

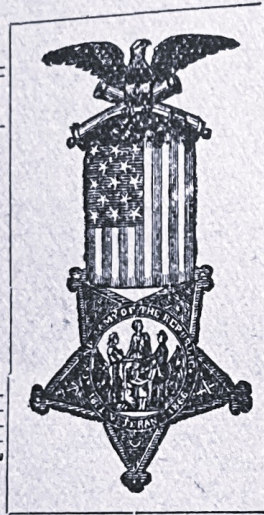
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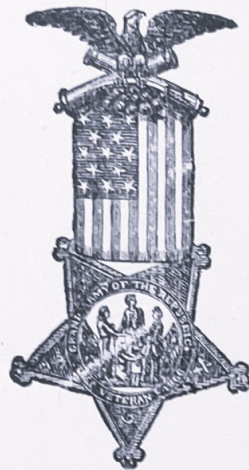
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GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 22, 1901.

FIRST DAY.

Pursuant to General Order No. 10, the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, assembled in Annual Encampment at Cathedral Hall, Galveston, April 22, 1901.

The Tremont Hotel having been designated as headquarters, the comrades assembled at that point and, accompanied by the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Texas, proceeded to Cathedral Hall, according to programme. The Woman's Relief Corps had as guests of honor Mrs. Mary L. Carr, National President, and Mrs. Fanny Hardin, her secretary. The Grand Army were fortunate in having as their honored guest Leo Rassieur, Commander-in-chief of the national order.

The meeting was called to order by Col. Ketchum, Commander of Hancock Post No. 2, who introduced George McCracken, representing the Mayor, who welcomed the allied orders in the following words:

National Commander, Department Commander, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic:

To me has been assigned the pleasant duty of welcoming to our Island City home, on behalf of Mayor Jones, who is unavoidably absent, this patriotic and representative body of our fellow-countrymen. The welcome which the citizens of Galveston, through their chief executive, extends to your organization is not a perfunctory one. The welcoming hand which is extended you is the hand of a people whose hearts are filled with warm and fraternal greeting, and whose endeavors are to always make the stranger within our gates feel that he is among his friends.

It is a source of great pleasure to the citizens of Galveston to entertain this brave body of men and loving and self-sacrificing band of women, and to the latter it is our especial pride to pay to them our tribute of homage. It has been said that "woman rules the world," but whether it be literally true or not I am sure if all the women were made of the same material as those composing the membership of the Woman's Relief Corps we would all be willing to let them try their hand at it, and never register a complaint, as some are sometimes inclined to do when the supremacy of the fair sex is an issue.

We are glad to greet the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and to know with them that we are a united people forever. However the result of the war may have affected us, it is a source of patriotic gratification to know that we are one people under one flag, the defenders of the nation now and forever. Time has healed the scars of war, and we can calmly contemplate the great lesson of patriotic devotion and rejoice that the nation to which we belong produced men noble enough to die for that which they valued so much. We can now see that in the conflict loss was gain and defeat real and substantial victory, as far as the Confederacy was concerned. Bravery was shared equally on both sides in the war of which the veterans present are a part. We are glad to pay our tribute of praise to the brave and true and to extend the hand of fellowship to you, and express the hope that when you return to your homes you will carry fond recollections of this reunion and of the welcome which is now given you.

We want the veterans to feel that the city is theirs, to do with it what they please. Enjoy yourselves, have a good time, make yourselves at home, and anything you see and want ask for it and you shall have it.

And now my friends, in conclusion, let me express the hope that your deliberations may result in much good to the Department, and that your reception while here may leave none but pleasant recollections on the tablets of your memory. My friends, I again bid you welcome, and thank you for your kind attention.

Department Commander Peck responded as follows:

Mr. Mayor:

The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, has listened with the liveliest satisfaction to your welcome and proffer of hospitality. We thank you for

the one and gratefully accept the other. It is always of interest to Texans to visit Galveston, particularly with our organization. Last year at San Antonio the memories of the Alamo, of Goliad and San Jacinto furnished inspiration. To-day we ex-Federals recall that all through the Civil War to the people of Texas your city was the greatest strategic point, carrying with it the destinies of the cause they had espoused. It was twice captured and recaptured. History relates the conversion of barges into cotton-clad gunboats at Houston, coming down the bayou, sinking and capturing United States war vessels, driving off transports loaded with troops, and again hoisting the Confederate flag, and by the menacing and formidable appearance of your Quaker guns at Fort Point and Magruder (made from good Texas pine) you kept us away until the inevitable came about, and the old flag was again hoisted over your walls—there we trust to forever remain.

Since the war Galveston has become, not only the chief on the Texas coast, but one of the few great seaports of our country. A visit to Galveston is always of interest. Some of us have been your guests before; have visited your wonderful jetties, bathed in the limpid waters of your gulf, been decorated with medals for abnormal consumption of oysters, have been wined and dined, and sent home full—(of gratitude for your hospitable treatment.)

We marvel and rejoice at the restoration of your city after the calamity that befell you but a few months ago. Our hearts and hands went out to you in the hour of peril and distress. The Good Book says "Sorrow endureth for a night—joy cometh with the morning." After the night of September 8th, in which you lost thousands of precious lives and millions of dollars of property, the joy came in the practical aid and warm sympathy extended you by a world. As the Galveston storm was the disaster of the nineteenth century, so the response of a generous people will be an inspiration for the twentieth.

Again sir, we thank you for your hospitality and accept it.

Commander-in-chief Rassieur and W. R. C. President Carr also made acknowledgments to repeated calls for them, expressing their pleasure in being with the Department of Texas in its Annual Encampment, but reserved their more formal utterances when the Encampment shall have been duly organized.

After the welcoming proceedings at Cathedral Hall, the veterans adjourned for lunch.

The usual parade being dispensed with, at 3 o'clock the veterans and members of the Relief Corps were taken on an excursion on the bay by the committee in charge. On board the Charlotte M. Allen nearly one hundred of the visitors enjoyed an hour's voyage. The day was an ideal one for a cruise in the bay and the committee contributed to the pleasure of the visitors by explaining the work of the storm along the wharves, the rehabilitation of the property along the water front, the Southern Pacific improvements in the West End and the desolate sight of the wrecked forts in the East End.

In the evening an informal reception was tendered the Commander-in-Chief and National President by the local post and corps and citizens of Galveston. The pleasantest feature, perhaps, of the reception was the arrival of a delegation of beautiful women, Daughters of the Confederacy, headed by their President, Mrs. Mollie Rosenberg, who, in behalf of their local organization, presented the National President with beautiful wreaths of flowers, and a bouquet of verbal felicitations as beautiful as the flowers, all of which was most graciously accepted and responded to by the gifted President of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

In the afternoon of the last day the veterans and members of the Woman's Relief Corps went down to "Nick's" place on the island and enjoyed an outing and good old-fashioned oyster roast. A special train of three cars was placed at the disposal of the veterans by the Santa Fe and a royal time was had by the boys who wore the blue and their ladies. Oysters were served in all styles from raw on the half shell to roasted on the gridiron. Other refreshments were dispensed to tickle the appetite and a thoroughly good time was had by all those who participated in the outing.

Two medals had been offered for the two champion oyster eaters in the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps, and the local committee had a hard time

deciding upon the champions. Mrs. Fanny Hardin of Denver, Col., National Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, finally was declared the champion bivalve eater of the fair sex, and the judges declared her entitled to the beautiful medal, made of polished leather suitably engraved, with a handsome blue ribbon attached.

Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur distinguished himself as a veteran oyster destroyer as well as a veteran soldier, and the way he got on the outside of a pile of oysters, stacked up before him, startled his brother officers and comrades. He lost no time when the bell sounded for the feast to begin, and never spoke another word until the committee tapped him on the shoulder and announced that he had broken all records in the dispatch of oysters, and the leather medal was placed on his breast by the committee. In a happy response Commander Rassieur thanked the gathering, the committee, the oyster man and the oysters for this glorious victory.

The ride on the train was made most pleasant, and fun was manufactured from the time the special left the Union station until it returned, about 5:30 p. m. At the depot the veterans and their ladies gathered around the musicians and witnessed a cake walk, cheered the plantation songs and dances and other amusing and entertaining features introduced by the musical quartette.

The Daughters of the Confederacy were in attendance and contributed in many ways to make the occasion a pleasant one for the visitors.

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SECOND DAY.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 23, 1901.

The Sixteenth Annual Encampment opened in ample form at 9 A. M. in U. S. District Court Room in the Court House. Rev. S. W. Patterson, Department Chaplain, invoked divine blessing.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

ROLL OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.**

COMMANDER.

*CHARLES B. PECK, Houston.
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

*NATHANIEL UNDERWOOD, San Antonio.
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

*H. W. CLINGMAN, Christian.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

JOSEPH JONES, M. D., San Antonio.
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

*S. W. PATTERSON, Dallas.
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

H. E. CONGER, Carson Post No. 74, Waco.
*ED. KETCHUM, Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.
E. A. RUSSELL, Wright Post No. 26, Paris.
R. P. SARGENT, Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.
J. H. PRATT, Lewis Post No. 17, Brackettville.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.

ASS'T ADJUTANT AND A. Q. M. GENERAL.

*E. G. RUST, Houston.
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

*ED. N. KETCHUM, Galveston.
JUDGE ADVOCATE.

*J. C. McBRIDE, Alvin.
CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

*J. J. BILLOW, Houston.
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

*BEN D. ATWELL, Hutchins.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

†E. J. Davis, 1871 and 1873.	W. D. Wylie, Dallas 1885.
O. T. Lyon, Sherman 1886.	†W. H. Sinclair, Galveston 1887.
†J. C. De Gress, Austin 1888.	A. G. Malloy, El Paso 1889.
A. K. Taylor, Houston 1890.	M. W. Mann, Dallas, 1891.
†O. G. Peterson, Springtown '92.	*J. W. Parks, Dallas 1893.
*R. M. Moore, San Antonio 1894.	W. W. Bostwick, Denison 1895.
G. W. McCormick, Dallas 1896.	*Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston '97.
*W. F. Conner, Dallas 1898.	John Roch, Dublin 1899.

NOTE—Those marked * were present. Those marked † deceased.

J. B. McPherson Post No. 1.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

O. T. Lyon,	Wm. Abrams,
Pierce Kirsch,	John Brown,
L. Q. Edminston,	Geo. Cotts,
*H. A. Johnson,	Wm. Flesher,
	Wm. Allen.
Abe Hatfield, Rep.	Wm. Lentz, Alternate.
	Joseph Rock, P. C.
Wm. Allen, S. V. C.	L. Q. Edminston, J. V. C.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Ed N. Ketchum,	Wm. H. Boyd,
*Frank L. Kirk,	H. G. Niblo,
*Jas. B. Dolan,	*Del. Cahoon,
*N. L. Rich,	*Patrick Farrell,
*J. C. Schutte,	*Edward Gruis.
*L. H. Jones. Rep.	Wm. Millard, Alternate.
*C. Homrighaus, Rep.	H. Kankel, “
	*Ed N. Ketchum, P. C.
*Patrick Farrell, S. V. C.	*J. C. Schutte, J. V. C.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Huston,	James M. Smith,
*John A. Bolton,	Wm. Trout,
*R. M. Moore,	David A. Walsh,
Alex Kuhn,	Frank Fuller,
Edw. Moyers,	Wm. Holt,
August Miller,	M. H. Redwood.
	H. H. Alvort,
*A. I. Lockwood, Rep.	John Murphy, Alternate.
*T. J. Barnes, “	J. D. DeMoss. “
Joseph Jones, “	H. L. Brooks, “
*Henry Arnold, “	*Geo. W. Waters, “
Nath. Underwood, “	M. Herwick, “
D. G. Gillette, “	M. J. Riddle, “
	*John H. Bolton, P. C.
*Nathaniel Underwood, S. V. C.	E. H. Bacon, J. V. C.

W. S. Parmly Post No. 4.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

A. N. Jack,	C. B. Grabe,
Wm. Z. Manchester,	*J. N. Diehl,
A. J. Black,	W. W. Gavin,
*S. F. Van Wagner, Rep.	H. I. Mulholland, Alternate.
	*J. W. Rouse, P. C.
A. J. Black, S. V. C.	E. P. Brown, J. V. C.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

L. B. Moore,	W. W. Bostwick,
S. S. Clark,	W. O. Kretsinger,
E. C. Clifford,	J. L. Tygard,
	*C. C. Haskell.
L. H. Ruthrouff, Rep.	D. D. Wright, Alternate.
A. V. Orr, “	A. O. Phillips, “
James Cates, “	C. E. Farnsworth “
	Thos. M. Wright, P. C.
J. L. Tygard, S. V. C.	D. D. Wright, J. V. C.

George H. Thomas Post No. 6.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

W. D. Wylie,	W. F. Cottman,
James M. Steere,	J. S. Thatcher,
Geo. A. Knight,	A. McWhirk,
Robt. McCormick,	W. F. Thatcher,
†J. R. Harned,	P. B. Sprague,
*W. E. Danforth,	P. Y. Mullen.
*B. D. Atwell, Rep.	M. L. Mullen, Alternate.
*L. E. Leggett, “	T. W. Flores, “
R. D. Cooper, “	H. Krugel, “
	*J. S. Dunlap, P. C.
J. R. Harned, S. V. C.	A. B. Morris, J. V. C.

George B. McClellan Post No. 9.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*R. B. Baer,	P. W. Hudson,
*E. G. Rust,	R. A. Grant,

*J. J. Billow, A. M. Engle,
*J. J. Scholl, *Charles B. Peck,
J. H. Berry, *H. Hume,
N. L. Mills.
*Max Hart, Rep. G. W. Pedigo, Alternate.
*T. W. Reeves, Rep. *M. D. Tenney, "
*C. C. Jarrell, " Gus Meyer, "
*J. H. Reagan, " E. Verbeck, "
*W. H. Honneus, P. C.
H. Kasche, S. V. C. C. C. Jarrell. J. V. C,

Joseph A. Mower Post No. 10.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Alonzo Gerard, Jake Hansen,
Paul C. LaFrance, Julius Raye,
D. Friedman.
*Wm. Walsh, Rep. Patrick Scott, Alternate.
John G. Cawfield, P. C.
Paul C. LaFrance, S. V. C. Julius Raye, J. V. C.

F. Hurst Post No. 13.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. C. Adler, Boyd Terrell,
E. McClintoch.
W. A. Brunsbaugh, Rep. Orson Davis, Alternate.
David Grossman, P. C.
H. D. Singleton, S. V. C. Frank Carroll, J. V. C.

John A. Dix Post No. 11.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. L. Boyd, *John Hunter,
D. Mackay, *J. J. Weiler,
*D. M. Baker, Pat O'Dwyer,
Geo. W. McCormick, *J. W. Parks,
†L. C. Leeds, Theo. Hitchcock.
J. W. Ayers, J. A. Callahan,
*G. S. Nash, L. W. Clark,
M. W. Mann, *J. W. Ridge,

*E. J. Lemmon, Rep.	*E. L. Gale, Alternate.
J. B. Roetgerman, Rep.	John Grauwlyer "
*Albert Evans, "	J. M. Statler. "
	*W. Malcolmson, P. C.
D. Allen, S. V. C.	G. A. Webster, J. V. C.

W. H. Lewis Post No. 17.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. H. Pratt.

Geo. Fegan, Rep.	F. W. R. Stearns, Alternate.
	J. H. Pratt, P. C.
Wm. Ketsch, S. V. C.	John Morris, J. V. C.

Emmett Crawford Post No. 19.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

A. G. Malloy,	F. E. Tusten,
W. T. Kitchen,	W. W. Mills,
S. H. Buchanan,	Geo. M. Conaughey,
	P. M. Kehoe.
S. H. Buchanan, Rep.	J. M. Smith, Alternate.
W. N. Vilas, "	John Sullivan, "
	O. D. Owen, P. C.
John H. Davis, S. V. C.	J. M. Smith, J. V. C.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

C. C. Mullady,	J. C. Pierce.
A. Wurts, Rep.	James Bauer, Alternate.
	W. H. Webber, P. C.
T. J. Upton, S. V. C.	C. C. Mullady, J. V. C.

