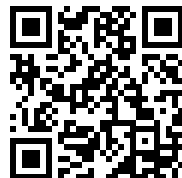

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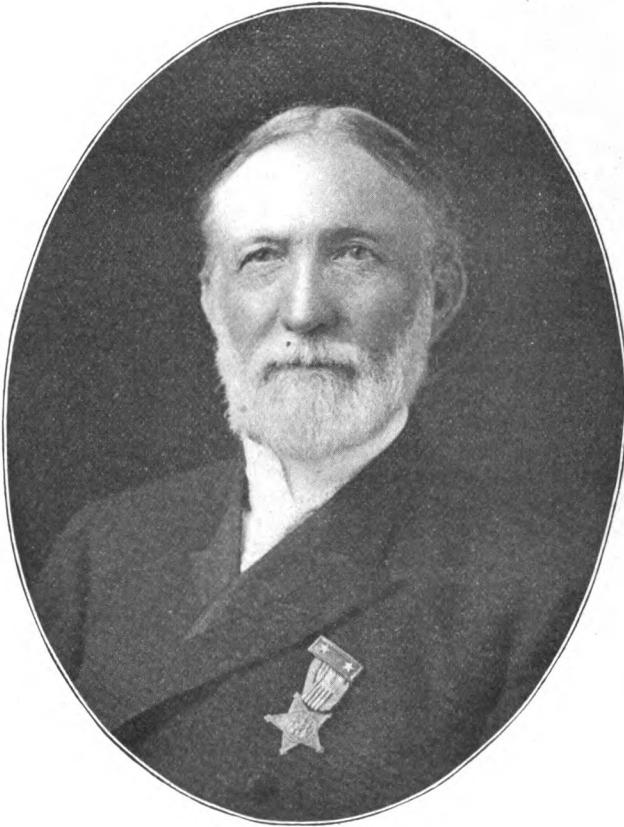
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Record of the Proceedings.

At 12 m. of April 24, the Encampment assembled at Kyle's Opera House in open session, and was called to order by Department Commander P. B. Hunt.

Commander R. B. Underhill of the Beaumont Post introduced City Attorney Sonfield, who made the address of welcome in the place of Mayor Langham, who is at present attending the Dallas Reunion. Mr. Sonfield made an eloquent speech and said in part :

Commander, Visiting G. A. R.'s and Fellow Citizens :

I have just been informed that I had to make the speech of welcome to-day. There is nothing so abhorrent as a set speech and I will not be guilty of this offense to-day. I am here to bid you welcome on behalf of the mayor, who is in Dallas, and on behalf of the city of Beaumont, and I do so most fervently and honestly. We are glad to greet you in this great day of reunited hearts of a reunited people when the descendents of the once hostile wearers of the blue and gray are glad to recognize each other's heroism. Now when the old flags have been folded, when the cry for volunteers arose ; when Cuba wanted freedom from Spanish oppression there has been found to be no North, no South, no East, no West ; but one flag, but one country, but one God.

As City Attorney I turn over to you the city, and if any of you should happen to get into my court, I will set you free. We are glad to welcome you, and it seems to be a pity that so young a man should fill this pleasant office, but we are in an age and country of young men. Our city is full of the spirit of youth and is making rapid strides forward, and while the spirit of commercialism is much in evidence here we shall not forget to be hospitable to our visitors. You have come to the greatest section of the country and the greatest oil fields in the world, where great gushers are turned loose and the heart yearns to see the loss of the precious fluid.

Again let me say that we shall never be too busy to direct you and entertain you. While the gray are in Dallas, may the benediction of the blue rest upon our city and know that you are welcome—thrice welcome, one and all.

Department Commander of Texas P. B. Hunt then made an eloquent address on behalf of the Department. He said:

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have just left a congested city and to get relief I came here. I was warned before I left Dallas that I might run against a gusher; so I have, and your kind words come like a spontaneous gush, which no doubt, is emblematic of your town; we do thank you for it.

History teaches that the first and most primitive condition of man as a social being was pastoral; tending his flocks upon the gentle slopes and peaceful valleys. With the growth of society, and with the greater need for food and raiment, he passed by gradual stages to the agricultural condition and became a tiller of the soil. And again by slower and more arduous processes, he reached the industrial condition, with its inventive genius, its labor-saving machines and its mills and factories. It has been truthfully said this is the last and highest form of material development and civilization. Notwithstanding great physical convulsions and social upheavals have from time to time interrupted the onward march of civilization from the time the flocks were tended, this development from pastoral life has been steady and unflinching. No land exemplifies this more than that over which our flag floats. This is particularly true of our own State. Every one within the sound of my voice has beheld its marvelous growth. We have seen the large cattle interests give way to the tillers of the soil. Little villages have grown to be magnificent cities. With the discovery of vast mineral wealth, our State promises to outstrip all others of the Union, in the highest form of industrial development. She has food and fuel sufficient for a great empire 'Twas but yesterday when your section of the State was praised for its rice and cotton. What a transformation there has been and it bids fair to be the center of one of the greatest industrial revolutions ever witnessed. The eyes of the world are turned to it; just what the end will be of the turn this industrial condition has taken, no human tongue can tell or pen can portray. To me and my comrades, this is the most magnificent and touching spectacle. For before me and around me, are the fast disappearing remnant of those who have made this grand development of the South and the entire country possible. Nature has been most generous in giving a fertile soil and mineral resources; she has given us a warm and salubrious climate. There was only one obstacle to her growth—the labor conditions which envi-

roned us was not favorable to this higher development under such conditions. We, and all of those who figured in the great national tragedy during the Civil War, no matter whether we fought under the Stars and Stripes or whether we fought under the Stars and Bars, were the unconscious instruments of divine Providence, to revolutionize the labor system and accomplish this great purpose of man. When I behold this city of Beaumont, the part it is destined to take in the development of the State, and cast my eye in retrospect over the broad plantations of the South, replete with romance and minstrelsy, now dotted with cities, furnishing food and raiment for millions and behold the energy of her youth, her generous broad citizenship, and draw the curtain which veils the future, and behold the glory she is destined to attain, I believe that not a drop of the soldier blood of the nation, like that which was shed on Calvary, was shed in vain. Although the cause of our adversaries may have been lost, that of a higher development, a broader civilization was gained for us and for all who seek the sheltering folds of our flag. Imbued with these sentiments, we share with you the feelings of pride and satisfaction at the prosperity you are enjoying, a feeling which is intensified by the brotherly warmth of your welcome and your well known hospitality, on similar occasions. On behalf of the Department of Texas, I thank you for your greeting.

Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrance, who, with his estimable lady, was present, was called upon and made an eloquent and humorous but brief talk.

Mrs. R. B. Underhill of the local W. R. C. gave a pleasant address and Mrs. Torrance charmed all with her presence and her speech as well.

A telegram of good feeling to the Confederate National Encampment at Dallas was sent by Commander Hunt, and adjournment for lunch followed.

EVENING SESSION.

At 3 p. m. Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Hunt at Kyle's Opera House, Commander W. H. Harvey of Kilpatrick Post No. 40 acting as Assist-

ant to A. A. G. This was a business session, and under the ritual. Father T. K. Crowley of Denison invoked the divine blessing.

The Committee on Credentials reported, and roll was called, 59 answering to their names. Further time was granted this committee, as by telegrams and otherwise it was shown others would arrive later with credentials.

ROLL OF THE SEVENTEENTH ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.
AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS. APRIL 24, 25, 26, 1902.

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*R. M. MOORE,

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*JOHN ROCH,

W. F. CONNER,

*CHAS. B. PECK.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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Milwaukee, Wis.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

DAVID MACKAY, Past Medical-Director-in-Chief, Dallas

J. C. BIGGER, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Those present marked *

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*L. Q. Edminston, Commander.

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O. T. Lyon,	John Brown,
Pierce Kirsch,	*Wm. Allen,
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*H. A. Johnson,	Wm. Flesher,
	*Jos. Rock.
G. L. Burk, Delegate.	Noah Shultz, Alternate

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L. H. Jones, Commander.

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	*Edward Gruis.
*Geo. H. Clawson, Delegate,	*— Pool, Alternate.
Newton Wilson,	Jas. Rogers,

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Nate. Underwood, S. V. C. Chas. Melville, J. V. C.

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Jno. H. Bolton,	Wm. Trout,
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Alex. Kuhn,	Frank Fuller,
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August Miller,	M. H. Redwood,
	H. H. Alvord.
*Nate Underwood, Delegate,	Geo. A. Harrison, Alternate.
*Alvin Mosher,	" A. I. Lockwood, "
D. W. Rogers,	" A. N. Morglin, "
D. G. Gillette,	" Henry Arnold, "
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J. J. Scholl,	N. L. Mills,
*J. J. Billows,	*H. Hume,
*A. M. Engle,	*Chas. H. Ricker.
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*Paul C. La France,	*Julien Raye,
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Wm. Milliken, S. V. C. David Bryant, J. V. C.

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David Mackay,	J. J. Weiler,
D. M. Baker,	Pat. O'Dwyer,
G. W. McCormick,	*J. W. Ridge,
J. W. Ayers,	Theo. Hitchcox,
G. S. Nash,	*J. W. Parks,
*M. W. Mann,	L. W. Clark,
	W. Malcolmson.
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G. Helbing,

H. J. Pile.

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G. S. Foster.

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M. S. Klum, S. V. C. David Rickard, J. V. C.

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Andy Meyers, *Israel Stoddard.
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Opdyke Post No. 53, Jefferson.

John Grant, Commander.
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John Hall, S. V. C. J. E. Langhorst, J. V. C.

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*John Roch, Commander.
Tom Bays, S. V. C. T. Marks, J. V. C.

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*W. H. Christian, G. W. Andress,
H. H. Andrews, John Sullivan,
*John Roch, T. J. Weaver,

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Thomas Price, S. V. C.

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Thomas Buck,	John Kershaw,
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William Kelly, Commander.

Henry M. Field, S. V. C. J. N. Ransom, J. V. C.

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Howard Robinson, S. V. C. John Hutchinson, J. V. C.

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E. S. Stockwell.
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J. McCune, A. Hoeffner,
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J. Kuttner, " W. E. Peters, "

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PAST POST COMMANDERS.

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(Transf. to California), H. G. Fish,
M. B. McNitt.
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J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78, Gatesville.

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S. Sulnon, Commander.

Chas. F. Yeager, S. V. C. H. T. Goodwin, J. V. C.

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*G. A. Hudson, Commander.

James Mulvey, S. V. C. J. W. Camplin, J. V. C.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

Ira. A. Scott.

*Ira. A. Scott, Delegate. John Thompson, Alternate.

Past Department Commander John W. Parks offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, appreciating the honor of having our Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrance with us, that the rules be suspended and Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrance be made an honorary member of the Department of Texas."

The motion was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

Commander P. B. Hunt then called Past Department Commander John W. Parks to the chair, and read his Annual Report, which was received with careful attention.

COMMANDER HUNT'S ADDRESS.*Comrades:*

At the close of another year we meet in this wonderful city for our Annual Reunion, in order to carry out the beautiful custom of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are honored to-day by the presence of our Commander-in-Chief, whose presence alone greatly encourages our noble work.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps will join us heartily in this sentiment, since the Commander-in-Chief has with him his estimable wife.

The Grand Army of the Republic has not had a truer friend or more devoted worker than he, and his presence



H. C. ADLER,
Senior Vice-Commander

adds more than words can tell to the pleasure and enjoyment and enthusiasm of this Encampment. May God spare him many years in this noble work.

A year has elapsed since you honored the Post Commander of Rousseau Post No. 60, at Graham, as the Commander of this Department. It requests me once more to tender to you its grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon it.

It requires no words, my dear comrades, to express to you my personal gratitude for an honor, the dearest of all to my heart, for it has been the highest ambition of my life to be the Department Commander of this great State.

No man's heart beats more in unison with the weary and battle-scarred veteran, who carried his musket from '61 to '65 in defense of our country and its flag.

No one can fear for the stability of our Republic and its institutions so long as there is instilled into posterity true patriotism and true love of country. The trial, the scars of battle, the wearisome marches, the self-denial of the soldier of the Union, will leave its impress upon generations to come.

It is indeed a great and valuable legacy to posterity.

To me the tattered commission as an officer in a Kentucky Regiment and the sword sleeping in its scabbard, are the best that I can leave to my son, if it will serve to remind him and his posterity of the true love of country that animated his father, and those who fought under and for the preservation of the flag.

My dear comrades, we should earnestly cultivate this sentiment in our children—the beautiful sentiment implied in the observance of Memorial Day. We should teach them as God commanded His chosen people, "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

MEMORIAL DAY.

