friends, our arms are wide extended to welcome those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray,

After Collector Flanagan took his seat, Gen. M. W. Mann, commander of the Department of Texas, was introduced and said :

Sir, Ladies, Gentlemen and Comrades of Emmet Crawford Post: In the name of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps, I return thanks to you for your kind courtesies and for the hearty welcome you have extended to us.

When we were invited a year ago at Dallas by our Comrades and the citizens of El Paso through your honorable mayor to hold our annual encampment here, the Comrades were enthusiastic to accept the invitation and by a very large vote El Paso was chosen.

We have come at your invitation and you have furnished us abundant evidence, not only of your sincerity, but of your ability to discharge the obligations you assumed. A few years ago I came here on a different occasion from this, when the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of which order I am a member, held their conclave here. At that time I learned of the friendship and great hospitality of the people of El Paso, and I assure you it will never be forgotten by those who were your guests on that occasion. So we, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, will ever remem-



ber your generous hospitality so freely extended to us on this occasion.

The Grand Army is a charitable organization. Our motto is: "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." Perhaps there are old soldiers who wore the grey in this hall to-day, who formed the acquaintance of some of our boys here, who wore the blue, in the shock of battle more than a quarter of a century ago. But of those times we will not speak. They are memories of the past. We of the Grand Army in Texas, the state of our adoption, now stand shoulder to shoulder with you in helping to build up the country and its cities. You have among you some of those progressive Grand Army men who are working to make El Paso a great metropolis, and as a united people you have accomplished wonders in the past few years. Let our motto ever be: "One People, One Country and One Flag."

Other remarks were made by Gen. Fountain and Major Downs, of Santa Fe. Each referred to the fighting qualities of Americans, the former declaring their late foes as made of "manly stuff," while Major Downs said:

We are all brothers and Americans. We have one common country and we are all—those who wore the blue and those who wore the grey—proud of the flag that floats above us. There can be no bitterness between us. I honor a man who has the courage to fight for his convictions. If our brothers did fight us, they did it well and we respect them, and we have every reason to believe that they have a most profound respect for us.

Col. Zabriskie and other Mexican officers occupied the seat of honor on the platform.

Upon the conclusion of Major Downs' remarks the Seventh Annual Encampment was duly opened, all but Grand Army men retiring.

The Commander then announced that the Encampment would stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow, March 23d, when the Committee upon Credentials would report and the regular business of the Encampment be proceeded with, and stated that at 8 o'clock tonight an entertainment would be given in this room and cordially invited all to attend.

At the appointed time the court room was filled to



its utmost capacity with Grand Army men and their friends, when the following unofficial proceedings were had :

### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The exercises at the courthouse in the evening were highly entertaining. The first on the programme was an address by Rev. W. D. Robinson, representing the J. C. Brown Camp of Confederate Veterans. The speaker took the ground that in nearly every instance those who wore the blue, had they been raised in the South, would have worn the gray instead, and vice versa. He spoke of the many hardships endured by the Confederate soldiers, and his belief that a principle for which men will bare their breasts needs no apology. He also pictured the beautiful scene of the Veterans who wore the blue and those who wore the gray shaking hands across the bloody chasm and its warning to foreign foes that they must keep a respectful distance. The ladies came in for a high tribute on their good counsel and hospitality in time of peace, and their many deeds of kindness and mercy in time of war. To the Woman's Relief Corps he said—theirs was the most important work of any of the bodies represented.

From the speaker's remarks it was evident that had Chile not sent in her apology about the time she did, several ex-Confederates of El Paso would have shouldered a musket and started out "a gunning" for the little South American republic.

The colored people were highly complimented for their fidelity to their masters during the war and for the labor they performed in opening up the great South before, and in restoring its prosperity since the war. He held that there was no danger of the emigration of the colored people from the South, as the South could not, nor did they wish to get along without them. The



speaker wound up with a beautiful poem on "The Flag of Freemen;" in rendering which he used the Stars and Stripes freely.

The next speaker was Mrs. Mary H. Mills, past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Texas, who spoke about as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters of the Relief Corps and Comrades of the Grand Army: I am not a public speaker, and you will, I trust, appreciate the embarrassment under which I labor in attempting to address this august body, the majority of whom are orators of no ordinary ability. Permit me, in the name of Emmet Crawford Corps, to bid you welcome, thrice welcome to El Paso.

Sisters, our sacred mission is the grandest charity work the women of the world have ever been engaged in. Let us continue to labor with renewed energy and zeal to the end that the Women's Relief Corps may become an evangel of charity and patriotism to the coming generation.

Comrades, to meet with you upon occasions like this; to receive your cordial greetings, your warm and fraternal hand clasp, and listen to your eloquent words of loyalty, charity and fraternity, are among the brightest and most enjoyable experiences of my life; and from year to year, as I note in sadness the additional gleam of frost that has gathered about your brows, that the gray to which you are yielding is God's gray, woven in the woof and warp of time. Yours is the grandest knighthood under the sun. Others have fought for place and power, spoilation and conquest. The sacrifice you made for mankind gave to France a republic; to Mexico a Juarez, and made Gladstone greater than Queen Victoria. Your valor and heroism in war your magnanimity, charity and fraternity in peace, has commanded the plaudits of the civilized world, and made you severally and collectively heroes.

"The bravest are the tenderest,  
The loving are the daring."

To the Sons of Veterans, who are present, I would say a few words. Young men, full soon this sacred trust will be committed to your hands. As one by one you take up the fallen mantles, see to it that you wear them as loyally and heroically as did your fathers. I pray you lay strong holds upon your priceless heritage, and hand it down to your sons, as free from stain, as it came to you.

We come together upon occasions like this as pilgrims to our



country's shrine to forget asperity of political feelings, to humble our arrogance and chasten and strengthen our patriotism.

To-night we remember all our heroes, and those of our beloved state, in patriotism and daring were the peers of any men in this nation. The leading spirits among them, were Gen. Houston, Gov. Pease, Judge Paschal, Judge Bell, Gov. Throckmorton, Judge Hancock, Judge Duval, Col. Haynes, Judge Turner, and my first shall be last—A. J. Hamilton. The sacrifices, love of country and fidelity to principle displayed by those patriots has scarcely a parallel in history. Their deeds are worthy to be sung in song and story. They are my heroes, at whose feet I learned my first and highest lessons—my love of country and flag. Take them all in all, I shall not look upon their like again. Nearly all of whom I've mentioned, have been gathered to their fathers. God bless their memory!

After Mrs. Mills came Gen. Sampson, who, in the name of G. A. R. Post 19 of El Paso, welcomed the visitors in an eloquent address as follows:

Our first president was asked late in life to tell of the greatest compliment he had ever received. General Washington pondered for a long time and said: "It was from a little girl who opened the door for me to depart from an old Virginia home, where I had spent the night. As I passed through the door I thanked her. The little girl timidly said: 'I wish it was to let you in, sir.'" With El Paso's characteristic and proverbial hospitality, we hope to make so pleasant your stay, and find so much joy in your society, that when you leave us, we will say, "we wish it was to let you in," and you will respond, "we wish we were just coming in."

On behalf of Emmett Crawford Post, No. 19, I welcome the members of the Department Encampment of Texas G. A. R., the members of the W. R. C., the Sons of Veterans, our friends from Mexico, and all our visiting comrades and friends to our hospitality, to our city. If you don't see what you want, ask for it, and it shall be given. Comrades, if it is not, you remember how you used to do when you wanted anything. If I am not mistaken, many of you profited by the example of the old colored man. He said he wanted a chicken very much and he did not know where to get it, for he had no money. So day after day he asked God to send him one, but it did not come. Then, he said, he asked God to send him after a chicken, and he got one in a hurry.

Of course, the members of the W. R. C. are always welcome to the annual encampment of the G. A. R. Without them we never



would have had any G. A. R. Then we cannot forget the important part our mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts played during the war. You constantly followed us with your prayers, your songs, your letters, your ministrations. Through your tears you sang:

“Brave boys are they,  
Gone at their country’s call;  
And yet, and yet, we cannot forget,  
That many brave boys must fall.”

While in undertones, with broken sighs, we would find ourselves singing:

“Do they miss me at home, do they miss me,  
’Twould be an assurance most dear,  
To know at this moment some loved one  
Was saying, ‘I wish he were here.’”

The cheering assurances came by every mail from the North, and gave us new courage for the duties before us.

Our special delight is and ever should be in helping the Sons of Veterans to become strong and prosperous. By proper care and work this may become the strongest secret organization in the United States. One of its cardinal virtues is “Patriotism,” and the future of our country is safe in the hands of its members. They will soon take our places in the annual encampments, on Memorial Day, in the State and Nation, everywhere, for there are more than one hundred lights out per week of our comrades.

It will not be long till the last one of us shall have joined those camping “beyond the river,” along with those grand leaders, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Logan and others; along with those brave private soldiers, who stood as a wall before the missiles of death on a hundred battle fields; along with the thousands from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains, who were left to “sleep where they fell” and the other thousands who are known only as the “unknown.”

Comrades, no men have a better right to meet and have a good time than you, in this the land you helped to save.

It is a great pleasure for us to grasp the hands of these comrades from New Mexico and elsewhere, in this re-union. And, too, of all these friends and strangers who have come in with us to-night.

And now a welcome to those brave boys who tested the mettle of which we were made; to those whom we taught that “Yanks” could fight. Without them we would never have had this re-union, we never could have these badges of honor, more honorable than the



star and garter, or any badge conferred by prince, potentate or power, for they symbolize all that is patriotism, that thought, prayed, fought or died, that our country might live, so we welcome these to this gathering.

I address those who met at Antietam, at Chattanooga, at Mission Ridge, at Vicksburg, at Gettysburg, as enemies; here you meet as friends, as one for the perpetuity of this republic, the grandest the sun has ever shone upon.

Who wants us to be enemies again? Only scoundrels or idiots. We want no more fields of blood or homes filled with sorrow over the desolations of war.

Napoleon lost 12,000 soldiers out of 75,000 at Austerlitz; Wellington and Blucher out of 128,000 lost 23,000 at Waterloo; Napoleon out of 124,000 lost 26,000 at the same battle. Compare this with our record and see how much more deadly the conflicts. At Chattanooga out of 56,000 we lost 16,000, while the brave Confederates lost 23,000 out of 71,000; at Gettysburg out of 93,000 Meade lost 23,000, while out of 73,000 Lee lost 21,000. The record is a sickening one, and we want no more such.

God knows we never wanted to punish the South or kill one of you, if we could help it. Like the old country school-master, we had to assert our authority or the school would be broken up. Johnny got mad one day over something, and made a rush for the door, when the teacher caught him and seating himself, he placed Johnny across his knees and with the old fashioned ferule gave him a good warming, saying that it was necessary so that he might understand he could not get up and leave the school in that way; that if he had a right to, was permitted to do it, each of the others had the same right, and so, for some slight or imagined wrong, all might leave and the school be broken up. Then as he ceased to ferule him and let him up, he said: "Johnny, it hurts me as badly as it does you." "Yes, master, but it don't hurt you in the same place."

We were and are brothers of the same maternal line and household and it was necessary that punishment should be inflicted to require you to remain in the family, in the school, in the nation. The punishment hurt for a time, but it has long since passed away, and the young or New South has become strong and vigorous, no sores now to be found anywhere. All is joyous and prosperous in the South, and we rejoice in it.

Some have gotten the idea that the G. A. R., as an organization, holds feeling of enmity towards the South. Let me assure you,



most emphatically, such is not the case. It has no ill will or enmity in its organization; it seeks the good and prosperity of every section of our common country; it knows no party, for in its ranks are numbered members of all political parties; its cardinal virtues are, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

1. Fraternity—In our organization are nearly 500,000 comrades bound together in a fraternity cemented by the blood of nearly 500,000 more of our fellow comrades from Gettysburg to Vicksburg, from Atlanta to the sea, from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic, from the Gulf to Appomatox.

2. Charity—To give aid and comfort to our poor and helpless comrades, their widows and orphans; to help hold up the poor, unfortunate ones, who after four years of camp life are not able to control their appetites, and to throw the mantle of charity over them, as did the illustrious Pericles in his great oration at the memorial services over those who fell in the Peloponesian war, defending others, when in speaking of the intemperance of some of the living, he said: "The good they rendered in their service of their country, should atone for the frailties of the present." Four hundred and fifty years before Christ, he said: "The greatest of these is charity."

3. Loyalty—Loyalty to our country, to an entire united republic, to a nation supreme and powerful, able to command and demand the respect of all nations of the earth, including Italy and Chili, and if "Mother England" does not behave herself in connection with the Behring sea fisheries, we will attend to her.

This loyalty comes from all sections of the nation; from the late blue and grey alike, as was shown when recently it seemed necessary to chastize Chili for her disrespect of the "star-spangled banner," and wrongs done to our "boys in blue," when all were ready to punish the offenders. We are one, whether we fought under the blue or the grey, in resenting an insult or wrong done to one of our citizens, no matter how humble or obscure. Who, north or south, east or west, ever stopped to enquire whether the American who fell in the streets of Valparaiso was a poor or rich man, a white or black man, an ex-Federal or ex-Confederate soldier? It was enough to know he was an American citizen, when every other American citizen was ready to resent the insult.

On one occasion the seven wise men of Greece sat at a banquet. The king asked them their ideas of the strongest government on earth. In turn each gave his answer, Solon's being last. He said, "It is that government under which an injury done to the humblest citizen is an insult to the whole realm." It was unanimously agreed



his was the best ideal. Such is the motto of our government to-day; such the sentiment that moves us, whether we fought under the "stars and stripes" or the "stars and bars."

We want no more war, either in this country or with any other, but if it does come, we'll be there to a man to respond to the roll call, and side by side with us will be the ex-Confederates. And these Sons of Veterans will be there to stand by us in defense of the "red, white and blue," and not one will ask whether the companion by his side is the son of one who fought for the North or the South. And these members of the W. R. C. will be ready, as before, to perform their missions of mercy, and in their hospital ministrations, neither they nor their sisters of the South would try to seek out their own of 1861 to 1865.

These before me, who have laid aside the smoky and tattered uniforms of blue and grey for the garments which belong to this blessed day of peace, endorse the sentiment:

"Until North and South together brought,  
Should own the same electric thought,  
And in unresentful rivalry  
Harvest the fields wherein they fought."

We now strive together in a nobler field than that of war or of petty contention. Northern intelligence and push wedded to Southern blood will win. Our future peace and glory are assured. In this day of grace 1892, with its steam and electric achievements; in this young, vigorous and prosperous city; in this great State of Texas, an empire in itself in this, the greatest nation of the world, with her population of nearly 64,000,000 and a wealth of nearly \$64,000,000,000; in the presence of the G. A. R., ex-Confederates, and these citizens and visitors, we offer the toast: "The Union, one and inseparable, now and forever," with one flag for all, the "red, white and blue."

"Flag of the free, hearts, hope and home,  
By angel hands to valor given;  
Thy stars have lit thy welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in heaven.

Forever float that standard sheet,  
Where breaths the foe but falls before us,  
With freedom's soil beneath our feet,  
And freedom's banner streaming o'er us."

Capt. Jack Crawford was then introduced and stated that he was not only a Veteran, a son of a



Veteran, and had a son who was a son of a Veteran but a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, having been initiated into that order by Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, the famous Grand Army Poetess, at Portland, Oregon, some years ago. He proceeded to amuse the audience for a few moments when he touched their more serious feelings by reciting the poem:

## HOOD'S CHILDREN.

"Dear comrades and friends in the golden land,  
 You may say I'm rough, you may call me wild,  
 But I've got a heart and a willing hand  
 To feel and work for a soldier's child.  
 Do you think I ask on which side he fought?  
 If man and soldier his record was good;  
 For though our Union was dearly bought,  
 All hatred is buried with Hooker and Hood.