John H. Logan Post No. 23.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. R. Lyon,	W. L. Lanham,
Jas. E. Stringer,	T. A. Robinson,
S. G. Raley,	S. J. Switzer,
R. Vermillion,	J. O. Berry.
J. H. Harris, Rep.	W. R. Watson, Alternate.
	F. H. Angel, P. C.
J. H. Harris, S. V. C.	T. A. Robinson, J. V. C.

Phil H. Sheridan Post No. 25.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Wm. P. Fleming, Powell Reder,
*C. S. Jones, G. A. Jones,
Jacob Lineberger.
Wm. P. Fleming, Rep. C. S. Jones, Alternate.
J. M. Frazier, P. C.
W. J. Riggins, S. V. C. D. F. Fonse, J. V. C.

Geo. W. Wright, Post No. 26.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

T. U. Johnson, R. Herz,
M. Yarbrough, J. O. Estabrook,
J. A. Farmer.
J. W. Burgoyne, Rep. Jackson Johnson, Alternate.
E. A. Russell, P. C.
T. U. Johnson, S. V. C. John Leavitt, J. V. C.

Geo. G. Meade Post No. 35.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

A. Prindle, W. C. Barber.
*G. D. Howell, Rep. A. Prindle, Alternate.
*D. F. Davis, P. C.
W. J. Stokes, S. V. C. A. Prindle, J. V. C.

Judson Kilpatrick Post No. 40.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

M. F. Hiatt, Barnes Parker,
*Wm. H. Harvey, Byron Bunker.
J. L. Taylor, Rep. Joshua Jordan, Alternate.
Jesse Allen, P. C.
Barnes Parker, S. V. C. Larry F. Long, J. V. C.

Sam J. Randall Post No. 45.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. G. Gibson, *Jacob Davis,
*Horace Baker, Geo. T. Freeman.
G. S. Foster.
G. W. Lowry, Rep. J. D. Ramage, Alternate.
*W. F. Wieland, P. C.
Jacob Davis, S. V. C. Geo. T. Freeman, J. V. C.

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PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Andy Myers.

David Rickard, Rep. D. D. Laycock, Alternate.
 Israel Stoddard, P. C.
 M. S. Klum, S. V. C. David Rickard, J. V. C.

W. T. Sherman Post No. 51.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Wm. H. Catts, Floyd Thomas,
 Thos. Adams, J. W. Kay.
 *John Hutcheson, Rep. Pat Lake, Alternate.
 *Fritz Ahrens, P. C.
 J. W. Kay, S. V. C. Pat Lake, J. V. C.

Opdyke Post No. 53.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Horace Welch.

John Army, Rep. Wm. Sanders, Alternate.
 John Grant, P. C.
 T. K. Smith, S. V. C. Henry Max, J. V. C.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. H. C. White, W. G. Holden.
 *E. J. Kilmer, P. C.
 D. C. Holdridge, S. V. C. John Hall, J. V. C.

Sam Houston Post No. 55.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*W. H. Christian, John Roch,
 G. W. Andrews, H. H. Andrews,
 John Sullivan
 T. G. Bays, Rep. W. C. P. Smith, Alternate.
 T. Marks, P. C.
 F. M. Moss, S. V. C. T. G. Bays, J. V. C.

A. E. Burnside Post No 56.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Wm. Wilson, A. L. Hutcheson,
 Thos. Welch. W. B. Seabourn.

B. C. Shirley, Rep. Thos. Welch, Alternate.
J. C. Hutcheson, P. C.
A. L. Hutcheson, S. V. C. I. N. Greer, J. V. C.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

A. Glossbrenner, David Doole,
M. V. Bridges, Louis Graebner.
S. F. Bridges, Rep. August Evers, Alternate.
David Doole, P. C.
M. V. Bridges, S. V. C. S. F. Bridges, J. V. C.

L. H. Rousseau Post No. 60.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. T. Cunningham, John F. Orrell.
*P. B. Hunt, P. C.
Thomas Price, S. V. C.

H. A. Terry Post No. 64.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Jacob Hirsch.
Charles Enderlin, Rep. Peter Meurer, Alternate,
Charles Enderlin, P. C.
Peter Meurer, S. V. C. H. Ruff, J. V. C.

W. B. Travis Post No. 66.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. A. Lowry, Thomas Buck,
G. A. Servis, John Kershaw,
†Mark Perkins.
Jesse Lee, Rep. D. A. Olds, Alternate.
Sam'l Hammer, P. C.
John Kershaw, S. V. C. D. A. Olds, J. V. C.

A. M. Barney Post No. 67.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Wm. Kelly.
John Jay Smith, Rep. E. H. Goodrich, Alternate.
Wm. Kelly, P. C.
Henry M. Field, S. V. C. J. N. Ransom, J. V. C.

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PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. S. Upton, John Rish,
 N. H. Cox, Rep. B. F. Heasley,
 Richard Romans, Alternate.
 J. J. Johnson, S. V. C. John Rish, P. C.
 N. H. Cox, J. V. C.

Wainwright Post No. 72.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

W. R. Kimmins, S. D. Anderson,
 H. L. Barker, *W. H. Struthers,
 *J. C. McBride.
 *F. J. Bush, Rep. D. D. Rose, Alternate.
 *W. A. Rowan, Rep. H. J. Dickson, "
 E. S. Stockwell, P. C.
 W. A. Rowan, S. V. C. J. G. Stover, J. V. C.

Kit Carson Post No. 74.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*F. M. Schick, Gardner Work,
 J. McCune, *W. A. Stoner,
 H. E. Conger, Antonio Hoeffner.
 *J. Kuttner, Rep. J. D. Abel, Alternate.
 Geo. J. Elam, Rep. J. Gillette, "
 A. F. Schrader, P. C.
 F. J. See, S. V. C. P. G. Jones, J. V. C.

San Jacinto Post No. 75.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Geo. W. Brittain, H. G. Fish,
 *J. S. Ewell, Rep. T. M. Hamilton, Alternate.
 M. B. McNitt, P. C.
 J. H. Bullock, S. V. C. T. M. Hamilton, J. V. C.

B. F. Stephenson Post No. 77.

No report.

The Commander stated that Past Department Commanders Mann and Roch were ill and unable to be present.

Past Commander Parks presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Past Department Commanders, Comrades M. W. Mann and John Roch, are both denied the privilege, and we the pleasure of their presence, on account of sickness,

Resolved, That this Department extends to them our sympathy and best wishes for their speedy recovery, and regrets on account of absence.

JOHN W. PARKS.

The Commander-in-Chief, Leo Rasseiur, announced at the outpost and was escorted to the front by Past Department Commanders Parks and Ketchum.

Commander called Senior Vice Commander Underwood to the chair and read his annual address as follows:

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades:

One year ago you intrusted the affairs of this Department to my care; I herewith submit an account of my stewardship.

I received from my predecessor a roster of 36 Posts with 781 members. We have made a net gain of 4 Posts and 147 members, and I turn over to my successor 40 Posts with 928 members in good standing.

At the San Antonio Encampment some reflections were indulged in on the steady decline in membership, which moved a Past Commander to ask for a comparative statement for the last ten years, which is herewith appended.

As transfers and re-instatements are largely matters of book-keeping, the ebb and flow of our membership is best shown by "Musters in," and the column of gain is therefore divided.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.
(FOR TEN YEARS.)

Year	Commander	By Muster	By T. and R.	Total	Loss	Net Gain	Net Loss	No. Lists	Total
1889	Malloy	342	266	608	380	228		32	813
1890	Taylor	539	170	709	293	416		42	1165
1891	Mann	567	252	819	402	417		56	1582
1892	Peterson	297	119	416	402	14		56	1596
1893	Parks	214	79	293	432		139	56	1457
1894	Moore	104	213	317	619		302	42	1155
1895	Bostwick	80	120	200	406		206	42	952
1896	McCormick	65	62	127	294		167	42	785
1897	Ketchum	124	100	224	134	90		43	875
1898	Conner	40	34	74	298		224	33	652
1899	Roch	72	129	201	72	129		36	781
1900	Peck	177	81	258	111	147		40	928

In justice to Past Commanders Moore and Conner, it should be stated that their losses are largely due to the surrender of charters during their administrations.

COMPILATION OF HISTORY.

Early in our administrative year the Assistant Adjutant General conceived the idea of compiling a history of this Department, so as to preserve the records of the several departmental years for future reference. Many of the early records were lost and the work has been arduous, but with the zeal of that indefatigable officer, the work is well along, as will be detailed to you in his report. I recommend that Comrade Rust be requested to complete this work, and that when done it be bound in suitable volumes and transferred from one administration to another the same as other property.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION AND PATRIOTIC EDUCATION IN
SCHOOLS.

For four years the National Administration have made strenuous effort to secure a law authorizing the War Department to detail officers for military instructions to the pupils of the public schools, and also for the flying of the national colors upon school houses. The first of these measures has now become a law, the act having been approved by President William McKinley February 26th, 1901. At the request of Allan C Bakeswell of New York, Chief Aide in charge of Military Instruction, I appointed Comrade Thomas F. Winthrop of San Antonio, as Special Aide for Texas. Much good is

expected from the operation of this law, as the future of our country rests largely upon the patriotic education of our youth, and their love and respect for the flag we venerate.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The National Encampment at Chicago was as enjoyable as usual, and the Department of Texas was well represented. We were honored with two National positions for Texans, that of Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and a Member of the National Executive Board.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This sacred day was fairly well observed throughout the Department, as will be shown in the usual able and conscientious report of our worthy chaplain.

NECROLOGY.

The deaths for the year in our Department and of National officers have been heavy. Past Commander "Jack" Adams of Boston, and Albert D. Shaw of Watertown, New York, are the most prominent; while at home we have had to mourn the loss of our beloved Bigger, Past National Junior Vice Commander, and for so many years an efficient Assistant Adjutant General; with a long list of the rank and file as shown in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

During the year two courts-martial were held; one the trial of a former member of McClellan No. 9, with a verdict of Dishonorable Discharge, which sentence was approved and published in General Orders. The other a former member of Hancock No. 2, after a most careful trial, received a like sentence, but which sentence, owing to mitigating and extenuating circumstances, was commuted to suspension for one year.

GALVESTON STORM.

The great event of the year was the unparalleled calamity that befell the good city of Galveston and the adjacent mainland, resulting in death to comrades and their families, and bringing untold suffering to thousands. I cannot better narrate the action of your officers than to reproduce the preliminary report of re-

lief work made to the Commander-in-Chief less than one month ago, which is as follows:

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
HOUSTON, March 31, 1901.

*Col. F. M. Sterrett, Adjutant General, G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith, for the Commander-in-Chief, a preliminary report of my stewardship in the relief of members of this order and Union Veterans incident to the Galveston storm of September 8, 1900, as follows:

On the evening of September 8, 1900, there occurred at Galveston and adjacent mainland a semi-tropical tornado, which for its destructive results may be fitly characterized as the disaster of the nineteenth century. More than six thousand lives were lost, many millions of dollars of property swept away, and hundreds of our comrades and their dependent families left homeless and destitute. As soon as communication with the stricken district could be obtained, proffers of aid from all over the country poured in, followed by substantial tokens of sympathy. Before organization could be effected many thousand dollars had been subscribed by members of the Grand Army in the North and East, which went into the General Relief, organized and handled by His Excellency, Governor Sayers of Texas. Of this sum about one thousand dollars was distributed through Grand Army channels, and our comrades were beneficiaries to some extent in the general relief distribution.

On September 15th the members of Wainwright Post No. 72 of Alvin, Texas, issued an appeal to their comrades in the North for aid, which was promptly responded to. Believing that better results could be obtained through organized and recognized channels, I applied to the Commander-in-Chief for permission to issue an appeal as Commander of this Department. In approving my request the Commander-in-Chief required the cancellation of the appeal sent out by Wainwright Post, and the approval of our methods as well as the necessity for the appeal, by his Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, Col. Ed Ketchum; and of the Member of the Council of Administration for Texas, Col. W. F. Conner, who is also a member of the Executive Board of the National Encampment. The approval of these officers was readily obtained, and the action of

Wainwright Post was prompt and honorable. Their appeal was cancelled, a full report of receipts and disbursements made, and all subsequent contributions turned over to these headquarters from whence there after all aid has been dispensed.

As Commander of this Department I associated with me as an Advisory Board, the Commander of Hancock Post of Galveston, Col. Ed. N. Ketchum, the Commander of McClellan Post No. 9, Col. N. L. Mills, Houston, and the Adjutant General of this Department, Col. E. G. Rust.

About the time of the issuance of our appeal, the Woman's Relief Corps, under the leadership of Mrs. Annette Van Horn, Department President, and with the approval of the National President, issued their appeal to the auxiliary branch of our order. The National President also assigned to duty as Custodian, Mrs. Ada C. Work, Past Department President for Texas, and Mrs. Mina Metcalf as Treasurer. It was agreed that cash should be sent to the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, and to the Treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps. That all moneys should be disbursed by check of the Department Commander, and all supplies received, cared for and distributed by the Custodian for the Relief Corps.

Responses to the two appeals have been most generous, aggregating \$21,896.13, of which \$14,085.66 was in cash, and \$7,810.47 in supplies. Of the cash contributions \$7,631.24 was received on account of the G. A. R., and \$6,454.42 on account of the W. R. C. Detailed statement showing the above arranged by Departments is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A."

The disbursements on account of relief to date have been as follows:

Supplies by Custodian \$7,810.47; cash relief to G. A. R. members proper \$8,643.17; cash relief to W. R. C. \$526.78; cash relief to Union Veterans not members, \$1200.00; hospital expenses, salary and expenses of Custodian, printing, supplies purchased, headquarters expenses, etc., \$1090.44, as per detailed statement hereto attached, marked "Exhibit B."

I also attach a balance sheet "Exhibit C," showing the amounts in cash and supplies issued to the several Posts in the stricken district, and the cash on hand in the Commercial National Bank, Houston. Acknowledgments of contributions have been made, and a consolidated statement sent the Assistant Adjutant General of each Department covering their contributions, tissue

copies of which have been sent the Adjutant General as completed.

As Commander of this Department I desire to extend profound and grateful thanks to the organized Posts of the Grand Army in the United States for their contributions in behalf of unfortunate comrades, and to the generous individuals who contributed to a like service. The contributions from the Grand Army came from 970 Posts, and have been distributed among Grand Army Comrades and Union Veterans, their dependent families, widows and orphans to the number of 1564 persons,

Appreciative recognition is given to the noble auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and especially to the three ladies associated with me in the execution of this trust. Fitting acknowledgment should be made of their services by the National Encampment, as there will be in the forthcoming Department Encampment of Texas.

I desire to record my acknowledgment of services rendered by the Advisory Board, especially the Assistant Adjutant General, for most efficient services rendered. Also to the Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Member of the Executive Board, Messrs Ketchum and Conner, who have had continuous access to the books and papers connected with this matter, are cognizant with every feature, and are invited to report their findings in connection herewith.

In pursuance to instructions given with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief to our appeal, a final report will be submitted to you together with the books, vouchers and cash balance, if any there be, in time for the next National Encampment. I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(SIGNED) CHARLES B. PECK,

Department Commander.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This auxiliary branch of our order has ever held first place in our hearts, but those of us who have had to do with the relief work above mentioned, have had our love and respect for this noble band intensified, in noting the great outburst of womanly sympathy to our stricken comrades and their dependent ones. They have been God's almoners to the poor and needy; without their aid our efforts would have been largely futile, and their actions should have fitting recognition in this and the National Encampment. Their noble qualities

will live in the hearts of the Grand Army of the Republic as long as it continues to beat or has a voice to speak in their praise. God bless them all.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Your respectful attention is invited to the reports of the other officers of this Department, all showing you were wise in your selections. Special thanks are hereby tendered to the Assistant Adjutant General and the Inspector for the Department for the very able manner in which they have performed their duty. To the former am I particularly indebted for faithful performance of duty, a zeal and enthusiasm seldom equaled. Not only has he had large and trying duties in connection with relief work, but has furnished free of charge, an office for visiting comrades and his own work, and in every way proven to be the right man in the right place. Special acknowledgment is made to Past Commander Conner, Member of the National Council of Administration and of the National Executive Board, for signal service rendered in connection with the relief work, and the visiting and installing of new posts.

