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DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,

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INFORMAL SESSION.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 20, 1898.

At 10:30 a. m. the officers and representatives of the Department of Texas G. A. R., together with the ladies of the Department W. R. C., assembled at the Board of Trade Hall, where welcome to the Capital City of Texas was tendered them by the Hon. Jno. D. McCall, its distinguished Mayor, eloquent in sincerity, hospitality and good fellowship. Department Commander Ketchum responded in fitting and appropriate terms, expressing the appreciation of the veterans for the sentiments voiced by the mayor of the city of Austin.

On behalf of Jos. A. Mower Post No. 10, of Austin, Comrade J. W. Burke made some pleasant remarks.

Comrade Jno. Roch, of Gen. Sam Houston Post No. 55, responding to the call, delivered one of his characteristic addresses, teeming with wit, humor and feeling.

To the call for the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. E. G. Rust, of Houston, Department President, made some cheerful remarks appertaining to the Corps in Texas.

The Department Commander announced that a pleasant surprise was in waiting for the Encampment, and introduced Comrade H. C. Adler, of Terrell. Comrade Adler stated that a distinguished citizen of Texas, desiring to manifest his appreciation of our beloved order, had selected a Department banner as being appropriate. This elegant piece of workmanship was thereupon borne into the hall and deposited upon the platform amidst the cheers of all assembled. Comrade Adler then, in eloquent words, on behalf of Hon. E. H. R. Green, the railroad magnate of Terrell, presented this beautiful emblem to the Department Encampment of Texas.

Before the session closed the Department Commander received at the hands of a reporter, the news that President McKinley had just signed the Cuban resolu-

tion passed by Congress. A resolution was unanimously adopted that a telegram be sent to the President, stating that the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, in session assembled, commended his action and tendered him its sincere thanks for so promptly signing same.

The informal session then dismissed to convene in regular session at 2 p. m.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 20, 1898.

Council of Administration met in compliance with General Orders in the parlor of the Driskill Hotel at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present:

Ed Ketchum, Department Commander.

E. G. Rust, Council of Administration.

Gardner Work, " "

H. A. Johnson, " "

Recommendation of the Department Commander relating to delinquent Posts was offered.

Motion of Comrade Rust was adopted that the charters of Posts irreparably delinquent be annulled, and their effects ordered turned in to Headquarters, as required by Rules and Regulations.

Recommendations of the Department Commander regarding the Anti-Scalpers bill was read without action. Also his recommendation relative to eligibility of telegraph operators of the civil war, 1861-5, was read without action.

Motion prevailed that the Council adjourn.

ED. KETCHUM,

E. G. RUST,

Department Commander.

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

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FIRST DAY--EVENING SESSION.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 22, 1898.

The 13th Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at 2 p. m. in Board of Trade Hall, Austin, Texas, and was opened in due form by Department Commander Ed. Ketchum.

Divine invocation was offered by the Department Chaplain, S. W. Patterson.

Comrades R. C. Bardenwerper and Paul LaFrance, of Jos. C. Mower Post No. 10, were appointed officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard, respectively.

The Department Commander delivered his annual address.

Comrades of the Grand Army:

On the 62nd anniversary of the battle that made Texas an independent Republic, we have elected to hold our thirteenth annual Department Encampment in the Capital City of the Empire State of the South.

In no city could our welcome be more hearty by the citizens extended and by none more highly appreciated than ourselves.

We meet in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and

may these three great virtues be exemplified in our deliberations.

The year just past has not been marked with any great achievements by our order in this Department, though there has been added to our report two new Posts, San Jacinto No. 75, at LaPorte, in Harris county, and J. C. DeGress No. 76, at Fort Worth, in Tarrant county, bringing into our order 19 and 20 members respectively, while the reviving of Wainwright Post No. 72, at Alvin, Texas, may be considered again in the right direction.

These Headquarters opened up correspondence with several delinquent Posts through their members. Answers were received from members of Farragut Post No. 28, at Cameron, also from members of Kilpatrick Post No. 40, at Belton, and Custer at Lamasco; all showing a willingness to keep up the touch of elbows, but complaining of hard times, scattered comrades and inability to get members together.

From other Posts not revived, no answers were received to the letters written; perhaps the letters did not reach their destination, or if they did, the comrades receiving them had not the heart to write a letter that could not be cheerful.

I can see but one way to deal with this matter, and that is in accordance with Paragraph 96, Section 4, Chapter 5, Article 1, of Rules and Regulations. They having been duly notified, and not having responded, their charters should be suspended or annulled, as therein provided; thus relieving this Department of the weight of dead timber unnecessarily borne upon the rolls.

This dropping out of Posts, comrades, plainly tells of the beginning of the end. The prologue of time is plainly telling us, now 37 years since many of us took up arms to earn our credentials for membership in this order, that the "tattoo" is sounding, that we should repair to our quarters and get them in order as the time is not far distant when "taps" shall be sounded.

Concerning our grand auxiliary, the Woman's Reilef Corps, I shall be silent, save to say, God bless them and their good and loving work, as their Department President, Mrs. Maggie A. Rust, has a report and an excellent one to bring before you.

Of the Sons of Veterans, there has been one Camp

added to the organization in this state, this at Galveston, with a charter membership of 24, bearing the name of our lamented Past Department Commander and comrade, W. H. Sinclair, and it is growing and prosperous. I wish my comrades would pay more attention to this organization, as it is to take our places when we are mustered out, and we should see to it that the "leaven of the old loaf shall pervade the new." In times such as these now passing, these young men, properly organized and equipped, can bear recollections of us and our powers into new fields and for as glorious a cause as was ours. See to it, comrades, when you go home that your boys form a Camp of the Sons of Veterans, then visit their Camp, help them through with their deliberations, and you will renew your youth for the time being watching as it were, your younger self performing over again the things you did in your camp life.

I have received a letter from Wm. B. Wilson, president of the society of the United States Military Telegraph Corps, requesting that I ask the sense of this Encampment on their appeal to the National Encampment at Cincinnati, in September next, for the admission of its members into our order.

Their claims are based upon honorable, efficient and important service rendered the government in our army during the civil war.

While they did not plan campaigns and fight battles, yet amidst the roar of battle were found coolly advising the general commanding, of the battle's progress, or sending his orders to distant fields for cooperation.

The secrets of campaigns, yes of the Nation, were entrusted to them. They called for the Quartermaster's, the ordinance, the commissary and hospital supplies when needed, and by their zeal for our welfare rushed them forward. They have been recognized by Congress, in an act approved by President Cleveland, January 26th, 1897, authorizing the Secretary of War to issue to all survivors and representatives of those deceased, certificates of honorable service in the Military Telegraph Corps of the army of the United States, and I now ask this Encampment to take such action as it may deem fitting to place their claim before the next National Encampment.

The attention of this Department is called to an effort now being made throughout our country

by the great transportation companies, and to aid which the Grand Army is asked to lend a hand, asking Congress to enact the anti-scalping bill; so that railroad companies shall be protected in round trip service from the scalper, thus guaranteeing ourselves lower rates to these and other like gatherings.

Regarding the matter of a Soldiers Home at Corpus Christi, concerning which a resolution was adopted at our 12th annual Encampment at Houston, instructing our representatives to introduce the subject thereat, will state, that your delegation to that Encampment met a petition signed by the governor, all of the judges of various courts, the bishops and other clergy of South Carolina, the Board of Trade and Cotton Exchange and Chamber of Commerce, of Charleston, S.C., also the many distinguished personages of that city and state, asking the co-operation of that Encampment with the above named citizens and their petition before congress, for a bill authorizing the building of a Sanitarium on the site occupied by Castle Pinckney in Charleston Harbor, to be named after the gallant defender of Fort Sumpter, Major Anderson, for the use of old federal soldiers. The action on this subject and the address of Dr. Bays, to the Encampment, consumed the afternoon of Friday, the second and last day of the deliberations, thus throwing the closing work of the Encampment into the evening hours, and dwarfing anything that Texas could offer in its behalf in favor of Corpus Christi, hence your delegation took no action.

When I assumed command of this Department at Houston, a year ago, I found that our liabilities amounted to \$131.67. This with the general depression in business, which affected myself as well as the balance of us, prevented me from visiting the Posts of this Department, and I hope therefore in the selection of my successor, you may choose one better able to travel than has been myself.

One of the assets borne upon the report of the Department Quartermaster is a banner valued at \$54.50. I suggest that this asset be dropped on "abstract L," or by some other means, and some provision be made for a new banner to designate these Headquarters, both at home and abroad.

I have sometimes thought that the absence from these Encampments on the part of some of our Past

Department Commanders may have been caused by the lukewarm interest taken by some of our Posts and Post officers in their duties touching Headquarters, for how can a Department officer feel encouraged in the performance of his duties when many show so little appreciation.

I must remind you that every Post Commander takes a solemn obligation that he will see that all reports shall, during his term of office, be forwarded promptly, and should his Post disband during said term of office, that he will wind up its affairs honorably, forwarding all books of record, papers, Rituals and Charter, to the Department Headquarters. How well this obligation has been kept I will refer you to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General. This disregard of solemn obligations, this lack of thoughtfulness on the part of officers who become responsible for the welfare of their comrades and their duties to this organization, is well calculated to dampen the ardor of comrades as well as the future interest of Post Commanders and their faithful assistants.

I do not make these utterances in a spirit of reproach or fault finding, but like the keepers of ancient assemblies who stuck pins in the congregation to keep it awake, so I am trying to call the delinquents back to their sense of duty, that my successor shall profit, as well as the Department, from my having served as Commander during the past year.

I must not close without thanking the officers of those Posts who have reported promptly and have thus always sustained and helped Headquarters. I am also under lasting obligations to the comrades who composed my official family, for without their assistance my administration would have been barren of results. While these have done only their duty I can assure you and them, it has been both refreshing and helpful, and now, comrades, before I forget, I must thank you for the honor you conferred on me one year ago. While I have done but little if any, for the good of the order, I tried to do the best I could, and I promise you that my membership in the Department Encampment shall not expire with my term of office, for I shall remain an active Grand Army man, ever loyal to my comrades and my country.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 20, 1898.

To the 13th Annual Encampment, Department of Texas:

We your committee on Credentials, beg to make the following report:

We find the list of officers and representatives as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General to be in accordance with the reports as rendered him by the various Posts, but somewhat inaccurate in regard to the representation, viz.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, entitled to three representatives, elected two.

Parmly Post No. 4, entitled to two representatives, elected four.

Frank Hurst Post No. 13, entitled to one. Elected two.

Emmet Crawford Post No. 19, entitled to one. Elected two.

Custer Post No. 32, entitled to one. None reported.

Jeff. Davis No. 35, entitled to one. None reported.

Sam. J. Randall No. 45, entitled to one. Elected two.

Opdyke No. 53, entitled to one. Elected two.

Rousseau No. 60, entitled to one. None reported.

Jos. Raum No. 70, entitled to one. None reported.

Wainwright No. 72, entitled to two. Elected one.

We would suggest that the incoming Department Commanders call attention in General Orders to the Rules and Regulations regarding proper representation, and direct Posts to adhere thereto.

FRANK L. KIRK.

Assistant Adj't Genl.

H. E. CONGER.

JAS. M. STEERE.

Committee.