"And, comrades, I'll tell you right here, to-night,  
 The men most bitter against the grey,  
 Are those who never were seen in the fight,  
 But who always got sick on fighting day.  
 With soldiers, my friends, it is not so;  
 They respect each other, the grey and the blue;  
 Nor are they ashamed that the world shall know  
 How they stood by their colors, brave men and true.

"Was Jackson ashamed when he knelt to pray  
 For the cause which he thought before heaven was just,  
 While marching his half-starved boys in grey,  
 On an ear of corn and a single crust?  
 Was Lee ashamed when he tendered his sword  
 To Grant, who refused the warrior's steel?  
 Who said, 'Your horses shall be restored,  
 For braver never wore spurs to his heel.'

"O generous hearts, in the Golden State,  
 You are forging the links of a Union chain,  
 That cables one end at the Golden Gate,  
 That will circle the state to the gulf-swept main,  
 A chain that will bind us, the blue and the grey,  
 In a union of purpose the gods will approve—  
 In love that grows strong with adversity's day,  
 And hearts that will stand by the flag that we love.



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"The past—it is dead, but we cannot forget it,  
 And, comrades, we wouldn't forget if we could;  
 As for myself, I shall never regret it,  
 This poor little service I render for Hood,  
 His loved ones will not be distressed or discarded,  
 And to-night I am proud of a share in the stock,  
 And shall feel as a soldier I'm fully rewarded  
 By one little prayer from his innocent flock.

"One little prayer from the loved ones we foster,  
 His latest bequest to his comrades in peace,  
 As the pale hand of death wrote his name on the roster,  
 And the angel on guard gave his spirit release.  
 O comrades, let charity's mantle enfold them,  
 Old Abe had no malice, no hate in his soul;  
 On the ramparts above, may we hope to behold them,  
 While Washington musters each name on the roll."

The above poem was written upon the occasion of the death of ex-Confederate General Hood, which followed close upon that of his wife, both falling victims to that dread scourge yellow fever, leaving nine orphan children, at New Orleans some fourteen years ago. At the instance of "Captain Jack," who was then in San Francisco, Lincoln Post, G. A. R., gave a beneficial entertainment for the orphaned ones at Baldwin's theater, in which such noted actors as Tom Keene, James O'Neal, Lewis Morrison, C. B. Bishop, Rose Coghlan and other now noted actors assisted. At this benefit "Captain Jack" recited the poem amid the thunders of applause of several thousand people, and, strange as it may seem, its recitation last night was the first time it was ever rendered by the author in one of the Southern States.

This poem so completely captured the audience that Captain Jack was called back amid a storm of applause when he recited the following beautiful production:

## SUNSHINE.

I never like to see a man a-'rastlin' with the dumps,  
 'Cause in the game of life he doesn't always catch the trumps;



But I can always cotton to a free and easy cuss  
As takes his dose, and thanks the Lord it isn't any wuss.  
There ain't no use o' kickin' and swearin' at your luck;  
Yer can't correct the trouble more'n you can drown a duck.  
Remember, when beneath the load your sufferin' head is bowed,  
That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every cloud.

If you should see a fellow-man with trouble's flag unfurled,  
And looking like he didn't have a friend in all the world,  
Go up and slap him on the back, and holler "how d'you do!"  
And grasp his hand so warm he'll know he has a friend in you.  
Then ax 'im what's a hurtin' 'im, and laugh his cares away,  
And tell him that the darkest night is just afore the day;  
Don't talk in grave-yard palaver, but say it right out loud,  
That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every cloud.

This world is but a hash of pleasure and of pain,  
Some days are bright and sunny, and some all sloshed with rain;  
And that's just how it ought to be, for when the clouds roll by,  
We'll know just how to 'preciate the bright and smilin' sky.  
So learn to take it as it comes, and don't sweat at the pores,  
Because the Lord's opinion doesn't coincide with yours;  
But always keep rememberin' when cares your path enshroud,  
That God has lots of sunshine to spill behind the cloud.

Gen. A. B. Norton was called out and came forward to the rostrum with his white streaming hair and beard which he had in his younger days forsworn to part with until his ideal Statesman, Henry Clay, should be President of the United States. The General made a ringing speech, going back to his schooling in patriotism which he received at the feet of Veterans of the Revolutionary war. The audience were well pleased with the address which the General cut short owing to the lateness of the hour. Gen. Fountain, Department Commander of New Mexico, in response to numerous calls came forward and responded in the name of his Department to the warm welcome which had been tendered them in El Paso. He also gave the Texas G. A. R. a hearty invitation to be present at the New Mexico Encampment to be held next April at Las Vegas.



Gen. Fountain was followed by Past Captain O. F. Heckelman, of the Sons of Veterans, who offered "Captain Jack" an invitation into the mysteries of the McGinty Club tonight if he allow the speaker to sign his name to and adopt the speech of Crawford. The offer was accepted and Captain Heckelman, in consideration, cut short his address, confining himself to a warm welcome to the visiting G. A. R. and kindred bodies from Sherman Camp No. 3, Division of Arkansas Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

J. C. Bigger, of Dallas, Adjutant General of the Texas Department, was called upon and responded to the warm welcome of El Paso to the Encampment. He spoke of the growth of the Grand Army of the Republic in Texas in the past seven years, from a membership of less than 200 to nearly 1600. The speaker stated that he had attended every Encampment during that time, but that at no city in Texas had the decorations and entertainment of the G. A. R. Veterans equaled that of the Seventh Encampment now being held at El Paso. He said that words failed to express the appreciation of himself and Comrades for this warm welcome or their surprise at its grandeur.

The evening ended with a song by Capt. Jack Crawford, "Marching Through Georgia," being an original version which is not published. It, however, brought the house down in a body, and the old "Vets," Union and Confederate, screamed with delight at the true picture drawn of the tramp to the sea. The McGinty band met the audience at the courthouse yard, and, after a pleasing serenade escorted them down San Antonio street to Oregon, where the ranks were broken and good nights said.



## SECOND DAY.

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The Encampment assembled at 10 A. M., the officers in their respective stations, and was opened with prayer by the Department Chaplain, James Hickey.

The Committee on Credentials, appointed by the Commander, reported the following named Comrades entitled to seats in the Encampment, which report was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

### Roll of the Seventh Annual Encampment, 1892.

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Those marked with a \* were present.

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

\*M. W. Mann, Commander, Dallas, Texas.

\*John W. Parks, Senior Vice Commander, Marshall.

Edward Ketchum, Junior Vice Commander, Galveston.

\*D. Mackay, Medical Director, Dallas.

\*Jas. Hickey, Chaplain, Decatur.

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NOTE—Alternates are entitled to seats in the Encampment in the absence of Delegates.

In the absence of the Commander, the Senior Vice Commander may represent the Post.



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## OFFICIAL STAFF.

- Shelton*  
*Holt*  
*Lynn*
- \*J. C. Bigger, Assistant Adjutant General, Dallas.
  - \*Jno. L. Boyd, Assistant Quartermaster General, Dallas.
  - \*S. H. Buchanan, Inspector, El Paso.
  - \*J. W. Burke, Judge Advocate, Dallas.
  - Geo. A. Knight, Chief Mustering Officer, Dallas.
  - \*R. M. Moore, Senior Aid-de-Camp and Assistant Mustering Officer, San Antonio.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

- T. W. Manchester, Fort Worth.
- W. P. Goff, Fort Worth.
- F. C. Loring, San Antonio.
- Jas. A. Callahan, Marshall.
- S. G. Raley, Denton.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

- E. J. Davis, 1871 and 1873.
- W. D. Wylie, 1885, Dallas.
- O. T. Lyon, 1886, Sherman.
- W. H. Sinclair, 1887, Galveston.
- J. C. DeGress, 1888, Austin.
- \*A. G. Malloy, 1889, El Paso.
- A. K. Taylor, 1890, Houston.

*Mann*  
*Belton*  
*Park*

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 ROLL OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.
 

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McPHERSON Post No. 1

Past Post Commanders.

C. C. Hale.

R. M. Grubbs.

L. E. Edmiston.

H. C. Dillingham.

Pierce Kirsh.

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John Donaldson.

W. H. Henderson.

John Cochran, Delegate.      Geo. Stratton, Alternate.

H. C. Thompson, P. C.

John Cochran, S. V. C.      Jas. Campbell, J. V. C.

W. S. HANCOCK POST No. 2.

Past Post Commanders.

\*Ed Ketchum.

J. B. Dolan.

Frank L. Kirk.

\*R. P. Sargent.

J. A. Oliphant, Delegate.      A. B. Homer, Alternate.

\*W. M. Lane,      "      Jno. Morrison,      "

M. O. Perkins, P. C.

L. C. MacIntire, S. V. C.      W. M. Lane, J. V. C.

E. O. C. ORD POST No. 3.

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Huston.

S. M. Johnson.

\*R. M. Moore.

N. Underwood, Delegate.      E. Meyers, Alternate.

J. T. King,      "      N. T. Ayers,      "

\*L. A. Hiel.

\*M. H. Redwood, P. C.

Thos. J. Barnes, S. V. C.      H. H. Alvord, J. V. C.

W. S. PARMLY POST No. 4.

Past Post Commanders.

D. S. Brown.

W. P. Goff.

J. N. Deihl.

H. W. Nye.

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W. W. Gavin, Delegate.	Andrew Uttz, Alternate.
Jno. Hutchinson, "	C. H. Putnam, "
J. M. Robbins, "	J. H. Baldwin, "
*T. W. Flowry, "	J. Durway, "
C. G. Burnett, "	C. C. Cocks. "
J. H. Baldwin, S. V. C.	*C. B. Morgan, P. C.
	Jos. Durway, J. V. C.

## NATHANIEL LYON POST No. 5.

Past Post Commanders.

L. B. Moore.

S. S. Clark.

Edward Clifford.

\*W. W. Bostwick.

A. W. Atchison, Delegate.	C. Fisher, Alternate.
L. F. Case, "	S. T. Balderson, "
*J. L. Taggart, "	H. Hackney, "
A. E. Wilkinson, "	*John Nevins, "
C. C. Haskell, "	S. E. Wertz, "
W. O. Kretsinger, "	J. F. Jordan, "
J. R. Callahan, "	D. D. Wright, "
W. R. Young, "	*Sam Proud, "
	P. J. Kennedy, P. C.
*Jno. Nevins, S. V. C	C. C. Ford, J. V. C.

## GEO. H. THOMAS POST No. 6.

Past Post Commanders.

W. D. Wylie.

C. E. Henry.

A. G. Leffel.

Geo. A. Knight.

\*Jas. M. Steere.

\*W. F. Cottman.



R. McCormick, Delegate.	J. R. Harned, Alternate.
*Geo. Clark, “	J. S. Hines, “
W. F. Thatcher, “	J. Baxter, “
Clinton Jack, “	W. H. McClellan, “
A. McWhirk, “	*A. J. Whitsel, “
W. E. Danforth, P. C.	
A. McWhirk, S. V. C.	J. R. Harned, J. V. C.

## GEO. B. McLELLAN POST No. 9.

## Past Post Commanders.

A. K. Taylor.

R. B. Baer.

David Perkins.

Still Hull.

Geo. A. Race, Delegate.	Jno. E. Durkee, Alternate.
H. T. Rue, “	Jno. O'Brien, “
P. W. Hudson, P. C.	
Geo. A. Race, S. V. C.	J. J. Billow, J. V. C.

## JOS. A. MOWER POST No. 10.

## Past Post Commanders.

J. M. Odell.

J. C. DeGress.

D. Friedman.

\*J. M. Burke.

J. P. Richardson.

J. H. Warmouth, Delegate.	Patrick Scott, Alternate.
David O'Kane, “	
C. B. Stoddard, P. C.	
A. Gerard, S. V. C.	S. Nelson, J. V. C.

## JOHN A. DIX POST No. 11.

## Past Post Commanders.

\*D. McKay.

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\*J. L. Boyd.  
 I. B. Gibson.  
 \*J. C. Bigger.  
 H. B. Davis.  
 C. Dickson.  
 \*D. M. Baker.

*J. W. Ayers, Delegate.	*Jno. Hunter, Alternate.
*L. C. Leeds, “	Francis Fielding, “
J. C. Cooper, “	P. O'Dwyer. “
G. S. Nash, “	D. Bryant, “
	*G. W. McCormick, P. C.
J. W. Ayers, S. V. C.	J. T. Cooper, J. V. C.

## SAM'L R. CURTIS POST No. 12.

Past Post Commanders.

H. E. Schropmeyer.

S. Mills Fowler.

C. C. Sanborn, Delegate      J. T. Atchison, Alternate.

H. Webb, P. C.

H. E. Schropmeyer, S. V. C.      D. L. Cole, J. V. C.

## F. HURST POST No. 13.

S. M. Cannon, P. C.

T. E. Johnson, S. V. C.      R. F. Jeffries, J. V. C.

## GARFIELD POST No. 15.

W. D. Evans, Delegate.      A. J. Neas, Alternate.

P. J. Hicks, P. C.

## LINCOLN POST No. 16.

Past Post Commanders.

J. W. Pitt.

J. Mayfield.

M. Clark.

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J. Beckelman.

J. H. Dunn, Delegate.      R. V. Norton, P. C.  
 J. O. Senor, S. V. C.      H. T. Ellis, J. V. C.

W. H. LEWIS Post No. 17.

Past Post Commander.

J. H. Pratt.

Wm. Kitsch, Delegate.      John Herzing, Alternate.  
 Geo. Fegan,      "      W. J. Russell,      "  
 \*J. M. Elledge,      "      Jno. Thompson,      "  
    \*J. H. Pratt, P. C.  
 Wm. Kitsch, S. V. C.      J. M. Young, J. V. C.

ELLSWORTH Post No. 18.

Past Post Commanders.

\*D. T. Gerish.

H. E. Smith.

J. S. Gentle.

A. Ward.

\*H. C. Rutledge, Delegate.      D. T. Gerish, Alternate.  
    \*A. T. Wilson, P. C.  
 Thos. Hall, S. V. C.      F. Ragsdale, J. V. C.

EMMETT CRAWFORD Post No. 19.

Past Post Commanders.

\*A. C. Wheeler.

\*W. T. Kitchen.

\*S. H. Buchanan.

\*M. M. Spencer.

\*T. H. Logan, Delegate.      \*A. J. Sampson, Alternate.  
 \*Allen Blacker,      "      \*W. N. Vilas,      "  
    \*A. G. Malloy, P. C.  
 T. H. Logan, S. V. C.      W. W. Mills, J. V. C.

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## PHIL. KEARNEY POST No. 20.

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Webber.

C. C. Mullady.

Alex Wurtz, Delegate.

A. P. Hungate, Alternate.

W. H. Webber, P. C.

Thos. J. Upton, S. V. C.

W. S. Bonner, J. V. C.

## E. A. STERLING POST No. 21.

Past Post Commander.

\*J. Q. A. Simmons.

M. W. Bobo, Delegate,

\*Jno. Rainwater, Alternate.

R. H. Ford, P. C.

W. Bobo, S. V. C.

Jno. Rainwater, J. V. C.

## GEN. JOE HOOKER POST No. 22.

Past Post Commander.

C. G. Brewster.

T. J. See, P. C.

F. H. Pierce, S. V. C.

J. T. Agan, J. V. C.

## JOHN A. LOGAN POST No. 23.

Past Post Commander.