CONCLUSION.

Military history is full of instances of a Commander being saved by his staff, and, therefore, whatever is creditable or of good report in this administration, credit it to my official associates; whatever of errors, blunders and omissions, charge them to me.

Comrades, having reached the age limit, I am entitled to go upon the retired list. In a few hours I shall turn over to my successor the gavel of authority—let me for the last time thank you for your consideration, your forbearance, and your charity. When I am an old man and can no longer mingle in the busy cares of this life, as I sit with my aged wife, waiting final orders from the Commander of us all, the recollections of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Texas, and of the noble men and women we there knew, will be to us the brightest spot on memory's page.

CHARLES B. PECK,

Department Commander.

Moved and seconded that the Commander's address be referred to committee to report thereon, that the report and address be printed and copies sent to every G. A. R. comrade in Texas. Adopted.

Committee on Commander's Address, Ed. Ketchum, John W. Parks and J. C. McBride.

The report of Assistant Adjutant General was read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, April 20, 1901.

Charles B. Peck, Commander Department of Texas.

DEAR COMRADE:—Herewith I hand you report of the standing and condition of this Department and of the business of the year.

The following is the names and location of the Posts in the Department at this date, with the number of members in good standing in each Post:

POST.	No.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS.
J. B. McPherson	1	Sherman	12
W. S. Hancock	2	Galveston	48
E. O. C. Ord.....	3	San Antonio.....	110
W. S. Parmly.....	4	Fort Worth.....	20
Nat. Lyon.....	5	Denison.....	56
Geo. H. Thomas.....	6	Dallas.....	53
Geo. B. McClellan.....	9	Houston.....	76
Joseph A. Mower.....	10	Austin.....	18
John A. Dix.....	11	Dallas.....	47
F. Hurst.....	13	Terrell.....	15
W. H. Lewis.....	17	Brackettville.....	12
Emmett Crawford.....	19	El Paso.....	40
Phil Kearney.....	20	Lampasas.....	8
John A. Logan.....	23	Denton.....	17
Phil H. Sheridan.....	25	Georgetown.....	12
Geo. W. Wright.....	26	Paris.....	20
Geo. A. Custer.....	32	Bonham.....	34
Geo. G. Meade.....	35	Decatur.....	20
Judson Kilpatrick.....	40	Belton.....	10
Sam J. Randall.....	45	Weatherford.....	12
E. R. S. Canby.....	48	Jacksboro.....	13
Wm. T. Sherman.....	51	Granbury.....	10
Opdyke.....	53	Jefferson.....	8
E. J. Davis.....	54	Corpus Christi.....	10
Sam Houston.....	55	Dublin.....	29
A. E. Burnside.....	56	Springtown.....	14
P. E. Holcomb.....	57	Mason.....	10
L. H. Rousseau.....	60	Graham.....	5
A. H. Terry.....	64	Fredericksburg.....	15
W. B. Travis.....	66	Abilene.....	11
A. M. Barney.....	67	Brownsville.....	8
John Raum.....	71	Gibtown.....	8
Wainwright.....	72	Alvin.....	40
Kit Carson.....	74	Waco.....	31
San Jacinto.....	75	La Porte.....	13
B. F. Stephenson.....	77	Clarksville.....	12
J. J. Vardiman.....	78	Gatesville.....	10
Joe Hooker.....	79	Laredo.....	13
H. W. Lawton.....	80	Beaumont.....	16
E. H. Liscum.....	81	Orange.....	12

When you assumed command of the Department there was reported 36 Posts and 781 members. The following table shows a net gain of 4 Posts and 147 members, making a total of 40 Posts and 928 members.

GAINS.	Term	Term	Total
	ending June 30 1900	ending Dec. 31 1900	
By Muster.....	55	122	177
By Transfer.....	21	9	30
By Re-instatement.....	19	27	46
By Re-instatement from Delinquent Posts.....	5		5
Total.....	100	158	258
LOSSES.			
By Death.....	12	12	24
By Honorable Discharge.....	4	2	6
By Transfer.....	16	4	20
By Suspension.....	22	39	61
By Dishonorable Discharge.....			
By Delinquent Reports.....			
By Surrender of Charter.....			
Total.....	54	57	111
Total reported in good standing December 31, 1899.....			781
Net gain in 1900.....			147
Total remaining in good standing December 31, 1900.....			928

NEW POSTS.

Four vigorous and promising Posts have been organized during the year, all of which have been well instructed in the work and are in good working order: Joe Hooker Post No. 79, at Laredo, was organized June 11 with 11 members; Henry W. Lawton Post No. 80, at Beaumont, organized June 23 with 10 members; E. H. Liscum Post No. 81, at Orange, organized July 11 with 10 members, Geo. A. Custer Post No. 32, at Bonham, organized January 26 with 34 members, and desiring to take the name and number of the defunct Custer Post at Lamasco, which was organized at Bonham and afterwards removed to Lamasco, it was given them.

Port Arthur has material for a good Post and we confidently expected to organize there, but could not bring them to the point of organizing.

I have had a good deal of correspondence with parties at San Angelo, who sent in their application and charter fee to my predecessor, which was turned over to me by Past Department Commander Conner, some weeks after I was installed in office. Their application was headed by Dave Brown of the Eighty-second Louisiana

Regiment; others of the applicants are put down as members of the Sixty-fifth Missouri, Fourteenth Kentucky, Fourteenth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Georgia, Eighty-fourth Louisiana, One Hundred and Sixteenth Kentucky, etc. As no such regiments were ever mustered into the United States service or into the Confederate service either, I have written them many letters with no satisfactory replies whatever, they always evading the real issue. The latter part of my correspondence has been with one W. H. Anderson, whose name does not appear as one of the applicants, and in my last letter to him I stated (February 28) that, failing to show their eligibility to organize as a Grand Army Post, I would return their money when requested so to do by the party who sent it. To this I have had no response. In one letter they wanted me to send them five officers and thirty-five privates belts, a flag, a snare drum, a base drum, etc. In all the correspondence I have had with these people I have been utterly unable to make out their colors. By reference, however, to former proceedings, I see that a Post was organized at San Angelo (Merritt No. 69) in 1894, with 17 members, but it seems to have been short lived, as in 1897 the Assistant Inspector reports 10 members, and says: "It is utterly impossible to continue the Post any longer, because of non-attendance, and charter will therefore be returned." None of the names of members of the old Post appear in the application for the new.

I had correspondence also with Texarkana in regard to organizing a Post, where there seems to be considerable material, but could not awaken sufficient interest to organize.

HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Very soon after being installed in office I conceived the idea of gathering up the fragments of minutes of this Department from its organization to date and putting them in bound shape for preservation, as a basis for the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Texas after the last comrade shall have crossed over the river. This has been a cherished idea of mine for several years, and now that I was placed en rapport with the Posts, I considered it my opportunity to gather up the threads and present the data in tangible shape to the Department for preservation. I soon discovered that my undertaking was an herculean task. After much correspondence, it transpired that no minutes of

this Department had ever been published prior to 1890— that the office of Assistant Adjutant General had been moved from one place to another, constantly changing encumbents, and not a scratch of record of the early encampments had been preserved, and it was only by the most persistent effort that even copies of the published proceedings since 1890 could be gotten together, a comrade here and there sending a copy in their possession. Then commenced a sort of running fire at all the comrades in and out of the State whom I thought might possibly have newspaper scraps of those early encampments. I also by pen interviewed all the living Commanders and Assistant Adjutant Generals of those early encampments to discover if possible, if any records had been preserved by them. Failing in both these plans, I next had recourse to the old files of the daily press published in the towns where the different encampments had been held. By the kindly aid and assistance of one of the editors of *The Galveston News*, I went myself with a typewriter to Galveston and rummaged the files of that paper, copying what they published of the proceedings of the encampment of 1887. Comrade Wylie sent me newspaper scraps of the organization of the Department in that city in 1885, and the first day's proceedings of 1886, and he put me in communication with a friend of mine on the editorial staff of *The Dallas News*, who copied the second day's proceedings for me from the old files. Comrade Gerard had the files of the *Austin Statesman* hunted up and copies made of proceedings of the encampment of 1888. Comrade Manchester ransacked the City of Fort Worth for the old files of the *Gazette* for encampment of 1889, but could get no trace of them, and I shall be dependent on whatever report the *Dallas News* made of that encampment. Failing in finding any reports of officers of the encampments in any of these newspaper reports, I am now in correspondence with Adjutant General Sterrett and Comrade Holcomb, Custodian of National Records at Philadelphia, to secure if possible from those headquarters reports of the different Assistant Adjutant Generals of this Department for those four years. I am also much indebted to Comrades Tom Wright and Dr. Haskell for their interest in searching the vaults of the banks of Denison for records thought to have been deposited therein by Past Department Commander Bostwick, and also to Past Department Commander Conner, who has aided me in many ways.

So, Commander and comrades, in my search for the

lost records of this Department, I have penetrated every nook and corner of this grand Empire State, worrying my comrades with frequent and urgent letters, which I am pleased and proud to say they have promptly answered, showing deep interest in my work; I have traversed the Rio Grande from the Gulf well nigh to its source; I have climbed the Rockies to their dizziest heights; I have searched the Ohio river from Cairo to Pittsburg, and even gone into the legislative halls of the Keystone State; I have called to my aid the officers of our National order, seeking information of our worthy Adjutant General and the Custodian of Records in Independence Hall; yea, I have even visited the land of the Aztecs; and to every desponding inquiry, "Where are the early records of this Department," has the hollow echo "Where" been returned, and had it not been for your kindly indorsement and encouragement along the way, Commander, I am sure I should have become discouraged and abandoned the chase.

While the material and matter I have gathered and hope to gather will be anything but full and complete, when sifted and compiled, it will be found to be the best narration of the early history of the Department obtainable, and full of interest. I have also a paper from Past Commander Ketchum, written while in a reminiscent mood, giving his personal experience in the Provisional Department of Texas, organized in 1869 or '70, E. J. Davis, Department Commander, and other attempts at organization prior to 1885. This matter, when bound in with our printed proceedings for the last 12 years, will make two good sized volumes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence with these headquarters has been very heavy during the year. To the legitimate business of the office has been added a large volume of correspondence on account of the relief work for the storm sufferers, often amounting to fifty letters per day to be answered.

Besides the National general orders which have been promptly forwarded to the Posts of this Department, there has been issued from these headquarters 10 general orders, 12 special orders and dispensations and a number of circulars of appeal, etc.

SUSPENSIONS.

I am pleased to state that suspensions are growing less and we have not lost a Post this year, although Travis Post No. 66 came very near surrendering its charter. Stephenson Post No. 77 is in a very weak condition and write that they were never in good working order. I have reports from every Post in the Department but 77. Kilpatrick No. 40 has taken new courage and write that they will try to do better in the future. Vardiman Post No. 78, at Gatesville, organized during the last administration, with a less persevering commander would certainly have succumbed to the inevitable, as they were not properly instructed and were left without supplies, but thanks to their loyal and earnest Commander, Vardiman is now in first rate shape.

By the greatest persistency I have succeeded in getting reports from every Post in the Department but one, Stephenson No. 77, at Clarksville, but in this case I have utterly failed, leading me to think that the commander of that Post prefers that it should die, when perhaps the membership, could they be reached, would gladly accept help to get their Post in shape. Failing to get any information from the Commander of No. 77, I requested Comrade Haskell of Denison, who had kindly aided us in the organization of the Bonham Post, to go over to Clarksville and visit No. 77. He wrote the commander of the Post that if he would get the members together, a delegation from Lyon Post would go over and they would have a rattling good time, but even to this offer he made no response. I have written this Commander many letters without a response and only heard from him once, after calling his attention to the solemn obligation he took when he assumed the duties of his office and how utterly faithless and false he had been to that obligation. A comrade false to his obligations is not worthy to be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, much less to occupy the responsible position of commander.

DEATH LOSS.

The grim reaper, ever at work, has taken many of our brave boys during the past year. Notably among those who have answered their last earthly roll call is my illustrious predecessor and worthy comrade, J. C. Bigger, who has served this Department so faithfully

and well for many years as Assistant Adjutant General, who had also been honored with the office of Junior Vice Commander of the national order. The death of Comrade Bigger and 21 other faithful comrades of this Department casts a gloom over the entire comradeship, and is a forceful reminder that we are all getting old and must sooner or later answer the summons of the Great Commander. Four of these comrades lost their lives in the fateful storm of September 8 at Galveston. The names of the dead and their Posts will be found on the tablet on the following page, and may the memory of their virtues be ever kept green on the tablet of our hearts.

ROLL OF HONOR.

HENRY WILKE.	-	Post No. 2, Galveston.
FRED DOREY,	-	" 2, "
JOHN SEIDENSTRICKER,	-	" 2, "
NICHOLAS STAVRO.	-	" 2, "
JONATHAN DOTY,	-	" 2, "
JACOB SCHUMANN,	-	" 2, "
J. C. COOPER,	-	" 4, Fort Worth.
HARRY ALLISON,	-	" 10, Austin.
J. C. BIGGER,	-	" 11, Dallas.
WM. SCHROEDER,	-	" 11, "
JOHN LAMONT,	-	" 19, El Paso.
A. J. STEPHENS,	-	" 19, "
LLOYD FREEBORN,	-	" 19, "
JAMES W. HUFFINGTON,	-	" 23, Denton.
A. B. MOREHOUSE,	-	" 48, Jacksboro.
W. B. WARRINGTON,	-	" 55, Dublin.
HENRY M. DINGUES,	-	" 55, "
MARK PERKINS,	-	" 66, Abilene.
A. PAYNE,	-	" 74, Waco.
C. L. MANN,	-	" 78, Gatesville.
S. A. EMERY,	-	" 80, Beaumont.

The receipts and disbursements for the year are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 21, 1900	\$129.99
Per Capita Tax	501.35
Charter fees	60.00
Sales of Supplies.....	102.71
Total receipts for the year.....	\$794.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary A. A. and A. Q. M. General	\$200.00
Printing and Stationery.....	115.65
Paid for Supplies	76.05
Case for Supplies	3.00
National Per Capita Tax	21.94
Headquarters at Chicago	22.00
Badges for Chicago	5.30
Postage, expressage, M.O.s, telegrams	43.61
Expense Mustering Officers	23.05
Copying Minutes from Newspapers ...	4.25
Total Disbursements.....	\$514.85

Balance on hand April 21, 1901.....	\$279.20
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PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Supplies on hand	\$ 85.00
Department Banner	30.00
Headquarters Fixtures	30.00
One Pair Horns	30.00
Two Volumes Bound Journals	
Total	\$175.00

Now, Commander, in closing this report, I desire to say that with all its cares, duties and responsibilities, my work for the past year and the close relations I have sustained to yourself and the comrades throughout the Department has been exceedingly pleasant. I have spared neither time nor pains to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. Your uniform kindness, courtesy and timely counsel will ever remain with me as a delightful remembrance of our year's work. The most cordial and friendly relations have also existed between myself and your official family, as also with the officers of all the Posts in this Department, and I only wish that my successor in office may enjoy the same pleasant experience. Yours fraternally,

E. G. RUST,
Asst. Adjt. and A. Q. M. Gen'l.

On motion it was referred to the following committee:
J. W. Ridge of Dallas, D. G. Gillette of San Antonio,
R. B. Underhill of Beaumont.

At this juncture the Officer of the Day announced the Committee on Greetings from the W. R. C. in waiting. Commander appointed the following comrades to escort the ladies to the platform: C. C. Haskell, P. B. Hunt, John H. Bolton.

The committee, composed of Mrs. E. G. Rust, Mrs. Patrick Farrell and Mrs. Melvina Gonterman, accompanied by Mrs. Fanny Hardin, National Secretary, were introduced and Mrs. Rust made the following address:

Commander and Comrades:

To me has been assigned one of the most pleasant duties of this Convention, that is, to convey to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. I know of no greater honor that can come to the loyal women of America, than to be appointed to come before the bravest, grandest organization of men in existence, who from 1861 to 1865 went forth as beardless boys, stopping not to count the cost, caring not for heat nor cold, ready to face the cannon's mouth for right and liberty, that the heaven kissed colors—"Red, White and Blue"—might proudly float over our beautiful southland.