Motion prevailed that the last named representative and alternate in such reports showing excess elected, be dropped, to conform to the membership of such Posts, and, as amended, the report of the committee was adopted.

Roll of the 13th Department Encampment, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Roll of Department Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*ED. KETCHUM, - - - Dep't Commander.
 *L. C. LEEDS, - - S. V. Dep't Commander.
 J. O. ESTABROOK, - - J. V. Dep't Commander.
 *J. J. GASSER, - - - - Medical Director.
 *S. W. PATTERSON, - - - Dep't Chaplain.
 *FRANK L. KIRK, Ass't A. G. and Act'g Ass't Q. M. G.
 W. H. CHRISTIAN, - - - Dep't Inspector.
 *R. A. GRANT, - - - Judge Advocate.
 *JOHN W. PARKS, - - Chief Mustering Officer.
 E. J. KILMER, - Chief of Staff and Sr. A. D. C.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

A. L. LOWE, *E. G. RUST,
 *GARDNER WORK, *H. A. JOHNSON.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

1. W. D. WYLIE,	7. M. W. MANN,
2. O. T. LYON,	8. †O. G. PETERSON,
3. †W. H. SINCLAIR,	9. *J. W. PARKS,
4. †J. C. DEGRESS,	10. R. M. MOORE.
5. A. G. MALLOY,	11. W. W. BOSTWICK,
6. A. K. TAYLOR,	12. *G. W. McCORMICK

[Those marked thus * were present; those marked thus †, deceased.]

COMMANDERS, PAST POST COMMANDERS, REPRESENTATIVES
AND ALTERNATES.

McPherson No. 1, Sherman.--10 Members.

S. M. Gaston, Commander.

Past Commanders—*H. A. Johnson, Peter Krush,
Wm. Allen, Wm. Abram, L. Q. Edmiston, Jno.
Brown.

Representative—George Cotts.

Alternate—Wm. Lentz.

W. S. Hancock No. 2, Galveston.--52 Members.

Patrick Farrell, Commander.

Past Commanders—*Ed Ketchum, *Frank L. Kirk,
R. P. Sargent, M. L. Rich, W. H. Boyd, Jas. B. Do-
lan, H. B. Niblo, Del Cahoon.

Representatives—M. O. Perkins, J. H. Jones, Ed.
Grist.

Alternates—James Harvey, James Sullivan, M.
Walsh.

E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio.--45 Members.

John H. Bolton, Commander.

Past Commanders—R. M. Moore, M. H. Redwood,
Alex. Kuhn, Edward Mayes, H. H. Alvord, August
Miller, John H. Bolton.

Representatives—*M. J. Keating, T. J. Barnes, A.
K. Melton.

Alternates—Alvin Mosher, E. H. Bacon, L. A.
Heil.

Parmly No. 4, Fort Worth.--34 Members.

A. J. Black, Commander.

Past Commanders—*C. B. Grabe, J. N. Diehl, J. T.
Lynch, C. B. Morgan, James Morrison, W. W. Gavin,
T. W. Manchester.

Representatives—J. D. Bound, *W. Z. Manchester.

Alternates—L. H. Riden, M. S. Corse.

Nat. Lyon No. 5, Denison.--51 Members.

*C. C. Haskell, Commander.

Past Commanders—S. S. Clark, E. C. Clifford, L.
B. Moore, W. W. Bostwick, L. W. Clark, H. Hume,
Jno. L. Tygard, *W. O. Kretsinger.

Representatives—L. H. Ruthraff, A. E. Wilkinson,
T. M. Wright.

Alternates—D. D. Wright, James Cater, James W.
Hopper.

Geo. H. Thomas, No. 6, Dallas.--57 Members.

*P. B. Sprague, Commander.

Past Commanders—Geo. A. Wright, W. D. Wylie,
W. F. Cottman, W. E. Danforth, A. McWhirk, *Jas.
M. Steere, J. R. Harned, J. S. Thatcher, W. F.
Thatcher.

Representatives—J. S. Dunlap, David Bowers, J.
P. Clark.

Alternates—*W. F. Connor, J. W. Fortune, James
M. Hayden.

Geo. B. McClellan No. 9, Houston.--36 Members.

*R. A. Grant, Commander.

Past Commanders—A. K. Taylor, H. T. Rue, *A.
M. Engle, *E. G. Rust, J. J. Scholl, J. J. Billow, R.
B. Baer.

Representatives—D. W. Bartlett, †Chas. E. Dwyer.
Alternates—Elliott Wood, Wm. A. Blake.

Jas. A. Mower No. 10, Austin.--39 Members.

*J. H. Warmuth, Commander.

Past Commanders—D. Friedmann,* J. P. Richard-
son, *J. W. Burke, *J. M. Odell, *Alonzo Gerard, W.
W. Archer, *Paul LaFrance, *D. J. O'Kane, *—
Whitehead.

Representatives—*Patrick Scott, *Jno. G. Cawl-
field.

Alternates—*Robt. G. Bardenwerper, Luke Cleary.

John A. Dix No. 11, Dallas.--31 Members.

John J. Weiler, Commander.

Past Commanders—*D. M. Baker, Geo. S. Nash,
M. W. Mann, *D. Mackay, *Jno. L. Boyd, J. W.
Ayers, *L. C. Leeds, *G. W. McCormick, *John Hun-
ter, *J. C. Bigger.

Representatives—W. Malcolmson, E. W. Lemon.

Alternates—Geo. R. Graves, D. Bryant.

Frank Hurst No. 13, Terrell.--17 Members.

*H. C. Adler, Commander.

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Past Commanders—David Grossman, E. M. Johnson, *E. B. Dwyer.
 Representative—E. McClintock.
 Alternate—W. A. Brumbaugh.

W. H. Lewis No. 17, Brackettville.--12 Members.

J. H. Pratt, Commander.
 Past Commander—J. H. Pratt.
 Representative—J. M. Ellidger.
 Alternate—George Wenders.

Emmett Crawford No. 19, El Paso.--27 Members.

A. G. Malloy, Commander.
 Past Commanders—W. T. V. Kitchens, A. G. Malloy, P. M. Kehoe, S. H. Buchanan, W. W. Mills, J. M. Smith, J. H. Ware, Geo. M. McConaughey.
 Representative—E. P. Lowe.
 Alternate—J. H. Ware.

Phil. Kearney, No. 20, Lampasas.--7 Members.

W. H. Webber, Commander.
 Past Commander—C. C. Mullady.
 Representative—Thos. J. Upton.
 Alternate—S. R. Sprayberry.

E. A. Starling No. 21, Temple.--12 Members.

J. A. Nott, Commander.
 Past Commanders—R. H. Foard, W. C. Paist, Josiah Paul.
 Representative—Josiah Paul.
 Alternate—J. G. Toland.

John A. Logan No. 23, Denton.--24 Members.

H. R. Lyon, Commander.
 Past Commanders—H. R. Lyon, J. E. Stringer, S. G. Raley, R. Vermillion, J. O. Berry, W. R. Lanham.
 Representatives—T. A. Robinson, Paul Fay.
 Alternates—W. R. Watrous, W. A. Madden.

Phil Sheridan No. 25, Georgetown.

(No report.)

Geo. W. Wright No. 26, Paris.--10 Members

J. O. Estabrook, Commander.

Past Commanders—E. A. Russell, T. U. Johnson,
M. Yarbrough, R. Herz.
Representative—Jack Nelson.
Alternate—J. A. Farmer.

Farragut No. 28, Cameron.
(No report.)

Custer No. 32, Bonham--9 Members.
Robert Fletcher, Commander

Jeff C. Davis No. 36, Fort Davis--12 Members.
(No report.)

Kilpatrick No. 40, Belton.
(No report.)

Sam J. Randall No. 45, Weatherford--18 Members.
John F. Carver, Commander.
Past Commanders—Horace Baker, George S. Foster,
Jacob Davis, J. C. Winscott.
Representative—James G. Bump.
Alternate—W. S. Stringham.

McKenzie No. 46, Del Rio.
(No report.)

Canby No. 48, Jacksboro--10 Members.
Israel Stoddard, Commander.
Past Commanders—Andy Myers, Israel Stoddard.
Representative—David Richard.
Alternate—*H. W. Clingman.

Crook No. 49, San Antonio.
(No report.)

Sherman No. 51, Granbury.
(No report.)

Opdyke No. 53, Jefferson--7 Members.
John Grant, Commander.
Past Commanders—Horace Welch, John Grant.
Representative—John Grant.
Alternate—M. Manning.

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E. J. Davis No. 54, Corpus Christi--13 Members.

E. J. Kilmer, Commander.
 Past Commanders—J. A. C. White, F. E. Wells,
 A. G. Thorne, E. J. Kilmer, W. G. Holden.
 Representative—E. J. Kilmer.
 Alternate—W. G. Holden.

Gen. Sam Houston No. 55, Dublin--38 Members.

*John Roch, Commander.
 Past Commanders—W. H. Christian, H. H. Anderson,
 G. W. Andruss, John Roch, S. J. Weaver.
 Representatives—W. P. C. Smith, *G. H. T. Dodson.
 Alternates—*J. M. Hensley, Wm Halberson.

Burnside No. 56, Springtown--27 Members.

W. B. Seaborn, Commander.
 Past Commander—J. C. Hutchinson.
 Representatives—W. L. Hutchinson, *W. F. Wieland.
 Alternates—Black Shurley, J. C. Davis.

P. E. Holcomb No. 57, Mason--12 Members.

*Louis Graebrier, Commander.
 Past Commanders—M. V. Bridges, David Doole,
 Louis Graebrier.
 Representative—F. S. Bridges.
 Alternate—John Hull.

Dick Yates No. 59, Baird.

(No report.)

Rousseau No. 60, Graham--5 Members.

*P. B. Hunt, Commander.

A. H. Terry No. 64, Fredericksburg--18 Members.

Charley Enderlin, Commander.
 Past Commander—Jacob Hirsch.
 Representative—Jacob Hirsch.
 Alternate—Peter Meurer.

Travis No. 66, Abilene--12 Members.

*M. Perkins, Commander.
 Past Commanders—Jas. A. Lowry, G. A. Servis,
 Thos. Buck, *John Kershaw, Sam Hammer.

Representative—*Jesse Lee.
 Alternates—*Dan McCarty.

A. M. Barney No. 67, Brownsville--8 Members.

Wm. Kelley, Commander.
 Past Commander—Wm. Kelly.
 Representative—E. H. Goodrich.
 Alternate—John Jay Smith.

Crockett No. 70, Waco.
 (No report.)

Raum No. 71, Poolville--9 Members.

John Risk, Commander.
 Past Commander—J. S. Upton.

Wainwright No. 72, Alvin--24 Members.

H. L. Barker, Commander.
 Representative—W. H. Rowan.
 Alternate—*C. S. Linderman.

Joe Hooker No. 73, Ennis.
 (No report.)

Kit Carson No. 74, Waco--27 Members.

*Gardner Work, Commander.
 Past Commanders—F. M. Shick, *H. E. Conger,
 J. McCune.
 Representatives—J. D. Abel, Joseph Newman.
 Alternates—*J. Kuttner, *J. E. Forest.

San Jacinto No. 75, La Porte--19 Members.