H. R. Lyon.

\*Wm. Lanham, Delegate. C. S. Maschey, Alternate.

S. G. Raley,

“

J. R. Lewis,

“

J. M. Stone, P. C.

R. P. Ballew, S. V. C.

J. W. Harris, J. V. C.

## PHIL A. SHERIDAN POST No. 25.

Past Post Commanders.

Powell Ryder.

R. W. Vining.

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H. G. Niblo.

J. W. Kincaid.

Wm. P. Flemming, Delegate. Powell Reder, Alternate.

G. A. Jones, P. C.

C. S. Jones, S. V. C.

Jno. McGregor, J. V. C.

GEO. W. WRIGHT POST No. 26.

Past Post Commanders.

E. A. Russell.

T. U. Johnson.

Mack Bonham.

J. O. Esterbrook, Delegate. B. McGain, Alternate.

D. W. Bingaman, P. C.

M. Yarbrough, S. V. C.

B. McGain, J. V. C.

J. B. MURRAY POST No. 27.

Past Post Commanders.

Chas. B. Randolph.

C. W. Ricker.

Frank C. Clevinger.

Frank Goodner, Delegate. Chas. Last, Alternate.

C. J. Biggs, P. C.

S. M. Soodner, S. V. C.

A. Sexton, J. V. C.

FARRAGUT POST No. 28.

Past Post Commanders.

B. I. Arnold.

T. A. Pope.

A. S. Russell, Delegate. Jno. T. O'Niel, Alternate.

Z. T. Sesson, "

H. L. Witcher, P. C.

Z. T. Sisson, S. V. C.

Jno. T. O'Niel, J. V. C.

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OLIVER P. MORTON Post No. 29.  
Past Post Commander.

Frank M. Shick.

W. C. Osborne, Delegate. H. E. Conger, Alternate.

W. F. Lynch, P. C.

Anthony Schroeder, S. V. C. Anthony Hoeffner, J. V. C.

SIMON CAMERON Post No. 30.

Past Post Commander.

G. W. Prince.

J. A. Mitchell, Delegate. \*H. A. Baker, Alternate.

\*M. A. Husted, P. C.

J. A. Mitchell, S. V. C. J. N. Cook, J. V. C.

U. S. GRANT Post No. 31.

Past Post Commanders.

L. T. Miller.

A. L. Thornberry.

J. M. Mason.

\*Julius Alvord, Delegate. A. Tracy, Alternate.

H. C. Turner, P. C.

H. M. Cauble, S. V. C. W. I. Kinkade, J. V. C.

CUSTER Post No. 32.

Past Post Commanders.

W. R. Kimmins.

A. W. Calhoun.

\*H. J. Pile.

\*J. H. Parisho, Delegate. L. Anable, Alternate.

L. L. Pinkston, " Wm. Campbell, "

\*J. H. Parisho, P. C.

Wm. Campbell, S. V. C. W. W. Hughes, J. V. C.



E. M. STANTON POST No. 33.

Past Post Commander.

Jas. B. Ralston.

G. F. Wattson, Delegate.     Robt. Rector, P. C.  
Wm. Rees, S. V. C.             G. W. Creed, J. V. C.

MEADE POST No. 35.

Past Post Commanders.

H. C. Barber.

O. Farrington.

W. H. Atkerson, Delegate.     T. G. Clegg, Alternate.  
   Jno. Sharp, P. C.  
T. G. Clegg, S. V. C.             Geo. Simpson, J. V. C.

JEFF C. DAVIS POST No. 36.

Past Post Commander.

\*O. M. Keeseey.

\*Geo. Perrine, Delegate.     W. Keeseey, Alternate.  
   \*C. Mulhern, P. C.  
Geo. Perrine, S. V. C.             O. M. Keeseey, J. V. C.

AUGUST BELKNAP POST No. 37.

Past Post Commander.

A. J. Seffel.

W. L. Winter, Delegate.     M. Herweck, Alternate.  
W. C. Peters,             "             N. Miller,             "  
   August Miller, P. C.  
A. G. Mehlin, S. V. C.             M. Herweck, J. V. C.

PUTNAM POST No. 38.

Past Post Commanders.

\*John W. Parks.

Jas. A. Callahan.

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Jno. W. Burch, Delegate. Henry Mahoney, Alternate.  
 \*John W. Parks, P. C.  
 Samuel Camp, S. V. C. H. Mahoney, J. V. C.

SEDGWICK POST No. 39.  
 Past Post Commanders.

\*L. P. Goodell.

Chas. B. Grabe.

\*T. A. Webb, Delegate. \*A. H. Bennett, Alternate.  
 J. D. Bound, " Geo. H. Kimball, P. C.  
 W. Z. Manchester, S. V. C. \*Jas. Morrison, J. V. C.

KILPATRICK POST No. 40.

Past Post Commander.

\*M. F. Hiatt.

\*Lyman Johnson, Delegate. Thos. Blancherd, Alternate.  
 \*W. H. Harvey, P. C.  
 L. Johnson, S. V. C. D. H. Wheat, J. V. C.

A. J. HAMILTON POST No. 42.

Past Post Commanders.

John G. Cawfield.

George B. Jones.

G. M. Newton, Delegate. W. H. Fireburg, Alternate.  
 E. L. Whitehead, P. C.  
 G. M. Newton, S. V. C. T. W. Nolan, J. V. C.

WASHINGTON POST No. 44.

Past Post Commanders.

L. B. Upham.

A. Hirlinger.

H. H. Rice.

W. B. Worsham, Delegate. L. B. Upham, Alternate.  
 J. M. Butterworth, P. C.



W. B. Worsham, S. V. C. J. H. Slack, J. V. C.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL Post No. 45.

Past Post Commander.

Horace Baker.

C. C. Baker, Delegate. J. W. Cooke, Alternate.

G. S. Foster, P. C. J. Davis, S. V. C.

J. H. Bratcher, J. V. C. J. H. Thatcher, J. V. C.

R. S. McKENZIE Post No. 46.

John Glynn, P. C.

H. D. Bonnett, S. V. C. T. Cunningham, J. V. C.

Thos. Cunningham, Delegate.

JOHN C. FREMONT Post No. 47.

D. Gunn, Delegate. Thos. Weigers, Alternate.

S. G. Hutcherson, P. C.

D. Gunn, S. V. C. R. Kiner, J. V. C.

CANBY Post No. 48.

Past Post Commander.

H. H. McConnell.

Delegates: M. V. Phipp, A. Meyers.

I. Stoddard, P. C.

M. S. Klune, S. V. C. D. Pickard, J. V. C.

GEORGE CROOK Post No. 49.

Past Post Commander.

Wm. Holt.

\*A. I. Lockwood, Delegate. Rody O'Mara, Alternate.

Wm. Holt, P. C.

Henry Arnold, S. V. C. Ferd Buckholdt, J. V. C.

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DAVID PORTER POST No. 50.

Past Post Commander.

S. G. Lewis.

W. H. Cornell, Delegate. W. P. Bryan, Alternate.  
James Goodwin, P. C.

W. H. Cornell, S. V. C. W. P. Bryan, J. V. C.

W. T. SHERMAN POST No. 51.

Past Post Commander.

W. H. Catts.

C. L. Edwards, Delegate. E. Barbee, Alternate.  
Thomas Adams, P. C.

John W. Kay, S. V. C. I. N. Massey, J. V. C.

SMITH POST No. 52.

Past Post Commander.

O. F. Hall.

A. J. Robinson, Delegate. A. J. Webb, Alternate.  
Samuel Hopper, P. C.

A. J. Webb, S. V. C. J. L. King, J. V. C.

OPDYKE POST No. 53.

Past Post Commander.

Horace Welsh.

A. B. Chase, Delegate. Henry Max, Alternate.  
John Grant, P. C.

John Amy, S. V. C. Geo. Lathrop, J. V. C.

E. J. DAVIS POST No. 54.

E. J. Kilmer, Delegate. Paul Sturm, Alternate.

J. H. C. White, P. C.

Paul Sturm, S. V. C. John Hall, J. V. C.



## HOUSTON POST No. 55.

Past Post Commander.

\*W. H. Christian.

\*John Morgan, Delegate. S. J. Weaver, Alternate.

\*G. W. Andruss, " H. C. Denny, "

\*W. J. Wilson, " T. G. Rayse, "

\*H. H. Andrews, P. C.

S. J. Weaver, S. V. C. John Sullivan, J. V. C.

## BURNSIDE POST No. 56.

Past Post Commander.

\*O. G. Peterson.

R. R. Cook, Delegate. \*Wm. Wilson, Alternate.

B. Shearley, " \*S. U. P. Gipson, "

\*W. R. Lynch, P. C.

A. Hutchinson, S. V. C. \*S. U. P. Gipson, J. V. C.

## HOLCOMB POST No. 57.

Past Post Commander.

W. B. Sands.

D. Doole, Delegate. E. Light, Alternate.

A. F. Glossbrenner, P. C.

M. P. Bridges, S. V. C. D. Doole, J. V. C.

## CROXTON POST No. 58

Past Post Commander.

C. P. Simmons.

\*Thos. W. Woodcock, Delegate. J. H. Thacker, Alter'te.

J. Stepp, P. C.

Chas. Young, S. V. C. J. H. Thacker, J. V. C.

## YATES' POST No. 59.

Past Post Commander.

William McManis.

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Justin Cook, Delegate. \* John Rice, Alternate.  
 William McManis, P. C.  
 R. A. Corbell, S. V. C. John Rice, J. V. C.

ROSSEAU Post No. 60.  
 Past Post Commander.  
 P. B. Hunt.

P. B. Hunt, Delegate. L. A. King, Alternate.  
 J. T. Cunningham, P. C.  
 L. A. King, S. V. C. A. L. Hook, J. V. C.

SILL Post No. 61.  
 Past Post Commander.

\*J. G. Gibson.  
 A. E. Barr, Delegate. J. M. Johnson, Alternate.  
 W. F. Weiland, P. C.  
 J. M. Johnson, S. V. C. Robert Porter, J. V. C.

SCOTT Post No. 62.  
 E. F. Rand, Delegate. C. B. Smelker, Alternate.  
 \*H. C. Peery, P. C.  
 R. H. Armstrong, S. V. C. J. H. Smith, J. V. C.

LYTLE Post No. 63.  
 Henry Wagner, P. C. W. S. Abbott, S. V. C.  
 L. Hunter, J. V. C.

TERRY Post No. 64.  
 Otto Kline, Delegate. L. G. Gardner, Alternate.  
 Jacob Hirsh, P. C.  
 P. G. Temple, S. V. C. J. T. Clark, J. V. C.

The call of the roll of membership showed seventy delegates and representatives present.

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## REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

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### ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

#### *Comrades of the Seventh Annual Encampment.*

We meet to-day to answer to our annual roll-call, in this beautiful and flourishing city of El Paso on the Rio Grande, the dividing line between the United States and our sister Republic. Over this river Gen. Zachary Taylor crossed his troops in 1846, and history informs us that he and Gen. Winfield Scott marched their conquering armies into the heart of Mexico, and forced that country to such treaties as forever freed Texas from further Mexican invasions.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, soldiers of the greatest, the noblest and bravest army that ever drew sword or fired a gun in defense of liberty and the flag, I greet you, one and all.

Comrades, we have passed the twenty fifth (silver) anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. A quarter of a century of glorious peace has blessed our country since our conquering banners were furled, and cannon silenced.

Comrades, in looking around over this large and intelligent audience, and seeing the faces of grizzled and white-haired veterans here from every State in the Union, from Maine to Texas, and from Florida to Oregon, heroes of many battles, this thought impresses me—that we are no more to be called upon to face the fearful fire at Donelson and Shiloh, or engage in the charge at Gettysburg or Chancellorsville; no longer do we hear the thundering guns at Vicksburg, Atlanta, the Wilderness, or before Richmond. Those are all memories of the past; we only hear now, the peaceful greeting, "Welcome."

Even the cities of our grand Empirical State, which we have all helped to build up, now vie with each other as to which shall be first to entertain our annual encampments, and our friends, the ex-Confederates, are among the first to welcome us. What man is not made better and happier by having many friends? And I hope that



we can all say to-day that we are all richer by scores of friends than we would be, were we not members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades, when you crossed the Red River after the cruel war was over and you were returning to the peaceful pursuits of life, none of you even dreamed of becoming members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Texas, or that you would be present at a Department Encampment with hundreds of veterans as delegates in attendance. The veterans were then few in this State; the first Post of the G. A. R. men was not organized until 1884, then followed the organization of the Department in 1885. Now we have fifty-seven Posts, with a membership of 1592 in good standing. Thirteen new Posts have been mustered in since March 5, 1891.

Comrades, we are here, agreeable to our rules and regulations, to deliberate upon and legislate for the interest and benefit of our order. Let us not fail to thank Him, who has preserved our lives and made it possible for us to be present at this our annual Encampment.

Comrades, the Grand Army of the Republic of to-day is not the G. A. R. of years ago, in this Department. Then we were looked upon by those who knew not our motto—"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,"—as a political organization, and our friends and neighbors were somewhat prejudiced against our order; the ex-Union soldiers were somewhat backward in becoming members. But now, as you all know, the G. A. R. is an honored organization in Texas, and embraces many of the foremost citizens of every community, and every veteran should be proud of being a member thereof.

#### THE GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

On the 31st of December, 1890, the Department consisted of forty-one Posts, several of which were delinquent, with a total membership in good standing of 1165; while at this date, the order in Texas has fifty-seven Posts, none of which are suspended, and a membership in good standing of 1594. This number entitling the Department to an additional delegate and alternate to the National Encampment.

In view of general financial depression in Texas, during the past year, this gain in Posts and membership is exceedingly satisfactory; although it is too true that there are many thousands of ex-Union soldiers residing within the boundaries of our mighty commonwealth, who have not as yet connected themselves with our order. But it is believed that by energetic action and continued persuasion, all of these will augment our ranks in the near future.



It is certainly the duty, and should be a pleasure of every ex-Union soldier to enter his name upon the muster-roll of our noble order, and I feel assured that as the aims and tenets of the organization are promulgated and understood, the recruiting to our ranks will continue until every defender of the flag shall wear the badge of the order upon his breast.

It will be seen from the Assistant Adjutant General's report, that 268 comrades were suspended during the past year, and that our list of "forever mustered out," shows a mournful increase of eleven, being 30 as against 19 in 1890, admonishing us that as the years roll on, the only conquerer of Union valor is rapidly requiring us to "stack our arms."

As to the *suspended lists*, I can only say what has so repeatedly been reiterated, viz: That no comrade who is too poor to pay his dues, should be lost to our order, and permit no one who is able to pay them, to get in arrears by the neglect either of Post Commanders or a committee to urge the claims of our order upon him.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will show to you the financial condition of the Department, and while the expenditures have increased with the growth of the order, I am satisfied that no money has been expended except as the best interests of the Department required.

#### QUARTO CENTENIAL CELEBRATION.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Grand Army of the Republic was appropriately celebrated throughout the Department, very interesting services being conducted in the larger cities, and full reports of same received at these headquarters, from Posts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 23, 29, 37 and 39.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day in the Department was observed with great interest and solemnity by nearly all the Posts. Full reports of these sacred proceedings from twenty-five of the forty-one Posts, were received at these headquarters, consolidated and forwarded to national headquarters. It is with pleasure that the Department Commander observes the increasing attention that is paid to the proper observance of this festival of our heroic dead. Every effort should be made by the Commanders of each Post, to carry out in letter and in spirit the sacred, imperative and pleasing duties Memorial Day requires from all of us.