I fear that some Posts have been a little indifferent to these beautiful observances, sometimes omitting the Memorial Service, and not properly attending to the decoration of the soldiers' graves with flowers, but from the report of our very worthy and beloved Department Chaplain, there has been a decided and very general improvement for the year 1901.

From this report, it will appear that twenty-eight Posts observed last Decoration Day.

In order that every Post might find it more convenient this year to decorate and to guard against the insufficient supply of flowers for that purpose (which has often been our experience in Texas), I made requisition on the Commander-in-Chief on the 22nd of February for 3,000 flags and \$100 in money, so that each Post could be supplied from these headquarters with flags and flowers for decoration, believing that in that way every Post could observe Memorial Day.

I hoped the order would be filled during my term of office, so that I might have the pleasure of making the distribution. In this, however, I have been disappointed; but I have assurances that the flags and money will be sent to the Department. They will doubtless be received by my successor, who will see that each Post receives its share of the appropriation.

I wish again to urge upon you, dear comrades, to observe Memorial Services strictly, and see that they are never neglected, and that as far as each one can, offer a helping hand to mark a grave by a flag or a flower.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

I sometimes reflect what would become of the Grand Army of the Republic, if it had to stand alone these days. I am sure that the Woman's Relief Corps, instead of being simply an auxiliary, deserves the credit of adding backbone and strength to the organization.

In all ages and among all peoples, the influence of woman has been felt in all the walks of life, and in all great undertakings.

During the Civil War we all remember how the good women at home ministered to our wants while we were in the field, sending us loving and encouraging letters, and before we started for the battlefield, the good advice our mothers and our sisters gave us as we parted, saying to us, "Good-bye."

To-day, in all our troubles and trials, the noble women of the Relief Corps say, "Here am I; what can I do to help?"

And I wish just here, in the name of the Department of Texas, to thank the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps and her entire staff, as well as the other women of the Relief Corps, for their uniform kindness, their zeal in the cause, hearty co-operation extended to us, and to assure them of our lasting gratitude and our love.

STAFF.

No one knows so well as I do that much less work would have been accomplished during my administration, had it not been for the efficient service of Assistant Adjutant General Ridge, Department Inspector Manchester, Chief Mustering Officer Baker, Judge Advocate Dunlap and Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff Weiler, all of whom have stood by me and assisted me with their efforts and suggestions, which I have always found valuable.

I wish personally to thank each for their manifestations of interest and the zeal and patriotism they have shown at all times in the work of the Order.

To all the Department Officers, for continuous courtesies and attentions, I wish to return my sincerest thanks.

PENSIONS.

For many months the Grand Army of the Republic has been a good deal exercised about the conduct of the Pension Bureau. Our distinguished Commander-in-Chief has spent much time and hard work in trying to unravel this trouble about pensions, the result of which brought about a change in the office, and a new Pension Commissioner has been appointed.

I sent a letter to each Post Commander, asking him for his views and for the feeling of the members of his Post in regard to the conduct of the Pension Office, and received a number of letters, giving about the following information:

Sixteen letters complained that the action of the Pension Bureau was too slow, and, in many instances, unjust, and denied pensions which should be allowed; one or two letters complained that widows were often denied pensions on technicalities which should be overlooked, and that often improper questions were put to these widows, which were exceedingly mortifying and embarrassing to them; five letters spoke favorably of the Pension Bureau, and had no complaint to make. There was some complaint about the Examining Board being composed entirely of Southern sympathizers.

There was complaint, also, about the claims of some widows being referred back to Congressmen, who were not at all in sympathy with the ex-Union veterans' claim for a pension.

One Post Commander stated the old soldiers in his vicinity had grown to be chronic kickers, and were not satisfied with the action of the Pension Bureau.

GALVESTON FLOOD SUFFERERS' FUND.

The National Council of Administration directed ex-Department Commander Chas. B. Peck to turn over to the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas the balance of the fund remaining in his hands, and in compliance therewith, there was mailed to me on the 4th of December last a check for \$523.08, which I received and at once placed in the National Exchange Bank of Dallas to my credit as Department Commander of the Texas Grand Army of the Republic. It has remained untouched to this day. I have had one or two calls from parties, asking for some portion of it. It did not appear that such a disposition of it would have been a legitimate one, and therefore none was given out.

As this fund was contributed by people whose hearts were sorely touched over the great disaster, I consider the trust too sacred to treat it lightly by distributing it, except to actual sufferers, as the tenderhearted contributors had intended.

As soon as my successor is elected and installed, I will turn over to him \$523.08, the amount that I received of my predecessor.

By order of the National Council of Administration, Commander-in-Chief Torrence furnished the Department of Texas copies of the books kept by the officers who received and disbursed the Flood Sufferers' Fund. These books I received a few days ago, and there has not been time to look into them. Therefore I recommend that the committee appointed to pass upon the Department Commander's Address consider these books as a part of it.

OUR VISITORS.

To-day, dear comrades, while we meet here among the hospitable people of Beaumont, we have within our borders in the busy city of Dallas, the greatest crowd of people I have ever seen in the South. I refer, of course, to the Re-union of the United Confederate Veterans, who wore the gray during the Civil War. We have given them a hearty welcome. We are glad they are within our borders. Every one composing the immense throng is a brother; yea, an American.

'Tis forty years since we met in deadly combat. 'Tis thirty-seven years since we laid down our arms, and our opposing brothers furled their flag, the Stars and Bars.

To-day, myriads of these flags are cast to the breeze in Dallas; but they are meaningless now, and have been for nearly forty years, and will always be so.

The war is over, comrades. You did your duty well. Chide not those who fought under the Stars and Bars, for they were worthy of your steel.

Those who failed to do their duty then are not satisfied now, but want to make great demonstrations by loud talking. The best evidence of a poor soldier during the Civil War is his loud talking to-day, about what was done on his side.

HISTORY.

The work of compiling a history of the early years of the Texas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, by Comrade E. G. Rust, Historian and Custodian, has necessarily been slow, owing to the fact that it was with great difficulty that he could get the proper data, and the committee to whom the manuscript was submitted has been scattered, causing much loss of time. Believing it should not go to press until another effort was made to add to it, I therefore earnestly requested all Posts or any comrades who had any information or old newspaper clippings pertaining to meetings of Posts or Encampments, covering the earlier years, to send such data to the Assistant Adjutant General at Dallas at once.

The time, I think, has come for the data received and on hand to be printed; therefore, I recommend that my successor cause it to be revised and printed, so that it may be bound with old volumes for other years, providing one copy for Department Headquarters and one copy for the Historian and Custodian.