*J. N. Savage, Commander.
 Past Commander—Levi Scott.
 Representative—J. S. Ewell.
 Alternate—*Isaac Hagler.

J. C. DeGress No. 7, Ft. Worth--20 Members.

Louis H. Schubert, Commander.
 Past Commanders—L. P. Goodell, George W.
 Burroughs.
 Representatives—R. W. Fisk.
 Alternate—F. A. Mulholland.

Comrade Jas. M. Steere was appointed assistant to the Assistant Adjutant-General to facilitate the transaction of the business of the Encampment.

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The Senior Vice Department Commander in the chair referred the annual report of the Department Commander to committee composed of comrades E. G. Rust, Gardner Work and John W. Parks.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, combined:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
OFFICE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 19, 1898. }

Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Department Commander:

MY DEAR COMRADE:—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my report of the business of this office for the past year, as follows:

MEMBERSHIP.

	Post.	Membr's	Post.	Membrs.
Dec. 31, 1896, in good standing.....			42	786
GAIN To June 30, 1897.				
By muster in.....	1	45		
By transfer.....		20		
By re-instatement.....		39		
Total gains.....			1	104
			43	890
LOSS To June 30, 1897.				
By death.....		11		
By honorable discharge.....		1		
By transfer.....		5		
By suspension.....		28		
By surrender of charter.....	2	26		
Total loss.....			2	71
Remaining in good standing....			41	819
GAIN To Dec. 31, 1896.				
By muster in.....	2	82		
By transfer.....		6		
By re-instatement.....		30		
By re-inst'm't from delinq't rep'rt.....		2		
Total gains.....			2	120
Aggregate.....			43	939
LOSS To Dec. 31, 1897.				
By death.....		11		
By honorable discharge.....		4		
By transfer.....		6		
By suspension.....		42		
Total loss.....				63
Rem'ning in good standing Dec. 31, 1897			43	876

Three Posts have been gained, viz: Wainwright, No. 72, Alvin, organized June, 1897, San Jacinto Post No. 75, LaPorte, organized September 24, 1897, and

J. C. DeGress Post No. 46, organized November 29, 1897. The two lost were Belknap No. 37, of San Antonio, and Wesley Merritt No. 69, of San Angelo, whose charter was surrendered previous to my term.

The following Posts rendered no reports, viz: Sheridan No. 25, Farragut No. 28, Custer No. 32, Kilpatrick No. 40, McKenzie No. 46, Crook No. 49, Sherman No. 51, Dick Yates No. 59, Crockett No. 70, Hooker No. 73. The aggregate membership of these Posts as rendered to the National Headquarters was 131, upon which per capita tax was paid, as required by Rules and Regulations. Of these, Sheridan No. 25 has rendered no report or per capita tax for two years, Farragut No. 28, one year, Kilpatrick No. 40, two years, Crook No. 49, one and one-half years, Sherman No. 51, two years, Dick Yates No. 59, two years. The Assistant Quartermaster-General's books indicate that Hooker No. 73 was suspended in 1894, but, unfortunately, has been continuously rendered upon the returns to National Headquarters, with a roll of 12 members. I recommend that the Council of Administration take proper steps, looking to their suspension or disbandment, as required by Rules and Regulations.

It seems to be a twice-told tale to refer to the matter of reports. My predecessors have suffered from dilatory, incomplete and incorrect reports rendered by many Posts. My successors may experience the same annoyance. I am sure I have acquired many gray hairs wrestling with this burden.

I concur in the recommendation of Adjutant-General Burmester, who has given the subject serious and careful thought, and commend the same to our representatives at the next National Encampment at Cincinnati, that it may be brought to the consideration of the Encampment. The following plan is outlined by Adjutant-General Burmester:

That all Post officers who are required by Rules and Regulations to make report, i. e., Adjutant, Quartermaster, Surgeon and Chaplain, should make out annual reports at the expiration of their term of office, and deliver them to the Post Commander, whose duty it shall be to see that they are so prepared and delivered to him. These reports are to be presented to the officer or comrade detailed to install the new Post officers at the beginning of the year, together with the per capita

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tax. Installing officer is to satisfy himself that the reports are complete and correct. And if he does not find them so, he is to defer the installation of the new officers until the reports are made out properly.

All the reports and the per capita tax are then to be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department, who shall turn them over to the several staff officers to whom they are due.

This plan strikes me as being the solution of this most vexatious question, and I sincerely trust may be adopted, and faithfully executed.

Ten General Orders and one circular have been received during your term of office, which were promptly promulgated to the Posts and officers entitled to receive them, together with General Orders, etc., from National Headquarters.

In consequence of failure of your appointee to the office of Assistant Quartermaster-General to be legally installed, and the resolutions adopted at the last Encampment authorizing you to consolidate the duties of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have also to report the financial condition of the Department, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from per capita tax	-	-	-	\$ 421.60
Cash received from sale of supplies	-	-	-	33.71
Cash received from charter fees	-	-	-	30.00
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				\$ 485.31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary A. A.-G. twelve months	-	-	\$ 200.00
National per capita tax	-	-	21.20
Printing and stationery	-	-	36.25
Purchase of supplies	-	-	11.01
Purchase of ribbon badges for Nat. Encamp't.	-	-	10.00
Printing proceedings 12th Encampment	-	-	83.00
Rent Dep't H'dq'rs at Nat. Enc'p't, Buffalo,	-	-	25.00
Postage and freight	-	-	26.90
P'd J. M. Steere, acc't arr'ge of s'l'ry A. A.-G.	-	-	10.00
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			423.36
Balance,	-	-	<hr/>
			\$ 61.95

PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Supplies	-	-	\$ 60.12
Department banner	-	-	54.00
Headquarters office fixtures	-	-	30.00
One pair Horns	-	-	30.00
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			\$ 174.12

LIABILITIES.

Balance due Past A. A.-G. account salary	-	65.00	
Bal. due Past A. A.-G. compil'g p'c'd'gs 12th Enc		20.00	
Bal. due Past Ass't. Q-M. Gen'l account salary		56.67	
			\$ 141.67

In closing my term of office, I desire to thank my comrades throughout the Department for the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me in our official relations. And to you my comrade—*comrade* not alone in name but in fact—I thank you for the confidence reposed in me by your selection to this important office,—for valued assistance and kindly support rendered during your administration. The duties have been onerous and trying in connection with my daily “grind,” and you have stood by me always ready, always willing.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK L. KIRK,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

Referred to committee composed of comrades John L. Boyd, J. M. Odell and H. A. Johnson.

DEATH ROLL.

*On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.*

H. C. DILLINGHAM,	McPherson Post No.	1
R. M. GRUBBS,	- " " "	1
WM. H. GRIFFIN,	W. S. Hancock	" " 2
ISADOR KALISKA,	E. O. C. Ord	" " 3
JOHN BORGMAN,	Geo. H. Thomas	" " 6
ISAAC CONROE,	Geo. B. McClellan	" " 9
JOHN FROELICK,	" " "	" " 9
JOHN W. BOWMAN,	John A. Dix	" " 11
JOHN PENNICK,	E. A. Starling	" " 21
GEORGE SUMNER,	Sam J. Randall	" " 45
G. N. WRIGHT,	Rousseau -	" " 60

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

STEPHENSVILLE, TEXAS, April 16, 1898.

Col. Frank L. Kirk, Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—I have the honor to present herewith the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department.

Your published roster of the Posts of this Department shows 43 Posts carried on the rolls.

Of this number thirty have forwarded to me inspection reports. The first received was Post 5, which came into my hands on Nov. 13, 1897. The last was received April 12, 1898. Seven reports were not received until after the time prescribed by General Orders No. 2 from National Headquarters, for making a summary of the consolidated report to the Inspector-General.

Believing in strictly obeying orders, I sent in my report on time and these seven Posts, together with Posts Nos. 21, 25, 28, 32, 36, 40, 46, 49, 51, 53, 59, 70 and 73, (which have sent in no reports;) were omitted from the summary to the Inspector-General. I have, however, forwarded a complete report to this date, which may, or may not, be incorporated in the Inspector General's report of this Department.

Up to the time specified that Assistant Inspectors should send in their reports, I acknowledged their receipt and wrote to all delinquents whose addresses I had, besides asking for correction and omissions. Reports were received in the following order:

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, C. C. Haskell Assistant Inspector; received November 13th, 1897; reports 38 members; expended for charity, \$100; value of Post property, \$100; has a Woman's Relief Corps.

John A. Logan Post No. 23, Denton, Paul Fay Assistant Inspector; received Nov. 15th, 1897; reports 25 members; expended for charity, \$15.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason D. Doole Assistant Inspector; received Nov. 16th, 1897; reports 12 members; \$2 expended for charity; in hands of Q. M. \$29.70; value of Post property, \$34.50. The Assistant Inspector says: "I have made a careful inspection of the Post, and find the comrades are very zealous, punctual in attendance, the Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced and peace and harmony prevails."

E. J. Davis Post No. 53, Corpus Christi, J. H. C. White, Assistant Inspector; received Nov. 23rd, 1897; reports 17 members; value of Post property, \$25.

George H. Thomas Post No. 6, Dallas, W. F. Cottman, Assistant Inspector; received November 27th, 1897; reports 58 members; \$13.50 expended for charity; value of Post property, \$325.70. The Assistant Inspector says: "George H. Thomas Post is all right; they have an interest in the order, and there is no discord in the Post. We are mustering new recruits frequently." The Post has a Woman's Relief Corps and a Camp of the Sons of Veterans.

Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco, Antonio Hoeffner, Assistant Inspector; report received December 9th, 1897; 27 members; \$17.10 in hands of Q. M.; value of property, \$15; has a Woman's Relief Corps, and Camp of Sons of Veterans.

Gen. Sam Houston Post No. 55, Dublin, John Sullivan, Assistant Inspector; report received December 11th, 1897; Post has 38 members; \$19.20 in hands of Q. M.; value of property, \$25.57.

McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman, Geo. Cott, Assistant Inspector; report received December 14th, 1897; Post has 10 members; \$16.50 in hands of Q. M.; value of Post property, \$25.

Joseph A. Mower Post No. 10, Austin, Alonzo Gerard, Assistant Inspector; report received December 15th, 1897; Post has 34 members; amount expended in charity, \$83; amount in hands of Q. M., \$21.35; value of Post property, \$43; has a Woman's Relief Corps and a prospect for a Camp of Sons of Veterans. The Assistant Inspector says: "I would suggest that encouragement be given as many other Posts as will take interest enough to organize four or more Camps of Sons of Veterans in Texas, to enable us to have a separate department of Sons of Veterans; without such action on the part of other Posts to make up the necessary five Camps for said separate department: Austin, Texas, Camp of S. of V., who are contemplating an organization in a few weeks, would be necessarily attached to St. Louis, Mo., as per instructions from Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Veterans."

Travis Post No. 66, Abilene, Dan McCarthy, Assistant Inspector, report received December 30th, 1897;

Post has 12 members; \$2.80 in hands of Q. M.; value of Post property, \$10; prospects of Post in statu quo.

A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownsville, F. A. H. Sanborn, Assistant Inspector; report received December 30th, 1897; Post has 8 members and \$116.17 money and securities in hands of Q. M.; all funds subject to charitable use; prospects unchanged. The Assistant Inspector says: "The membership of the Post embraces all available material in this vicinity."

Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford, G. W. Lowry, Assistant Inspector; report received December 31st, 1897; Post has 18 members; \$8.50 expended in charity; \$2.50 in hands of Q. M.; value of Post property, \$21.25. The Assistant Inspector says: "This Post is doing better than ever; it was the champion Post on Decoration Day, and it turned out over 3000 people to do honor to our noble dead. Our present Commander, J. C. Winscott, who always takes charge of Decoration Day, said, when we elected him as Commander, that he would make it the grandest of all decorations in the Departments. He had all the churches and Sunday schools and other societies out. He made a great success in honor of our Post and the G. A. R., of which he is a proud, efficient and influential member."

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston, D. W. Bartlett, Assistant Inspector; report received December 31st, 1897; Post has 36 members; expended \$52.40 in charity; has \$62.32 in relief fund; \$69.28 in hands of Q. M.; Post property to amount of \$115; has Woman's Relief Corps; prospects good.

Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26, Paris, T. U. Johnson, Assistant Inspector; report received December 31st, 1897; Post has 10 members; Post property valued at \$10; prospects not very good.

Emmet Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso, A. J. Stevens, Assistant Inspector; report received December 31st, 1897; Post has 29 members; expended \$10 for charity; prospects good.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, L. A. Heil, Assistant Inspector; report received December 31st, 1897; Post has 45 members; a Woman's Relief Corps; a Camp of Sons of Veterans; expended \$7 in relief; has \$7.95 in hands of Q. M.; Post property valued at \$250. The Assistant Inspector says: "The condition of Ord Post No. 3 is very good, under the circumstances of be-

ing in a territory with so few eligible to membership. The fraternal feeling among the comrades is on a full par with that of the oldest and most solid secret societies. We have lost one of our most faithful members, comrade Isador Kalisky, who answered the last roll call on July 22nd, 1897; otherwise the health and prospects of the comrades is exceptionally good, for men of their age, thanks to the salubrity of the San Antonio climate."

W. H. Lewis Post No. 17, Fort Clark, Francis W. R. Stearns, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 8th, 1898; Post has 12 members; prospects—no new recruits. The Assistant Inspector says: "The Post is very unfortunate in that the membership is very transient, there being at times hardly a quorum present. I find however that the officers and comrades are using their best endeavors to perpetuate the principles of the order, and retain our Post."

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston, Alex. Wilson, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 7th, 1898; Post has 52 members; has \$50.65 in relief fund; \$104.48 in hands of Q. M.; Post property valued at \$150. A charter for Camp of Sons of Veterans applied for. The Assistant Inspector says: "The Post is in a flourishing condition, adding to its membership material of the best quality, and such as will advance its prosperity, and promote the interests and mission of the order in Texas. The relief fund is rarely called upon, but demands for charity are freely met by personal contributions from comrades, which are unknown to the world or the records of the order."

John A. Dix Post No. 11, Dallas, John L. Boyd, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 15th, 1898; Post has 31 members; a Woman's Relief Corps; Post property valued at \$100. The Assistant Inspector says: "I find the Post in a very healthy condition, but it seems a very hard matter for the members to pay their dues, and by that means a great many members are suspended."

Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth, W. W. Gavin, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 20th, 1898; Post has 34 members; expended \$50 for charity; has Post property valued at \$20, and a Woman's Relief Corps.

Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham, A. J. A. Kidney, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 22nd, 1898; Number of members—blank—(and no response to my

letter asking for the desired information.) Only two questions are answered "yes." Prospects poor.

Burnside Post No. 56, Springtown, Thomas Welch, Assistant Inspector; report received Jan. 25th, 1898; Post has 17 members; Post property valued at \$10; prospects fair.

A. H. Terry Post No. 64, Fredericksburg, Peter Fatsch, Assistant Inspector; report received January 29th, 1898; Post has 18 members; Post property valued at \$40; prospects good. The Assistant Inspector says: "The prospects for the Post are good, as our late Commander, Jacob Hines, did all in his power to strengthen the organization."

Phil Kearney Post No. 20. Lampasas, W. H. Webber, Assistant Inspector; report received Feb. 1st, 1898; Post has 7 members; prospects, "Hard to tell." Comrade Webber says: "As I stated in letter, our members live so scattered that it is almost impossible to have a quorum at any of our meetings, although some of us will persist in coming out. We live in hope, although so many years of disappointment ought to have killed it out long ago. There are a few more old comrades who we intend to get in so as to have a quorum in town."

J. C. DeGress Post No. 76, Fort Worth, Louis H. Schubert, Assistant Inspector, report received Feb. 2nd, 1898; Post has 20 members; prospects very good. Comrade Schubert assures us that answers to questions Nos. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 10 will show up in next report. This being a new Post, properly speaking no report should be expected from them.

Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin, W. H. Struthers, Assistant Inspector; report received Feb. 3rd, 1898; Post has 25 members; \$5.75 in hands of Q. M.; prospects good. Comrade Struthers says: "I find the Post laboring under many disadvantages, but with material to make as good a Post as there is in the Department. It will, I think, with a little effort on the part of the officers (which is promised) be in splendid shape by next inspection."

Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro, A. B. Morehouse, Assistant Inspector; report received Feb. 10th, 1898; Post has 10 members and \$10 worth of Post property; prospects, glorious. Comrade Morehouse says: "The meetings of the Post have been irregular in the past two

years on account of the scattered condition of the boys, some living as far as 20 miles from place of meeting, and few nearer than 4 miles, and it seems the boys are getting somewhat older as time passes. We still try to keep open house. Our Adjutant has been rustling some of the old fellows who have not been mustered, and we expect to muster several during the coming year.

San Jacinto Post No. 75, La Porte, James H. Bullock, Assistant Inspector; report received March 11th, 1898; Post has 14 members; Post property valued at \$10; prospects fair.

Raum Post No. 71, Poolville, J. S. Upton, Assistant Inspector; report received March 23rd, 1898; Post has 9 members; expended for charity \$6; Post property and funds in hands of Q. M. \$7.

Frank Hurst Post No. 13, Terrell, David Grossman, Assistant Inspector; report received April 12th, 1898; Post has 22 members, and \$1.75 in hands of Q. M.; prospects fair.

If it is within my province to make suggestions, or recommendations, for what I deem to be for the good of the Department, I would recommend,

1. That where it is feasible, and practicable, without expense to the Department, or Posts, that Assistant Inspectors be assigned to other Posts than their own. This can be done in large cities where there are two or more Posts; and in near adjoining towns.

2. That the Department take some action in regard to Posts carried on its roster which have virtually disbanded, so as to relieve the Department from the per capita tax. It will be an easy matter to reinstate them again if the Post shows signs of life.

3. That the Department take some action in regard to the clause in General Orders No. 3 from National Headquarters, promulgated at Omaha, Nov. 14th, 1896, relating to Departments allowing Posts to divide their membership into two classes, to-wit: resident and non-resident members; in other words, allowing them to form pickets with a sergeant in charge. I am of the opinion that this plan will not meet with favor by country Posts whose membership is scattered. (My own Post is anxious to try the plan.)

In conclusion I desire to return my thanks, and gratitude to Commander Ed. Ketchum for the honor conferred upon me, in selecting me from among the

able and probably better qualified material at his hands for Department Inspector, and to both him and yourself for the courteous treatment I have always received at your hands.

I am only sorry that it is impossible for me to be present with you and the boys on this occasion, this being the first Encampment that I have missed since I joined the order in this State. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. CHRISTIAN,
Department Inspector.

Referred to Comrade John Roch, W. F. Conner and D. M. Baker.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 20th, 1898.

*Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Commander of Texas G. A. R.,
Austin, Texas.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—I beg to submit my report herewith as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department for the year just ended.

There were three Post mustered as follows:

Wainwright No. 72 at Alvin, June 5th, 1897; W. R. Kimmins, Commander, and 20 comrades.

San Jacinto No. 75 at La Porte, Sept. 24th, 1897; J. M. Savage, Commander, and 10 comrades.

J. C. DeGress No. 76 at Fort Worth; L. H. Schubert, Commander, and 10 comrades.

In respectfully submitting this report, I beg to add that I feel I have been direlect in my duties, because I have been discouraged.

When we consider the fact that the perpetuation of this union, the glory, the grandeur and strength of this great nation, is *entirely* due to the sacrifice of life and blood of the ex-Union soldiers of 1861-5, and that congress by its acts, in consideration of these sacrifices, made it a law that the survivors shall have part in the government of our country in preference to all others, yet this law and our claims are entirely disregarded. Patriotism and loyalty have no consideration, and men who were the most prominent in arms against our flag and in politics are chosen by our comrade President, in preference to the ex-Union soldier and Grand Army man whose patriotism and loyalty was put to the cru-

cible test, and whose ability, integrity and worthiness was beyond question.

Our organization is the only one in existence which is founded solely on its love for our country and is therefore the strong right arm of our government, but as we are ignored as our country's defenders, and as the promoters of loyalty and patriotism, and recognized only as to our political standing if we have any, we must therefore content ourselves with the exercise of charity, and in asking the question, "Does any one know of a deserving soldier or sailor needing our assistance" and if such we find, alleviate their sufferings as best we can—now seems to be our only mission.

I have the honor to be

Most respectfully,

JOHN W. PARKS,

Chief Mustering Officer.

Motion prevailed that the report be received.

Recess of five minutes was here taken to introduce Mr. Scoville, who made some remarks in behalf of entertainment proceedings.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 21, 1898.

*Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Commander of Texas G. A. R.,
Austin, Texas:*

In compliance with the rules governing this department, I have the honor of submitting the following report:

Since our last encampment at Houston, Texas, our comrade and Department Chaplain, Rev. W. J. Bassett, who preceded your present Department Chaplain, has passed from life to the eternal city above. He has gone to the city of the New Jerusalem, where funeral marches are never played. Gone to dwell in the city not made with hands. Comrades, there is but a little time that separates our absence. Let us be prepared to answer to the roll call on high.

The following Posts have submitted to me the reports of Memorial and Decoration Days:

Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford.—We had our Memorial Sabbath service in the M. E. Church, South.

There was a sermon preached, and 37 comrades were present. The Memorial Day service was attended by 3500 people, five public schools participating. Sixty-four Confederate soldiers who wore the gray joined the boys who wore the blue to scatter flowers on the graves of the nation's dead. Much of the success of the Memorial Day was due to the earnest efforts of the Post Commander, who succeeded in getting the citizens, the public schools and the Confederate and Federal soldiers to cooperate together.

I submit the following letter in the report from Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio; "Memorial Day falling this year on Sunday, the preaching day was observed. The exercises were held in the National Cemetery, and each one of the 1157 graves therein were marked by a small flag and a handful of flowers by Ord W. R. C. No. 5. The orator of the day was General Paul Vandervoort, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. The military from Fort Sam Houston, cavalry, artillery and infantry, Ord Post and ex-Union soldiers, Ord Camp No. 49, Sons of Veterans, and Ord W. R. C. No. 5, with the children, took part in the parade. The volley over the Memorial grave (comrade E. C. Imlay's) was fired by a company of the 18th infantry, followed by a salute of 21 guns by the artillery, and tap by the bugle. Memorial Day is regarded by the citizens as one of the events of the year. The attendance was good. For fifteen years Ord Post has observed the day with becoming ceremonies, but rarely has it been a more pronounced success than on this occasion. The exercises were continued at night in our hall under the auspices of the W. R. C. Submitted in F., C. and L.

Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco.—This Post observed Memorial Sabbath service. The G. A. R., W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans, attending. About 300 of the blue and gray joined in the Decoration service. The orator of the day was the son of a veteran, Wm. H. Atwell. The Post in answering the question, "How to make the Memorial services more impressive?" answers, "By having the Texas legislature pass a bill making May 30th a legal holiday for Texas."

Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso.—Reports both Memorial Sabbath and Memorial Day services. One enjoyable feature of the day was good music. There were 30 soldiers' and sailors' graves decorated. This

Post owns its own cemetery lot. Twelve stones were ordered from the War Department to be placed at the unmarked graves.

Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason.—Decoration Day was observed. Nine of our soldiers' graves were decorated. All the comrades for twenty miles came together to participate in the Memorial Day exercises.

Travis Post No. 66, Abilene.—The report is almost a blank. Three unmarked graves.

Houston Post No. 55, Dublin.—The Sabbath Day Memorial service was duly observed. There were 100 persons attended Memorial Day service. The orations were by a veteran and the son of a veteran. The Post reports a good time and profitable service.

Custer Post No. 32, Lamasco.—The Memorial Day was duly observed. Post on Decoration Day remembered their comrades' graves. There were five cemeteries in which lay the fallen comrades, and the graves of all were strewn with flowers. There were five unmarked graves reported. The orator of the day was an ex-Confederate.

Burnside Post No. 56, Springtown.—Memorial Sabbath Day found 28 of the comrades in line. The sermon was preached by a veteran. Two hundred persons were present on Decoration Day. The oration was by a veteran.

John A. Dix Post No. 11, and George H. Thomas Post No. 6, both in Dallas, and the two W. R. C.'s and Sons of Veterans joined together in celebrating Memorial Day. The Memorial sermon was preached by the Department Chaplain, S. W. Patterson, in the Exposition Park Presbyterian church. The church was neatly decorated with flags, bunting and flowers; the singing was by the congregation. The services throughout were very impressive. Over 70 comrades were present, attended with about the same number from the W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans. Decoration Day was very impressive and solemn. We owe much to the W. R. C. for their presence and help. Fifty-three graves were decorated. Several hundred people attended the services. The music was fine, the orations grand, and the feeling among all very tender. The Memorial services closed by the recital of an extract from President Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, Nov. 19th, 1863.

Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.—The Post Chaplain

writes: "We had a very satisfactory and impressive service. Sixteen hundred people were present at the Memorial day service. Two schools and some 90 pupils were present. One hundred and sixteen soldiers' and sailors' graves were decorated. Sixty-five unmarked graves were reported. The services throughout were a fit token of how the dead comrades are held in memory by the veterans and the noble W. R. C.

Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth.—We had forty comrades in line. The W. R. C. participated in all the services. Fifty-five graves were decorated. Four of our comrades are reported buried in the potter's field. Twenty-eight graves are unmarked by proper headstones. The orator on the occasion was the son of a veteran.

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.—The services of both days were duly observed. The exercises on Memorial day were participated in by some forty persons. There were twenty-eight comrades in line. Thirty graves were strewn with flowers.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi.—We had our Memorial Day. Thirty-five graves were decorated. The orator of the day was Mrs. W. T. Carter, the wife of a member of the Post. This is the only woman orator in the reports of the different Posts. The near future in all probability will raise up more of these noble women orators to perpetuate the history of the G. A. R. It is the prediction of your humble servant that the power behind the throne will some day be on the throne.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.—From the press reports and a letter from the Post Chaplain, Dr. D. W. Bartlett, it is safe to say that never before has Memorial Day been so generally observed. In response to the invitation of George B. McClellan Post there was a more general outpouring of citizens than any previous year. The Confederate veterans, Texas Volunteer Guard, Woodmen of the World, the W. R. C. and other organizations, formed in line with the cavalry and artillery, making a grand parade. Commander Norton's address was indeed patriotic, cheering and pathetic. The kind words spoken, the tender feelings of love manifest, will never be forgotten. The music was inspiring, cheering many a heart that throbbed with pain. The earnest and eloquent prayer and the tribute paid the dead comrades by Rev. G. W. Story, was very touch-

ing: "In your names, my comrades, I scatter these memorial flowers upon this mound, which represents the graves of those who died in the sacred cause of our country. Our floral tribute shall wither; let the tender fraternal love for which it stands endure until the touch of death shall chill the warm pulse-beat of our own hearts." The oration by J. W. Jones was very fine. The artillery fired a salute of three guns to the dead. The Confederates and citizens generally joined in a petition to the legislature to declare May 30th a legal holiday.

It is to be very much regretted that only 15 Posts reported memorial services out of 44 Posts. Let me in closing this report, urge upon all Post Chaplains to give a rousing report for 1898.

I wish in closing this report to thank the Encampment which met at Houston last year for honoring me with the office of Department Chaplain; you did it in my absence, but I cheerfully accepted the honor and wish my Commander and all comrades, peace, purity and long life.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

S. W. PATTERSON,

Department Chaplain.

Comrade Parks moved that the very interesting report of the Department Chaplain be received. Adopted.

REPORT OF CHIEF AIDE-DE-CAMP.

CORPUS CHRISTI, April 18, 1898.

Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—In obedience to Sec. 10, Article VI, Chapter III, page 16, Rules and Regulations, I beg leave to report as follows:

There has been no duties, either in the regular order of business or by assignment, to be performed by me in connection with the office with which you were pleased to honor me at the commencement of your term of office.

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

E. J. KILMER,

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

The following report of Mrs. Maggie A. Rust, Department President W. R. C., was read by the Department Commander:

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, April 19th, 1898. }

Department Commander Ed. Ketchum, Austin, Texas:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—As the Department President of the W. R. C. of Texas, I have the honor to submit the following report:

No. of Corps in good standing.....	9
No. of Members in good standing.....	319
(A gain of 59 members over last year.)	
Cash expended for relief.....	\$202.15
“ “ other than money.....	\$54.00
Total amount of relief extended.....	\$256.15
Cash on hand in General Fund.....	\$89.37
“ “ Relief Fund.....	\$6.60
Total.....	\$95.97

Owing to the small membership and the financial depression, we have not made the advancement we had hoped for, but under the existing circumstances we feel that Texas should feel proud of her work.

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

MAGGIE A. RUST,

Department President.

MAUDE C. RUST,

Department Secretary.

Motion of Comrade Mackay was adopted that this very complete report be received, with the sincere thanks of the Encampment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council of Administration were read by the Assistant Adjutant-General.

Motion of Comrade Sprague was adopted that same be accepted and approved.

Department Commander announced the following named committee on Resolutions: Comrades David Mackay, Del Cahoon and J. M. Odell.

Committee on Report of the Department Inspector, reported as follows:

We, your committee on this report, respectfully recommend that it be adopted, together with the suggestions contained therein; and that the Department In-

pector be tendered the thanks of the Encampment for his careful and painstaking report.

JOHN ROCH, Chairman.

Motion prevailed that the report be received and the committee discharged.

The following communications were read from Comrade E. J. Kilmer, of E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi:

CORPUS CHRISTI, April 18, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the 13th Annual Encampment, Austin, Texas:

DEAR COMRADES:—I regret exceedingly that I am unable to be with you at this Encampment. I wish to be present and again urge the importance of securing favorable action by the National Encampment in the matter of establishing a Soldier's Home here. The matter seems not to have been introduced at the meeting at Buffalo. Our Representatives did not attend, and those members of our Department who were there did not see fit to bring the matter up. I think it clearly the duty of this Encampment to again renew the action of last year and see to it that the matter is vigorously pushed at the next meeting of the National Encampment. Comrades, every condition of justice and expediency demand that a Branch Home be located somewhere in the far South.

If we move earnestly in this matter I believe we can secure at least a small branch here. The petition is in the hands of the committee on military affairs in Congress, and I have the promise of Congressmen Kleberg and Hawley to do all they can to secure favorable action. The Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi assure me that their Departments will co-operate with us. Other Departments will also assist, while none can oppose us on any reasonable grounds. We do not antagonize them, but only ask justice for the old soldier living in the far South.

Unable to be present, I beg the Department to take action on this matter.

Respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

E. J. KILMER,

Representative E. J. Davis Post No. 54.

CORPUS CHRISTI, April 18th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the 13th Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Austin, Texas:

DEAR COMRADES:—The fact that this Post is again unable to send its representative to the Encampment, brings forcibly to mind the efforts that this Post has made in the past for the purpose of securing a representative of every Post at Department Encampment. We still adhere to our faith in the means heretofore proposed by us, viz., an increase in the per capita tax and the payment out of the money realized therefrom of at least a portion of the expenses of one representative from each Post. We are of the opinion that such a measure would result in an increase in membership, especially in the small Posts of the Department. As the matter now stands, the small Posts are generally entirely unrepresented. While believing our measure to be the proper one to adopt, still we will welcome any reasonable means that may be adopted to secure the end desired—a certain representation of every Post in the Department at all Encampments. Many other orders provide means for paying the expenses of the representatives of the subordinate bodies, and if the G. A. R. desires to be perpetuated as an order, there is no good reason why it should not follow the same course. Hoping that the Department in its wisdom will find some way to cure the trouble of which we complain, I am,

Yours in F., C. & L.,

E. J. KILMER,

Representative E. J. Davis Post No. 54.

Referred respectively to Committee on Commander's address and Committee on Resolutions.

Motion of Comrade Conner was adopted, that all resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution looking to the formation of Picket Posts in this Department.

Commander appointed Comrade John Roch and H. E. Conger, committee.

Encampment adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow, at

which time it would assemble to participate in the parade in celebration of San Jacinto Day.

SECOND DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 11 a. m.

Report of Committee being called for, Comrade Roch, of Committee on Picket Posts, offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, We find that we, as a Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, have full power and authority to allow Posts to form Pickets to hold friendly and business meetings at such times and places as the Picket may designate, with the approval of the Post to which such Picket belongs, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department Commander, at the earliest practicable time, issue orders to carry the intent and purpose of the foregoing preamble into effect.

JOHN ROCH, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

To the 13th Annual Encampment:

Your committee, appointed to report on the address and recommendations of the Department Commander, beg to submit the following:

With reference to his recommendation as to delinquent Posts, we advise that the Rules and Regulations of the order be complied with, after the principles of Fraternity and Charity have been fully exercised in every case.

Relative to the petition of the United States Military Telegraph Corps, we advise that same be submitted to the National Encampment, with the recommendation that they be admitted to membership in our order if consistent so to do.

We earnestly recommend that all of his suggestions be carefully considered by his successor, and, so far as may be consistent and possible, adopted.

We submit to you his entire report for your approval and acceptance, as most wise and conducive to the good of the Department.

We sincerely thank the Commander for his efficient and faithful service to our order during his administration.

E. G. RUST,
JOHN W. PARKS,
GARDNER WORK,
Committee.

Motion was made that the report of the Committee be adopted, except that portion relating to the anti-scalping bill. Carried.