#### MEMORIAL HALL AT DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

The Department Commander by every means in his power,



attempted to interest the comrades in this worthy and invaluable project. This matter was strongly urged in two general orders and several circulars, but to little avail thus far, as but three Posts, Nos. 11, 36 and 38, have responded to the call for contributions to build a grand receptacle for the preservation of the archives of the order. It is hoped that the several Posts of the Department that have not contributed to this important and worthy project, will speedily and generously do so.

From advices received it is believed that the various Posts have liberally contributed to the Sherman and Logan monument fund, and to the relief of the widow of the founder of the Grand Army, Col. Stephenson, attention being called to these worthy matters through general orders.

#### COURTS MARTIAL.

Three general courts martial have been detailed during the year; one for the trial of Comrade J. E. Stringer, Commander of Post No. 23, which resulted in his conviction and degradation from office, which sentence was by me in all things approved; and two for the trial of Comrade Eli M. Boggs, both of which were dissolved after long and persistent efforts upon the part of the officers of said courts to secure a quorum. Charges and specifications were also forwarded to national headquarters, properly endorsed, asking the court martial of W. C. Webber of Post No. 13, Department of Ohio. The Judge Advocate General decided that the same constituted no cause of action, as far as the scandalous matter published by him against Comrade W. C. Peters was concerned, but directed said Post No. 13 to proceed against Webber by court martial for his slanders upon the Grand Army. These headquarters are not as yet advised of any final result in the matter.

#### COLORED POSTS.

In December last, a communication was received signed by Geo. W. Young and eight others, asking that a colored Post be mustered at San Antonio, Tex. No action was taken upon the application, except to courteously reply to the letter, and the whole matter is respectfully referred to the consideration of the Encampment.

#### WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

It is with feelings of the liveliest gratification, that the growth and increased prosperity of this noble and valuable auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic is noted. Every encouragement should be given to this organization of the patriotic women of the land, and each Post in the Department should have a Women's Relief Corps, as nothing can be more conducive to the upbuilding and



prosperity of our order than the fostering of this grand, charitable and loyal band of true womanhood.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

I am pained to say that this order is not receiving the attention and encouragement it certainly deserves. The various Posts should lend a helping hand and vigorously push this most important matter until all the cities and towns of Texas contain at least one flourishing Camp of the boys who are soon to take our places.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Death, that lover of a shining mark, has not been idle during the past year; Comrades Hannibal Hamlin, and Gen. A. P. Hovey, both truly great in war and statesmanship, devoted ever to the best interests of the order, passed quietly to that bourn from whence no traveler returns.

In this Department the demise of Comrades J. W. Temby, Past Assistant Adjutant General; N. K. Wright, of my personal staff, and Charles Denyvan, Commander of Post No. 47, are with feelings of unmixed sorrow chronicled. All were staunch and loyal to the core. Hamlin, ever true to the Union and its friends; Hovey, the hero of Champion Hills, president of the service pension committee and an earnest advocate of that important measure; Temby, efficient, zealous and steadfast in any duty; Wright, enthusiastic in everything connected with the order; Denyvan, vigilantly and industriously putting forth every effort to advance the interest of his Post. Each in his sphere, a hero and a patriot. May they rest in peace after faithful, true and tried service.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment (silver anniversary) of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit, Mich., on August 5, 6 and 7, 1891, was largely attended and a magnificent success. The Department of Texas was unusually well represented and for the first time took its proper place among the Departments of the order. Elegant headquarters were opened and maintained throughout the Encampment in parlor No. 6 of the Russel House, and throngs of visitors were in attendance day and night, registering their names, making the acquaintance of the Texas boys, procuring our beautiful Department badges, and enjoying a right royal good time generally, and expressing the greatest interest and curiosity respecting our immense eight-feet-four-inch horns that were on exhibition at Head Quarters.

Comrades of twenty-three of the then forty-eight Posts of the Department were in attendance; Posts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11,



12, 13, 17, 19, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 45, 53, 54 and 56 being represented at the Encampment and at the parade, in which forty-seven Texas comrades participated. Delegates Sargent and Webb and Alternate Leeds were present; Past Department Commanders Wylie and Malloy and the following comrades of my personal staff, viz: J. C. Bigger, A. A. G.; Jno. L. Boyd, A. Q. M. G.; Jas. Hickey, Department Chaplain; D. Mackay, Medical Director; Geo. A. Knight, Chief Mustering Officer; R. M. Moore, Senior Aid de-camp, and Senior Vice-Commander Jno. W. Parks.

During the parade the "Texas contingent" was almost constantly the recipient of vigorous and generous applause from the dense mass of humanity that packed the sidewalks on either side of the line of march. The gigantic horns proudly carried by Comrade Leeds being the observed of all observers, and attracting great attention and loudly expressed admiration, while the vigorous and masterly beating of our snare drum by Comrade Peterson, of Post No. 56, at the head of our column, "took the cake" and added largely to the fun and pleasure of that joyous occasion.

The Encampment remained in session two days and transacted a large amount of needed legislation. As the proceedings of the Twenty fifth National Encampment have been recently sent to every Post in the State, it is deemed unnecessary to more than briefly refer to what was done. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Asking Congress to amend the interstate commerce law, to the end that lower rates be secured from the railroads to our gatherings.
2. Asking Congress by appropriate legislation to maintain the Mount McGregor Cottage at national expense.
3. Refusing to change the rules and regulations that a colored Department be created in Louisiana and Mississippi.
4. To amend section 2166, United States Revised Statutes, so that the members of the navy during the late war may receive the same advantages as those who served in the army.
5. Endorsing the bill giving \$2 per day to survivors of prison pens for each day of imprisonment therein.
6. Requesting Congress to issue as soon as practicable, volumes based on the census of 1890, containing the names and military service of the surviving veterans, and the names of the widows of deceased veterans, with the service of their husbands.
7. That hereafter the line of march at National Encampments shall not exceed two (2) miles.
8. To rate all pensions of widows at \$12 per month.



The rules and regulations were amended in several respects, but as printed slips containing the same were mailed to every Post, it is deemed unnecessary to incorporate them here.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted at the last Department Encampment, the State was divided into eight districts for purposes of inspection, while many of the district inspectors performed their duties faithfully, others did not do so, and the result is far from satisfactory and is no improvement upon the former method. I would suggest that one comrade, who can devote sufficient time to this important work, be appointed by the Department Commander, who shall inspect all the Posts of the Department; that he be paid his actual expenses and otherwise reasonably compensated for his time and trouble, and that he be empowered to muster new Posts during his travels about the Department.

That a large number of Posts need encouragement and instruction is very apparent, and if an energetic and experienced Grand Army man could be kept in the field for a portion of each year, it would result in a great deal of good to the older Posts and be the means of greatly improving and increasing the order.

#### CHARITY AND RELIEF.

The semi-annual reports show that there has been expended for charity by the Posts of this Department, during the past year, the sum of \$571 as against \$271.25 the year previous. Considering the stringency of money matters in Texas, this showing is a most excellent one and is convincing that charity still abideth with fraternity and loyalty.

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Council has been twice called together during my term of office: Once, to adjudicate upon the bill for printing the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Department Encampment; and again, to fix the time of holding the Seventh Annual Encampment. Upon both occasions the meetings were pleasant and harmonious, and the business of the Council speedily and satisfactorily despatched. Comrade Jno. L. Boyd, who was elected a member of the Council, and afterward appointed Assistant Quartermaster General, resigned from the Council and Comrade W. P. Goff, of Post No. 4, was elected in his place.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have derived great pleasure in visiting many of the Posts of the Department during the past year, and regret exceedingly my inability to visit them all. On Memorial Day I was with the San Antonio comrades, and enjoyed the splendid parade conducted under



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the auspices of Posts Nos. 3, 37 and 49, and in which the United States Regulars and citizens generally joined.

The procession was an imposing one, and the nineteen little girls all dressed in white, who strewed sweetest flowers upon the graves of the fallen brave, was a beautiful and effecting scene.

Nearly every member of these Posts wore the regulation Grand Army uniform upon that occasion, thus making an excellent appearance. Upon returning to the Post room, I had the pleasure of addressing the large audience there assembled.

At Galveston, on July 4, I participated in an exceedingly joyous occasion with the whole-souled comrades of Hancock Post No. 2. Junior Vice Department Commander Edward Ketchum ushered in our glorious natal day with roaring guns, and the Fourth of July was celebrated in a manner truly grand and patriotic. One beautiful and instructive feature of the ceremonies being the presentation by the comrades of Post No. 2, of a gorgeous United States flag to the school children of Galveston, the first that was ever thus presented in Texas, though I learn that since then several presentations of a similar character have been made. This a move in the right direction, and I trust the comrades will persevere in the good work, until the American flag shall proudly wave over every public school building in the State.

At 2 p. m. the comrades of Post No. 2 and the citizens generally, assembled in great numbers at the residence of Comrade Ketchum, where amid the boom of cannon and rousing cheers, a magnificent United States flag was flung to the breeze. Then followed an old fashioned "camp fire," which was addressed by many of Galveston's distinguished citizens and the Department Commander, and thus ended one of the most pleasant days I have ever been permitted to enjoy.

### DECISIONS.

Numerous inquiries have been made during the year by comrades from various Posts regarding questions, most of which a glance at the Blue Book would have decided, and I therefore think it unnecessary to refer to them.

Several communications were received relative to the legality and propriety of comrades of the Grand Army participating as Posts in ex-Confederate processions. I have invariably answered these communications in the affirmative with the reservation that should Rebel flags be displayed, the Grand Army, as an organization, should not be seen in such parades.

The old ex-Union soldiers, more perhaps than any class of citi-



zens, realize the fact that the war is over and that the horrors and heart burnings of that conflict should be wholly forgotten. But the veterans of the Union stand as a unit with Commander-in-Chief Palmer, and endorse to the fullest extent the patriotic, true and loyal sentences of his general order No. 4.

A comrade joined a Post as a charter member in 1885. This Post was on the delinquent list for some time, but never surrendered its charter, and during this time the comrade joined another Post as a charter member, without receiving an honorable discharge or transfer card. Subsequently the delinquent Post was reinstated. To which Post does the comrade legally belong? Answer—To the Post he first joined. From this ruling an appeal was taken to the Commander-in-Chief, and no decision has as yet been received from him.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Jno. W. Parks was compelled to be absent from the Department several months, business engagements requiring his presence at Pittsburg, Pa., a leave of absence was issued to him covering the period of his visit.

Post No. 55 at Dublin, Tex., when mustered adopted the name of Ransom, but afterward, upon application of Post Commander W. H. Christian and for good cause shown, the Post was permitted to change its name from Ransom to that of "Gen. Sam Houston," the soldier, statesman, loyal patriot and hero of San Jacinto.

Forty-five special orders have been issued during the year, a large number of which were special dispensations, permitting the Posts to elect and muster recruits for good cause shown without requiring the applications for membership to lie over for one meeting. Many Departments issued this dispensation in blank to their Posts, notably the "Department of Tennessee."

The flag offered by the last Encampment to the Post that should muster the most recruits during the year ending December 31, 1891, was won by Lyon Post No. 5, at Denison, Tex., that Post having mustered sixty-seven. The Department Commander heartily congratulates the comrades of Lyon Post upon their glorious achievement, and trusts the presence of the beautiful banner they are soon to receive, will inspire them to continue earnestly and energetically in the good work. In this connection permit me to point with feelings of pride and satisfaction to the splendid efforts made by Posts 55 at Dublin, 56 at Springtown, and 11 at Dallas. These Posts being



the only ones in the Department that increased their membership by muster in over twenty during the year.

Houston Post No. 55, at Dublin, organized in June last, mustering forty five recruits; Burnside Post No. 56, at Springtown, mustered thirty seven, and John A. Dix Post No. 11, at Dallas, thirty-six. The energy and zeal displayed by Posts No. 55 and 56 in the contest for the flag is grand and inspiring, and while neither succeeded in gaining the goal, Past Post Commanders Christian and Peterson, and the members of their respective Posts, can congratulate themselves, and are entitled to the plaudits of this Department upon the magnificent showing they have made.

During the year these headquarters have procured many certificates of service from the War Department at Washington City, D. C., for ex-Union soldiers and sailors desirous of connecting themselves with the Grand Army of the Republic, and who had lost their final discharge, and the Department Commander has affixed his official signature to several documents, the most important being the project to purchase the Andersonville prison pen property by the Grand Army.

In conclusion, I desire to express my warmest thanks to all the Department officers and the members of my personal staff for the assistance, courtesy and kindness I have ever received from each and all of them.

To Assistant Adjutant General J. C. Bigger, Assistant Quartermaster General John L. Boyd and Chief Mustering Officer Geo. A. Knight, each of whose duties have been laboriously and ably performed, I wish to tender my especial thanks and gratitude.

The Assistant Adjutant General has given his entire time and attention to the rapidly increasing business of the Department, to which was added the whole work of preparing a record of the members of the fifty-seven Posts, being more than a copy of their descriptive books. This work he began and has completed, and it is of untold value to the order.

Comrades, I now surrender to you the trust you gave me twelve months ago at Dallas, conscious of no promise broken or pledge unkept. It is impossible for me to find language to express my gratitude to you for the greatest of honors that you have conferred upon me. Nor can I ever forget those honors received at your hands, and as I again take my place in the ranks, I know that the few short years that yet may be mine will be spent in doing all that I can to strengthen and build up this grandest of organizations that the world



has ever seen, and that the greatest pleasure of the sunset of life will be found in the Post room, at our annual gatherings, and in communion with those whose valor, heroism and fidelity made it possible for this nation to exist, and I invoke for my successor the same fraternal, charitable and soldierly assistance that each of you have always freely given me.

Truly yours in F., C. and L.,

M. W. MANN, *Department Commander.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS, March 21, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—In compliance with the rules and regulations, I herewith respectfully submit in detail the transactions of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1891. Notwithstanding the financial depression during the past twelve months, I am happy to state that the roll of Posts and members has constantly increased and that the Department is in a prosperous and every way satisfactory condition.

The consolidated report for December 31, 1890, showed the strength of the order to be forty-one Posts and 1165 members; while the consolidated reports for the half year ending December 31, 1891, shows fifty-six Posts and 1582 members in good standing, a net gain of fifteen Posts and 417 members during the year. Since December 31, A. H. Terry Post No. 64, with fifteen members, was mustered at Fredericksburg, making the Department now consist of fifty-seven Posts, with a total membership in good standing of 1597. There have been thirteen Posts mustered since your installation into office, viz :

- A. J. Smith No. 52, at Goldthwaite.
- Opdyke No. 53, at Jefferson.
- E. J. Davis No. 54, at Corpus Christi.
- Gen. Sam Houston No. 55, at Dublin.
- Burnside No. 56, at Springtown.
- Holcomb No. 57, at Mason.



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J. C. Croxton No. 58, at Alvord.  
 Dick Yates No. 59, at Baird.  
 Rousseau No. 60, at Graham.  
 Sill No. 61, at Weatherford.  
 Winfield Scott No. 62, at Kaufman.  
 Gen. Lytle No. 63, at Greenville.  
 Gen. A. H. Terry No. 64, at Fredericksburg.