M'KINLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

I daresay there is no comrade within the sound of my voice who has not felt an interest in the success of the great undertaking which has been agitated all over this country, to erect a monument in memory of our departed distinguished comrade, William McKinley.

In circular letter No. 2, dated November 12th, I asked all the Posts to contribute to the fund, and I deemed it best that individual members should send their contributions direct, so that they would get in return a memorial in acknowledgment of their loyalty to our distinguished friend and comrade, McKinley.

1901-1902.

My official year began under the most favorable auspices. The good people of Galveston, through the most excellent

Post Hancock, treated the Encampment most royally just a year ago, and I decided then that if the Department Commander had no more trouble than comes from boat-rides and eating fat oysters, I would never have reason to complain.

After a little routine work extending through a hot and sultry summer, we began to count the days when we must begin to prepare for the National Encampment at Cleveland, Ohio, where we looked forward to the pleasure of meeting a comrade who was most beloved by all Union veterans. He had promised to meet us there. "Man proposes and God disposes." On Friday afternoon, on the 6th of September, a little after 4:00 o'clock, a message came to Texas from Buffalo, that our comrade and great President, Wm. McKinley, whom we had expected to greet us at Cleveland, had been stricken down while he extended the friendly hand of welcome to an assassin during a reception in the Temple of Music. This announcement cast a gloom over the whole country, such as was never experienced before in these United States. The preparation in Texas for our departure for Cleveland on the evening of the 8th, had already been made, and under the sad gloom not one of us felt in the spirits to make the trip. The next morning brought better news from our comrade, and on the next, still better, until we had strong hopes of his recovery. We arrived in Cleveland in due time, and on the morning of the 11th, the day of our parade, when 27,000 Civil War veterans were in line, we felt very hopeful of his recovery.

I can not pass this point without referring to our own Texas parade. It was enough to make us all enthusiastic to see that we were represented by the following Posts, namely, McPherson, Hancock, Ord, Parmly, Nathaniel Lyon, G. H. Thomas, G. B. McClellan, John A. Dix, John W. Wright, S. J. Randall, E. J. Davis, Sam Houston, L. H. Rousseau, Wainwright, Kit Carson and San Jacinto.

Probably the most inspiring part of the whole parade was to observe our venerable comrades, Mann, Moore, Peck, Kindred, McKay, Wieler and Parks on foot with the rest of the boys, making the long and weary march through the heat and dust without a murmur, with an air which seemed to say to the crowd as they passed along, "We have been here before."

On the evening of the 12th, we were informed that Mr. McKinley was growing weaker.

At the appointed hour, nine o'clock a. m., on the 13th,

the Encampment assembled, and it was thought best, owing to the extreme illness of the President, to turn all unfinished business over to the Council of Administration, and elect officers for the ensuing year, adjourn and go home, which was done.

The same day many of us left for Buffalo, where our beloved President was lying in a dying condition.

On the morning of the 14th, at 2:15 o'clock, he passed away. It was there in Buffalo we saw the greatest grief we ever witnessed. There we saw the greatest tribute that could be paid to any man, and even on the day of burial at Canton, in Buffalo, at 3:30, all business activity came to a standstill. It was arranged by the railway companies and streetcar companies that all power should stop at that moment. The immense crowd knew not the reason why, until the city clock chimed, "Nearer, my God to Thee," and involuntarily, without suggestion or sign of any kind, men removed their hats and stood in silence, and remained uncovered for five minutes. Steam railroads all over the country did the same thing, even to their freight business, and for five minutes "the greatest commercial nation on the globe paused in common meditation and sorrow—a tribute unprecedented in the history of the world."

What a blow, my comrades, to this country, was the taking away of William McKinley! The beautiful life he led, the beautiful home life, his beautiful devotion for so many years to the lovely invalid woman who shared his lot, is worthy of our imitation. Oh, what an example for you and me, dear comrades; what a sermon we get from his life! Are the lines, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "Lead, Kindly Light," as precious to you and me as they were to him?

Thirty years ago, when William McKinley led the lovely Ida Saxton a blushing bride to the altar, he made a vow; he pledged a pledge, and he kept it to the very letter. The world is better because William McKinley lived. His life and the circumstances of his death seem to be peculiarly a great sermon to the world, which I assert will do more to Christianize the human race than all the sermons that have been preached in a decade.

Talk of monuments! Talk of a granite shaft! Though it may reach far above the clouds, it will fall far short of the monument reared and built in memory of William McKinley—by himself. Beginning with the rough boy in the furrow—he forged along, surmounting every obstacle—the school teacher at sixteen—a private soldier in defense of his

country at seventeen—and then Lieutenant, Captain and Major at twenty-one—lawyer and District Attorney at twenty-five—member of Congress from thirty-two to forty-six—Governor at forty-seven to fifty-one—President at fifty-two to fifty-seven—and during all these years his relations with the world were permeated with a loyal Christian character. Oh, how substantial, how enduring is the monument carved by himself! Side by side with Lincoln and Garfield, his fame is handed down to posterity.

Some writer has beautifully said: "William McKinley is not dead. He sleepeth. Though the voice is hushed and the heart is still; though his body may crumble into dust, the man lives on in the good that he has done. His reign as President of the United States will have a potential influence in shaping the destiny of North America."

Past Department Commander John W. Parks appointed the following Committee on Commander's Address: Past Department Commanders M. W. Mann, R. M. Moore, John Roch.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Annual Report of Senior Vice Commander H. C. Adler was read, in his absence, by A. A. G. J. W. Ridge, as follows:

TERRELL, TEXAS, April 17, 1902.

Comrades of the Department of Texas G. A. R.:

Following custom, rather than actual requirements of the rules and regulations of the G. A. R., I submit to you a brief report.

The honorable position of Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Texas G. A. R. is not one involving specially onerous service upon its fortunate incumbent, except that he holds himself in readiness at all times to respond, if called upon by the Commander of the Department, or otherwise, for active duty. Deeply sensible of the honor that you conferred on me by electing me Senior Vice Commander by a unanimous vote, without my seeking the office, I have ever held myself in readiness to obey the commands of the Commander; but not having been assigned any duty, I have only in a limited way looked after the interest of the Department, as my business has called me out of the State a greater part of the time. I have only

had the pleasure of meeting with only one Post outside of my own within the past year. I visited H. W. Lawton Post No. 80, at Beaumont, several times, and found its members fully alive to the interest of the G. A. R., and special credit should be given to Commander R. B. Underhill for the zeal he has displayed in building up his post.