We come, loyal to you and your interests, and we stand banded together in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, a fraternity that means more than any other order, a charity that is not almsgiving, but a tribute of love for the noble service you rendered in saving this nation; a loyalty that binds us to you and we are pledged to inculcate patriotism in our homes, teaching it to our boys and girls. If it is a patriotic duty to preserve the flag and this great country of ours in its entirety, it is our duty as fathers and mothers, to teach the child by the fireside the patriotism that has been developed by the boys in blue. We are history makers, and it is our duty to see that our children are taught the pure, unbiased history of that trying period. The history of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps has not been written, and may not be for years to come, but in the distant future the historian will rise up who will give proper credit to the services rendered by these patriotic organizations. Their work has been done for civilization, for humanity and for humanity's sake, and

the time will come when the proper credit will be bestowed upon them, possibly, however, not until the Grand Army of the Republic shall have passed away.

There is not to-day a nation that has attained its place through the doctrines of peace. Every leading nation has fought its way to the front by an appeal to the arbitrament of arms. The civil war brought with it great evils, but it came to destroy grosser ones. The sword has founded every throne in existence. Strange as it may seem, battles and blessings are closely allied, "battles bring victories, victories bring peace." There is room on this great nation for but one flag, "Old Glory."

The Woman's Relief Corps was organized in 1883 at Fitchburg, Mass., with a very small membership, E. Florence Barker being elected the first President, and from that small beginning has grown this gigantic body, numbering one hundred and forty-one thousand, nine hundred and thirty members, which has dispensed over two million dollars for relief in the past eighteen years, not including the thousands of dollars expended for relief in the past year, or since the great storm of September 8th.

Among the many noble women whose names have graced our order, I feel proud to mention the name of that grand woman, Clara Barton. Her generous, unselfish life has been given for the sick and the suffering and you, comrades, know to what extent such work can be carried. She personally conducted the Red Cross Relief work in this city during the recent storm, soliciting help, distributing funds, aiding physicians, and in many ways proving herself one of the noblest of God's women, and I take this opportunity to pay her the tribute due her, knowing full well that every comrade present will heartily endorse this sentiment.

To the comrades and their families of the storm stricken district, we extend our sympathy and condolence. Brave hearts may face the enemy amid the booming of cannon and the clash of battle, but who can contend with the elements? How weak are we when placed in the power of wind and water.

Comrades, we are proud to be the auxiliary of this grand body of men, and we come to pledge anew our loyalty and our fidelity, and when the last comrade is no more, we will plant a flag and strew beautiful flowers upon his grave and the Woman's Relief Corps will still keep green your graves and revere your memory.

Comrades, I thank you for your forbearance and hope your Encampment may be a successful one.

MAGGIE A. RUST.

Responded to by the Department Commander.

Resolutions offered by Comrade Rowan, of Wainwright Post:

Whereas, The auxiliary branch of our order, the Women's Relief Corps, holding as it does first place in the affections of the Grand Army, has during the past year signalized its usefulness as a relief organization by its energy in collecting and system in distributing the large amount in money and supplies given our Texas comrades, their widows and orphans in the great calamity that befell the coast region of our State in the September storm, and it being just and proper that acknowledgment be made of the great service rendered, therefore by the Grand Army of the Republic in State Encampment assembled, be it

Resolved, That the profound and grateful thanks of this Department be, and the same are hereby tendered the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States for their abounding generosity, womanly sympathy and great service rendered the members of our order and Union veterans residing in this Department;

Resolved, That special thanks are tendered Mrs. Van Horn, President, Mrs. Work, Custodian, and Mrs. Metcalf, Treasurer, for signal service rendered our comrades while representing the order at large.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to National Headquarters and to each of the ladies named therein.

Resolutions of Hancock Post presented for action.

HEADQUARTERS W. S. HANCOCK POST No. 2,

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.,

GALVESTON, April 13, 1900.

Resolved, That the grateful and sincere thanks of W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Department of Texas, G. A. R., collectively and individually, be, and are hereby extended to our comrades of the order throughout the country, for the big-hearted, generous and kind outpouring of their sympathies and purses to the comrades stricken and made desolate by the appalling storm of September 8, 1900.

Above all, and most enduring, to that noble auxiliary body, the Woman's Relief Corps, whose efforts have

been untiring to comfort the distress, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted in that dire calamity.

Our profound appreciation and thanks are also personally tendered to General Leo Rassieur, Commander-in-Chief, General Charles B. Peck, Department Commander, and Col. E. G. Rust, the efficient Assistant Adjutant General; to Mrs. Mary L. Carr, National President Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Annette Van Horn, Department President, Mrs. Mina Metcalf, Department Treasurer, and Mrs. Ada C. Work, Custodian, for the exercise of onerous and constant labor, and for their judicious and wise distribution of the funds and supplies donated for relief.

Resolved, That the Post Commander present this resolution to the incoming Department Encampment, with request that it be disseminated in general orders from national headquarters.

FRANK L. KIRK,
N. L. RICH,
L. H. JONES,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Department President Woman's Relief Corps read by Mrs. E. G. Rust for past year.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, April 18, 1901.

Department Commander, Charles B. Peck.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—As the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, I have the honor to submit the following report:

Number of Corps in good standing,	10
“ “ Members in good standing,	371
Cash expended for relief,	\$175.55
For relief other than money,	\$1853.50
Cash on hand in general fund	\$446.10
Cash on hand in relief fund	73.05
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	\$519.15

I take great pleasure in submitting this report, as it will show you we are gaining in membership, and that we are prosperous.

Respectfully, in F. C. and L.,
ANNETTE VAN HORN,
Department President.

Mrs. Fanny Hardin of Colorado, National Secretary Woman's Relief Corps, made an interesting talk.

After which the ladies were escorted to the outpost.

Report of Junior Vice Commander was read as follows:

Charles B. Peck, Commander Department of Texas, and Comrades:

Thanking you for the honor conferred at our last State Encampment, beg to report, and am glad to say, owing to the efficiency of our splendid Department Commander, I had but very little official work to do as Junior Vice during the past year. I made visits to Henrietta and Wichita Falls with the object to revive the Posts at those places, but without success, as the comrades are scattered throughout a large district, making it too laborious to attend meetings at central points.

My associations with my comrades in official capacity has been pleasant and cordial, and in conclusion, my best wishes go out for my comrades and the Department.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. W. CLINGMAN,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

The report was referred to the following committee:
W. H. Honneus, W. A. Rowan, P. B. Hunt.

The report of Department Inspector was read as follows:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, February 15, 1901.

General Charles B. Peck, Department Commander, Houston, Texas.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith consolidated report of inspection of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the Department of Texas, for the year ending June 30, 1900:

In the following short sketches of reporting Posts, I have taken them up in the order of their reports reaching my desk, giving each one credit for promptness as they deserve, with a few words based upon the conditions and surroundings as conveyed to my mind by the several Assistant Inspectors as regards the Post by them inspected.

FIRST. J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78 reached me December 4, 1900, from Assistant Inspector C. P. Mounce at Gatesville, Texas. It has a membership of eleven, having been organized in the spring of 1900, since which time it has lost by death one of its most earnest workers,

the work of the Ritual is not as fully exemplified as it should be. The records are well kept, orders received and read regularly. All reports and dues forwarded and future prospects good.

SECOND. John A. Dix Post No. 11 reached headquarters December 6, 1900, from Comrade John L. Boyd, Assistant Inspector at Dallas, Texas, showing a membership of fifty-four. Its ritualistic work properly exemplified, its officers and members properly uniformed and equipped. All members and officers regular in their attendance. Orders received and read regularly. All reports and dues forwarded, with a Woman's Relief Corps to help and assist them. Their prospects are bound to be as they are reported, "good."

Comrade Boyd reports many suspended members and cites as the cause, "the neglect of members to pay dues until they have accumulated to an amount that is onerous, resulting in a default and the consequent dropping." He suggests, "that the Post Quartermaster be paid a certain per cent for all collections made as an incentive to collect up closely, thus preventing the falling behind of the members.

THIRD. San Jacinto No. 75 was reported from La Porte by Comrade G. W. Brittain, on December 6, 1900, showing a membership of six only, barely alive, with prospects based on "hopes."

FOURTH. Kit Carson Post No. 74 of Waco, Texas, reported by Comrade J. Gillette, Assistant Inspector, December 6, 1900, with a membership of thirty-five and a clean cut affirmative answer all down the line. "With a Woman's Relief Corps (in the words of Comrade Gillette) that has no superior within the Department," their prospects are "unco gude."

FIFTH. W. S. Hancock Post No. 2 of Galveston, Texas, reported by Comrade Frank L. Kirk, Past Post Commander and Assistant Inspector, December 7, 1900, showing forty-eight members on June 30 of that year. A very fair affirmative report, showing a relief fund for charity and Woman's Relief Corps for the same purpose. As this report is dated in December, Comrade Kirk states that: Four of the members reported were lost in the storm of September 8; that all the members lost heavily, many totally, but that the grand order at large with the aid and assistance of that wonderfully resourceful combination, the Woman's Relief Corps, their wounds have been fairly well bound up and the Old Boys are cheerful; and all are most heartily thankful to our comrades at large and the Woman's Relief Corps for

the condition in which they find themselves three months after the storm.

SIXTH. Edmund J. Davis Post No. 54 of Corpus Christi, reported and inspected by Comrade J. H. C. White, as having a membership of ten, though not enough of these living in Corpus to give a Post meeting a quorum. The dues are paid by the two or three members at Post Headquarters to keep the Post in touch with the Department. Comrade White mentions the fact that though there are several old union soldiers in Corpus Christi they cannot be induced to join the Post, hence he says the "prospects" for this Post are not bright.

SEVENTH. General Sam Houston Post No. 55, located at Dublin, inspected and reported by Comrade W. H. Christian as having forty-three members, its ritual work properly exemplified; the members are not regular in their attendance on account of the distance that many live from the Post; the records are but poorly kept, and but for the exertions of one or two comrades who need not be named, the Post might have fallen to pieces. All hands having now turned over a new leaf, the Assistant Inspector thinks that the Post will prosper.

EIGHTH. Opdyke No. 53 of Jefferson was inspected and reported by Comrade George W. Lathrop, Assistant Inspector, December 11, showing but seven members. An affirmative report as far as the word can apply, when out of seven members one lives in Massachusetts, one at High Springs, one at Vinan, La., and one living ten miles from town and disabled, thus having three members in town to hold Post meeting and pay dues for the Post. The prospects are reported as not very bright as there is no new material to recruit from.

NINTH. George H. Thomas Post No. 6 of Dallas, was reported on the 11th of December by Comrade W. F. Cottman, Assistant Inspector, as having a membership of forty-eight. All questions answered in the affirmative, with a W. R. C. attached with good prospects for the future.

TENTH. F. Hurst Post No. 13 of Terrell was inspected and reported by Comrade H. C. Adler, Assistant Inspector, on the 12th of December, 1900, with twelve members. All duties well performed. No Woman's Relief Corps and with "slim" future prospects. Post No. 13 will be there as long as H. C. Adler is a member thereof.

ELEVENTH. P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57 of Mason, inspected and reported December 10th, 1900, by Comrade

M. V. Bridges, Assistant Inspector, who reports a Post of ten members. Work well exemplified. All members in uniform and regular in attendance. Reports and dues all remitted and prospects "good."

TWELFTH. Joe Hooker Post No. 79 of Laredo inspected and reported by Comrade S. Sulnon, Assistant Inspector; has eleven members. This is comparatively a new Post, organized since June 30, 1900, and should not appear in this report save to say that it is young, enthusiastic and hopeful.

THIRTEENTH. H. A. Terry Post No. 64 of Fredericksburg inspected and reported by Comrade Charles Enderlin December 10, with fourteen members; reports the ritual work not as well exemplified as it should be, nor are the records well kept or orders read regularly. Yet the comrades are regular in their attendance, while all reports and dues have been forwarded to headquarters; with fair prospects of holding together for yet a little while.

FOURTEENTH. E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3 of San Antonio inspected and reported by Comrade R. M. Moore, Assistant Inspector, with one hundred and ten members. An affirmative report all through. Comrade Moore remarks that the Post is in excellent working order, without friction of any kind, and considering the ages of the comrades, meetings are well attended and the comradeship feeling of the old boys when together reminds one of the meetings of the soldiers of one command after a sharp brush with the enemy or in bivouac after a hard day's marching or work on the line of battle.

E. O. C. Ord is the banner Post of the Department of Texas.

FIFTEENTH. Emmett Crawford Post No. 19 of El Paso, inspected and reported December 16, with a membership of thirty-five, by Comrade Frank E. Tusten, Assistant Inspector, a real live affirmative report from beginning to end, which reads "prospects good" for the future.

SIXTEENTH. E. R. S. Canby Post No. 48, of Jacksboro, reported by Comrade David Rickard, with a membership of fourteen. Work of the ritual properly exemplified. Members take an interest in their Post meetings; all obligations to headquarters promptly and properly discharged, though future prospects for the Post are not bright.

SEVENTEENTH. Nat Lyon Post No. 5 of Denison, inspected and reported by Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, Assistant Inspector, December 17, 1900, as having fifty-

six members; an affirmative report throughout, including a Woman's Relief Corps and good future ahead for the Post.

EIGHTEENTH. Phil H. Sheridan No. 25 of Georgetown, inspected and reported by Comrade W. P. Fleming, Assistant Inspector, with twelve members, who by residence are scattered far and near throughout the country. Yet they have a good attendance at Post meetings and keep well up with their duties to each other and headquarters.

Comrade Fleming remarks "there is plenty of material in this country (to draw from) but it is hard to get them in the Post or interested. I think they are afraid it will hurt their standing in the country if they should join, or perhaps there might be some trouble with their papers not being straight.

Comrades will find many of these "Peters" near every Post; the "Coffee Cooling Brigade" was formed of them when we were fighting and age has not improved their desire to come to the front.

NINETEENTH. Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, of Houston, inspected and reported by Comrade J. J. Scholl December 18, 1900, with forty members, a clean cut affirmative report, showing a Woman's Relief Corps and bright prospects for the future.

TWENTIETH. McPherson No. 1 of Sherman report received from Comrade Pierce Kersch, Assistant Inspector, December 18, 1900, showing a membership of fifteen. A very good average report with "good future" ahead.

TWENTY-FIRST. John A. Logan Post No 23 of Denton, reported by Comrade J. O. Berry, Assistant Inspector, December 19, 1900, with seventeen members in fair attendance, dues paid, reports transmitted and future bright.

TWENTY-SECOND. Burnside Post No. 56 of Springtown, report received at headquarters December 19, 1900, from Comrade A. L. Hutchison, Assistant Inspector, who shows a membership of fourteen. All duties well performed, a good attendance at Post meetings and a good future ahead.

TWENTY-THIRD. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 35 of Decatur, reported by Comrade D. F. Davis, with twenty members scattered in residence, poor in attendance, with "bad" prospects ahead. There being no remarks on this report, I am unable to judge of the conditions, whether the trouble is with the membership or the inspector.

TWENTY-FOURTH. Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26, of Paris, Texas, inspected by Comrade E. A. Russell, Assistant Inspector, and reported December 21, 1900, as with seventeen members June 30, 1900. A very moderate report showing care and precision on the part of the inspecting officer, who reported moderate attendance, records well kept, dues and reports all transmitted, with "fair" future ahead.

TWENTY-FIFTH. A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownsville, reported December 24, 1900, by Comrade Wm. Kelly, with eight members, affirmative answer on material questions of interest to the order. Comrade Kelly remarks that of the eight members reported, two are non-residents. While the meetings are pro forma, the essential objects of the G. A. R. are carefully looked after. He also states that there is no new material from which to increase the membership.

TWENTY-SIXTH. Phil Kearny Post No. 20 of Lampasas, reported December 27, 1900, by Comrade E. E. Ramsdall, showing a membership of seven, so scattered that they are unable to hold regular meetings.