All the Posts in the Department have been held in line, not a single one being on the delinquent list of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the half years ending June 30 and December 31, 1891. The footings for the two half years above specified exhibit the following totals:

## GAINS DURING THE YEAR.

By muster.....	567
By transfer.....	67
By reinstatement.....	89
By reinstatement from delinquent reports. ....	96
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Making a total gain of.....	819— 819

## LOSSES DURING THE YEAR.

By death.....	30
By honorable discharge ...	30
By transfer..	74
By suspension.....	268
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Total loss.....	402— 402
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Total nett gain.....	417

There are 254 members carried upon the suspended lists of the various Posts which, added to 1582 members in good standing December 31, 1891, and the fifteen members of No. 64, just mustered, makes the total apparent strength of the Department 1851.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made by me to National Headquarters on the 30th of June and 31st of December, 1891, viz:

## FIRST HALF YEAR.

Number in good standing December 31, 1890....	1165
Gains, By muster.....	204
By transfer.....	41
By reinstatement.....	25
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	96— 366
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Total..	1531



Losses, By death.....	15	
By honorable discharge.....	14	
By transfer.....	43	
By suspensions.....	154	226
Number in good standing end of first half year..		<u>1305</u>

SECOND HALF YEAR.

Gains, By muster....	363	
By transfer.....	26	
By reinstatement.....	64	453
Losses, By death.....	15	<u>1758</u>
By honorable discharge.....	16	
By transfer.....	31	
By suspensions.....	114	170
In good standing end of second half year .....		<u>1582</u>

Thirty-one members have been dropped from the rolls during the year. The suspended list still continues to be much too large, and the problem of how to remove this discouraging and destructive obstacle to our growth and prosperity, remains wholly unsolved.

The loss by death shows a marked increase, thirty comrades having joined the silent majority during the year. Post No. 4, at Fort Worth, suffering the severest loss. The names of the comrades who have answered roll call on earth for the last time are:



**OUR DEAD.**

- HENRY MEYERS.....Post No. 2, Galveston  
 GEORGE F. ROBBIE.....Post No. 2, Galveston  
 A. B. CLOSE.....Post No. 3, San Antonio  
 G. W. BAKER.....Post No. 4, Fort Worth  
 RICHARD VANDERBURGH.....Post No. 4, Fort Worth  
 AMOS MAHAFFEE.....Post No. 4, Fort Worth  
 ALEXANDER WOODS.....Post No. 4, Fort Worth  
 AUGUST BADER.....Post No. 4, Fort Worth  
 THOMAS WOODS.....Post No. 5, Denison  
 JOHN FARQUHER.....Post No. 5, Denison  
 JAMES T. WATSON.....Post No. 5, Denison  
 EDWIN MILLER.....Post No. 6, Dallas  
 JOHN SHILLING.....Post No. 6, Dallas  
 N. K. WRIGHT.....Post No. 6, Dallas  
 J. W. TEMBY.....Post No. 9 Houston  
 JOHN NUNLEY.....Post No. 10, Austin  
 EDWARD GLAVIN.....Post No. 11, Dallas  
 BARNIBUR COLE.....Post No. 16, Whitesboro  
 A. JOHNSON.....Post No. 16, Whitesboro  
 BENJAMIN E. DAVIES.....Post No. 19, El Paso  
 W. P. SIDONS.....Post No. 27, Palestine  
 M. P. HUNNICUTT.....Post No. 29, Waco  
 T. S. ODELL.....Post No. 29, Waco  
 HOWARD FERGUSTON.....Post No. 30, Bowie  
 C. CHRISTOPEL.....Post No. 37, San Antonio  
 CHARLES F. ZEIGLER.....Post No. 37, San Antonio  
 SAMUEL B. BLACK.....Post No. 38, Marshall  
 R. HOLLUB.....Post No. 46, Del Rio  
 CHARLES DENYVAN.....Post No. 47, Sulphur Springs  
 ALFRED POPEJOY.....Post No. 48, Jacksboro



In compliance with a resolution adopted at the last Department Encampment, I procured and forwarded to all the Posts printed blanks upon which to make returns to these Headquarters, of the names of all comrades who had died since the several Posts were organized and giving full details of such deaths. Only twenty of the fifty-seven Posts of the Department have as yet responded, showing deaths as follows from March 25, 1885, to June 30, 1891, viz: Hancock No. 2—6; E. O. C. Ord No. 3—9; Parmley No. 4—15; Lyon No. 5—11; Thomas No. 6—10; Mower No. 10—2; Dix No. 11—2; Lewis No. 17—5; Crawford No. 19—9; Kearney No. 20—1; Sheridan No. 25—0; Morton No. 29—3; Cameron No. 30—1; Grant No. 31—1; Jeff C. Davis No. 36—1; Putnam No. 38—1; Sedgwick No. 39—1; Hamilton No. 42—2; Washington No. 44—0; Porter No. 50—0. Total, 80. While the total deaths as shown by the consolidated reports of the Assistant Adjutant Generals since the fourth quarter of 1887, exhibits deaths as follows: In 1887, 1; in 1888, 18; in 1889, 18; in 1890, 18, and first half of 1891, 15. Total, 70. There are no records nor reports of any kind or character in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General that bear date earlier than the fourth quarter of 1887, except the minutes of the Department Encampment. I have made frequent and diligent efforts to ascertain where the reports, papers, records, etc., of this Department are that accumulated from the date of its organization to December 31, 1887, but have wholly failed to locate or recover them.

The correspondence during the year has been very large, more than 900 letters having been received and promptly replied to. Besides the above several hundred letters and postal cards have been sent out from this office calling for delayed reports, in the interest of new Posts and pertaining to the routine and business affairs of the Department. All communications have as a rule been answered upon the day of their receipt, and I have given the affairs of the Department my entire time and attention during the past twelve months.

Twenty-one general orders and ten circulars from National Headquarters, seventeen general orders, forty-six special orders and one circular from Department Headquarters, have been promptly mailed to the Posts and Commanders entitled to receive them. Four hundred copies of the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Department Encampment, sixty copies of the unofficial proceedings of the Twenty-fourth National Encampment, seventy copies of the proceedings of the Twenty-fifth National Encampment, sixty souvenirs of said Encampment, thirteen sets of the reports of national officers and



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all necessary blanks for the different reports to these Headquarters have been mailed during the year to the Posts and to the officers requiring them, and everything of an official character, for distribution, received at this office, has been at once forwarded to its proper destination.

In obedience to a resolution passed at the Sixth Encampment, I prepared and forwarded to the Posts blanks upon which to make full reports of the observance of Memorial Day to the Department Chaplain and to these Headquarters. Twenty-five Posts, to-wit: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 37, 38, 39, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49, properly filled these blanks and returned the same to the Department Chaplain, James Hickey, and to me. From these a consolidated report of memorial services throughout the Department was made out and promptly forwarded to National Headquarters by me and to the Chaplain-in-chief at Denver, Col., by Chaplain Hickey.

The record of the Posts and comrades made up from a copy of the descriptive books of the several Posts constituting this Department has been commenced and nearly completed. An immense amount of correspondence and labor was necessary to prepare this important task, more than 50,000 entries being required. I have thus far been unable to get the descriptive list of No. 8, which was organized in October, 1886, at Abeline, and shortly disbanded. Nor have I been able to ascertain anything relative to No. 24, also disbanded, or of No. 43, transferred to the Indian Territory. Post No. 1 also, although repeatedly requested, has thus far failed to transmit to me a copy of its descriptive book. The footings and totals show that sixty-four Posts have been organized and that about 2800 ex-Union soldiers have been mustered into the Grand Army since the order was established in Texas. Of these sixty-four Posts three, Nos. 34, 41 and 43, were transferred to the Indian Territory and four, Nos. 7, 8, 14 and 24, have disbanded, surrendered their charters and ceased to exist. The loss occasioned by the transfers, above stated, was 48, which the disbanded Posts increase to 113, to which should be added a loss by death of 110 and a loss through honorable discharge of 126, making a total legitimate loss of 349; which subtracted from 2800, would leave us with a membership of 2451, instead of 1597, the difference between these figures 854, representing the comrades that are lost to us by the discouraging and destructive process of "suspension" and "dropping from the rolls" for non-payment of dues. This evil once remedied, the Department of Texas will soon take its position at the head of all the Departments of the



South. But one Post in the Department has mustered more than 200, Lyon No. 5 having placed the names of 209 comrades upon her descriptive book. Parmley No. 4 comes next with 188, Thomas No. 6, 178; Ord No. 3, 158; Dix No. 11, 109; Lewis No. 17, 93; Crawford No. 19, 90; Logan No. 23, 83; Hancock No. 2, 81; Mower No. 10, 71; Custer No. 32, 65; Houston No. 55, 59; Ellsworth No. 18, 58; McClellan No. 9, 54; and Lincoln No. 16, 53. Fifteen only of the fifty-seven Posts having passed the number 50 upon the roll of their membership.

During the year I have had considerable correspondence with the following named ex-Union soldiers relative to the organizations of Grand Army Posts in the places of their residence, viz:

Dr. J. Sanders, Orange, Texas.  
C. S. Christopher, Texarkana, Texas.  
E. Gerber, Athens, Texas.  
T. A. Service, Abilene, Texas.  
Jno. A. Rosa, Sandy, Texas.  
W. H. Coombs, San Angelo, Texas.  
C. H. Booth, Taylor, Texas.  
Wm. Woods, Hillsboro, Texas.

Nothing but the financial depression existing in Texas prevented the muster of Posts at all of the forgoing cities, and I have no doubt but that flourishing Posts will be established in most of them during the coming year.

It affords me great pleasure to return to all Post and Department officers my heartfelt and sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy I have at all times received from them. My relations with the Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters, with the Department officers and the members of your personal staff, have always been of the most pleasant character, and I retire from the office I have endeavored to properly fill, with the liveliest feelings of gratitude and good comradeship toward all with whom I have been officially associated and toward every member of our order.

Very truly and in F., C. and L.,

J. C. BIGGER, *Assistant Adjutant General.*



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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DALLAS, TEX., March 21, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR COMRADE—I have the pleasure of handing you herewith, abstracts and vouchers for receipts and expenditures, for the year ending March 21, 1892.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JNO. L. BOYD, *Assistant Quartermaster General.*

CASH ACCOUNT—RECEIVED.

March 7, 1891, from J. M. Odell.....	\$ 906 20
Per capita tax.....	880 05
Supplies.....	593 25
G. A. Knight.....	17 75
E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.....	35
Charter fees.....	140 00
	\$ 2,537 60
Total receipts.....	\$ 2,537 60

EXPENDED.

Expenses.....	\$ 1,657 16
Supplies.....	461 33
Cash balance on hand.....	419 11
	\$ 2,537 60

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Sold.....	\$593 25
On hand.....	181 43—\$774 68
Received, From J. M. Odell.....	104 34
From John Taylor, Q. M. G.....	298 28
From S. H. Tabor.....	150 00
From Sanger Bros.....	13 05—565 67
Gain.....	\$209 01



## ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$419 11	
Supplies on hand.....	181 43	
Due, From R. W. Ryan.....	17 35	
From C. W. Hartup.....	50	
From A. G. Malloy.....	1 00	
From J. W. Temby.....	1 00	
From Geo. Robie.....	30	
From W. H. Holt.....	20	
From Jas. Hickey.....	1 25	
From Burnside Post No. 56.....	10	
Department banner.....	54 50	\$676 74

## LIABILITIES.

Due W. T. Hancock Post No. 2.....	\$ 50	
Due Geo. Crook Post No. 49.....	11 60	12 10
Worth of Department.....		\$664 64

## REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

AUSTIN, TEX., February 20, 1892.

*M. W. Mann. Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—I have the honor to transmit you this, my official report, for the year about to close. There has been but one case referred to me during the year. This should be accepted as an evidence that Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty has been practiced in the Department under your command.

The case to which I refer, was the case of E. O. C. Ord Post vs. Comrade E. M. Boggs. This case, after careful consideration, was sent back to the Post.

Thanking you for the honor you conferred upon me, in appointing me to the very responsible position, I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly, in F., C. and L.,

JAS. W. BURKE, *Judge Advocate.*



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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX., March 22, 1892.

*J. C. Bigger, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

SIR COMRADE—In submitting this report, as Inspector, to the Seventh Annual Encampment of our Department, I regret to say that my success has not been more satisfactory than my predecessors found the work, and a number of districts are scattered through the Department, for which some reasons apply that could not be offered by many other Departments, the principal one of which is, the enormous distances between locations of outlying Posts and consequent cost of travel by inspecting officers. The enactment of our last Encampment, making a maximum of cost for inspection of any one Post at \$10, would not meet one-half the railroad fare for visiting many of our Posts, and even this sum levied on some of those struggling for existence, would be impolitic and unwise. It should be borne in mind that the veterans are not to day on the active list and subject to the discipline of such, but have been retired and are resting on well-earned honors with a feeling of utter freedom from discipline and restraint, and with the experiences of the term now closing before me, I feel that matters of this character should be conducted without charge to Posts, through some volunteer, if practicable, or if not, by some comrade of the Post.

## McPHERSON POST NO. 1.

T. A. Robinson, Assistant Inspector, Sherman.

Reported May 19: Is in a doleful condition; membership of ten; no relief expenditure nor fund; no interest exhibited; no prospects; but \$5 cash in treasury—the only point of hope in the report.

## W. S. HANCOCK POST NO. 2.

M. O. Perkins, Assistant Inspector, Galveston.

Reported June 10: Gains one since last report and shows forty-eight members; expended for relief, \$28 16; cash and securities in Quartermaster's hands, \$48.23; with fair prospects, and Comrade Sargent at the helm; Inspector's recommendation, that Post should meet oftener than once a month, is well placed.

## E. O. C. ORD POST NO. 3.

L. A. Heil, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reported January 13, 1892: With 49 members, a falling off of 25: a frightful example to establish, and explained by the Assistant



Inspector in a way not to the credit of the comrades of the Post; has expended \$6 in charity; has \$46 in money and securities and \$300 value in property, and is reported with fair prospect.

W. S. PARMLY POST NO. 4.

Edward Clifford, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reported June 8, 1891: Have 109 members, a gain of 3, with average attendance of 30; charitable expenditure, \$99.23; property lost through fire but not disheartened; a cheerful report and a condition worthy of emulation.

NAT LYONS POST NO. 5.

Comrade Robinson, Assistant Inspector, Denison.

Reported May 19, 1891: With 78 members, a gain of 44; a lively interest in the affairs of the Post; expended for charity, \$150; \$25 in money and securities on hand, and good prospects. Comander Bostwick and comrades of No. 5 should be emulated in the matter of success.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 6, DALLAS.

Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 10, 1891: With a membership of 102, holds its own; good attendance; \$150 expended for charity; \$23.10 in hands of Quartermaster and half owners of cemetery worth \$800; good prospects, a good report and a good post.

GEO. B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 9.

P. W. Hudson, Assistant Inspector, Houston.

Reported July 9, 1891: With 33 members and recruits coming; a relief fund of \$10.85 in hand, which is credited with \$9 expended, besides contributions; money and securities, \$22.55 with Quartermaster; good prospects and cheerful feeling.

J. A. MOWER POST NO. 10.

J. W. Burke, Assistant Inspector, Austin.

Reported December 30, 1891: With 44 members, a gain of 1, but not regular in attendance and lacking interest; charitable work, \$35; money and valuables, \$144.05; value of other property, \$50; prospects fair. No. 10 should make a better showing of life and interest.



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JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 11, DALLAS,  
Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 3, 1891: With 49 members, a gain of 24; mustered 5 recruits on the night of inspection; gained 2 by transfer, thus increasing to 56 members; referred five applications; \$40 of charitable work; \$65 of money, securities and property; good attendance, lively interest, cheerful prospects, and a good Post in good condition.

F. HURST POST NO. 13, TERRELL.  
Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 2, 1891: With only 7 members; no regular meetings; no money on hand; dismal prospect but are looking for material for recruits.