As to F. Hurst Post No. 13, my home Post, I am sorry to state that the grim vizier, Death, has entered our Post and taken from us our beloved Past Commander E. B. Dwyer since our last Encampment; and a number of our members have moved to distant parts, and but few of the old vets still remain with us; but we hope that they are happily settled.

Thanking you for the honor that you have conferred upon me, I beg to remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. C. ADLER,

Senior Vice Commander, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

It was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades E. G. Rust, T. M. Wright, H. Hume.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Junior Vice Department Commander then read his Annual Report, as follows:

OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R.,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, April 24, 1902.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment G. A. R., Department of Texas, as held at Beaumont, Texas, on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of April, 1902:

Sirs and Comrades—I beg to submit the following report of my official work during my term ending April 26th, 1902:

I made a visit to Wainwright Post No. 72, located at Alvin, Texas. Found it in good working order. There is an excellent working W. R. C. connected with it.

By official order from the Department Commander, installed the officers of George B. McClellan Post No. 9, of Houston, Texas. This Post is in a flourishing condition, reinstating and mustering recruits almost every meeting night. There is a good working W. R. C. connected with this Post. The Corps is accomplishing considerable charitable work.

The George B. McClellan Post have adopted a social or

open meeting night, once a month, at which time the W. R. C. arranges a programme of music, songs, recitations and plays. Light refreshments are frequently served and the meetings made very enjoyable for the old comrades and their wives, relatives and friends.

I would suggest that all Posts of the G. A. R. adopt a similar plan, thereby cementing the relations now existing between the G. A. R. members, those of the W. R. C., and giving strength to both organizations; for in union there is strength.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. J. BILLOW,
Junior Vice Commander.

It was referred to the following committee: Comrades C. C. Haskell, G. A. Hudson, E. J. Lemon.

The report of Department Chaplain S. W. Patterson, who is now a resident of Illinois, but who yet retains his membership and proves his interest in the Order and the comrades by his carefully prepared and voluminous report, was then read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN S. W. PATTERSON'S REPORT.

Col. P. B. Hunt, Commander G. A. R., Department of Texas:

I regret exceedingly that my removal to the State of Illinois prevents my personal presence with you in the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas. I now present my written report for the fifth time, and only wish I could be with you to serve you better in the future than I have done in the past.

J. B. McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman, reports: "No Memorial Sabbath Day Service. The Post observed Memorial Decoration Day. There were six comrades present. One cemetery contained forty-two graves of our dead comrades. The day being rainy, a few of our comrades with their wives and children met at the hall and proceeded to the cemetery, where our flowers were placed upon the graves of our true and loyal comrades."

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston: "Hancock Post met with Wainwright Post, Alvin, and together observed Memorial Sabbath Day Service. The sermon was preached by the Department Chaplain, S. W. Patterson. The meeting was held in the Presbyte-



REV. S. W. PATTERSON,
Department Chaplain.

rian Church and was well attended by both Posts, represented by the W. R. C., Confederate Veterans and citizens. The services throughout were impressive, music good and the cordial greetings refreshing. Memorial Decoration Day was fittingly observed—23 comrades present. Four cemeteries visited. The speaker was Rev. Kirwine. Attendance of the G. A. R. Post and the W. R. C. good." So reports L. H. Jones, Chaplain.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio:

In Memory of the Dead—Proper Observance of Memorial Day in San Antonio—The Graves of Dead Soldiers Decorated—Salutes Fired and Patriotic Address Made—Touching Remarks my Judge C. A. Keller.

Beneath the green and silent trees
Our brave defenders sleep;
While we upon their honored graves
Our blooming tokens heap.

The dread alarm of war is o'er;
Our Nation dwells in peace.
For those who paid the price with blood
Our praise shall never cease.

Sleep on, ye brave, immortal souls,
We'll ne'er forget your deeds;
Your martyred dust our Nation guards,
For endless peace it pleads.

Memorial Day, which witnesses the beautiful ceremony of decorating the graves of United States soldiers, was celebrated in San Antonio yesterday.

It was a holiday, but tinged with the solemnity of sacred memories. The Stars and Stripes felt the kisses of Southern breezes and its fallen defenders, when the tired city was at rest last night, slept under the flag which they loved so well and a coverlet of spring's fairest flowers. The broken remnant of heroes who fought for the Union received the honors yesterday and the people's grateful love and tears were symbolized in the flowers that childish hands strewed upon the mound where slept an unknown comrade of the host invisible. The memorial services were conducted under the auspices of E. O. C. Ord Post, G. A. R., nearly all of its members taking part. Plain men they were, touched by the hand of time and soon to be mustered from the troubled walks of life. They were greater than the warriors

who marched in the legions of Cæsar, and the flag which fluttered above is more glorious than any ensign given to the winds of heaven.

It was 9:30 o'clock when the old soldiers, the Woman's Relief Corps and children marched into the silent city of the dead. Oratory, patriotic songs and sacred hymns made up the program. Rev. A. A. Hyde of the Methodist Church opened the exercises with prayer.

Following Mr. Hyde's prayer, a choir rendered "America" and as the words

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

floated out upon the sweet morning air, one by one, the spectators took up the strain and soon the multitude was singing a song that inspires patriotism in the breasts of all Americans.

Commander John H. Bolton, of E. O. C. Ord Post then read the official order from Grand Army headquarters reminding the old soldiers to once more assemble in the silent city and do honor to the departed ones who fell in strife of a four years' civil war. Commander Bolton then read the address of President Lincoln's delivered at Gettysburg.

A National memorial hymn to the tune of "America" was then rendered by the choir.

Judge C. A. Kellar, selected as orator of the day, delivered the memorial address. His eulogy was one fitting the fallen heroes who have so long slept beneath the sod kept green by the Government and those comrades who still survive. In part Mr. Kellar spoke as follows:

JUDGE KELLAR'S ADDRESS.

"Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Boys in Blue, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"We have met to perform a ceremony which is fraught with much significance. From one end of this Union to the other, this day is recognized as a National holiday; and the loving and loyal hearts of the living prompt them to commemorate the bravery and patriotism of the dead heroes of the Civil War by strewing their graves with flowers. As we observe this custom, it would not be amiss to inquire into the origin of these beautiful ceremonies of Decoration Day. In 1879, Senator Depew of New York, in what is considered one of the finest memorial addresses ever delivered, made the following statement:

"When the war was over, in the South, where, under

warmer skies and with more poetic temperaments, symbols and emblems are better understood than in the practical North, the widows, mothers and children of the Confederate dead went and strewed their graves with flowers. At many places the women scattered them impartially also over the unknown and unmarked resting places of the Union soldiers. As the news of this touching tribute flashed over the North it aroused, as nothing else could have done, National amity and love, and allayed sectional animosity and passion. It thrilled every household where there was a vacant chair by the fireside, and an aching void in the heart for a lost hero whose remains had never been found; old wounds broke out afresh, and in a mingled tempest of grief and joy the family cried, "May be it was our darling!" Thus out of sorrows alike to the North and South came this beautiful custom. But Memorial Day no longer belongs to those who mourn. It is the common privilege of us all, and will be celebrated as long as gratitude exists and flowers bloom.'

"This generous act of the Southland sent a thrill of grateful love to every heart in the North and inspired the poet, Finch, to write that exquisite tribute, entitled, "The Blue and the Gray."

"Abraham Lincoln knew and understood the hearts of the American people, and the prophetic words of his first inaugural address have become an abiding reality, and the mystic chord of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, has been touched by the better angels of our natures, and now grandly swells the chorus of the Union; and the veterans in gray vie with the veterans in blue in honest loyalty to 'Old Glory,' the flag of a united country, the beautiful ensign of the grandest nation under the sun. We saw them but recently in the streets of our city, marching side by side as a guard of honor to the President of the United States, 'all now having one faith, one hope, one aspiration, one destiny, and all loving the same flag.' We remember that during the late Spanish war the spirit of loyalty to country and love of the 'Stars and Stripes' pervaded alike the North and the South; and the sons of the veterans of the 'Lost Cause' were as eager to enlist and as brave and dauntless in action as the sons of those who were their foes forty years ago. If no other result has followed from the war with Spain, the feeling of National amity and unity it engendered, and the love and

eneration it inspired for the flag of our common country, is worth all the blood and treasure it cost.

"In view of the royal reception the President has lately received from the people of the South, and the non-sectional feeling now cherished and displayed from Maine to Texas, we think it is meet and proper that the bitter memories of the Civil War should be banished forever. Let us recognize and remember only the heroic valor and honest purposes of our one time foes, and thank God they are now our steadfast friends, and earnestly loyal to an indivisible Union.

"Clasp hands o'er the graves where our laureled ones lie—

Clasp hands o'er the Gray and the Blue;

To-day we are brothers and bound by a tie

That the years shall but serve to renew.

By the side of the Northman who peacefully sleeps,

Where the tropical odors are shed,

A son of the South his companionship keeps,

One flag over the two heroes spread.

"Twine laurels to lay o'er the Gray and Blue,

Spread wreaths where our heroes rest,

Let the song of the North echo back from the South,

For the love that is truest and best!

Twine wreathes for the tombs of our Grant and our Lee,

One anthem for Jackson and Meade,

And the flag above you is the banner for me—

One people in name and in deed!

"The ceremony of this day is but the homage of the living to the dead, the veneration and respect of the present for the past. The setting apart of one day each year as Memorial Day, serves to crystallize and keep alive the recollection of the deeds of heroism and valor performed by the brave soldiers and sailors of our Nation, and causes their devotion to our flag and their loyalty to their country to stand out before the world as a bright light illuminating and enriching the pages of history. Their lives and their noble examples will live in the hearts of the world as long as men love honor and women worship at the shrine of Virtue. We of the present time will pass off the stage of action in a few more years, but a new generation will follow closely after us, and other lips will speak the praises of our heroic dead, and other hearts will offer up their love, and other souls will cherish the memory of those who died to preserve the Union of the States.

“As we look out over the last resting places of these silent heroes, and think of the thousands of our brave countrymen on both sides who sleep in unknown and unmarked graves on the mountain sides and in the valleys of the beautiful Southland, lying where they fell, fighting for a cause they believed to be right, and giving up their lives as an evidence of the honesty of their convictions, we feel that the ground where they rest has been made sacred to all true American hearts.”

THE UNKNOWN GRAVE.

At the conclusion of his address, the choir rendered “Nearer, My God, To Thee.” The ceremonies were further continued at the grave of an unknown soldier, the headstone bearing only the plain No. “477.” Forty-five children attired in white and with a sash of the National colors formed about the unknown’s resting place. The veterans occupied a position just outside the children, while the firing squad from the Twelfth Cavalry was lined up in single file on the west side. The services conducted there were those of the G. A. R. for the observance of Memorial Day.

Commander Bolton spoke as follows: “Comrades, the duty of to-day is of impressive significance. We meet to honor our dead and to deepen our reverence for their worth; to strengthen among ourselves the bonds of fraternity by recalling the memory of experiences common to us all; to encourage a more generous charity for our comrades who are sick or in distress, and for the destitute wards of the Grand Army; to renew our pledge of loyalty to our country and our flag, and to emphasize in the minds and hearts of all who may unite with us the privilege and duty of patriotism.”

Chaplain Rollins offered prayer and was followed by Officer of the Day De-Moos who read the Memorial Day Service of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Then childish hands deposited on the unknown’s grave bouquets of flowers.

The squad from the Twelfth Cavalry, in command of Lieutenant Beck, fired three volleys over the mound which had been hidden from view by a bank of flowers. A National salute of twenty-one guns, fired by the Second Field Battery, followed. The soldier’s last farewell “taps” broke the silence and the benediction was pronounced. Once more homage had been paid to the soldiers who died on the battlefield or of illness while in the service.

As is the custom on Memorial Day, a small flag was placed on the grave of every soldier sleeping in the Nation-

al burial grounds. Other graves were profusely littered with flowers. In other cemeteries the day was observed, as was evidenced by the many floral offerings to be seen on the graves.

Thursday evening memorial exercises were conducted in the G. A. R. hall on West Commerce Street, under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Parmly Post No. 4, Ft. Worth: Both Memorial Days were duly observed. Twenty comrades assembled to hear the Memorial Sermon preached by Rev. George Maccaddon. The Memorial Decoration was attended by the twenty comrades and W. R. C. Over fifty graves were decorated. W. Z. Manchester reports, "I am chief cook and bottle washer."

I submit the report of the daily press:

"The Grand Army of the Republic observed Decoration Day, yesterday, both in a general and special way. The members of Parmly Post and the Woman's Relief Corps assembled at their hall at 9 o'clock. Notwithstanding the rain and unfavorable weather, a good number were present. At 9:30 the rain ceased falling. Carriages were taken for the city cemetery, where appropriate services were held over the grave of their late comrade, Jules Alvord.