TWENTY-SEVENTH. W. H. Lewis Post No. 17 of Brackettsville, reported January 1, 1901, by Comrade Francis W. R. Stearns, Assistant Inspector, showing a membership of twelve, a proper exemplification of ritual work, a good attendance, obligations to headquarters all discharged and prospects fair. Comrade Stearns, in his remarks, states that memorial day was duly and properly observed; that he can find no fault with the administration of Post affairs or the attendance of members, because of their distant and scattered residence. There is no lack of interest on the part of members, though there is no prospects for increase of membership for want of eligible material. The present membership propose to hold together the organization until "taps."

TWENTY-EIGHTH. Parmly No. 4, Fort Worth, reported January 3, 1901, by Comrade Charles B. Grabe, Assistant Inspector, membership twenty-four; a crisp, clean, affirmative report, but without further remarks than prospects "fair,"

TWENTY-NINTH. Joseph A. Mower No. 10, Austin, Texas, reported January 5, 1901, by Comrade Jake S. Lausen, as having eighteen members; a very fair report, taking it all through. He states in his remarks, "notwithstanding the lack of sympathy at the Capitol City of Texas for the ex-Yankee soldier and his family, this Post is doing very well."

THIRTIETH. W. T. Sherman Post No. 51 of Granbury

reported January 14 by Comrade W. H. Catts, who says in his remarks "we have ten members in good standing. The oldest is 70 and the youngest 54, and we propose to keep up our organization as at present for the next 300 years. We are long for this world, if not for long reports. You can report Sherman 51 as all O. K."

THIRTY-FIRST. Sam J. Randall No. 45, Weatherford, reported by Comrade Horace Baker January 15, 1901; a negative report except as regards dues forwarded, which is answered "yes." Twelve members are holding this Post, five of whom attend regularly. The seven once in a while. There are some eighty odd members to this Post scattered over the country for fifty miles, and although the inspector has frequently called them together through the papers, a bare quorum is all that will muster: "We chipped in enough at December meeting to pay up and save our charter". As a send off Comrade Baker says "the boys are always very much 'no account' except to growl. They have all been afflicted with la grippe and have consequently growled more than ever. Every detail is left for the commander who has to act for every officer. I feel very much mortified at the poverty stricken no account condition of our affairs. But I can watch and pray for something to happen to help us."

THIRTY-SECOND. Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin, Texas, reported February 4, 1901, by Comrade E. S. Stockwell, Assistant Inspector, with a membership of forty-one, a fairly good report but without any remarks on the part of the assistant inspector. I must judge by the membership reported that the Post is or has been doing fairly well.

I failed to get any response from five (5) Posts, though I wrote several letters to each. Some of which to individual members who did not consider my inquiry after their welfare worth one cent, as no postal card was received from any of them in response to my inquiry.

It has been my experience with delinquent Grand Army members that the failing in them is sometimes caused by the perfecting of their pension claims to a realization or the possession of some government office that places them above want or the immediate need of assistance from the comrades on the outside. This remark may be considered by my comrades as uncharitable, but my sentiments are borne out by the facts in very many cases.

The Posts not reporting are: Kilpatrick No. 40 of

Belton; Rousseau No. 50 of Graham; W. B. Travis No. 66 of Abilene; John Raum No. 71 of Gibtown; B. F. Stephenson No. 77 of Clarksville.

I wish to most cordially thank the inspectors who so promptly responded with their reports and to ask all in handing down their experience to their successors to please impress on their minds the necessity for a few remarks, independent of the stated questions and answers. It will give my successor a more clear insight into the conditions surrounding the Post reporting.

A word to my successor: Whenever you shall receive a report from a Post, hasten to answer it; send a cheering word to the despondent, laugh with the jolly, encourage the weak-hearted and failing, and, as a merchant used to say to his corresponding clerk, when a complaining letter was received from a customer, "write him a ledder, Macy, say someding nice in id. We laugh all tro id und make him feel goot." Yes, comrade, laugh all through your correspondence with the weak and desponding, and make them forget their trouble.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. N. KETCHUM,

Inspector.

On motion, Commander appointed committee on Inspector's report as follows: B. D. Atwell, J. J. Billow, H. A. Johnson.

The Commander-in-Chief being presented to the comrades by Commander Peck, he addressed the Encampment at length, greatly encouraging the comrades by his words, and giving much wise counsel. He said, in the course of his address that early in his administration he had determined to visit Texas; that this Department was lying on the outpost and needed the visits of national officers; that the duties of the Texas comrades was arduous and unlike the duties of comrades in Northern Departments; that they did not have the inspiration of numbers and loyal environments that they had in the north. But he also had another object in visiting Texas. Later in the year the great storm of September 8 led to closer relations with this Department. He had misgivings about the relief work, and greatly feared it would lead to a muddle, like work of that character too often does, and had therefore watched

matters down here closely. But he took pleasure in saying that he had never seen a better or more business-like administration of charity work than the management of the Texas relief fund showed. The report of the officers in charge show such careful, painstaking labor as is rarely seen in like work. "You may think it a light work," he said, on hearing these reports read, "but I tell you it means days and nights of deep thinking and toil. Then when you take into consideration that all this is a labor of love, and not one cent of compensation to those who did the work, the conscientious handling of these funds stands unparalleled." He went on to say that it was such work that would commend us to our southern fellow-citizens. That while they might have old prejudices against us, and not like us very well, when they see such careful, honest, business-like methods applied to the handling of a great charity fund, they are bound to admire us. He proceeded further to give the comrades some good advice about standing firm and true to their convictions of right as regards the great struggle of 1861-5. That the youth of the land must be correctly instructed. He deprecated the idea of calling that mighty rebellion against the best government on earth a "war between the States." That it was a most stupendous rebellion, and we went forth in our might to sustain our government and uphold the flag, and after four hard years succeeded in crushing it. The mildest term that it could be called by was a "rebellion."

Address responded to by Commander Peck, who appointed Chief Aide-de-Camps Ketchum and B. D. Atwell to escort the Commander-in-Chief to the outpost.

Resolution offered by Past Department Commander Parks.

Whereas, Our most noble and worthy Comrade John McElroy, editor and proprietor of the great soldier paper, The National Tribune, has by his untiring devotion to the interest of every ex-Union soldiers endeared himself and won their fraternal love and esteem, and

Whereas, Comrade McElroy aspires to the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

Resolved, That this Encampment, to show their appreciation of the constant efforts for good made in our behalf by Comrade McElroy, that the representatives and delegates from this Department to the National Encampment to meet in Cleveland, be instructed to cast our solid vote for Comrade John McElroy for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and to use every honorable means to secure his election.

JOHN W. PARKS.

Comrade Reagan offered the following substitute.

Whereas, We, the representatives to this Encampment, recognize the valuable services of Comrade John McElroy of The National Tribune, Washington, D. C., and also of our Commander, Charles B. Peck, as true friends of the old soldiers, therefore be it

Resolved, That our representatives to the National Encampment are hereby instructed to present the name of McElroy for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Charles B. Peck, Department Commander of Texas, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, at the National Encampment at Cleveland, Ohio, and use all honorable means for their election.

Carried.

Comrade Gerard of Austin offered the following:

Whereas, Comrade Albert D. Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief, died February 10, 1901; he enlisted in Co. A, 35th New York Volunteers in June, 1861, serving to the close of the war. He was then appointed Colonel of 36th New York regiment by Governor R. E. Fenton. Resigned this office to accept the office of United States Consul in Toronto, Ont., in 1868. He was promoted from that place to Manchester, England, in 1878 and was removed by President Cleveland in 1885, for being an offensive partisan.

Whereas, Comrade Shaw having filled many positions of trust and responsibility with fidelity and honor, and as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he was ever faithful in the performance of all duties incumbent upon him.

Resolved, That all comrades pay fitting tribute to his memory; that we mourn for him; that his bier be decked with flowers placed on it by the hands of the great, and that we, his comrades, add our memorial of flowers as a last token of respect for his lofty patriotism, sterling integrity and beautiful companionship; that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Depart-

ment and that a copy of same be forwarded to his relatives at Watertown, New York.

Respectfully submitted,
ALONZO GERARD,
Post Commander, Mower Post No. 10.

Carried.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. 24th inst.

THIRD DAY.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Peck at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Department Chaplain Patterson invoked the divine blessing.

Commander announced the serious illness of Comrade Conger. The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to wire the sympathy and sincere wishes of the Encampment for his speedy recovery.

Commander announced that debate on any subject before the Encampment be limited to two minutes.

Report of the Department Chaplain was read.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, G. A. R.,
DALLAS, April, 1901.

Charles B. Peck, Department Commander:

Now for the fourth time I submit my report as Department Chaplain, and as in the past, so now, in the present, I have nothing but kind words to express to all my comrades in the great State of Texas.

Beginning with McPherson Post No, 1, Sherman. we find no observance of Sabbath Memorial Day, but the same number, the faithful ten that gathered two years ago, were on hand to decorate the 29 graves of our comrades. An effort was made to have the Confederate soldiers unite with us, but we failed. The feeble comrades with the faithful women and children made the Memorial Day one to be remembered. Crosses were placed on the graves of the unknown dead, made of red, white and blue, made by the daughters of the G. A. Rs. Twenty-four were in attendance, and one negro grave was decorated. Post Chaplain, Wm. Lentz.

I now submit the report of the Post whose hospitality we enjoy, W. S. Hancock Post No, 2, Galveston. Com-

rade John Sullivan, Post Chaplain, reports both Memorial Day services. The sermon was preached to the twenty-three comrades by Rev. W. H. Mason of the Fourth Presbyterian church. Thirty-three comrades participated in Memorial decoration services. Eight cemeteries were visited and sixty graves decorated. The speakers were J. W. Ring and J. M. Kirwin. What a tidal wave of deep sorrow came to this Post and this city since the last Encampment. Some of our comrades who passed through the hardships of war, find at last a watery grave in this city. Let us remember God reigns.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, sends an excellent report. Both Memorial Days observed. Twenty-five comrades and twenty W. R. C.s attended St. Mark's Episcopal church. The sermon was preached by Dean W. R. Richardson.

On Decoration Day the comrades, W. R. C.s, Confederate Veterans, civic societies and public schools joined in the services. Five cemeteries were visited and 1444 graves were decorated, 99 graves unmarked. I can do no better than submit an article from a morning paper.

"National Memorial Day was celebrated in San Antonio yesterday in a fitting manner. Patriotism was not curbed nor confined, but men, women and children joined in the ceremonies of the day with zest and fervor and all the public functions were carried out splendidly.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, and E. O. C. Ord Woman's Relief Corps No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, and their guests assembled on Alamo Plaza shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning and took cars for the national cemetery, where sleep many soldiers and sailors. Many persons had preceded these societies, however, and when all arrived there were in all probability upwards of 1000 people in the cemetery enclosures. Notably among the guests were several members of Albert Sydney Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans.

Arriving at the cemetery, Commander Bolton, of the local Grand Army of the Republic Post, called the assembly to order and explained succinctly the object of the convocation. He then introduced Post Chaplain Rollins, who delivered an appropriate and beautiful prayer.

At the conclusion of the chaplain's supplication, the audience sang "America" with enthusiasm and spirit.

Commander Bolton next read an order from General Albert D. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand

Army of the Republic. Following this he read Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, a patriotic classic that has been incorporated in the Grand Army of the Republic ceremonies for such occasions.

The choir and audience sang the national memorial hymn of the Republic. Every one was thrilled by the rehearsal of this inspiring and touching hymn, the last verse of which reads:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy. let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching.

At the conclusion of the singing Rev. W. A. Cooper was presented and made an address of fifteen minutes, replete with patriotism and fraternal sentiments. He reviewed the hardships and dangers of a soldier's life, and told something of its gaiety as well. The soldiers of 1861-5 were the grandest heroes the world had ever seen. It was nothing but justice, he thought, that the graves of the departed be kept green, and that the living be honored and revered. It was nothing but justice to his mind that every Union soldier and Union soldier's widow be given a pension by the Federal government.

The spirit of the war was happily about erased. No one longer wanted slavery, and the swords of the Union soldier had long since been hammered into plowshares, while the bayonets of the Confederate veteran has been made into pruning hooks. As evidence of this fraternity, he cited the example of Kentucky. That imperial State had erected a monument at the entrance to Chickamauga National Park in honor of its gallant sons who had fallen on both sides of the fratricidal contest.

At the close of Mr. Cooper's address, the societies and others marched around to the grave of an unknown soldier, where Commander Bolton and Chaplain Rollins and Officer of the Day Murphy conducted memorial services. These services over, forty-five children, under the supervision of Mother O'Connor of the Woman's Relief Corps, scattered flowers on the grave. Flowers were scattered on all other graves soon thereafter, after which an infantry salute was fired.

Capt. C. L. Best of Fort Sam Houston, participated in the ceremonies on behalf of the regular army, was in charge of Battery K, and fired a national salute of

forty-five guns. This splendid scene practically closed the functions at the cemetery, and the decorators, societies and their guests soon boarded cars and returned to Alamo Plaza, where they were dismissed."

Picket Post, Laredo, was born during the year. E. L. Kilmer reports Memorial Day service. Eleven comrades took part in the exercises, also the Confederate Veterans, Red Men, U. C. V.s and Spanish war veterans. 125 graves were decorated. Judge Nicholson spoke for G. A. R.s and Capt. Farrar for Confederate Veterans. Rev. Dr. Ward opened with prayer and closed with the benediction.

Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth, reports both Memorial and Decoration Days observed. Fourteen comrades present on Memorial Day and twenty on Decoration. There were three cemeteries visited and fifty graves decorated. Hon. Frank Stanley delivered the address on Decoration Day. The way to make our Memorial Day more impressive, is united interest, by all the old veterans taking part. H. A. Mulholland, P. C.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, spent Memorial Day and Decoration Day in a very profitable and entertaining manner. The entire Post turned out and 150 graves were strewn with flowers. A choir of fifty girls sang. I can do no better than let the Denison papers speak.

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

"Memorial Day was generally observed on Wednesday. In fact, it was a holiday. In the afternoon business was generally suspended. There was a large gathering at the park. The G. A. R. Post, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the school children participated. Capt. E. J. Smith delivered an appropriate address from the standpoint of the younger generation. It was an earnest, patriotic address throughout, and elicited the applause of the old veterans. The streets were full of carriages and hundreds on foot who visited the cemeteries and scattered beautiful floral tributes on the graves of the dead—the Blue and the Gray.

Captain Kretsinger made a very happy address at the park. The singing was also very fine and breathed the patriotic spirit."

"Nathaniel Lyons Post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. observed Decoration Day fittingly.

“At 2 o'clock there was a memorial address at Forest Park. W. O. Kretsinger introduced E. J. Smith to the audience, and Mr. Smith made a very flattering and eulogistic address to the old soldiers, and those of the younger generations gathered there, and those of the of the post, of the chasm that has been closed by the closer binding of national ties, and of the wounds of the heart and mind and body that have been healed by the friendlier feeling of fellow countrymen in peace and in war, since the stirring time of 61-65. Mr. Smith is a very able speaker, and on this occasion, with a subject that deserves eloquence, he did himself proud, and entertained and won the hearts of the old veterans.

“Major Kretsinger announced that no street parade had been attempted because the old soldiers felt that there was but one duty for them to perform, and that duty was at the little mounds of earth that mark the last eternal resting place of the Nation's honored dead. They felt that the Blue and the Gray were all American soldiers, and that the G. A. R. would place as many flowers on the grave of the man who wore the gray, as upon the bosom of the dreamless dust of the dead soldier of the Union.

“The evening was spent at the cemeteries, and the old soldiers slept peacefully last night beneath a wilderness of flowers.”

“With whitened heads and lessening numbers each year, the veteran members of the Grand Army of the Republic gather for their annual memorial service. May 30 is the official day but the nearest Sabbath is usually taken for the religious exercises. On yesterday there was a double column of considerable length that moved from the Post headquarters on Main street to the First Congregational Church, on West Woodard. They were accompanied by a large delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps. The interior of the cozy church was made brighter with bouquets of roses and the pulpit was nearly surrounded with the large flags that had been carried in the procession. Neat, printed programs were distributed at the door, and the clock work order in which everything moved showed the careful planning that had been done.