GARFIELD POST NO. 15, BELLS.  
Comrade Robinson of First District.

Reported May 18, 1891: Holding its 8 members and its courage if it cannot retain much else. Such valor should meet its just reward, and we venture to hope that other veterans will come to the aid of the faithful eight.

LINCOLN POST NO. 16, WHITESBORO.  
Comrade Robinson of First District.

Reported May 17, 1891: With 20 members and in good condition, the left hand knoweth not the charitable work of the right hand, so no record exists; but the Post has \$30 of valuables and good prospects.

W. H. LEWIS POST NO. 17.

Wm Kitsch, Assistant Inspector, Fort Clark.

Reported December 1, 1891: With 44 members, a gain of 2; money and securities, \$37.43; property, \$69.67; good prospects. Report indicates a healthy condition.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 18, MCKINNEY.

Comrade Robinson of First District

Reported May 20, 1891: With 14 members, a loss of 2, but not discouraged; property and valuables in hand, \$74, and good prospects.



## EMMETT CRAWFORD POST NO. 19, EL PASO.

On inspection March 17, 1892, shows a membership of 47; no increase in number since last report, but with a general cleaning up of unworthy names and replacing with new material; prospects fair, in spite of the grievous burden imposed on the Post by the Department officers in connection with this Encampment.

## PHIL. KEARNEY POST NO. 20.

W. H. Webber, Assistant Inspector, Lampasas.

Reported December 11, 1891: With 10 members still holding the fort courageously and hoping for accessions; the residence of the faithful 10 is so scattered that it is difficult to get a quorum, but dues are promptly paid and the comrades are "biding a wee."

## E. A. STARLING POST NO. 21.

R. H. Foord, Assistant Inspector, Temple.

Reported December 31, 1891: With 13 members, a gain of 1; but negatives from 2 to 11; reports 12, 13 and 14 affirmative, and again negatives till 22, where he reports better prospects. Brace up, comrades of Starling, and make an advance.

## JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 23.

H. R. Lyon, Assistant Inspector, Denton.

Reported January 1, 1892: Shows only 38 members, and still going, excepting that dues and reports had been forwarded; there was no favorable condition reported. This is a shameful condition for the banner Post to exhibit. The Inspector anchors a hope to some tried and true veterans yet remaining; may it be realized.

## PHIL. H. SHERIDAN POST NO. 25.

Wm. P. Fleming, Assistant Inspector, Georgetown.

Reported June 20, 1891: With 18 members and 5 recruits "on the list," a cheerful feeling and good prospects.

## GEO. W. WRIGHT POST NO. 26.

John Cochran, Assistant Inspector, Paris.

Reported July 14, 1891: With 18 members, a loss of 7, and discouraging prospects. The spurt made a year ago has not been maintained, and the fault lies with the individual veterans of Paris. Boys, rally to your colors.



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## U. S. GRANT POST No. 31.

Julious Alvord, Assistant Inspector, Wichita Falls.

Reported December 26, 1891: With their 11 members still on guard and taking proper care of their interests; material not at hand to recruit from, but watching for the advent of stragglers that can be captured; courage unabated.

## CUSTER POST No. 32.

J. H. Parisho, Assistant Inspector, Bonham.

Reported July 11, 1891: With 50 members, a gain of 21, with much interest manifested and good prospects.

## MEAD POST No. 35.

W. H. Atkerson, Assistant Inspector, Decatur.

Reported July 6, 1891: With 22 members, nearly all attending the meetings; \$13.50 of values in hands of Quartermaster, and \$25 of property value with fair prospects; may be called safe.

## JEFF C. DAVIS POST No. 36.

W. Keeseey, Assistant Inspector, Fort Davis.

Reported June 29, 1891: With 13 members, having gained 2 since last report; with a lively interest manifested by the members; "money and property in hand; not very bright prospects, and not a son of a veteran there;" is worthy of the especial consideration of the Encampment and comrades. The hills of Jeff Davis County will be kept pure and untainted while these veterans survive.

## A. BELKNAP POST No. 37.

W. C. Peters, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reported December 26, 1891: With 35 members, a gain of 8 since last inspection; all uniformed and reasonable good attendance; keep a relief fund with money in it, now \$26.76; \$44 expended for charity, and \$116.30 of money, valuables and property in hands of Quartermaster and Post; moderately good prospects, an encouraging report and a gratifying condition.

## PUTNAM POST No. 38.

John Cochran, Assistant Inspector, Marshall.

Reported June 10, 1891: With its 19 members still on guard, no money but some property, and not very encouraging prospects.



SEDGWICK POST NO. 39, FORT WORTH.

Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 11, 1891: With 42 members, a gain of 17; with very good prospects and doing charitable work.

SAM J. RANDALL POST NO. 45, WEATHERFORD.

Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 5, 1891: With 24 members, but with elements of disintegration at work that are no credit to comrades fostering them; aside from this, prospects and condition would be fair.

KILPATRICK POST NO. 40.

Lyman Johnson, Assistant Inspector, Belton.

Reported January 2, 1892: With 23 members, a gain of 10; performing charitable work; has money with its Quartermaster and property in hand with good prospects. The prestige of the dashing cavalry Commander is safe at Belton.

JOHN C FREMONT POST NO. 47, SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Comrade Cochran of Fifth District.

Reported June 16, 1891: With 19 members, in good condition and with good prospects.

CANBY POST NO. 48.

Wm. Umberger, Assistant Inspector.

Reported January 1, 1892: With 29 members and working smoothly with good prospects.

GEO. CROOK POST NO. 49

Conrad C. Wentworth, A. D. C., San Antonio.

Reported January 2, 1892: With 25 members, in fair condition and very good prospects.

W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 51, GRANBURY.

Comrade Clifford of Second District.

Reported June 6, 1891: With 16 members, good attendance and good prospects, worthy of emulation. Again inspected January 1, 1892, by Comrade C. L. Edwards, Assistant Inspector, reports having gained 1 and continuing to prosper.



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E. J. DAVIS POST No. 54.

W. H. Burnett, Assistant Inspector, Corpus Christi.

Reported January 2, 1892: With 17 members, good attendance, good condition, good prospects, and doubtless ready for deep water.

OPDYKE POST No. 53.

John Grant, Assistant Inspector, Jefferson.

Reported January 29, 1892: With 11 members and good cheer, but scant material to recruit from.

GEN. SAM HOUSTON POST No. 55, DUBLIN.

Reported December 12, 1891: With 59 members; charity not unattended to; \$75.75 in hands of Quartermaster, and other property; has ordered muskets and side arms and other useful property, and hopes to organize both the W. R. C. and S. O. V.; a very good Post with splendid prospects.

BURNSIDE POST No. 56.

Wm. Anderson, Assistant Inspector, Springtown.

Reported January 9, 1892: With 47 members, money and valuables; prospect of S. O. V. Camp soon; prospect of Post good.

P. E. HOLCOMB POST No. 57.

M. V. Bridges, Assistant Inspector, Mason.

Reported January 4, 1892: With 17 members, in fairly good condition and good prospects.

DICK YATES POST No. 59.

R. A. Corbett, Assistant Inspector, Baird.

Reported in December, 1891: With 10 members; prospects of several recruits in the near future, and lively interest manifested.

SILL POST No. 61.

T. C. Staggs, Assistant Inspector.

Reported January 4, 1892: With 15 members; cheerful replies to all the important queries and good prospects.

WINFIELD SCOTT POST No. 62.

M. M. Houser, Assistant Inspector, Kaufman.

Reported January 15, 1892: With 14 members, and in satisfactory order with good prospects.



## SAMUEL R. CURTIS POST NO. 12.

H. E. Schopmeyer, Assistant Inspector, Gainesville.

Reported January 15, 1892: With 22 members, having gained 10 since last inspection; work fairly well done; charity not neglected and with a small balance on hand; prospects very good.

I feel that I would have done less than my duty, if I failed to refer to the splendid efficiency of Comrade T. A. Robinson of John A. Logan Post No. 23, Assistant Inspector for First District, and E. C. Clifford of Nat Lyon Post No. 5, Assistant Inspector for Second District. No part of the Department service has been more thoroughly performed than the duties assigned these comrades, and among such as these we should look for Department officers.

Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

S. H. BUCHANAN, *Department Inspector.*

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

DALLAS, TEX., March 8, 1892.

W. M. Mann, *Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

COMRADE—I have the honor to report the following Posts mustered since our Sixth Annual Encampment at Dallas, one year since, by myself in person:

NAME OF POST.	NO	PLACE.	DATE OF MUSTER.	Members.
Opdycke.....	53	Jefferson..	May 29, 1891.....	10
E. J. Davis.....	54	Corpus Christi.....	June 6, 1891.....	13
J. C. Croxton.....	58	Alvord.....	August 29, 1891.....	13
Dick Yates.....	59	Baird.....	September 17, 1891.....	10
Rousseau.....	60	Graham.....	October 22, 1891.....	11
Sill.....	61	Weatherford.....	November 7, 1891.....	14
Lytle.....	63	Greenville.....	December 5, 1891...	14
	7			85

This has involved on my part travel to the amount of 2870 miles, sixteen days loss of time and an expenditure of \$37 of my personal funds, for which I should be reimbursed, if the Department is able; and if not able, I will donate the amount. The past year has not been financially prosperous with me, and I am not paid



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a salary by the government, except the nominal amount of \$200 per year.

In making up the estimate of miles traveled, I have included one trip to Goldthwaite, but I did not muster the Post on account of train being late and comrades had scattered and could not be collected together. A week later, Comrade J. C. Bigger, A. A. G., mustered the Post, which is A. J. Smith No. 52, with 11 charter members. He also mustered Sam Houston No. 55 at Dublin, 10 charter members; Burnside No. 56 at Springtown, 10 members, and Winfield Scott No. 62 at Kaufman, 10 members. Comrade Geo. B. Jones, Commander of Post 42, mustered Holcomb Post No. 57 at Mason, with 14 members, and Col. R. M. Moore, S. A. D. C. and A. M. O., mustered Terry Post No. 64 at Fredericksburg, March 12, 1892, with 15 members.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. A. KNIGHT, *Chief Mustering Officer.*

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The Medical Director and Department Chaplain submitted no report.

The following special committees were then appointed on reports of officers:

On Commander's Address—Comrades S. H. Buchanan, Post No. 19; A. I. Lockwood, Post No. 49, and R. P. Sargent, Post No. 2.

On Report of the Assistant Adjutant General—Comrades W. F. Cottman, Post No. 6; M. H. Redwood, Post No. 3, and O. M. Keesey, Post No. 36.

On Report of Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrades W. H. Christian, Post No. 55; L. C. Leeds, Post No. 11, and J. M. Elledge, Post No. 17.

On Report of Judge Advocate, Department Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer—Comrades E. Ketchum, Post No. 2; L. P. Goodell, Post No. 39, and W. W. Bostwick, Post No. 5.

At this point the officer of the day announced a committee of the Women's Relief Corps at the outposts.



when an escort was at once sent by the Commander to conduct the ladies to the platform.

Mrs Cline, chairman of the committee, delivered an excellent address, in the course of which she said that the increase of the order was not satisfactory, and she asked the comrades to do all in their power towards organizing the corps in all the cities of Texas, where Grand Army Posts exist.

Commander Mann responded, and urged the comrades to make strenuous efforts in organizing Relief Corps, to the end that each Post in Texas have speedily attached to it one of these invaluable auxiliaries.

Judge Advocate Burke also commended the efforts of the ladies and related an incident, in which he had been called upon to assist the daughter of a comrade, and had secured for her a position through the aid of the Women's Relief Corps, of which his sister is a member.

General Albert P. Fountain, Department Commander of New Mexico, brought greetings from the Women's Relief Corps of that Department, eulogized the efforts of this patriotic band of womanhood and urged the comrades to put forth every effort to organize corps throughout Texas. He also explained why the ladies of his Department were absent, the reason being because the railroads would not give rates to comrades unless at least ten from each Post joined the excursion, the ladies refusing to go unless all comrades could do so.

Comrade Jack Crawford, after repeated calls, took the platform and delivered one of his eloquent and characteristic speeches, and recited one of his beautiful poems.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read the following letters from prominent comrades :



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EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
WASHINGTON, February 25, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Esq., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., on behalf of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of your association, to be held at El Paso on the 22nd and 23d proximo.

Please accept for yourself and convey to your associates, his sincere thanks for this friendly remembrance. He regrets that it will be impossible for him to be present on the occasion named.

Very respectfully,

E. W. HALFORD, *Private Secretary.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, G. A. R.,  
ALBANY, N. Y., February 22, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Esq., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR COMRADE—Your kind invitation to attend your Department Encampment received. I have accepted an invitation to attend the Department of Missouri on the date named for your Encampment, that will deprive me of the pleasure of being with you. With fraternal regards to all my comrades and best wishes for the success and prosperity of your Department, I am

Fraternally yours,

JOHN PALMER, *Commander-in-Chief.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, March 14, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—The Secretary of the Navy directs me to thank you for the kind invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., to be held at El Paso, Tex., March 22, 23 and 24, and to say that it would give him much pleasure to attend, but his engagements are such that he is unable to do so.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PETERS, *Acting Private Secretary.*

DETROIT, MICH., March 17, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—Your invitation dated the 7th inst., sent to General Alger, is received. The general is at present on the Pacific coast,



and not expected back till about the first of April. On his return, the invitation will be handed to him.

Yours truly,

F. SHORE, *Stenographer.*

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OMAHA, NEB., March 18, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR COMRADE—Regret I cannot be with you at your Encampment, and hope you may have an enjoyable meeting. Greet all for me.

Fraternally,

PAUL VAN DE VORT, *Past National Commander.*

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MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 17, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER—Your very kind invitation to me to be present at the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., is at hand.

It is hardly necessary for me to say nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with the comrades on that occasion, but I expect to be at the east at about that time, which will prevent my being with you.

I am sure our comrades of the Department of Texas will have a grand time, and that much good will be done toward stimulating the good feeling between all sections of our country; that patriotism will be your watchword, and good will towards all mankind will be your effort.

I thank you for the invitation and hope to meet you, as well as the other comrades, at Washington, and then I'll shake your loyal hand. With best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

A. G. WEISSERT, *P. S. V. Commander-in-Chief.*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

AUSTIN, TEX., February 23, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—In reply to yours of the 19th inst., I beg to say that official labors will deny me the privilege and pleasure of accepting your courteous invitation therein contained to attend the Annual En-



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campment of the G. A. R. at El Paso on the 22nd and 23d days of March next. The legislature will be in session at that time, and I could not well leave the city.

I have caused your letter to be handed to Adjutant General Mabry, in hope that some or all of my staff can be with you. With thanks for your compliment, I am

Yours very truly,

J. S. HOGG, *Governor.*

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEX., February 27, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

SIR—Your communication of 19th inst., to his excellency, the Governor, inviting himself and staff to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., has been referred to this office for answer. In reply, I am directed to state, that if public business will permit, both Governor and staff will avail ourselves of your kind invitation, and for which we tender our thanks.

Respectfully,

W. H. MABRY, *Adjutant General.*

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, }  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, March 15, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., to be held at El Paso on the 22nd, 23d and 24th of March, 1892, for which please accept my thanks and earnest assurances of my sincere appreciation of the honor you do me. I must, however, state my inability to attend, on account of press of official business.

Yours very respectfully,

A. O. MURPHY, *Acting Governor.*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO, }  
SANTA FE, N. M., March 15, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—I have received your kind invitation to attend the



Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., and I can assure you that it would afford me much gratification to be present. But, at the time of this writing, it looks as if it would be impossible, on account of the pressure of other business. Whether I am able to be with you or not, you have my very best wishes for the success of the Encampment.