The following minority report of the Committee on Commander's Address was presented:

Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—As a member of the committee appointed to act on your address, and referring to your request that the Department take action on the anti-scalping bill, in connection with a letter from Commander-in-Chief Gobin, advising that its passage by Congress would be beneficial in obtaining from railroads lower rates for our organization in attending our State and National Encampments, and the majority of the committee having decided to ignore the matter, I beg to submit a minority report, and earnestly advise that the Encampment lend its aid to the bill by strongly recommending its passage.

JOHN W. PARKS,
Minority Committee.

After full and spirited discussion, the minority report was adopted.

Comrade John Roch, of the Committee on Report of the Department Inspector, made the following report, which upon motion was adopted:

We, your Committee on the Report of the Department Inspector, would respectfully recommend that it be adopted, together with the recommendations contained therein; and that the Department Inspector receive the thanks of this Encampment for his careful, painstaking report.

JOHN ROCH, Chairman.

Past Department Commander Parks, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Circumstances prevent our eminent and

beloved comrade, Past Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert, from meeting with us at this time, as has been his custom, we desire to express our sincere regrets that such is the case, and that the Assistant Adjutant-General express the regrets to him by letter. That we here-by extend to him our fraternal love and greetings, and express the hope that sometime in the near future we may enjoy his genial and inspiring presence.

Comrade Conger moved that a similar resolution be expressed for Past Commander-in-Chief, Paul Vandervoort, now a resident of this State.

Report of the Medical Director was received, and upon motion, was adopted without reference, as follows:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 20, 1898.

Department Commander G. A. R., Department of Texas:

GENERAL:—I have the honor to submit to you the annual report of the Medical Director of the Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Number of Posts reported.....	13
" " ex-soldiers and sailors treated free of charge.....	6
Reasonable money value.....	\$52.00
Number of ex-soldier's or sailor's families treated free of charge.....	16
Reasonable money value.....	\$120.00
Medical supplies and medicine furnished free of charge.....	\$27.50

The number of deaths will probably be reported by the Adjutant-General. The U. S. Pension Department is asking for reports from the pensioners in regard to the marriage of the pensioner, the number of children and the age of each. This is probably to facilitate the claims for the widow's pensions.

The Grand Army of the Republic should collect and keep a record of these questions and answers in a separate book for that purpose. There are many members of the G. A. R. who do not draw pensions, and in case of death the widow will be entitled to pension. The pension department ask the following questions:

"1st. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

"2nd. When, where and by whom were you married?

"3rd. What record of marriage exists?

"4th. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of death or divorce.

“5th. Have you any children? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth?”

These are the questions that have to be answered when a widow applies for pension. They can be more readily answered during the lifetime of the soldier, and each Post should make a record of it. It often takes a long time for a widow to complete her claim, but if these questions are answered during the lifetime of a soldier, she will get her pension much sooner and with less expense.

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

J. J. GASSER, M. D.

Medical Director.

Report of Committee on communication of Comrade E. J. Kilmer, of E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi, relative to establishing a Soldiers' Home at that place:

We, your committee, respectfully recommend that no action be taken at the present time.

E. G. RUST,

JOHN W. PARKS,

GARDNER WORK,

Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on communication of Comrade E. J. Kilmer, of E. J. Davis Post No. 54, of Corpus Christi, relative to payment of expenses of representatives to the State Encampment:

We, your committee, beg leave to report on the foregoing unfavorably.

D. MACKAY,

DEL CAHOON,

J. M. ODELL,

Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, the Encampment adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Encampment convened at 2:30 p. m., and was opened by Commander Ketchum.

This being San Jacinto Day, a State holiday, motion prevailed to adjourn until to-morrow at 9: a. m. to

enable the comrades to participate in the entertainment provided by the citizens of Austin and Joseph Mower Post No. 10.

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THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9 a. m. for business, and was duly opened by Commander Ketchum.

Comrade Roch offered the following resolution:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 22, 1898.

To the 13th Annual Encampment, Department of Texas:

Whereas, There will be an amendment to the Constitution submitted to the people of Texas next November granting power to pension ex-Confederate soldiers, and

Whereas, There is at present but two provisions for the destitute Confederate soldiers—First, to be separated from his wife and children in his declining years and sent to the Soldier's Home; and second, to be declared a pauper and placed on the poor farm; therefore be it

Resolved, In the event that the amendment be carried next November, the law should be framed so that the commissioners court of each county, having full knowledge of the wants and character of the ex-Confederates in their respective counties. And

Whereas, It costs twelve dollars per month to keep them at the Soldier's Home, at Austin, or on the poor farm, therefore be it

Resolved, That we favor the adoption of the amendment so that they may enjoy the blessings of home with their family and friends.

JOHN ROCH.

Adopted.

Comrade Cahoon moved that the resolution be adopted without reference to the Committee on Resolutions.

The motion was unanimously concurred in.

The Department Commander appointed the following named committee to attend upon the Department W. R. C. and ascertain their wishes, viz: E. G. Rust, Del Cahoon, J. M. Odell.

Report of the Committee on Report of the Assistant Adjutant-General:

Gen. Ed. Ketchum, Department Commander:

We, your committee to whom was referred the within report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Acting Assistant Quartermaster-General, beg leave to report that we have examined same and found it correct.

JNO. L. BOYD,
H. A. JOHNSON,
J. M. ODELL,

Committee.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Hon. E. H. R. Green, of Terrell, Texas, has confided to the care of and delegated our esteemed comrade, H. C. Adler, Commander of Hurst Post No. 13, of Terrell, to be presented to this Department, a beautiful banner, appropriately and elaborately inscribed with the badge and insignia of our beloved order, and

Whereas, Desiring to show our appreciation of this magnificent gift from Mr. Green, therefore be it

Resolved, That in addition to the personal message of thanks tendered Mr. Green by the Department Commander through comrade H. C. Adler, that we, the officers and representatives of the 13th annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, now in session, tender to the Hon. E. H. R. Green our most sincere thanks for the generous gift, and desire to assure him that there will always be a warm spot in the heart of every old soldier who wore the blue for the generous donor.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr. Green.

W. F. CONNER,
JNO. W. PARKS,
GARDNER WORK,
Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported favorably upon the resolution adopted by the Department of the Potomac, looking to the passage of a bill introduced in Congress, providing for the permanent preservation and

custody of the records of the volunteer armies, and recommending that they again be placed under the direction of the Adjutant-General of the U. S. army.

The report was adopted.

Application of Comrade A. Prindle, for authority to reorganize the defunct George C. Meade Post No, 35, of Decatur, was referred to Committee on Resolutions, who reported as follows:

We, your committee, recommend that the within named Post be allowed to organize under their old charter by paying the required fee.

D. MACKAY.
DEL CAHOON.
J. M. ODELL.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted: Comrade Dwyer, of Hurst Post No. 13, of Terrell, offered the following:

Whereas, The Department Encampment of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, now in session, learning that Thomas D. Goddard, son of G. W. Goddard, who served as captain in the 31st Illinois, (Gen. John A. Logan's old regiment) and who was killed in battle, seeks admission to the Naval Academy, and believing him to be morally, mentally and physically fitted for a cadetship, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, at its 13th Annual Encampment, that we urge upon President McKinley that he appoint the said Thomas D. Goddard to a cadetship in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished the said Thomas D. Goddard.

Upon which Committee on Resolutions reported:

We your Committee to whom the foregoing resolution was referred, beg leave to report that we have the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

D. MACKAY,
DEL CAHOON,
J. M. ODELL,
Committee.

The recommendation was concurred in.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

That for the splendid hospitality of the people of Austin, our glorious capital city, and the comrades of Mower Post G. A. R., we tender our heartfelt thanks.

That where all have been so generous it may seem invidious to particularize, yet we cannot refrain from voicing our gratitude to that grand hostelry, the Driskill Hotel, for its untiring efforts in our behalf and to Mrs. Mary L. Ricker, for her regal entertainment, in which we enjoyed to the fullest extent those "sounds of sweetest melody," making us feel that

When death's dark stream we ferry o'er,
A time that surely will come,
In heaven itself we ask no more,
Than just an Austin welcome.

D. MACKAY,
DEL CAHOON,
J. M. ODELL,
Committee.

Motion of Comrade Roch was adopted, that a copy of the above resolutions be furnished the papers of Austin.

Comrade Dwyer moved that the date of the annual Encampment of this Department shall be fixed by the Council of Administration.

Amended by Comrade Parks that the *first* day of the annual Encampment shall be San Jacinto Day, April 21st.

Amendment adopted.

The committee appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps reported having performed their duty, adding that the Corps would notify the Encampment when a committee would visit same.

The committee was discharged with thanks.

Comrade Boyd moved that the next order of business be the election of officers for next ensuing year, and that nominating speeches be limited to two minutes. Adopted.

Comrade Mackay nominated for Commander Com-

rade John Roch of Dublin, which was seconded by several comrades.

Comrade Sprague nominated Comrade W. F. Conner, of Dallas, seconded by Comrade Adler.

Comrade Wright nominated Comrade W. O. Kretzinger, of Denison, seconded by several comrades.

Comrade Steere seconded the nomination of Comrade Conner in some brief, but well placed remarks.

The officer of the guard announced the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander appointed committee composed of Comrades Cahoon, Rust and Odell, to escort the ladies to the platform. Under the escort named, the following named committee of the W. R. C. was admitted: Mesdames D. M. Baker, John L. Boyd and Charles Ricker.

Mrs. Baker, in behalf of the Corps, made some especially happy and pleasing remarks to the Encampment, touchingly portraying the principles and objects of the auxiliary order, and related with great impression, an incident where its work was exemplified in the noble feature of charity.

After enthusiastic cheers, the ladies retired.

Comrade Scott, of Mower Post No. 10, delivered an eulogistic address, teeming with flattering language, in advocacy of the nomination of Comrade Conner.

Nominations closed.

The guard announced the approach of a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander requested Comrades Cahoon, Rust and Odell, to escort the ladies to the front. Mesdames Work and Van Horn being introduced, requested information as to the time and place of the convention of the W. R. C. of the Departments of California and Kansas.

The committee then retired under escort.

The Encampment proceeded to ballot upon nomination for Department Commander.

FIRST BALLOT.

John Roch,	-	-	-	17
W. F. Conner,	-	-	-	24
W. O. Kretsinger,	-	-	-	10
Number votes cast, 51, necessary for choice,				26.

SECOND BALLOT.

John Roch,	-	-	-	25
W. F. Conner,	-	-	-	26

Comrade Conner having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Motion of Comrade Roch, seconded by Comrade Kretsinger, was adopted, that the election be made unanimous.

Commander directed Comrades Roch and Kretsinger to escort the Commander-elect to the platform, where he made some pertinent remarks.

Comrade Kretsinger—Commander, it is well known that I propose to raise a regiment for the war with Spain, which seems imminent. I hope that I may succeed in enlisting the ten comrades who voted for me for Commander, so that I may take them to Cuba and have them killed.

Comrade Roch—Commander, and I hope that the comrade who made Will Conner's majority of *one* may join Kretsinger's crowd and be killed off with them!

Nomination for Senior Vice-Commander being next in order, Comrade Conger nominated Comrade Gardner Work. Seconded by Comrade Grabe.