“Rev. Houser's (a son of a veteran) sermon was one of the best ever delivered in Denison on a like occasion. His subject was 'The Champion of War and Prince of Peace,' based on two texts each from the Old and New Testaments. The history of civilization was divided

into epochs showing how the great strides toward universal peace had followed decisive struggles on the battle field, and that the events between the 60s and the 70s—in their influence upon the world—had cleared the way for the desired result more than any previous combat in the catalogue of wars. It was an eloquent and scholarly address, emphasizing the thought that only as men and nations put into use the principles illustrated in the life and teachings of the Prince of Peace can they hope to establish in all the corners of the earth the desired civilization.

“Miss Acheson and Messrs. Morrell, Strehorn, Ford and Rehpennig provided fine instrumental music, and a male quartette added an appropriate number to the vocal selections.”

Report submitted in F. C. and L. H. Allen, P. C.

George H. Thomas Post No. 6, and John A. Dix Post No. 11, and the two W. R. C.s, all of Dallas, is able to present an excellent report of both days. One hundred or more of the two Posts and Corps attended the Exposition Park Presbyterian Church, of which your chaplain is pastor. The Memorial Decoration service was attended by a large crowd. I shall read a part of the report from the Dallas News:

Decoration Day was observed in Dallas by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps. The graves of the Union and Confederate dead were decorated with wreaths of flowers and a monument was unveiled on the Grand Army plat in Greenwood Cemetery.

The ladies of the Relief Corps have been working some time to erect a suitable monument, and yesterday the fruits of their labors were turned over to the Grand Army with appropriate ceremonies.

The monument is an ornate shaft fourteen feet high and surmounted with an urn. On the face is carved the Grand Army badge and the inscription, “Erected by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. May 30, 1900,” and on the base are the letters “G. A. R.” On the other sides of the monument are carved an anchor, crossed swords and a stack of muskets. And around the base are some verses from scripture.

The ceremonies were to have commenced at 10 o'clock yesterday, but on account of the rain they were postponed until 2 in the afternoon. At that time the members of the Grand Army and the Relief Corps gathered at the Woodmen's Hall and marched to the street car line, where they took cars for the cemetery.

When they arrived at the place the ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic was carried out and the monument was unveiled. Col. M. W. Mann was chairman of the monument committee and was master of ceremonies.

The bugler sounded the call "attention," and the little daughter of J. S. Dunlap and the little son of George S. Nash drew the cord that unveiled the monument.

Rev. S. W. Patterson then read the address of President Lincoln on the battlefield of Gettysburg, which was delivered Nov. 19, 1863.

Mr. Patterson then spoke briefly in praise of the ladies of the Relief Corps, to whom was due all the honor of the monument.

He was followed by Col. P. B. Hunt, who spoke feelingly to the veterans.

Mayor Cabell was present and was called upon by Col. Mann to address the people present as the son of a distinguished Confederate General.

Mayor Cabell responded with a brief address in which he congratulated the Grand Army of the Republic on the monument which they had just unveiled, and complimented the ladies on their efforts to secure it, which had met with well-merited success. He said that he himself was the son of a soldier and he honored and respected all that had borne arms in a cause that they believed to be just.

Mrs. D. A. Allen of the Woman's Relief Corps delivered the monument to the G. A. R. in a short address. Col. Mann replied, accepting the monument in behalf of the Grand Army.

The officer of the day, J. J. Weiler, ordered a salute to be fired in honor of the unknown dead. Three volleys were fired by a squad of members of the G. A. R.

The national hymn, "America," was sung by all present and a salute of twelve volleys was fired, after which the graves of Union and Confederate dead alike were strewn with flowers.

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston, sends two reports, one in July and one in December. The Memorial sermon was preached by Edwin McNutt, and thirteen comrades attended. The Decoration Day service was attended by fifteen comrades. 147 graves were decorated in the five cemeteries; 47 graves are unmarked. The address was delivered by the son of a veteran, Hon. W. H. Atwell.

Joseph A. Mower Post No. 10, Austin, Texas, reports

no Memorial Day service. Twenty comrades participated in decorating the graves of 40 ex-Union and 150 ex-Confederate soldiers. 28 graves are unmarked. Addresses were given on the occasion by a veteran.

Strong influence should be brought to bear upon teachers of school children in securing their service on Memorial Day, also calling into service other organizations, especially ladies.

Wm. H. Lewis Post No. 17, Brackettville, reports Memorial Decoration Day service. There were seven comrades in line and all the graves in the two cemeteries were decorated. Comrade E. Pratt and the Chaplain, Henry Roach, made the address for the day. The U. S. troops took part in the services.

Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso. Both memorial days were properly observed, and something unusual is recorded of this Post. More comrades attended the Sabbath day memorial than Decoration Day services. Thirty-two were present to hear the sermon. I believe this Post has set us a good example. There is more in an impressive Sabbath memorial than any other service. Thirty-five graves were covered with flowers. Two cemeteries visited; seven unmarked graves. The speaker on Memorial Day was the son of a veteran, Gen. A. G. Malloy. The Post Chaplain, E. P. Lowe, says the G. A. R.s and Confederate Veterans joined in memorial service.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas, sends two reports with this statement: "Our Post is so scattered we can have no regular meetings and no Memorial Day exercise. B. R. Sprayberry, Post Chaplain, says, "We hope the day will come to increase our members." We speak a word of kindness to our comrades of this Post: You make the best effort you can, and that always counts whether you see results or not.

John A. Logan Post No. 23, Denton, excels all other Posts. They send three reports that are commendable. You must be Presbyterians for you believe in the perseverance of the saints. Send them along, boys. No Memorial Sabbath observed. Let me suggest to the Posts, hunt up some preacher and have Memorial Sabbath service if there are only two in the Post; it will have a good influence on our young people. The Decoration Day was observed. Four of the comrades visited two cemeteries and decorated seven unmarked graves. The Post Chaplain, R. W. Craig, says but little can be done when the comrades live in the country; it is so hard to get them together. Eighteen months ago I made

requisition for tomb stones to quartermaster general, Washington, D. C. Have had no word. Can you help us?

Phil Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown, B. J. Jones, Post Chaplain, sends two reports. He says, on account of the members of the Post being so scattered, it is impossible to get them together. We know how true this is. We can only say, visit each other in your homes as often as possible and it will greatly cheer you.

Meade Post No. 35, Decatur, reports Decoration Day service. Eight comrades participated; six graves of our comrades were decorated, all lying in one cemetery. The stormy day prevented us carrying out the program. Comrade Barber, Post Chaplain.

Sam J. Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford. Two of the noble comrades of this Post go with their flowers, but what is still more valuable, with love in their hearts, to put flowers on thirteen graves of our comrades and twenty graves of our Confederate Veterans, so reports the Post Chaplain, John Morrison. A letter from Horace Baker, Post Commander, is so full of hopeful, kind words, I wish we could give it, but time will not permit. He says in part: "The poor little Post has been ashamed to send in its Memorial Day report, but, spurred up by our beloved Rust, we will do our best." Parker County has organized four Posts, the comrades are scattered over 30 miles. They are all growing old, sick and crippled. About all they can do is to growl and grumble. God knows too they have cause. The old time fire is still in the hearts of our comrades, and as long as we have breath you will hear from us."

Opdyke Post No. 53, Jefferson, sends this report. "On account of long continued sickness in the family of our Post Commander, John Grant, we could not observe Memorial Sabbath or Decoration Day;" so reports T. K. Smith. You did the best you could.

E. J. Davis No. 54, Corpus Christi, reports about the same as Sam J. Randall Post. Only two comrades could muster on Decoration Day to strew flowers on 30 graves. Stones are ordered for the three unmarked graves Paul Sturm, P. C.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason. The Chaplain of our Post, John Hull, resides over fifty miles from Post, and in his absence the Adjutant, D. Doole, reports no Sabbath Memorial Day observance. Seven comrades and six Confederate Veterans joined together in placing flowers on eleven Union and five Confederate graves. They were joined by twenty-five pupils and Ladies'

Literary Society. There were three graves marked unknown.

Rosseau Post No. 60, Graham, reports the observance of Memorial Decoration Day, participated in by two comrades who put flowers on the graves of seven comrades, all lying in one cemetery, with three graves unmarked.

What an impressive sight to see two comrades near to the brink of the grave bending over to drop a flower and a tear, knowing that soon they will fill the narrow home. C. R. Retherford, Post Chaplain.

W. B. Travis Post, No. 66, Abilene. Mark Perkins, Post Chaplain, sends blank and reports the partial observance of memorial Decoration Day. One cemetery and one grave was visited. How fast the ranks of the Blue and the Gray are thinning out.

C. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownwood. William Kelly, the faithful commander, always sends the reports. As individuals, we observed Decoration Day. The Post is so small we do not attempt any demonstrations publicly, and we are not willing to join with the ex-rebel organizations. We have no Post Chaplain.

Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco, sends two blanks filled out. Charles H. Jones, Post Chaplain, reports both days observed. Twenty comrades present at Memorial Sabbath Day services. Forty comrades participated in Decoration services. There were three cemeteries visited and 300 graves of the Union and Confederates were strewn with flowers. Department Commander, Charles B. Peck, delivered a cheering and hopeful address to the comrades. It is very gratifying to see the unity between the Blue and the Gray.

San Jacinto Post No. 75, La Porte. Post Chaplain, J. H. Bullock, reports twenty comrades present at Sabbath Memorial services. There were the same number at the Decoration Day services. Two cemeteries were visited and three graves were marked with flowers, but no marks by headstones.

J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78, Gatesville. James Y. Treble sends two blanks, reporting no Memorial or Decoration Day services.

We close the report with the highest number, 80, beginning with the lowest, Post 1. This Post was first organized during the year, and is called the H. W. Lawton Post No. 80. Nathaniel Blevins reports the Post just organized, and will try and have a good report for next year.

In closing this report I believe that since I have been

Department Chaplain, there were never so many Posts reported as this year. I wish to heartily thank the G. A. R. Encampment which met at San Antonio last year and made me Department Chaplain for the fourth time. I will not attempt to say how sound in mind you were at the time you did it, but will say with all my heart, I thank you for conferring so much honor upon your comrade.

Some who met with us on that day have gone home to that land of never fading flowers and crystal waters. Many will no doubt drop out of our ranks in the year to come, but let us live so that our life may be life-giving while we do live.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
REV. S. W. PATTERSON.

The following committee on chaplain's report was appointed: R. B. Baer, McClellan Post; C. C. Haskell, Lyon Post; W. H. Christian, Sam Houston Post.

Report of the Judge Advocate was read.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE,
ALVIN, TEXAS, April 22, 1901.

Col. E. G. Rust, Assistant Adjutant General.

SIR:—My appointment as Judge Advocate was announced in General Order No. 9, March 10, 190—but a few short weeks ago—and I have scarcely gotten a good view of the situation. The only official matters connected with the office was the examination of the papers in the court martial case of Comrade M. O. Perkins of W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, of Galveston, who was charged with "conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline," and with "conduct unbecoming a gentleman, etc." The court sentenced him to be dismissed, and the post commander approved the findings and sentence and passed the record up to the Department Commander for approval, who, in turn, referred same to this office that their regularity might be passed upon.

The record was as nearly perfect as such a court can produce, and there being no manifest error in the proceedings, the papers were returned to your office for final action.

I recommend that hereafter the record of the court be published in folder form and sent out to the members of the department through the several posts, in order that each may know the result of trials throughout the de-

partment, and what offenses are punishable, and what punishment can be inflicted. Such proceedings will school the members and the better fit them and qualify them to sit on courts. Respectfully submitted,
J. C. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate.

Referred to the following committee: John H. Reagan, Horace Baker, John H. Bolton.

Chief Mustering Officer's report was read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.,
HOUSTON, April 22, 1901.

Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment.

SIRS AND COMRADES:—I hereby make the following report of my official duties during the year:

Joe Hooker Post No. 79 was organized at Laredo, Texas, by Comrade S. Sulnon, with eleven charter members.

I having received official notice from the Department Commander that a Post was to be organized at Beaumont on the 24th of June, 1900, in company with Department Commander C. B. Peck, and Assistant Adjutant General E. G. Rust, I proceeded thither for that purpose, and with the assistance of Commander Peck and Assistant Adjutant General Rust, organized H. W. Lawton Post No. 80, Department of Texas, with twenty-one charter members.

Also, on the 9th of July, 1900, accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General Rust, I proceeded to Orange, for the purpose of mustering in a Post at that place. With the assistance of Assistant Adjutant General Rust, I organized E. H. Liscum Post No. 81, with twenty-three charter members.

On January 26, 1901, Bonham Post No. 82 was organized by ex-Senior Vice Department Commander C. C. Haskell, with thirty-four charter members.

I would state that I think that Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9 of Houston, Texas, is the banner Post for recruits during this administration, having received by cards, muster and reinstatement thirty-seven recruits, thus increasing its membership ninety-four per cent.

Hoping that the next administration may be as successful; I remain,
Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. J. BILLOW,
Chief Mustering Officer.

The report of Junior Vice Commander was referred to the following committee: Wm. H. Honneus, W. A. Rowan, P. B. Hunt.

The following resolution of Comrade Alonzo Gerard was adopted.

Whereas, The women banded together in that grand, noble organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, aided by its Past President, Mrs. Ada C. Works, of Waco, Texas, whose zeal, ability and sterling worth was proven in distributing relief after the Galveston coast storm in September, 1900, to the full satisfaction of the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic. And,

Whereas, Comrade Charles B. Peck, our Department Commander, having in charge the management of said relief, has given all satisfaction to the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps in said management, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic tender sincere thanks to said Woman's Relief Corps, to its Past President, Mrs. Ada C. Work, and to our Department Commander, Charles B. Peck, for their heroic deeds named in these resolutions. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to said President and Commander, that they be published in the daily papers and the same be spread upon the minutes of this Department.

ALONZO GERARD,
Past Commander Mower Post No. 10.

Resolution of Comrade Kilmer of Corpus Christi was read:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 24, 1901.

To the Officers and Comrades of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment.

GREETING:—E. J. Davis Post No. 54, by its Representative, offers the following:

Whereas, There is at present no Home for Disabled Soldiers in the entire South, where by right at least one or more Homes ought to be located, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Encampment hereby instructs its Representatives to the National Encampment to use every effort to secure the endorsement of the National Encampment on the establishment of a Soldier's Home at Corpus Christi.

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

E. J. KILMER,
Representative No. 54.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by
Department of Arkansas. Laid upon the table.

Report of Committee on Commander's Address:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 24, 1901.

*To the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, Department of
Texas, G. A. R.*

COMRADES:—The Committee to whom was referred
the able report of our Department Commander, having
carefully reviewed same, have the honor to report:

That for thoroughness of research and compilation it is
one of the most able papers of its kind that ever emanat-
ed from our Department. And the administration is to
be complimented, especially for its gains to the order in
membership, and in the dispensing of the national aid
to our needy and destitute comrades and wards, caused
by the late storm.

We would most earnestly urge that the present Assis-
tant Adjutant General be rendered by the members of
this Department all the assistance possible to enable
him to thoroughly complete the compilation of the his-
tory of the Grand Army in Texas; and to this end would
suggest that Comrade E. G. Rust be designated Histo-
rian and Custodian of Records of the Department, for
which a compensation commensurate with the labor
(not the services) be vouchsafed him for same.

JOHN W. PARKS,
J. C. MCBRIDE,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Assistant Adjutant General's
Report.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 23, 1901.

To the Department Encampment, G. A. R., of Texas.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the report
of the Assistant Adjutant General, having considered
same, beg to recommend its approval and acceptance
by this Encampment, and add thereto our appreciation
of his labors and commendation of results.

J. W. RIDGE,
R. B. UNDERHILL,
DAN G. GILLETTE,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Department Chaplain's Re-
port:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, April 14, 1901.
General Charles B. Peck, Department Commander,
G. A. R.