Yours truly,

L. BRADFORD PRINCE, *Governor.*

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CHIHUAHUA, MEX., March 2, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR SIR—Your favor of March 1 has been duly received. My duties make it absolutely impossible to attend the festivities to which you so kindly invited me, and I hope that you will accept my excuse and my best wishes for your success. Believe me,

Your affectionate friend,

JUARO CARILLO, *Governor.*

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, }  
DETROIT, MICH., March 14, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—Your invitation to General Alger of March 7 is received. The General is absent in California and will not return before the 1st of April. Yours truly,

HENRY M. DUFFIELD, *S. Vice-Commander-in-Chief.*

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 19, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR GENERAL—It is a great regret to me that I cannot accept the very cordial invitation sent me by Comrade Logan in behalf of Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, to be present at the Seventh Annual Encampment of your Department. I hope you will have a



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good and profitable Encampment, and I trust that I shall meet you and your delegation in Washington in September next.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

W. L. SMEDBERG, *Past Department Commander.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—Your printed letter of invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., on the 22nd and following instants, is just to hand, and I regret that indispensable duties will prevent my being present.

Strange as it would have seemed twenty years ago, railroads have now made it practicable for me to leave here in time to reach your growing town—shall I say city?—before the date of assemblage. Twenty-four years ago, when I went as American Envoy to Mexico, it would have been a journey of weeks, I had almost said months. Ten years ago, I predicted that within ten years there would be in the neighborhood of your city, a place of 25,000 inhabitants. I trust I was not very far from the mark.

Please convey my greetings to all the comrades, and to the citizens of El Paso, for whose prosperous future, I think, in the nature of things, there is large assurance.

Very truly yours,

W. S. ROSECRANS.

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CITIZENS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R., }  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR COMRADE—For your kind invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., you have my most comradely thanks and regret much that I cannot be with you. I have two good reasons for such regret:

First, I should be gratified indeed to visit our comrades in Texas for I have met some of them and learned to admire them; for instance, Comrade Malloy; then Comrade W. H. Sinclair I have known since my boyhood days.

My second reason is possibly a far more selfish one, and that is I am a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, and therefore would be delighted to be with you, trusting I might be successful in inveigling



the "boys" into an endorsement of my candidacy, for I have no doubt I shall need the assistance of many good comrades, and expect of course to win, provided always that the "other fellow" does not get the most votes, but I trust the Department of Texas will aid me in my aspirations.

My election will do away, as it should, with the practice of giving the Senior Vice-Commander in-Chief to the Department entertaining the Encampment; which practice, as you see, deprives a large majority of the Departments from ever being honored with that office.

Such change will also prevent one Department from securing both the Commander and Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief within two years, as was the case with both Wisconsin and Michigan very recently. Think of this, comrade, and let me hear from you at your convenience.

Expressing again my thanks and regrets, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES P. LINCOLN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S. }  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

MY DEAR GENERAL—I am in receipt of invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., and regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you. Appreciating the invitation sincerely, I remain

Very truly yours,

D. B. HENDERSON.

E. J. DAVIS POST NO. 54, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, }  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., March 18, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—It is with regret that I am compelled to announce to you that I shall be unable to attend the meeting of the Encampment at El Paso. I fully intended to come, but circumstances make it impossible. I am very sorry that our Post must go unrepresented.



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Hoping the meeting will be a grand success and that the comrades will enjoy a royal good time, I am

Fraternally in F., C. and L.,

E. J. KILMER, *Representative.*

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HOUSTON, TEX., March 21, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—Please express to the comrades my regret in not being able to meet with them this year.

A. K. TAYLOR, *Past Department Commander.*

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MADISON, WIS., March 17, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR GENERAL—It would give me great pleasure to meet the G. A. R. comrades in response to your invitation just received, but the time is so short that I cannot arrange to go to El Paso next week.

Hoping and believing that you will have a successful Encampment, I am, with kind regards,

Fraternally yours,

LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, *Past National Commander.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—I acknowledge the receipt of your valued favor of the 17th inst., extending to me an invitation to be present at the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, to be held at El Paso, March 22, 23 and 24, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

I sincerely regret that official business and the distance prevent my being with you on that occasion.

Very respectfully,

GREEN B. RAUM, *Commissioner.*



STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
COLUMBUS, O., March 17, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.*

DEAR SIR—I have your favor of March 7, inviting me to attend the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., on the 22nd inst., and highly appreciate the honor you do me.

I regret very much that engagements in Ohio will prevent my acceptance, but wish for you a most successful and enjoyable occasion. With regards,

Very truly yours,

W. MCKINLEY, JR.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, G. A. R.*

The ladies of the W. R. C., in convention assembled, ask that you detail a conference committee from your Encampment to confer with council of the Woman's Relief Corps in regard to a matter of vital interest to both G. A. R. and W. R. C.

E. A. R. WILLIAMS, *Dep't Pres't.*

ANNA BAILEY, *Dep't Sec'y.*

The Department Commander appointed the following committee to take action on the above communications, viz: J. M. Steere, Post No. 6; Allen Blacker, Post No. 19, and John Hunter, Post No. 11, whereupon the Encampment upon motion adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment and resumed business.

Upon motion duly seconded, the following resolution was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted by a standing vote and three rousing cheers and a tiger for Gen. Russell A. Alger:

*Resolved,* That we regard the recent attack of the New York *Sun* upon our honored comrade, Gen. Russell A. Alger, our late Commander-in-Chief, as unwarranted, unjustifiable and malicious, and the Department Encampment of the G. A. R. of Texas, in its annual session, takes great pleasure in extending to Comrade Alger



our most sincere good will and confidence, and assure him that we love him none the less because of the base and malicious slander circulated by that paper.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander submitted the following:

EL PASO, TEX., March 23, 1892.

Your committee on report of Department Commander beg leave to report that in the consideration of the same we find that in the matter of the organization of a colored Post in the Department of Texas at San Antonio, your committee are of the opinion that the best interests of this Department would not be attained by the muster of a colored Post, and would recommend that our colored brothers be recommended to apply to the Department of Louisiana, where a number of colored Posts already exist, and that this Department take such steps as may be advisable to assist in such consummation.

With regard to the administration of the Inspector's Department, we recommend that the same be accomplished, as far as possible, without cost to either Posts or Department, as the distances to be traveled render inspection by one officer impracticable, on account of the charges for transportation.

We heartily endorse the sentiment and recommendations of this report and recommend its approval and adoption by this Encampment and that the thanks of the comrades be tendered him for his efficient administration.

S. H. BUCHANAN,

A. I. LOCKWOOD,  
Committee.

Upon motion, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted, except that portion of the same recommending application to the Department of Louisiana, which was on motion stricken out.

A communication from Comrades F. C. Loring and Wm. Long was read, and upon motion unanimously referred to the Judge Advocate for his action and recommendation.

The Department Commander appointed the following standing committee upon resolutions: L. P. Goodell, chairman, Post No. 39; E. Ketchum, Post No. 2, and David Mackay, Post No. 11.



Upon motion it was ordered that all resolutions and communications be referred without reading to the committee on resolutions.

The special committees on the reports of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

EL PASO, TEX., March 23, 1892.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

COMRADE—Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting upon the Assistant Adjutant-General's report, after careful examination, take pleasure in approving the same, and we beg leave to suggest that the Encampment and the entire order of this State here represented, are under obligations to the Assistant Adjutant-General for his admirable and complete report, signifying as it does the unceasing unwearied diligence he has devoted to his important duties during the past year; that we are unable to properly return to him any adequate compensation, but this committee believes that Col. J. C. Bigger will have the unstinted gratitude of every member of this Encampment.

W. F. COTTMAN,  
M. H. REDWOOD,  
O. M. KEESEY,  
Committee.

*To the Seventh Annual Encampment of Depart. of Texas, G. A. R.:*

We, the committee on the report of Col. John L. Boyd, A. Q. G., have carefully examined same and found the accounts carefully and well-kept. The large item of expense is accounted for as follows:

Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	\$300.00
Salary of Assistant Quartermaster General.....	150.00
Expense of publishing proceedings of Sixth Annual Encampment.....	256.49
Supplies bought.....	461.33
Expense of Department to Detroit .....	216.65
Printing, Stationery and Stamps.....	177.69
Flag of 1891 .....	45.00
Badges .....	50.00
Total .....	<u>\$1,657.16</u>

Your committee recommend that in future the actual expense of the Department to National Encampments be limited to the expense



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of establishing headquarters at the Encampment, rent of rooms etc.  
We recommend the acceptance of the report of the Assistant  
Quartermaster General, and the committee wish to compliment Col.  
Boyd on his faithful performance of duty and his business-like man-  
ner of keeping his accounts.

W. H. CHRISTIAN,  
L. C. LEEDS,  
J. M. ELLEDGE,

*Committee.*

The committee appointed to confer with the Women's Relief Corps, reported that the subject of the conference was such that they deemed it not advisable to bring the matter before this Encampment, and asked that their report be adopted and they be discharged, which upon motion was accordingly done.

Comrade S. H. Buchanan, Post No. 19, addressed the Encampment relative to the advisability of securing the Fort Bliss reservation near El Paso, Tex., for the purpose of establishing a sanitarium and home for invalid ex-Union soldiers, his idea being to have it controlled and managed similar to the soldiers' home at Washington, D. C.

Gen. A. P. Fountain, Department Commander of New Mexico, said that he was in favor of getting possession of the property above mentioned, using it for the purposes heretofore specified and placing it under the control and management of the Departments of Texas and New Mexico.

Comrades A. J. Sampson and S. H. Buchanan of Post No. 19, addressed the Encampment favoring the suggestions of Comrade Fountain.

Comrade W. H. Harvey of Post No. 40, moved that a committee of four be appointed to draft a resolution bringing this important matter properly before the Encampment, which motion was unanimously adopted and the following comrades appointed: W. H. Harvey, Post No. 40; A. G. Malloy, S. H. Buchanan and A. J. Sampson of Post No. 19.



The committee on the report of the Judge Advocate, Department Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
EL PASO, TEX., March 23, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate-General, have the honor to report same back and recommend that same be received and approved.

Very respectfully,  
E. KETCHUM,  
L. P. GOODELL,  
W. W. BOSTWICK,  
Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
EL PASO, TEX., March 23, 1892 }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred the report of Department Inspector Buchanan, have the honor to report same back with the recommendation that same be received and approved, and the thanks of this Encampment be returned Comrade Buchanan for the very efficient manner in which he has performed his arduous duties.

Respectfully,  
E. KETCHUM,  
L. P. GOODELL,  
W. W. BOSTWICK,  
Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
EL PASO, TEX., March 23, 1892. }

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred the report of Chief Mustering Officer G. A. Knight, have the honor to return same and recommend its reception and approval, and ask in compensation for the many sacrifices made by him, that the sum of \$37.00 be appropriated out of Department funds to re-emburse Comrade Knight.

Respectfully,  
E. KETCHUM,  
L. P. GOODELL,  
W. W. BOSTWICK,  
Committee.



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These reports of the committee were upon motion unanimously adopted.

The committee on resolutions, through its chairman, read the following resolutions from John A. Logan Post No. 23 and submitted the following reports thereon:

WHEREAS Several of our comrades have through orders from the Pension Department visited for examination the medical boards of Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex.; and,

WHEREAS, Some of said comrades we know and are well acquainted with and know they are not able to earn a livelihood by labor, on account of physical defects and weakness; and,

WHEREAS, Said comrades were rejected on the reports of said boards; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Post, through its delegates at the Seventh State Encampment, present this preamble and resolution to said Encampment; that we have some redress from said boards, and that our cases be reopened on the reports of physicians and associated comrades, or that we may appeal to boards in other localities.

Approved, March 12, 1892, at regular meeting of John A. Logan Post.

J. M. STONE, *Commander*.

H. R. RYAN, *Adjutant*.

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred the above, beg the privilege to return the same with the recommendation that no action be taken, and that Dr. McKay, Medical Director, be asked for an explanation in the premises.

Respectfully,

L. P. GOODELL,

E. KETCHUM,

D. McKAY,

Committee.

WHEREAS, From 1863 to 1865, comrades of the late war were paid for service in greenbacks, that were depreciated at least 40 per cent; and,

WHEREAS, The government made good the deficiency to the capitalist and bondholder; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the government make up to our comrades and all dependant survivors, the full amount of the difference between the amount promised by the government to us and the amount we actually received.



Approved, March 12, 1892, at regular meeting of John A. Logan Post.  
 J. M. STONE, *Commander.*  
 H. R. RYAN, *Adjutant.*

*M. W. Mann, Department Commander, Seventh Annual Encampment.*

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred the above resolutions, have the honor to report that, as the same subject matter is being handled yearly by the National Pension Committee, both at the National Encampment and at Washington, we most respectfully ask that these be permitted to lay on the table.

L. P. GOODELL,  
 E. KETCHUM,  
 D. MCKAY,  
 Committee.

Comrade Mackay explained that all grievances in the matter of medical examinations, should be reported to the Medical Director, that action might be had here and at the Twenty-sixth National Encampment.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows, upon this communication submitted by Post No. 54:

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., March 14, 1892.

*To the Officers and Comrades of E. J. Davis Post No. 54.*

Your committee on resolutions relative to the matter of insuring preference in appointment, employment and retention therein, in the public service of the United States, veterans of the late war, respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The law on the statute books preferring honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines, in the public service of the United States, is inoperative for want of a penalty prescribed for its violation; and,

WHEREAS, We deem it but just, that all honorably discharged veterans of the late war in either branch of the service, should have such preference in appointment employment and retention in the public service of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The law on the statute books is notoriously disregarded in many districts of this Department; therefore, be it

*Resolved.* That this Post petition our representative in the Congress of the United States, to provide an adequate penalty for the violation of the law now on the statute books relative to the employment and retention in the public service of the United States, of the



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veterans of the Union army and navy, engaged in the late war for the suppression of the rebellion.

2 That this Post by its representative to the meeting of the Department Encampment, bring this matter before the Encampment with a view to a concert of action by the entire membership of the Department.

3. That this matter be brought to the notice of His Excellency, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, requesting that he make the above mentioned law operative, by notifying all heads of Departments that the law must be obeyed, notwithstanding the failure of Congress to provide a penalty, and that all persons failing to comply with the law in this respect will be removed and their places given to men who will respect the claims of the veterans of the late war for the suppression of the rebellion.

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

W. G. HOLDEN,

E. J. KILMER,

Committee.

Received and adopted March 19, 1892.

F. E. WALLS, *Adjutant*.

Your committee most respectfully return the above resolutions with the recommendation that the same be referred, with the approval of this Encampment, to the Twenty sixth National Encampment for its favorable action thereon. Respectfully,

L. P. GOODELL, Committee.

The committee on the Fort Bliss reservation matter submitted the following report:

*Resolved*, By the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., held at El Paso, Tex., on the 23d day of March, 1892, that the authorities in Washington be earnestly requested to set aside Fort Bliss, Tex., as a branch of the National Soldiers' Home, because of its special health advantages as a sanitarium.

2. That the Commander of this Department, G. A. R., be authorized to co-operate with the Department Commander of New Mexico, G. A. R., to secure this end.

A. G. MALLOY, Chairman.

A. J. SAMPSON,

W. H. HARVEY,

S. H. BUCHANAN.



Upon motion the report was unanimously adopted.