Comrade Kretsinger nominated Comrade Rust, of Houston. Comrades Cahoon, Johnson and Mackay, seconded the nomination of Rust.

Motion was adopted that nominations be closed.

The Department Commander here appointed a committee composed of Comrades Roch, Cahoon and Johnson, to convene and select a Council of Administration to present to the Encampment for election.

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FIRST BALLOT FOR S. V. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Gardner Work,	-	-	-	-	-	24
E. G. Rust,	-	-	-	-	-	24

SECOND BALLOT.

Gardner Work,	-	-	-	-	-	22
E. G. Rust,	-	-	-	-	-	24

Comrade Rust having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Upon motion of Comrade Work, the election was made unanimous.

Comrade Rust responded, in fitting terms, his appreciation of the honor.

For Junior Vice Department Commander Comrade Mackay nominated Comrade J. J. Weiland, seconded by Comrade Clingman.

Comrade Roch nominated Comrade Haskell of Denison, seconded by Comrade Kretsinger, Rust, Johnson and Parks.

Commander Odell nominated Comrade Alonzo Gerard, seconded by Comrade Dan O'Kane.

Comrade Mackay withdrew his nomination of Comrade Weiland, by the consent of the comrade seconding.

Motion carried that nominations be closed.

FIRST BALLOT.

C. C. Haskell,	-	-	-	-	32
Alonzo Gerard,	-	-	-	-	15

Upon motion of Comrade Gerard, the election of Comrade Haskell was made unanimous.

For Medical Director, Comrade Dr. J. J. Gasser of Austin, was nominated and the rules suspended, the Assistant Adjutant-General casting the vote of the Encampment for Comrade J. J. Gasser.

For Department Chaplain, Comrade Rust moved that Comrade Rev. S. W. Patterson be unanimously

re-elected, every comrade striving for a voice in seconding the motion. Comrade Patterson was unanimously elected by acclamation.

The committee to whom was referred the selection of the Council of Administration, presented the following named, subject to the approval of the Encampment:

Comrade John L. Boyd,	-	-	Dallas.
“ Frank L. Kirk,	-	-	Galveston.
“ Gardner Work,	-	-	Waco.
“ C. B. Grabe,	-	-	Fort Worth.
“ E. B. Dwyer,	-	-	Terrell.

Upon motion, adopted, the rules were suspended and the acting Assistant Adjutant-General cast the vote of the Encampment for the foregoing named comrades:

For Representative at Large, Comrade Mackay nominated Comrade Hunt of Dallas, seconded by Comrade Kirk.

Comrade Kretsinger placed in nomination Comrade Thos. Wright, which was seconded by Comrade Roch.

Comrade Dwyer nominated Comrade Adler, seconded by Comrade Parks.

Comrade Rust nominated Comrade Conger, seconded by Comrade Steere.

Ballot resulted as follows:

For Representative at Large to the next National Encampment—P. B. Hunt.

For Alternate at Large—H. E. Conger.

For Representative—Thos. Wright.

For Alternate—H. C. Adler.

Motion of Comrade Mackay was adopted, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps, to ascertain at what time it would suit their pleasure to hold a joint installation.

The Commander appointed Comrades W. F. Conner and P. B. Hunt, said committee.

Comrade Savage, of LaPorte, extended an invitation from San Jacinto Post, to hold the next annual Encampment at LaPorte, setting forth in tempting language

the pleasures to be derived from sea bathing, fishing and outing sports incident to a sea-side resort at this season of the year on the coast.

Comrade Kretsinger read a communication from the mayor of the city of Denison, inviting the Encampment to hold its next session there.

Motion of Comrade Work was adopted, that the Commander appoint a committee to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps and ascertain and report upon their views relative to the selection of the place for the next joint Encampment.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Encampment re-assembled at 2:30 p. m., officers at their stations.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

Whereas, The tocsin of war has again sounded, and again are patriots called upon for the protection of our country and our flag, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, in Encampment assembled, our hearts fired with the patriotism of the days of 1861 to 1865, again offer our services to the general government, and with ready hands rally round the flag.

It was moved that the resolution be received and adopted, and that a copy be forwarded to our comrade, President William McKinley. Carried.

Comrade Gardner Work offered the following:

Whereas, This Department, recognizing the patriotic and efficient services of Comrade Charles Ricker in his untiring efforts in making this Encampment the grand success it has attained by his said efforts, in the making of the now celebrated *Ricker Ordnance Corps*, and the organization, equipment and drilling of his famous battery, and thereby instilling a spirit of patriotism and love of the flag of our country into the minds of the rising generation, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby tender our valiant Comrade Ricker our sincere thanks and appreciation of his earnest work.

Unanimously adopted.

Motion was adopted that the Encampment report in a body to the adjoining hall of the Woman's Relief Corps, in session assembled, for the purpose of joint installation.

The officers-elect of the Woman's Relief Corps having been duly installed by Mrs. Sue R. Nash, the Department officers elect were duly and constitutionally installed for the next ensuing year by Past Assistant Adjutant-General J. M. Steere.

Commander Conner announced the appointment of J. C. Bigger, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment, as Assistant Adjutant-General and Acting Assistant Quartermaster-General, who was therefore duly installed in his office.

Joint discussion was held by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Encampment relative to the selection of the place for holding the next Encampment.

The matter having been fully discussed, the city of Denison was chosen for the next Annual Encampment, to convene April 21, 1899.

Comrade Mackay moved that the thanks of this Encampment be tendered the retiring officers for their faithful and cheerful performance of their respective duties.

Unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander announced the following Committee on Transportation: Comrades G. W. McCormick, H. C. Adler and John L. Boyd.

Motion was unanimously adopted that the thanks of the Encampment be tendered the Western Union Telegraph Company for courtesies rendered.

No further business appearing, the 13th Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, was duly closed.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, April 24, 1897. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

I. Having been elected and installed Department Commander at the Twelfth Annual Encampment, held in Houston April 23, 1897, I hereby assume command.

With profound appreciation of the great responsibilities devolving upon me, I request the hearty and cordial co-operation of my comrades throughout the Department.

II. Headquarters are established at Galveston.

III. All official communications will be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Galveston, Texas.

ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, April 24, 1897. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

I. At the Twelfth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Houston April 23rd, 1897, the following named comrades were elected to the offices indicated below:

Department Commander—Ed. Ketchum, W. S. Hancock
Post No. 2, Galveston.

Senior Vice Department Commander—L. C. Leeds, Jno. A.
Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

Junior Vice Department Commander—J. O. Estabrook,
Wright Post No. 26, Paris.

Medical Director—J. J. Gasser, Mower Post No. 10, Austin.

Department Chaplain—S. W. Patterson, Jno. A. Dix Post
No. 11, Dallas.

Council of Administration—A. L. Lowe, Parmly Post No. 4,
Fort Worth. E. G. Rust, McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.
Gardner Work, Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco. H. A. Johnson,
McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman.

Representatives to the National Encampment—H. T. Rue,
McClellan Post No. 9, Houston, Delegate-at-Large. J. L. Ty-
gard, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, Delegate. M. J. Keating, Ord
Post No. 3, San Antonio, Alternate-at-Large. J. N. Diehl,
Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth, Alternate.

II. The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant-General—Frank L. Kirk, Galveston.

Assistant Quartermaster-General—R. P. Sargent, Galveston.

Inspector—W. H. Christian, Sam Houston Post No. 5, Dublin.

Judge Advocate—R. A. Grant, McClellan Post No. 9, Hous-
ton.

Chief Mustering Officer—Jno. W. Parks, Jno. A. Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

Senior Aide-de Camp and Chief of Staff—E. J. Kilmer, E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi.

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Committee on Transportation—G. W. McCormick, Dallas; D. W. Bartlett, Houston; Del Cahoon, Galveston.

IV. Post Commanders will at once transmit to these Headquarters the name of a comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and it is especially enjoined that only such comrades be selected who are well known to be active and zealous in the best interests of the Department and of the Order.

By command of

ED. KETCHUM,

Department Commander.

Official:

FRANK L. KIRK.

Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, April 24, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

I. Memorial Day is near at hand—a day set apart in accordance with Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, for reverent remembrance of our comrades who have answered the last roll call on earth, and for whom the last taps have been sounded.

The Department Commander expects that more than usual interest will be shown in the observance of Memorial Day this year, in the hope of impressing on the minds of those who are left, and of old soldiers without the order, the undying glory of our comrades who are peacefully sleeping on their last camp grounds, and thereby incite them to vigorous and enthusiastic service in the interests of our great order,

In keeping with our regular custom, Posts are requested, where possible, to assemble in full attendance at the churches of the Department, on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day, for appropriate divine service, extending invitations to all old soldiers, Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps, to unite with them in rendering tribute to our noble dead, preliminary to our duty and inclination in the floral decoration of their graves.

II. Chaplains of Posts are hereby directed to promptly report to the Department Chaplain, S. W. Patterson, of Dallas, all matters of interest, statistical or otherwise, connected with the observance of the day, that same may be properly consolidated and placed upon record.

By command of

ED. KETCHUM,

Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,

Asst. Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, May 20, 1897. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4. }

Memorial Day falls this year upon Sunday. Therefore, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, its observance will be had on the preceding day, Saturday, of which Post Commanders are directed to take due note.

By command of
ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, June 12, 1897. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 5. }

I. In compliance with General Orders No. 8, from National Headquarters, Post Commanders are hereby directed to see to it that their semi-annual returns are forwarded to these Headquarters, accompanied by per capita tax, immediately after their last meeting in June. These returns should not be delayed under any circumstances, and it is expected that all will be in not later than July 5, even from the most remote Posts in the Department.

Many Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters are disposed to procrastinate in the clerical work of these necessary returns, which ordinarily requires but few minutes for their preparation, and Post Commanders are directed to make it a personal matter, as it is their bounden duty to have them hastened forward.

Complaints are made every year regarding the dilatory rendition of semi-annual reports, resulting in annoyance and sometimes serious inconvenience, to Department and National officers, whose duty it is to consolidate them. The good name of a Post and its standing in the order is involved, and it should be the pride of every Commander to strive to be first in getting in his returns.

It is confidently expected there may be no cause for complaint this year from this Department.

II. The attention of Post Commanders is called to Par. IV, G. O. No. 2, from Headquarters, directing that the name of a comrade of their Post be recommended for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. But few Posts have complied. This appointment is not merely an honorary one. It carries with it fitness and responsibility. The Department Commander desires a representative at each Post, full of zeal and interest, who will, by timely suggestions, help to strengthen his hands in the upbuilding of the order in Texas.

By command of
ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 GALVESTON, June 21, 1897.

CIRCULAR }
 No. 1. }

The following letter from the Commander of A. M. Barney Post No. 67, is hereby promulgated in this Department as an evidence of the sentiment pervading the hearts and minds of a few staunch comrades located at the extreme southwest corner of Texas, on the Rio Grande river, hundreds of miles from a sister Post.

Its words speak volumes of patriotism, of earnestness, and of feeling, which cannot but touch the emotions of our comrades throughout the Department and stimulate them to renewed activity and enthusiasm in their own Posts.

Comrades be up and doing! Emulate the example of this corporal's guard of our great order in Texas. Keep in touch with the spirit they assert, the glorious spirit that actuated them in '61, that actuates them now in '97, and shall continue until taps are sounded and we enter into the sleep that knows no waking, until reveille "across the river."