COMMANDER AND COMRADE:—Your Committee to whom was referred the very efficient, and, we must say, beautiful, report of the Department Chaplain, have the honor to report: That having reviewed same, find it reflects great credit on the several Posts reporting, and the good officer making the same to this body.

Respectfully,

R. B. BAER,
 W. H. CHRISTIAN,
 C. C. HASKELL,

Committee.

Adopted.

Letter from Comrade A. G. Weissert read by Assistant Adjutant General Rust.

Ordered placed on file.

Report of Chief Mustering Officer was referred to the following committee: E. J. Kilmer, Corpus Christi; A. Gerard, Austin; C. S. Jones.

Report of Committee on Junior Vice Commander's report:

Charles B. Peck, Commander Department of Texas.

COMRADE:—Your Committee appointed to report on the report of Junior Vice Department Commander, beg leave to state that we have carefully reviewed said report and believe it should meet with the approval of this Encampment, and respectfully recommend that it be adopted.

All of which we respectfully submit.

WM. H. HONNEUS,
 W. A. ROWAN,
 P. B. HUNT,

Committee.

Adopted.

Motion made and adopted that E. J. Kilmer's resolution be changed to read: "that the location of Home be fixed for some point in Texas."

The following resolution of Comrade Gerard of Austin was read and adopted:

Whereas, The late pension laws provide that all disabilities of ex-Union soldiers who apply for pensions under the old law and under the several acts since the

act of June 27, 1890, shall be combined and a rating be given the claimant after proof is established that disabilities do exist on the person of said applicant, and,

Whereas, It is positively known that the Pension Commissioner has ignored said laws by drawing the line upon claimants who positively prove that part of said disabilities were received in the line of duty and the other part of disabilities received after close of the Civil War, and refuse to combine and make any allowance for disabilities received after the war with those received in line of duty, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Department Encampment instruct its delegates to the National Encampment to use all influence and cast their votes for amending said laws to make them so clear that proper construction will be given said laws, so that all disabilities received in the line of duty and those received after the war shall be combined and a higher rating given when said two classes of disabilities are combined, than is given for that in line of duty only, provided that none of said disabilities are caused by vicious habits of said claimant.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO GERARD,

Past Commander Mower Post No. 10.

Report of Committee on Inspector's Report:

*General Charles B. Peck, Department Commander,
Department of Texas, G. A. R.*

We, the Committee to whom the Inspector's Report was referred, would respectfully say, that after a careful investigation and examination, recommend that the report be accepted, and that the thanks of this Encampment be tendered Comrade Ketchum for the honest and faithful discharge of his duties, and that the report be placed on file as a model for future Inspectors.

B. D. ATWELL,

J. J. BILLOW,

H. A. JOHNSON,

Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Judge Advocate's Report:

We, the Committee, report after careful examination, approve the report of J. C. McBride, Judge Advocate.

JOHN H. REAGAN,

HORACE BAKER,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Chief Mustering Officer's report:

We, your Committee on Report of Department Mustering Officer, recommend that said report be received as read.

ALONZO GERARD,
E. J. KILMER,
C. S. JONES,
Committee.

Adopted.

The following resolution of Comrade W. A. Rowan was laid upon the table:

Whereas, The Grand Army in Texas has passed the the scholastic age, when each member would like to buckle on his father's sword and play soldier, and

Whereas, The transferring of the precious records of our Department from one city to another in their transmission from one Assistant Adjutant General to the other is accompanied by great loss to the historical features of this Department, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the Adjutant General should be constituted historian and custodian of records, and be retained in his office from year to year for the purpose of keeping our records perfected and intact for the use of future generations.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, nominations were declared in order for Department Commander.

Comrade Ketchum of Hancock Post No. 2 nominated John H. Bolton of Ord Post No. 3.

Seconded by Comrades Gillette and Moore of Ord Post and Billow of McClellan No. 9.

Past Commander Parks of Dallas nominated P. B. Hunt of Dallas.

Seconded by Comrades Christian of Dublin, Nash of Dallas, Baker of Weatherford and Clingman of Jacksboro.

The Commander appointed the following tellers: J. W. Ridge and A. I. Lockwood.

After balloting the vote as announced was: Bolton, 32, and Hunt 38.

The Commander declared P. B. Hunt duly elected as Commander of the Department.

Comrade Bolton moved that the election be made unanimous. Carried.

FOR SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Department Commander nominated H. C. Adler for Senior Vice Department Commander.

On motion, nominations were closed and Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

FOR JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade Moore nominated J. J. Billow.

On motion, nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

FOR CHAPLAIN.

Department Commander Peck nominated Rev. S. W. Patterson.

On motion, nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

The Chaplain addressed the Encampment on the lines of temperance and morality.

FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Comrade Haskell of Lyon Post nominated G. Helbing of Custer Post No. 32.

On motion, nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

Department Commander appointed the Chief of Staff and Comrade Haskell to proceed to the convention hall of the Woman's Relief Corps and ascertain at what hour they desired a joint installation.

Comrade Hyatt of Beaumont addressed the Encampment on the subject of a plat of ground in Beaumont on which were buried many Union soldiers, whose graves had been desecrated and turned out to the common.

Comrade Kilmer moved that our Representative be instructed to bring before the National Encampment the matter of purchase of a cemetery at Beaumont, to which these soldiers could be moved.

Comrade Nash moved as a substitute that a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to be submitted to the National Encampment, looking to the purchase contemplated.

The following committee was appointed: F. A. Hyatt, R. B. Underhill, G. S. Nash.

Comrade Nash of committee on foregoing resolution asked for further time and said they would report later to the Assistant Adjutant General for incorporation in the minutes.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of representatives and alternates to the National Encampment.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

H. A. Johnson, McPherson Post No. 1, was placed in nomination.

On motion, nominations were declared closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE.

J. C. McBride, Wainwright Post No. 72, was nominated.

On motion, nominations were declared closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

FOR ALTERNATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Nathaniel Underhill of Ord Post No. 3 was placed in nomination.

On motion, nominations were declared closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

FOR ALTERNATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE.

W. A. Stoner of Kit Carson Post No. 74 was placed in nomination.

On motion, nominations were declared closed and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote.

Chief of Staff and Comrade Haskell, Committee to Woman's Relief Corps, reported that the Woman's Relief Corps requested a joint installation at 3 p. m. at

Temple of Honor Hall, and that they had re-elected Mrs. Van Horn as Department President.

The selection of a place for the next annual Encampment being in order, Dallas was nominated by G. S. Nash as the next place of meeting.

Beaumont was also placed in nomination by Ed. N. Ketchum, a strong letter from Mayor D. P. Wheat, extending invitation, being read.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, April 16, 1901.

Hon. Charles B. Peck, Department Commander, G. A. R., Galveston, Texas.

SIR:—I have the honor through you to extend to the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, an invitation to hold your next Annual Encampment in the city of Beaumont.

While we are one of the younger, we know we are the "coming" city of Texas, and as your Order has a Post here, we believe we can make your Encampment pleasant, and it will be an honor to our people.

Any thing and every thing that will conduce to a successful and pleasant Encampment of the Grand Army we will undertake to provide.

The gates of our city, the hospitality of our people, their homes and everything we can do to make your visit a pleasant one, shall be done.

I have the honor to remain very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. P. WHEAT,

Mayor of the City of Beaumont.

The vote stood as follows by a rising vote: For Dallas, 25; for Beaumont, 32.

Commander appointed a committee to select a Council of Administration for presentation to the Encampment for election.

Committee reported as follows: D. G. Gillette, Ord No. 3; C. C. Haskell, Lyon No. 5; F. A. Hyatt, Lawton No. 80; John W. Parks, Dix No. 11; J. H. Bolton, Ord No. 3. Adopted.

Closed subject to installation and appointment of Transportation Committee.

In the evening the Encampment met at the Temple of

Honor Hall for joint installation with the Woman's Relief Corps.

The exemplification of the W. R. C. floor work, including the flag drill by the Waco Corps, was greatly enjoyed by the comrades.

Mrs. Carr, National President, installed the officers of the W. R. C., and did it in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

Past Department Commander Ed Ketchum installed the new officers of the Grand Army, J. W. Ridge having been appointed Assistant Adjutant General.

Thus ended another very delightful Encampment; one long to be remembered by Grand Army and Corps people as a green spot in their pilgrimage.

E. G. RUST,

Asst. Adjt. & A. Q. M. General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEX., April 25, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

No. I. Having been elected and installed Department Commander at the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, held at San Antonio, April 19, 1900, I hereby assume command.

Appreciating the honor and responsibilities conferred upon me, I pledge a soldier's loyalty to every duty, and ask your aid, zeal and charity in maintaining and, if possible, improving the favorable condition of the Department.

No. II. Headquarters are established at Houston, Texas, and all official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, E. G. Rust, at that point.

CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.

HOUSTON, TEX., April 25, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

I. At the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, held in San Antonio, April 19, 1900, the following named Comrades were elected to the offices indicated below:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

Comrade Charles B. Peck, McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

Comrade Nathaniel Underwood, Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio.

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

Comrade H. W. Clingman, Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

Comrade Jos. Jones, M. D., Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,

Comrade S. W. Patterson, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

Comrade H. E. Conger, Carson Post No. 74, Waco.

" J. C. Bigger, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

" E. A. Russell, Wright Post No. 26, Paris.

" R. P. Sargeant, Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.

" J. H. Pratt, Lewis Post No. 17, Brackettville.

- REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.
- Comrade H. A. Johnson, McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman.
Delegate-at-Large.
- “ C. C. Haskell, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison,
Delegate.
- “ J. W. Ayers, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas,
Alternate-at-Large.
- “ H. E. Conger, Carson Post No. 74, Waco,
Alternate.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Comrade E. G. Rust, Houston.

INSPECTOR,

Comrade Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,

Comrade J. J. Billow, Houston.

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF,

Comrade Ben D. Atwell, Hutchins.

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Comrade J. L. Tygard, Post No. 5, Denison.

“ J. R. Harned, Post No. 6, Dallas.

“ John Roch, Post No. 55, Dublin.

IV. Post Commanders will promptly transmit to these Headquarters the name of an energetic Comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp, staff of the Department Commander. The position is an important one and only those who will work zealously for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic should be recommended.

V. All duties of Assistant Quartermaster General will be performed by the Assistant Adjutant General.

By order of

CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.
E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjutant General.

HOUSTON, TEX., May 7, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

I. The Memorial Day Order of the Commander-in-Chief, dated April 12th, has but just been received and is herewith transmitted. The delay in the Department Order is due to non receipt of the above Order, the cause probably being the change in Headquarters.

II. The Department Commander commends to all Posts the eloquent words of our Commander-in-Chief, and directs that the same be read at the first meeting in each Post after its receipt. He also enjoins upon the several Posts that they attend divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, and recommends that each Post request the authorities to close the public schools in the town or city in which the Post is located on Memorial Day, so that the children may join with us in the ceremonies of decorating the graves of heroes, thus inculcating in their youthful minds a patriotic love for our country.

III. Comrades, this is a sacred day and its observance should be a religious duty. Let us, then, with reverent hearts and willing hands, strew flowers over the graves of those who

lived and died in the belief of the principles we cherish—Eternal Loyalty, One Country and One Flag, and resolve anew to live worthy lives in all that insures happiness to home and the highest culture of righteousness to the nation. By order of
CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.
E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjutant General.

HOUSTON, TEX., June 30, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

I. The 34th National Encampment will be held in the City of Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26-30, next. The Department Commander has deferred issuing this order for some time, hoping to be enabled to announce the rate, but the Committee on Transportation are working to secure a low rate, and write that the rate will probably be in the neighborhood of \$20 for the round trip. Headquarters train will leave Houston 6:35 p. m. Saturday, August 25, via the M. K. & T. and Wabash Railways, with a free chair car for the use of the comrades through to Chicago without change, arriving at Dallas 7:25 a. m. Sunday, at Denison 10:50 a. m., and St. Louis 7:35 a. m. Monday, at Chicago 4:40 p. m.

The Commander of the Department hopes that the comrades and Woman's Relief Corps will arrange to join the Headquarters train from their respective points, which will arrive in Chicago in time for the great parade on Tuesday.

II. Headquarters for the Department of Texas have been established at Hotel Morrison, Corner Clark and Madison, where all Texans will assemble and register.

III. Blank reports A and B having been sent out long since, Commanders of Posts will make it their personal business to see that the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters make up their reports for the term ending June 30th, 1900, and promptly forward same to these Headquarters, with their per capita tax. In no case must they be delayed beyond July 10th, when the Assistant Adjutant General has to consolidate all these reports and send to National Headquarters.

IV. Comrade H. C. Adler, of Frank Hurst Post No. 13, Terrell, is hereby appointed Chairman of the National Monument Committee for this Department, vice F. L. Kirk, resigned.

V. The names of all comrades who will attend the National Encampment at Chicago should be forwarded to these Headquarters at once, together with their rank and the name of their regiment and company, that the Assistant Adjutant General may report them to Committee of Arrangements in Chicago.

VI. The Department Commander reserves the right to change the routing of comrades to the National Encampment if rates justify. If any change is made however, special order will be sent each Post.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

- A. I. Lockwood, Post No. 3, San Antonio.
- Isaac W. Rouse, Post No. 4, Ft. Worth.
- John Grauwylar, Post No. 11, Dallas.
- E. B. Dwyer, Post No. 13, Terrell.
- Alonzo Gerard, Post No. 10, Austin.
- Francis W. Stearns, Post No. 17, Fort Clark.
- James E. Stringer, Post No. 23, Denton.
- C. S. Jones, Post No. 25, Georgetown.

Frank E. Tusten, Post No. 19, El Paso.
 E. J. Kilmer, Post No. 54, Corpus Christi.
 A. McWhirk, Post No. 6, Dallas.

By order of
 CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.
 E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjutant General.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Aug. 10, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 5.

I. As heretofore announced, the 34th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Chicago Aug. 26th to 30th, 1900.

II. Transportation rates have finally been settled and from all points in Texas the rate to Chicago and return will be one fare, plus \$2.00. Tickets will be on sale August 24th, good for return passage from Chicago (without deposit of ticket) on or before September 1, 1900. If extension of time is desired, ticket will have to be deposited with the Joint Agent at Chicago on or before September 2nd, and he will extend the limit of ticket to September 30th, on payment of 50 cents. Form of ticket: continuous passage only, in both directions.

III. Headquarters train for Department of Texas will leave Houston via M. K. & T. R. R. Friday, Aug. 24th, 6:35 p. m., arriving in Chicago via the Wabash R. R. at 4:40 p. m. Sunday, if on time. This change in starting has been made on account of appointments in Chicago on Monday and the fear of belated trains at the Encampment. All comrades and their families are cordially invited to join this train at their various points of embarkation, as a special free chair car will be furnished through to Chicago without charge.

IV. Headquarters have been established at room No. 125, Hotel Morrison, corner Madison and Clark streets. Delegates, alternates and all voting members of Encampment will report to Assistant Adjutant General E. G. Rust, at Headquarters, on arrival, who will deliver to them their Encampment badges. A cordial invitation is extended to all veterans, W. R. C. members and Sons of Veterans to visit Headquarters, meet the Department Commander, and register their name and local address.

V. The Proceedings of the last National Encampment are now in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General at Houston, and may be had by any Post or comrade sending 12 cents in stamps to cover postage. These Proceedings contain matters of importance to every Post, and Adjutants should not fail to secure one for their Post.

VI. Comrade S. Sulnon, of Joe Hooker Post No. 79, Laredo, is hereby appointed special Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Department Commander, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

VII. The new Department countersign, together with National General Order No. 9, will accompany this order, and Commanders of Posts should be sure to communicate the new password, as also the National, to all comrades intending going to Encampment. By order of

CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.
 E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjutant General.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Oct. 10, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 6.
The Department Commander hereby announces the following appointments:

Member of Council of Administration, vice J.C. Bigger, deceased,
Comrade J. W. Ayers, John A. Dix Post No. 11.
Judge Advocate of Department,
Comrade W. L. Parkinson, H. W. Lawton Post No. 80.