The committee on resolutions reported the following communication from Post No. 55 for action by this Encampment:

In conformity with a resolution passed by Gen Sam Houston Post No. 55, of Dublin, Tex., at their meeting in February, we have the honor to present the following resolution, and respectfully ask its adoption by this Encampment.

W. H. CHRISTIAN,  
H. H. ANDREW,  
W. J. WILSON,  
JOHN MORGAN,  
G. W. ANDRUSS,

Delegates to Texas State Encampment, G. A. R.

WHEREAS, An effort is being made to have the statue of Gen. Sam Houston, at one time President of the Texas Republic, and later Senator of the United States of Texas, and still later Governor of Texas, placed in the statuary hall at Washington; and,

WHEREAS, Post No. 55, G. A. R., of this Department, has adopted the name of Gen Sam Houston and takes a great interest in having his name and memory honored; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Encampment heartily endorses the above effort, and instructs its Department officers to co-operate with Gen. Sam Houston Post No. 55, of this Department, in its laudable endeavor to honor the name of Gen. Houston, the Father of Texas, and that all posts and comrades are hereby requested to use their influence to have the legislature of the State of Texas make an appropriation to have a statue of Gen. Sam Houston made and placed in the niche reserved for Texas.

The resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

On motion a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Comrades D. MacKay, A. I. Lockwood of Post No. 49, and R. P. Sargent of Post No. 2, to draft suitable resolutions expressive of our appreciation of the royal manner in which we have been received and entertained by the citizens of El Paso and the comrades of Emmett Crawford Post.



On motion the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to "Giv'a Dam" Jones, formerly of Dallas, who, in conjunction with Comrade S. H. Buchannan, so beautifully decorated the hall, our place of meeting.

On motion it was resolved that this Encampment do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the nomination and election of Department officers shall be the first order of business.

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### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The brilliant and masterly march of the McGinties and subsequent festivities:

El Paso was "turned loose" last night and the Mystic McGinty held imperial sway. At an early hour both sides of El Paso street down to Second street were lined with humanity, all expectant, awaiting the great event. And why not? McGinty never made a promise that he did not keep; and, furthermore, he carries his entertainments far beyond the conception of those eager to see. McGinty has another feature; he moves on time. Before the procession started the question was frequently asked, "Where do all the people come from; you have no farming community; there are no wagons on the street; this is evidently a city gathering, but there's a crowd, sure enough, but it looks more like New Orleans during carnival than a town like El Paso on the border."

"Even so, they are here, and I've been here ten years, and the question has very often occurred to me," was the invariable reply. "There is something mystical about it; they belong here, but who they are or what they are, I can't say. They appear and disappear, and it has been that way for ten years."



By this time the music announced that McGinty and his followers were in motion, and shortly after the head of the procession could be seen turning into El Paso street. This was the signal for a general breaking loose. By forethought on the part of the McGinties, the bunting and decorations which had made the avenues so bright and cheerful had been ordered down, as a precaution against fire. On came the moving host; rockets went heavenward, and Roman candles, with lights of red and blue, shot up there, and caused one to think that he was treading the confines of fairy land rather than streets of ordinary macadam. "They will burn the town up," says one, "it looks as if she was on fire now." But their apprehensions were groundless, and the on-lookers soon got tempered up to the roar. As the procession advanced the combined noises grew more furious, so that old "vets" themselves had to admit that it sounded more like Gettysburg or Shiloh than anything they had heard for years.

The procession was large and up to its previous demonstrations with the McGinty band at the head. This organization, in which the city takes so just a pride, did well, but none of them "ever fit in th' wah," and it was difficult for them to follow their notes amid the din and uproar.

The Silk Hat Brigade got along all right, and the same could be said of the McGinty Guards. They (the guards) represent the armed branch of the McGinty service, and were never known to turn their backs on what is expressed in their mysticism as the "water of life." Pitt Parkman, the regiment's vivacious daughter, took her place with the boys, and with becoming modesty attested the fact that the charms of a lovely woman meet with response from soldierly hearts. The artillery followed, grim and terrible; out of respect for plate glass, it was not discharged. After them came the or-











have a grudge against Ben for not doing so, although it was only because the other officer had got all of Ben's money. As usual, Captain Jack completely captured the audience, and in singing again his version of "Marching Through Georgia," the veterans joining the chorus, the wildest enthusiasm prevailed.

General Norton was called upon, and favored the audience with a speech full of eulogy of El Paso and her entertainment of the G. A. R. He, like Captain Jack, had believed the story that McGinty was at the bottom of the sea, but before and in behalf of the old veterans he wished to denounce it as an "infernal lie." The General spoke from the bottom of his heart, and in expressing a hope that the McGinties, and especially the president, would live forever, showed that he felt as he said, that in all of his travels he had never met what he considered the equal of the McGinties of El Paso as entertainers.

President Reckhart announced that owing to the coolness of the evening, the entertainment would close with "America," by the choir.

Beer and sandwiches had been handed around, but as usual the best of order prevailed, and each member and guest proved himself a gentleman. There must have been fully 2000 persons at the entertainment.

Too much praise cannot be given President Reckhart and his worthy assistants for the success of the night's procession and entertainment. What cost El Paso more than a thousand dollars has been worth more than can be estimated. Every visitor will sing the praises of El Paso as long as he has breath left to put his impressions in song.



## THIRD DAY.

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### MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m., March 24, 1892, when the following committees were appointed by the Department Commander, viz:

Committee of Greeting to Women's Relief Corps—Comrade S. H. Buchanan of Post No. 19, F. H. Peery of Post No. 62, R. M. Moore of Post No. 3, J. H. Pratt of Post No. 17, and I. Lockwood of Post No. 49.

Committee on Transportation to the Twenty-sixth National Encampment at Washington, D. C.—Geo. W. Clark, chairman, Post No. 6; A. G. Malloy of Post No. 19, Samuel Proud of Post No. 5, Julius Alvord of Post No. 31, and J. W. Parks of Post No. 38.

Nominations for Department Commander being declared in order, Senior Vice-Commander J. W. Parks was placed in nomination by Comrade R. P. Sargent of Post No. 2.

Judge Advocate J. W. Burke was nominated by Comrade R. M. Moore of Post No. 3.

Comrade O. G. Peterson was nominated by Comrade A. J. Whitsel of Post No. 6.

Comrade L. P. Goodell was nominated by Comrade T. A. Webb of Post No. 39.

Comrade W. H. Christian was nominated by Comrade John Morgan.



The nomination of Comrade Parks was seconded by Post Nos. 18 and 31; that of Comrade Burke's by Post Nos. 17, 36 and 49; that of Comrade Peterson's by Post Nos. 11, 61, 62, and 56; that of Comrade Goodell's by Post No. 19, and W. H. Christian's by Post No. 23.

Nominations having closed a ballot was had. Comrades Julius Alvord and S. H. Buchanan were appointed to receive the votes and Comrade D. M. Baker was appointed teller.

First Ballot—Whole number of votes 69. Necessary to a choice 35, of which Comrade Parks received 5, Comrade Burke 12, Comrade Peterson 28, Comrade Goodell 16, Comrade Christian 7, blank 1. There being no election, another ballot was ordered with the following result.

Second Ballot—Whole number of votes 70. Necessary to a choice 36. Comrade Parks receiving 8, Burke 13, Peterson 27, Goodell 14, Christian 7, blank 1. There being no choice, Comrade Christian was dropped, and a third ballot ordered.

Third Ballot—Whole number of votes 70. Necessary to a choice 36. Comrade Parks receiving 7, Burke 14, Peterson 35, Goodell 14. There being no choice, Comrade Parks was dropped and a fourth ballot ordered, which resulted as follows:

Fourth Ballot—Whole number of votes 70. Necessary to a choice 36, of which Comrade Burke received 24, Peterson 36, Goodell 9, blank 1.

Comrade Peterson having received a majority of all the votes of the Encampment, was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year, and upon motion his election was made unanimous.

On motion Comrade W. T. Kitchen was unanimously elected Senior Vice-Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant-General casting the votes of the Encampment for him.



On motion Comrade W. H. Christian of Post No. 55 was unanimously elected Junior Vice-Department Commander, and Comrade John M. Morgan and Comrade James Hickey were unanimously elected to the position of Medical Director and Department Chaplain, the Assistant Adjutant-General casting the vote.

The following named comrades were then elected members of the Council of Administration: H. F. Peery, Post No. 62, chairman; L. P. Goodell, Post No. 39; W. W. Bostwick, Post No. 5; J. M. Elledge, Post 17, and Allen Blacker, Post No. 19.

The following comrades were elected delegates and alternates to the Twenty-sixth National Encampment at Washington City, D. C.:

Delegates—J. H. Pratt, (at large) Post No. 17; W. F. Cottman, Post No. 6; David MacKay, Post No. 11.

Alternates—G. W. Andruss, (at large) Post No. 55; W. H. Harvey, Post No. 40; L. A. Heil, Post No. 3.

Waco and Denison were placed in nomination for the holding of the Eighth Annual Department Encampment, and Denison was unanimously selected.

The committee on greeting to the Women's Relief Corps reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

The committee on resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we tender sincere thanks to the honorable mayor, Richard Caples, board of aldermen, the Hon. Allan Blacker, county judge, members of the commissioners' court and all citizens of El Paso for the unprecedented manner they have provided for this, our Seventh Annual Department of Texas Encampment, and for their princely hospitality and magnificent decorations, evincing a grand patriotism so dear to the hearts of every American soldier; be it further

*Resolved*, That we tender to Emmet Crawford Post No. 19 of El Paso and its commander, Gen. A. G. Malloy, our warmest fraternal congratulations upon their magnificent success in implanting upon this border of the Republic that love of country which it is the highest aim of this organization to inculcate; be it further



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*Resolved*, That the old soldier may forget his rations, ammunition and even the joy of joys, "the girl he left behind him," but he never, emphatically never, can forget the generous kindness and soul-stirring enjoyment he has received at the hands of the immortal Knights of McGinty; be it further

*Resolved*, That we fully appreciate the kindly encomiums passed upon our order by the press of El Paso.

D. MACKAY, Chairman.  
R. P. SARGENT,  
A. I. LOCKWOOD.

The following resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of our Seventh Annual Encampment be published in pamphlet form to the number of 300, and the picture of our Department Commander, M. W. Mann, be placed on the front page, and one or more be sent to each Post, and that the Assistant Adjutant-General, J. C. Bigger, be paid the sum of \$25 for getting the same in form.

J. L. BOYD.

*Resolved*, That the Department of Texas in session at El Paso, hereby extend to Gen. A. J. Fountain, Commander, and visiting comrades from the Department of New Mexico, G. A. R., their most sincere thanks for the fraternity shown by their presence with us, and express a hope that the innovation may have many recurrences.

R. P. SARGENT,  
D. MACKAY,  
A. J. LOCKWOOD,

Committee.

*Be it Resolved*, By the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the department be extended to Major Henton, U. S. A., and his command for the cordial and generous manner in which he has joined with us in celebrating our Seventh Annual Encampment. He has given us a soldier's welcome and we return to him a soldier's thanks.

L. P. GOODELL, Chairman.  
E. KETCHUM,  
D. MACKAY.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment convened pursuant to adjournment.

Comrades J. C. Bigger and R. M. Moore offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment be unanimously extended to Comrades J. W. Parks of Post No. 38, and W. H. Christian of No. 55, for their able assistance rendered to the Assistant Adjutant General during its session.

J. C. BIGGER.

*Resolved*, That the state Encampment learns with pleasure that we have in the daughter of a comrade of our Grand Army, a worthy candidate for the honor of christening the United States warship Texas, soon to be launched, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to secure the selection of Miss Selena Sargent for that post of honor.

R. M. MOORE.

The beautiful silk banner offered as a prize to the Post that should muster the most recruits during the year 1891, was then presented to Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, by Assistant Adjutant-General in a brief address, responded to by Comrade John Nevins in an eloquent and feeling speech of acceptance.

Past Department Commander A. G. Malloy appearing, the Department officers elected were duly installed by him. The Department Commander then appointed Comrade J. C. Bigger, Assistant Adjutant-General, and John L. Boyd, Assistant Quartermaster-General, and they were duly installed in their respective offices.

Upon motion it was unanimously resolved that the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General be increased from \$25 to \$50 per month, and also resolved that the sincere thanks of this Encampment be tendered the retiring officers for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

No further business appearing, the Seventh Annual Department Encampment closed in due form.



## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

After the installation the body adjourned sine die, broke ranks and proceeded to G. A. R. hall, where refreshments had been provided by Emmet Crawford Post, No. 19. The new Department Commander remained at the courthouse some time, arranging details with his staff, and when he appeared at the hall, Senior Vice-Department Commander Kitchen called the veterans to order and introduced Past Captain J. A. Smith, of Sherman Camp, No. 3, Sons of Veterans, of El Paso, who had been delegated by a committee from the Camp to present to the new Department Commander an elegant emblametical watch charm, in honor of his election to so honored a position among veterans at the home of this Camp. In presenting the charm, Past Captain Smith spoke as follows :

Honored Commander and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I was notified this morning that I was delegated by the committee of Sherman Camp, No. 3, Division of Arkansas, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to present to the newly elected Commander, in the name of our Camp, this handsome emblematical charm, which we feel assured you will wear with equal honor to yourself, the organization you represent and that organization from which I come as spokesman.

The presentation of this charm is but a fitting ending to your visit, which you have no doubt enjoyed, at our little city; the more so, as you have been chosen from among your sixteen hundred comrades to serve as their authorized head for the next year; that grand organization which represents the salvation of the greatest government on earth, and to belong to it, as your comrade, Gen. Sampson, said evening before last, is a greater honor than can be conferred by king, prince, potentate or any other power. To us is not given that great privilege, as we had not the chance to earn it, but you earned for us the right to band ourselves together as "Sons of Veterans," and as the banner falls from your hands when you are called from this to a brighter world, where your valiant deeds are already being sung, we will pick it up, and crying "excelsior," will push on to the mountain top, never forgetting the great principles of your order, which we have inherited in ours: "Friendship, Charity and Loyalty."



Take this charm as coming from Sherman Camp, No. 3, located at the home of Loyal Post, No. 19, of your command, the home of the Senior Vice-Commander, the home of citizens, regardless of politics and creed, who invited you to come and hold your meeting with us; the home of brave old Confederates, who fought you valiantly in a cause they thought was right, who turned out and took your hand when you reached our city, and marched in the parade formed in your honor; and last but not least, the home of the McGinty's, who have done so much to entertain you and your comrades. When you view the little token, let these scenes come back to you, and may you think of El Paso as she does of you, the honored representative of the most honored organization of the great State of Texas, the Union, or of the world.

Commander Peterson was completely surprised but responded in a happy manner, referring in the highest eulogies to the hospitality that the veterans had received at the hands of El Paso, and assured the Sons of Veterans that the charm should be highly prized by him as a token of their regard for the great veteran organization, and worn with honor to all concerned.

The charm was highly emblematical of the veterans' organization, and had inscribed upon the reverse side. "From Sherman Camp, No. 3, S. of V., El Paso, to O. G. Peterson, Department Commander, G. A. R. of Texas, 1892." After the presentation Gen. Malloy, Col. Fountain and others entertained the veterans until time for those who were going to Mexico to leave the hall and prepare for the journey.

There were only sixteen of the visitors who could spare the time to go to the City of Mexico, but thirty-five availed themselves of the cheap rates to Chihuahua, part going in their special car, which they had chartered at Dallas for the trip. Those left in the city, who did not take advantage of the excursion, all departed for their homes carrying with them the memories of the most pleasant meeting it has ever been their fortune to attend.