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, June 11, 1898.

General Ed. Ketchum, Commander Dep't of Texas, G. A. R.,
 Galveston:

Dear Comrade—Your interesting letter of the 4th has done much to revive the spirits of the surviving comrades of our Post, and before the end of the month I hope to re-establish at least the form of the organization, and maintain its existence in the hope of better times. But the hand of the "grim reaper" has been heavy upon us, and a few months ago threatened A. M. Barney Post with extinction! At present we have no material upon which to draw. When a gap occurs in the ranks we can only close up the diminished front.

Of the eleven comrades you mustered in here just four years ago, five have passed over to the "great majority"—Dean, Wise, O'Dell, Johnson and Bosworth. Field and Smith are very ill and unable to attend to any business. Smith has been ill for nearly a year past. Ransom has removed from this vicinity. So that there are for duty: Goodrich, Sanborn and myself, with a recruit, Michael O'Brian, who joined the Post since the original muster. We mustered another recruit, Comrade Richard A. Marsh, ex-captain 7th Tenn. Vols., but he lives at Delfina, Hidalgo county, over 100 miles from here.

So you see we are on the ragged edge. However I have called the survivors together for Monday night, and shall get up the reports and fees that are in arrears, and place the Post in good standing once more.

We are not lacking in zeal for the cause, nor in reverence for the glorious principles for which we went to the front five and thirty years ago; but increasing age and decreasing numbers tell their sad tale, and we cannot, alas! but listen. Yet there is still enough life to respond to the trumpet call when it sounds for F., C. & L.

Fraternally yours,

WM. KELLY, Post Commander.

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Post Commanders are requested to have this circular read at the head of the lines at the next stated meeting of their Post.

By command of

ED. KETCHUM,

Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, July 15, 1897. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7. }

I. The 31st National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., August 23 to 28, next.

The Department Commander has been advised that a rate of one fare for the round trip from Texas points to St. Louis has been conceded by the railway lines, and one cent per mile for the round trip (\$14.15) from St. Louis to Buffalo, by the Wabash Line, with privilege of returning by steamer via Cleveland, Toledo or Detroit, on the same ticket.

Tickets will be on sale from Texas points on August 19 and 20, limited to return August 31. This limit, however, may be extended until September 20, by depositing tickets with joint agents at Buffalo between August 23 and 27, inclusive. Tickets are required to remain in the hands of the joint agents until the comrades are ready to return West. They will then be extended for continuous passage from date, leaving Buffalo not to exceed September 20.

Headquarters train will reach Dallas via of Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad at 7:40 a. m., leaving at 7:55 a. m. August 20, and comrades and their families and friends from interior points should make their arrangements to connect with that train, if possible. Leaving St. Louis on the morning of August 21, the Wabash Line will run a solid train through to Buffalo, no extra charges for chair cars, arriving in Buffalo the evening of August 22.

Considering the reasonable rate of transportation and the prospects of glorious crops and better times in Texas, the Department Commander hopes for a larger attendance at the Encampment than at any of more recent years. Furthermore, it will unquestionably be a grand occasion, in a beautiful city, with every facility for enjoyment, which the management assures us shall be unbounded and unrestrained.

The Grand Parade will occur on the 25th, over level asphalted streets, nicely shaded two-thirds of the route, with a line of march not exceeding two miles, and will be an event long to be remembered.

Immediately upon receipt of this order, Post Commanders will report to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department the probable number who will attend, so that steps may be taken to provide for their comfort and arrange for particulars in the Grand Parade.

The location of Headquarters in Buffalo will be announced later on, as advices have not as yet been received from the comrade delegated to this duty.

II. The original charter of Wainwright Post No. 72, at Alvin, having been surrendered, the Department Commander is pleased to announce that a charter has been granted for a new Post at this place, under the old title and number, with every prospect of success and a healthy increase of membership.

III. The Department countersign for current term accompanies this order. Post Commanders are hereby directed to be particular that the printed slips are destroyed as soon as memorized.

IV. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed Aide-de-Camps on the staff of the Department Commander.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly, viz:

- S. M. Gaston, McPherson No. 1.
- N. L. Rich, W. S. Hancock No. 2.
- M. J. Keating, E. O. C. Ord No. 3.
- J. H. Jackson, Nat. Lyon No. 5.
- Alonzo Gerard, Jos. A. Mower No. 10.
- J. J. Weiler, John A. Dix No. 11.
- H. C. Adler, Frank Hurst No. 13.
- Josiah Paul, E. A. Starling No. 21.
- J. O. Berry, John A. Logan No. 23.
- John F. Carver, Sam J. Randall No. 45.
- William Bronson, Sam. Houston No. 55.
- Joseph Crumby, Dick Yates No. 59.
- John Kershaw, Travis No. 66.
- H. M. Boyden, Kit Carson No. 74.

V. Several Posts are still delinquent in rendition of their semi-annual reports and per capita tax for June 30. It should be understood by those not receiving the countersign promulgated with this order, that same is due to this delinquency, and take prompt steps to place themselves in good standing.

By command of

ED. KETCHUM,

Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,

Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, Nov. 22, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8. }

1. The time is near at hand for the annual election of officers, and the Department Commander desires to impress upon Posts the importance of choosing carefully and well.

The Rules and Regulations require that election shall be held at the first stated meeting in December, and that the officers elect shall be installed at the first stated meeting in January.

II. Blank Certificate of Election of Officers, Representatives and Alternates, and the names of Post Commanders, accompany this order and must be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after election.

III. Orders have already been promulgated regarding the

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annual inspection. The Senior P. P. Commander present at the first meeting in January will install the officers for the ensuing year, and it will be his duty to first ascertain if the Post has been inspected, and whether the reports and dues have been forwarded. In event the Post has not been inspected, he shall defer installation until such inspection has been completed.

IV. Also, enclosed with the order are the consolidated report blanks of the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster for their semi-annual report.

Post Commanders are instructed to see that this report is forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General promptly--the next day--after the last meeting in December, together with the per capita tax of 30 cents for each member in good standing. Remittances shall be made payable to Frank L. Kirk, Assistant Adjutant-General.

V. Blanks for the mortuary report for the past year will be transmitted as soon as received. Post Surgeons will forward their report to Col. J. J. Gasser, Medical Director, Austin.

VI. It is expected that Post officers--the Adjutant and Quartermaster especially--shall exercise a spirit of pride and determination to be first in getting in their semi-annual reports. The custom is to be dilatory in this highly important matter, which results in annoyance and inconvenience at headquarters, and can be avoided by slight effort.

By command of
ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, Jan. 1, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9. }

I. The Department Commander and his official staff wish all comrades wherever dispersed, a happy and prosperous New Year.

II. As the approaching winter season causes migratory birds to wing their flight to the Sunny South, so the gathering frosts of years are causing many of our comrades of the North to seek the more genial and wholesome climate of Texas. Here in this great state they reasonably hope that their declining years may be passed in more comfort and ease and the burdens of daily life proportionately lessened.

The Department Commander appeals to every comrade of our meager 800, reported for duty at our last Encampment, to make it a special aim to seek out some one, at least, of this new and desirable material, and see to it that his name is added to the muster roll of his local Post, and before the expiration of the time limit of his transfer card.

III. The National countersign for the current year accompanies this order, and will be promulgated only to Posts in good standing. The slips must be destroyed immediately after being read.

IV. It is with pleasure that the organization of a new Post --J. C. DeGress, No. 76--at Fort Worth, is announced. This Post comes in with a charter membership of twenty, with prospects of increasing prosperity and zeal in the order. May its Fraternity be bound with that Loyalty which entitles its comrades to membership in our grand Order, keeping in view an undying Charity, that hopeth all things, endureth all things, for a comrade. And this New-Year sentiment the Department Commander commends to every Post in his jurisdiction.

V. The address of H. E. Hall, of an Illinois regiment, number not known, who was last heard of in or near Hillsboro, Texas, is requested by the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of California and Nevada, San Francisco, Cal.

By command of
ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GALVESTON, M'ch 26, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 10. }

I. The Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., will be held in the city of Austin, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 20, 21 and 22, 1898.

II. The parlor of the Driskill Hotel has been designated as Department Headquarters, at which place the Committee on Credentials, composed of Comrade Frank L. Kirk, Assistant Adjutant General, H. E. Conger, of Waco, and Jas. M. Steere, of San Antonio, will meet at 9 a. m.

The Council of Administration will meet at the same time and place, for the transaction of such business as may come before it. And at 10:30 a. m., the Encampment will be convened at the Board of Trade Hall, Corner Fourth Street and Congress Avenue.

III. The Department Commander has assurance that, through the efforts of the Committee on Transportation, reasonably low rates will be made by the several railways, that will enable Comrades and their families, far and near, to attend this Encampment.

IV. Rates at the Driskill Hotel will be from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day, according to accommodation. The Avenue Hotel at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, and a number of other hotels where good board and room may be had for \$1.00 per day.

V. Mower Post No. 10, of Austin, and the Citizens' Committees have arranged a grand parade, which will be conducted under the auspices of the Grand Marshal, Col. J. W. Burke, on San Jacinto Day, April 21st, the second day of the Encampment, after which regular business will be resumed at Board of Trade Hall.

VI. The Commander of Mower Post No. 10 is requested to detail Comrades to serve as Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard during the Encampment.

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VII. Headquarters will leave Galveston via the G., C. & S. F. Ry. at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 19, connecting at Houston with the 10:45 p. m. train, over the H. & T. C. Ry., and should reach Austin on the morning of Wednesday, April 20. It would be gratifying to the Department Commander to have Posts and Comrades, contemplating attending the Encampment to join him en route.

VIII. The Department Commander has advices that the comrades and citizens of the Capital City have arranged for a most generous and cordial welcome of the veterans, and for entertainments in various ways that will interest all who attend the Encampment, and serve to make it a memorable occasion.

IX. The Commander-in-Chief is desirous of information as to the number of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines of the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, who are insane and confined in county homes, almshouses, or are being cared for by their families or friends, such unfortunates not being admitted to State or National Homes. Should this information set forth that a sufficient number of cases exists to warrant the erection of a Government Hospital for the care and treatment, proper steps will be taken to that end, and to bring the matter to the attention of Congress. Reports should be made by Post Commander, by Department Officers, and comrades generally, through their Post Commander, to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department. The cases should be reported in full, in every detail, stating, if insane, how cared for, whether in an institution; if so, what kind; and in all cases, give name of soldier, sailor or marine, company, regiment, date of enlistment and discharge, if possible, and other information appertaining to the matter, such as residence, city, county and state, and if in care of private families, their Postoffice address.

X. With this order is enclosed blank form for Report of Post Surgeon. This must be filled out at once and forwarded to Col. J. J. Gasser, Medical Director, at Austin. Post Commanders are personally charged with prompt compliance of this paragraph, and will be held accountable for the delay or failure of Post Surgeons to comply with its provisions.

XI. Information is requested by Comrade Frank Schick, of Cullman, Alabama, as to the whereabouts, or if deed, of Robert Jones, late of Company G, 2d Battalion, 2d Tennessee Cavalry, who left Alabama for Texas some nine years ago.

By command of

FRANK L. KIRK,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

ED. KETCHUM,
Department Commander.