They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.
The Commander has also recommended to the Commander-in-Chief the following comrades as Aides-de-Camp on National Staff:

Comrade Moses Dillon, Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso.
Comrade A. I. Lockwood, E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio.
Comrade J. M. Steere, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6, Dallas.

General Order No. 2 from the Commander-in-Chief is promulgated herewith, announcing the appointment of officers and location of National Headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. By order of
CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjutant General.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 20, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 7.

I. As the time for our annual election of officers approaches, Posts should take on new life and energy, and strive to secure the most available men in their Posts to fill the various chairs in the Post room.

II. The election of Post officers for 1901 and of representatives to the Sixth Annual Department Encampment, to be held at Galveston next April, must be made at the first regular Post meeting in December, 1900.

Blanks for a report of the names of the officers elected and for credentials of representatives to the Department Encampment are being sent to the Commandants of Posts, who will see that they are properly filled out and returned at once after the Post election.

Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate in the Department Encampment for each twenty members and majority fraction of twenty, based on the number of members in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30th, 1900.

III. The rules and regulations require the Adjutant and Quartermaster to make out consolidated semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1900. It is a duty enjoined upon Post Commanders to see that these reports are made immediately after the last meeting in December, and one copy, together with the per capita tax of 30 cents for each member, forwarded to Assistant Adjutant General E. G. Rust, at Houston.

The Assistant Adjutant General is required to consolidate the semi-annual returns of the Post Adjutants, and forward such consolidated report to the Adjutant General on or before the 20th day of January. Hence the necessity for prompt action on the part of the officers of the posts.

Blanks for Adjutant and Quartermaster are herewith enclosed.

The red ink figures upon these blanks show the membership and funds of the Post as reported in the June reports, they must not be altered. Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quar-

termasters are responsible for promptness in making these returns, which wholly govern the standing of the Posts at Department and National Headquarters.

IV. Post Surgeons' reports are, under our present laws, to cover the year ending December 31. Blanks for these reports will soon be forwarded to Post Adjutants, who are charged with the duty of seeing that they are properly made out and mailed to Comrade Joseph Jones, Medical Director, San Antonio, Texas. Be very particular to give the number of deceased comrades.

V. The Department Chaplain, Rev. S. W. Patterson, Dallas, Texas, to whom all Post Chaplain reports must be sent, reported at our last Department Encampment that he had received reports from 23 out of 36 Posts, the largest number in the history of our Department, but hopes this year to secure reports from every Post in the Department. Blanks for Chaplains' reports will soon be sent out.

VI. In order to facilitate, so far as possible, the inspection of every Post in the Department the ranking Past Post Commander of each Post is hereby appointed assistant inspector. In case of his absence or inability to act, the Post Commander will appoint some competent comrade to inspect the Post and promptly mail the same to Ed Ketchum, Department Inspector, Galveston, Texas.

Blanks for that purpose are enclosed herewith.

The object of inspection is to ascertain the exact condition of each Post in the Department. It is the duty of Post Commanders to see that his Post has been properly inspected as required by the rules and regulations governing the same. If possible have every Post inspected and return made not later than December 15th.

VIII. The following Posts, having failed to send in their Adjutant's and Quartermasters' reports for the term ending June 30, 1900, will please do so at once, with per capita tax:

Posts 40, 75 and 77.

Posts in arrears for dues are not entitled to representation in the Encampment.

VIII. Some weeks since Circular No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief was sent to every Post in this Department, accompanied by the report of the Committee on Legislation for veterans in public service and attached thereto the form of a resolution to be passed by each of the 7000 Posts in the United States, and up to this time only six Posts in Texas have acted on these important papers. They should be acted upon at once and properly signed up by the Commander and Adjutant of the Post, forwarded to Colonel F. M. Sterrett, Adjutant General, St. Louis, Mo. It is desired that action shall be had by all Posts prior to the meeting of Congress in December.

IX. The following new Posts have been organized this year and are now working under commission: Joe Hooker No. 79, Laredo; H. W. Lawton No. 80, Beaumont, and E. H. Liscum No. 81, Orange.

X. It is desired to secure the minutes of every Encampment ever held in this department, and have them bound in books to preserve the history of our order. Especially are the minutes of Encampments prior to 1890, desired and comrades having copies will please send them to the Assistant Adjutant General. By order of

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.
E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 12, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No. 8.

Enclosed herewith will be found in duplicate the regular blanks for annual report of Post Surgeon and Mortuary list. This must be made out immediately after last meeting in December and must include the whole year.

The National Encampment of 1879 made it the duty of the Post Adjutant to make the report—see pages 73 and 299 Journal—blanks changed so as to make this an annual report. Enclose same at once with mortality list to Comrade Joseph Jones, Medical Director, San Antonio, Texas.

Blanks are also enclosed for Post Chaplain, in case of failure to have made his report after Memorial Day. The Post Commander is required to see that the Chaplain makes a report, and if not already sent, have report made at once to Comrade S. W. Patterson, Department Chaplain, Dallas, Texas.

Commanders will see that all reports are promptly forwarded, for on this depends the standing of the Post in Department Encampment.

The New National Countersign and password accompanies this order and Post Commanders will communicate same to all members in good standing.

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adj. Gen.

Houston, Texas, March 15, 1901.

GENERAL ORDER No. 9.

I. The Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., will be held in the city of Galveston, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22, 23 and 24, 1901.

II. The parlors of the Tremont Hotel are designated as Department headquarters, at which place the committee on credentials, composed of the Assistant Adjutant General, Past Department Commander Conner and Comrade Frank L. Kirk will meet at 10 o'clock 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.

At 12 noon on Monday the Encampment will be convened in Cathedral Hall.

III. The railways have decided to make rates to our Encampment upon what is known as the "convention basis," which is as follows:

- For distances within 75 miles of Galveston, 4 cents per mile.
- For distances 75 to 83 miles of Galveston, \$3 to \$3.30.
- For distances 83 to 100 miles from Galveston, \$3.30.
- For distances over 100 miles from Galveston, one fare plus 10 per cent.

Tickets on sale April 21st, and return leaving Galveston the evening of April 24th, good for continuous passage in each direction.

It is hoped the committee on transportation can secure better rates than above, and if successful, notice will be given.

IV. The Commander of Hancock Post No. 2 will detail comrades to serve as Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard each day of the Encampment.

The Department Commander has advices that the comrades and citizens of the Gulf City, although still suffering from the effects of the great storm of September last, will extend to us the

same generous and cordial welcome that has ever characterized her, and make it a memorable occasion.

Courts-Martial.

VI. One J. H. Tunnell, late a member of McClellan Post No. 9, having stood trial for conduct unbecoming a member of our order, and the findings of said court being that he be dishonorably discharged from the order, the same is hereby approved.

Jonathan H. Tunnell, age 52, born in Morgan county, Ill., was a private in Company A, 2nd Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, enlisting December 28th, 1863, and was discharged July 31st, 1865. Date of muster into G. A. R., October 19th, 1899.

Appointments.

VII. Col. Ed. Ketchum of Galveston is appointed member of committee on transportation, vice Harned, deceased.

Capt. Thomas F. Winthrop of San Antonio is appointed special aide to Allan C. Bakewell, in charge of military instruction and patriotic education in schools, for the National Encampment.

Gen. J. C. McBride of Alvin is appointed Judge Advocate, vice Parkinson resigned.

VIII. The attention of Post Commanders is called to General Order No. 3 of the Commander-in-Chief in regard to reading in the several posts the journal of the last National Encampment.

IX. The Department Commander announces the death of Comrade L. C. Leeds, Past Commander of Dix No. 11, and Past Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Texas, which occurred at Dallas, January 18th. He is a well-known comrade and universally beloved; vale and farewell. By command of

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

GENERAL ORDER No. 10.

Houston, Texas, April 6, 1901.

The Department Commander has great pleasure in announcing to the Comrades of this Department that our forthcoming State Encampment at Galveston, April 22-24, is to be honored by the presence of Gen. Leo. Rassieur, Commander-in-Chief, and Col. Frank M. Sterrett, Adjutant General.

He is also informed that our pleasure on that occasion is to be supplemented by the presence of Mrs. Mary L. Carr, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

It is seldom that a Department Encampment is thus honored, and the Commander hopes that notwithstanding the distances and the railway fares, a large attendance at the Encampment will be had.

It is with sadness that the death of two of our worthy and beloved Past Commanders-in-Chief is announced—that of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., and John G. B. Adams of Boston, Mass.

The organization of a Post at Bonham, January 26, by Past S. V. Commander Haskell with thirty-four charter members, is announced, to which was assigned the name of a former Post at that place—Geo. A. Custer No. 32.

As this is the last General Order that will be issued during the present administration, the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General take this opportunity to thank the

comrades of the Department for their kindness and co-operation during the past year. By command of
CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
Headquarters Department of Texas,
Houston, Texas, Sept. 14, 1900.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 1.

Comrades—The appalling calamity that has befallen Galveston and the Coast Country has smitten hundreds of our comrades in the city, villages and on farms. In many instances portions or whole families are lost; in a hundred others, houses are wrecked, livestock killed and crops destroyed. George B. McClellan Post, of this city, is doing what it can, but its efforts are all inadequate. Systematic, organized assistance can alone avert distress, and we therefore appeal to the members of this Department in behalf of these comrades.

They had made their last stand and effort to secure for themselves and families little homes in the Coast Country of Texas. Their all is involved. Far along in the evening of life, they cannot recuperate quickly. If there was time to make another crop they have nothing with which to make it. Unless we help them they must abandon their homes—their all. If the principles of our order—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—are of any avail, now is the time to show it. Fraternity means organization—Charity means everything and is “the greatest of all”—Loyalty means standing by our comrades as well as the flag. They were our brothers in arms, they are our kindred in adversity.

We confidently expect every member of every Post, every member of every Corps, to contribute something. Remittances and supplies from the G. A. R. should be made to Col. E. G. Rust, Assistant Quartermaster General, and from the Woman's Relief Corps to Mrs. Mina Metcalf, both at Houston, Texas.

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

ANNETTE VAN HORN, Dept. Pres

CIRCULAR LETTER NO 2.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 29th, 1900.

The Department Commander announces with profound regret the death of Col. John C. Bigger, of Dix Post No. 11, Dallas, Texas.

Comrade Bigger was for five years Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, and for one term Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment—widely known and universally respected.

He was a good soldier—a wise counsellor—a loyal comrade—a good citizen. For him “taps” have sounded—the lights are out—and he sleeps in the “Bivouac of the Dead.” To his ashes, peace—to his memory, praise. By order of

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
Department of Texas,
Houston Texas, Dec. 20th, 1900.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 3.

To Posts and Corps—The Thirty-fourth National Encampment held in Chicago last August passed a resolution directing our organization to co-operate with Mrs. Clara Barton, President American National Red Cross.

Miss Barton has appointed Frank B. Higbee of New York City a special representative "to obtain from the monarchs of the different European countries and celebrated men and women of both Europe and America, North and South, greetings on the dawn of the Twentieth Century, which are to be read at mammoth watch meetings to be held in many of the cities and towns of the United States on the night of December 31st, 1900;" and which meetings are to be arranged for and held for the purpose of making collections at the same, and for the creation of a fund for the American National Red Cross Association, so that it may be prepared to engage at once in any humanitarian work when the occasion presents itself, without first making collections therefor. One-half of the collections are to be turned over to any local charity that may be determined on in each locality.

The Commander-in-Chief is in close sympathy with this movement, and directed that a list of the Adjutants of Posts be furnished—which was done—but not until last night, December 19th, was the promised information received, and is herewith transmitted, with the recommendation of the undersigned that our order, at the location of the several Posts and Corps, act conjointly and if thought best in conjunction with churches, Young Men's Christian Associations, or other benevolent organizations, to carry out this praiseworthy object. There is scant time for preparation, but by using the telegraph with Mr. Higbee it can doubtless be arranged.

In commending this unique celebration to our comrades of Posts and Corps, we beg to remind them that the Red Cross and Grand Army are in close alliance and it is our duty and pleasure to carry out their suggestions.

The Red Cross Society is to-day the most widely known and best loved in existence. Originally organized for the amelioration of the horrors of war, it was extended to the relief of suffering by pestilence, famine, flood, fires and other calamities of national extent. It acts under the Geneva Treaty of 1864, Congress of Berne of 1882, and by Proclamation of the President of the United States.

We of Texas have especial reason for honoring this society and its noble head. When the great storm of September wrecked South Texas, wiping out of existence thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property, she came to the rescue, God's almoner to the hungry and the naked—and is yet dispensing liberal bounty to the needy (many of our order among the number).

Aside from the appeal to the best instincts of our nature, it is a unique and fitting manner of closing out the greatest of centuries—marvelous in its triumphs of science and of art—a world practically at peace—a beloved country overflowing with plenty. Surely we should watch it out with greetings of love received and given, singing "America" and "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"—as is befitting a Christian people.

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.
ANNETTE VAN HORN, Dept. Pres

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 4. Houston, Texas, Jan. 1, 1901.
The following Circular Letter has been promulgated from
National Headquarters and is hereby transmitted to the Posts of
this Department. By order of

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Chas. B. Peck, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R., Hous-
ton, Texas:

Dear Sir and Comrade—Information has just been received at
these headquarters from the Department of Texas that one M.
O. Perkins, a member of Hancock Post No. 2, of the Department
of Texas, has issued a circular to many of the Departments and
Posts of the country asking for special aid for himself and wife.
Since the appeal is most touchingly presented, it is well that the
Comrades should know that the circular letter is wholly un-
authorized by the Department of Texas or these headquarters,
and that information reaches me that the parties signing the
same have received more than their fair share of money and
supplies under the relief distribution made by the Department of
Texas. Under these circumstances, Posts ought to be warned
against paying any heed to this circular. Yours very truly in
F. C. and L.,

LEO. RASSIEUR, Commander-in-Chief.

Houston Texas, April 6, 1901.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Allen C. Bakewell, of New York City, Chief Aide in charge of
Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in Schools, writes
the Commander as follows:

"It gives me much pleasure to announce that the effort which
has been made during the last four years to secure a law au-
thorizing the War department to detail officers for military in-
struction to the pupils of the Public Schools has finally re-
sulted in partial success, as the enclosed copy of the Act will
show:

"That ths law may be known to the comrades of the Grand
Army of the Republic, it is urgently requested that you will
publish it in full in your next general orders, with a request
that it be posted on every Post bulletin in your Department."
By command

CHARLES B. PECK, Dept. Com.

E. G. RUST, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

AN ACT

To amend Section twelve hundred and twenty-five of Revised
Statutes so as to provide for detail of Retired Officers of the
Army and Navy to assist in military instruction in schools.
Whereas, The national defence must depend upon the volunteer
service of the people of the State; and
Whereas, Those schools which shall adopt a system of military
instruction are entitled to the assistance of the Government
in order to secure to the United States such knowledge of
military affairs among the youth of the country as will render
them efficient as volunteers if called upon for the national
defense; therefore,
Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives

of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, concerning the detail of officers of the Army and Navy to educational institutions be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to permit the President to detail under the provisions of that Act, and in addition to the detail of the officers of the Army and Navy now authorized to be detailed under the existing provisions of said Act, such retired officers of the Army and Navy of the United States as in his judgment may be required for that purpose, to act as instructors in military drill and tactics in schools in the United States where such instruction shall have been authorized by the educational authorities thereof, and where the services of such instructors shall have been applied for by said authorities.

Sec. 2. That no detail shall be made under this Act to any school unless it shall pay the cost of commutation of quarters of the retired officers detailed thereto, and the extra duty pay to which the latter may be entitled by law to receive for the performance of special duty; Provided, That no detail shall be made under the provisions of this Act unless the officers to be detailed are willing to accept such position without compensation from the government other than their retired pay.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of War is authorized to issue, at his discretion, and under proper regulations to be prescribed by him, out of ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the Government, and which can be spared for that purpose, upon the approval of the Governors of the respective States, such number of the same as may be required for military instruction and practice by such school and the Secretary shall require a bond in each case for double the value of the property for the care and safe keeping thereof and for the return of the same when required.

Sec. 4. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Signed by WILLIAM McKINLEY,
President of the United States.

February 26, 1901.