"Col. E. A. Stevens of Chaplain Post No. 2, Buffalo, N. Y., made an appropriate address fitting to the occasion, which was well received. After this, the comrades lovingly proceeded to decorate the graves of those who have gone before and now rest on the great camping ground beyond. Not only did they decorate the graves of comrades who wore the blue, but many of the graves of those who wore the gray, as well. Among them two of Fort Worth's long-time citizens, 'Uncle Andy Chambers' and 'Papa Daggett.'

"Col. Stevens, the speaker of the occasion, is here on a visit and addressed the comrades by invitation."

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison: Forty comrades were present in the Memorial Sabbath Day Service. The Decoration Memorial Day was all that could be expected. The press reports are quite lengthy and all good. It is hoped that as much as possible of the reports may be published in the proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual reports of the G. A. R.—C. C. Haskell, Adjutant.

BURIAL LOT DEDICATED—G. A. R. AND W. R. C. COMPLETE
DECORATION DAY PROGRAM.

The dedication of the lot in Fairview Cemetery, which the G. A. R. intended to be one of the ceremonies of Decoration Day, took place yesterday afternoon. Unlike most

delayed affairs, there was a large concourse of people present to witness it. The members of Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5 and the Woman's Relief Corps assembled at their lodge room at 2:30 o'clock, and went to the cemetery in carriages. There were thirty carriages in the procession. Arriving at the cemetery, the cortege repaired to the north-west part of it, where the beautiful lot is situated. The lot has five sides and has been splendidly improved. It has been curbed with McAlester limestone and has been raised six inches, which makes it stand out prominently among the surrounding lots. A temporary arch is built over the south entrance, which was nicely decorated yesterday. On the south or front side of the arch were the words, "In memory of our Nation's heroes." On the inside a framed picture of Abraham Lincoln was prominent among a mass of evergreen decorations. Nine cedar trees had been planted among a mass of evergreen decorations. Nine cedar trees had been planted along the edge of the lot, and some beautiful flowering plants in two parallel rows.

The ceremonies were as laid down in the ritual. Commander Tom Wright had his men drawn up in military line. A detail of men carried muskets, while back of them were two stacks of arms, upon which were suspended a knapsack and the accoutrements of a soldier.

Mayor John S. Knaur stepped forward and in a few neat words presented the Post with a title deed to the lot in behalf of the cemetery association. Captain Wright accepted the deeds in the name of Nathaniel Lyon Post, and then the dedication exercises commenced. A beautiful silk American flag was raised, then the symbols of the Army and Navy were deposited at the base of the flag staff. The Navy was recognized by a large anchor with knotted ropes, while the Army was represented by a knapsack. Each of the symbols were guarded during the ceremonies by armed soldiers especially detailed by the officer of the day. The Woman's Relief Corps sang two songs during the exercises. Rev. Father Crowley read the prayers and pronounced the benediction.

The ceremonies attracted a large number of people other than those participating. Had the exercises been on Decoration Day they would not have differed in any respect from those of yesterday.

John A. Dix Post No. 6 and Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 11, Dallas, united, as they always do, in Memorial Services. The Memorial Sermon was preached by Rev. Evers in the Tabernacle M. E. Church. The attendance at both Posts

and the two Woman's Relief Corps were excellent. This sermon was along the Grand Army text, F., C. and L. The Memorial Decoration Day service was well attended, very impressive. The ritual was carried out. The Woman's Relief Corps conducted a very interesting and profitable service. The graves of our fallen comrades were strewn with flowers. At night the two Posts were royally entertained at the hall by our noble and self-sacrificing Woman's Relief Corps. May God's blessings rest upon our noble women.—Dept. Chaplain.

Joseph Mower Post No. 10, Austin, had an excellent sermon on Memorial Day, by Rev. E. J. Briggs.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston: There were twelve comrades present to hear the memorial service read by E. G. Rust. There were thirty comrades present on Memorial Decoration Day. Four organizations participated. Marcus D. Lenney remarks: "Revise the ritual; leave out the cant and myth of the mediaeval; put in strong, common sense and tender sympathy, tempered with loyalty to man."

F. Hurst No. 13, Terrell: W. J. Dunn, Post Chaplain, reports, "No service on either day. Have tried everything. Some of our Posts are getting very weak, and will soon be no more." You did the best you could, comrade; that is the best the "best" can do.

W. H. Lewis Post No. 17, Del Rio: Reports no Sabbath Memorial Service. Memorial Decoration properly observed. Twelve comrades were present and decorated the graves of twenty-five of our fallen heroes. They are buried in two cemeteries. Henry Roach was the speaker and the Post Chaplain. Remarks from the Chaplain—"Declare it a National holiday. Some Commanding Officers of Post adjacent to Post of G. A. R., declare it is not."

Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso: Divine service was attended by twenty-five comrades. Rev. Moore preached the sermon. Memorial Day was attended by twenty comrades. Twenty-seven graves were decorated in two cemeteries. Six graves are unmarked. Two recitations were given by two young ladies, both daughters of veterans. The titles of the recitations were "Blue and the Gray," "We Are Brothers Now."—E. P. Lowe, Post Chaplain.

Phily Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas: No memorial service.—B. R. Spraybery, Post Chaplain.

Phil Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown: Reports no services, as our comrades are so scattered we could not observe either day.—Jacob Lineberger, Post Chaplain.

George W. Wright Post No. 26, Paris: Reports Memorial

Day decorations. Five comrades were present and six graves were decorated in three cemeteries. Four graves are unmarked. This Post reports a burial lot.—J. A. Farmer, Post Chaplain.

Custer Post No. 32, Bonham: No Memorial Sabbath, but two graves were decorated on Memorial Day, and from the report only one could be mustered to strew the flowers. What a lesson may all learn as each year thins our ranks.—Wm. Campbell, Post Chaplain.

E. J. Davis Post. No. 54, Corpus Christi: Decoration Day was properly observed, but no Memorial Sabbath service. The Post Commander, E. J. Kilmer, was the speaker. There were four comrades and two ex-Confederates present. Thirty-nine graves were decorated in two cemeteries. Stones have been ordered for all unmarked graves. Paul Surn, Post Chaplain, remarks: "With the few members we have here, and the apathy that exists on the part of the soldiers and citizens generally, our Memorial Day Services are a tame affair. We do the best we can in a hopeful spirit. I submit the following clipping from the press:"

From the G. A. R.—Headquarters E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Department of Texas, G. A. R., Corpus Christi, Texas, May 30, 1901.

Editor of the Caller:

Dear Sir—As is the custom of the Grand Army of the Republic, this Post to-day met to decorate the graves of the soldiers who lie buried in the cemeteries near this city. In the morning a delegation from this Post went with flags and flowers and decorated the graves of thirteen United States soldiers who lie buried in the Catholic cemetery. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the members of this Post and a few others met at the K. of H. hall, which had previously been adorned with flags, and from there they followed a wagonette, in which were seated five little girls dressed in white, and sashed with blue, each carrying a small United States flag, and proceeded to the city cemetery.

Some citizens had previously gathered there (mostly ladies) to witness the decoration of the graves. About thirty graves were decorated in the city cemetery.

All graves which are known to be soldiers' graves, were strewn with flowers, and a small flag was placed at the head of each by the little girls, after which the Grand Army services were performed at the grave of Lieut. James Downing.

This Post hereby tenders thanks to all who contributed in

any way to the occasion. We were particularly pleased with the neat appearance of the cemetery, and we feel grateful to the ladies of the cemetery association for the care and labor which they have caused to be bestowed on the graves in this cemetery.

We recognize particularly the kind care bestowed on all the graves marked with the headstones which this Post has caused to be placed at the head of soldiers' graves.

We hereby renew our promises to procure markers for all soldiers' graves, if the friends of such will furnish us with a record of their service. Again thanking all who aided us in any way, we are very respectfully yours, in F., C. and L.

E. J. KILMER, Post Commander.

Official—W. G. HOLDEN, Adjt.

"Yesterday was Decoration Day, observed throughout the United States as a National holiday. In this city little attention was paid to it outside the closing of the postoffice and custom house, the latter having the Stars and Stripes at half-mast. The members of the G. A. R., or rather six of them, viz: E. J. Kilmer, W. G. Holden, John Hall, Paul Sturm, W. S. Patillo and J. M. Fortenbury, visited the cemeteries during the day and decorated with flags and flowers the graves of all the soldiers that they knew of; graves of Southern as well as Union soldiers, also the graves of all Mexican War veterans. The reporter met them at the old cemetery, where they had a wagonette filled with flower girls, distributing oleander blossoms. Mr. Havers, representing the Knights and Ladies of Honor, was also noticed there. Mr. Havers said he thought it a good custom for all organizations to observe the day, if for no other reason than to keep up the graves of their deceased loved ones.

Sam Houston Post No. 55, Dublin: Memorial Sabbath Day not observed. F. H. Dodson, Post Chaplain, reports fifteen graves of our brave comrades decorated. Nine comrades participated in the decorations.

Sam J. Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford: Eight comrades present at Memorial Sabbath Day Services. The sermon was preached by Rev. Bomer. Seven comrades attended the Decoration day services. Twelve graves were strewn with flowers. Eleven graves were reported unmarked. The speakers were W. F. Wieland, Commander, and J. G. Gibson, Post Chaplain. The Commander remarks: "We should have an old cannon to fire ten-minute guns to wake up the people to a realization of the blessings they enjoy through the faithfulness of comrades."



J. W. RIDGE,
Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant
Quartermaster General.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason: Both days were happily enjoyed. Seven comrades assembled in the house of God and heard a very appropriate sermon from Rev. J. P. Lyle, Presbyterian Pastor. Ten of our comrades were on hand to decorate the graves of our fallen comrades. The speakers on Decoration Day were Judge D. H. Meeks and John F. Hill, Post Chaplain. Remarks: "We need loyal teachers in our schools. A railroad to our city, so that loyal people may come into our community."

Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham: Five comrades met to decorate seven graves of our true boys who wore the blue. The speaker was the son of a veteran, W. J. True.

A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownsville: Wm. Kelly, Post Commander, reports no Memorial Day services. He remarks: "Our Post is too small to make an effective public demonstration on Memorial Days, and we are not willing to cooperate with ex-rebels, or such sympathizers, on such occasions."

Travis Post No. 66, Abilene: John Russell, Acting Chaplain, reports no services on either day.

Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin: This Post observed both Memorial Days with great credit. The Department Chaplain preached the Memorial Sermon to a very nice and intelligent audience. Twenty-five of the comrades were present, and a number of the W. R. C. The Memorial Services were held in the Presbyterian Church and were well attended, many of the comrades and Woman's Relief Corps coming from Galveston. Your Dep. Chaplain will always remember his visit to Alvin. The Post was favored with Chas. B. Peck, Past. Dep. Com., who was the visitor on Decoration Day. A very impressive service was had. Twenty-two of the Post comrades decorated the graves of the three comrades who slumber in the dust.—W. R. Kimmens, Post Chaplain.

Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco: This Post enjoyed both Memorial Days. Twelve comrades joined the services on Sunday morning. Rev. Chas. K. Woodson preached the Memorial Sermon. There were fourteen comrades joined in the decoration of three hundred graves, in five cemeteries. The speaker was Hon. Henry Terrell. The Post Commander makes the Chaplain's report, as our beloved comrade and Post Chaplain died just a little before the time for this report. H. E. Conger, beloved by all, has gone to his eternal home.

San Jacinto Post No. 75, La Porte: The Post observed both days. There were sixteen comrades present at the Memorial Sabbath Services. Rev. George Van Pett preached the

sermon. The same faithful sixteen comrades gathered on Memorial Decoration Day. There were two comrades' graves decorated and two Confederate graves. H. G. Fish, Adjutant, reports for Chaplain.

J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78, Gatesville: W. T. Tribble, Post Chaplain, reports: "Our Post is very weak, only just enough members to organize. Most of the members are decrepit. Should we be able to build up, we will do better."

Joe Hooker Post No. 79, Laredo: Reports divine service. Eight present. Confederate veteran preached the Memorial Sermon, J. Wood. Eleven comrades joined in the Decoration Day service. Several organizations participated. E. A. Allen was the speaker.—Frank H. Puree, Post Chaplain.

General Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont: Nathan Blevins, Post Chaplain, reports 100 graves re-marked. We had arranged for a speaker from Lake Charles, La., as orator of the day, but as Memorial Day approached, we canceled the engagement, which proved to be the best thing to do, as none save myself were ready. I had several baskets of flowers, but could find no member of the committee. The oil strike scattered them.—R. B. Underhill, Post Commander.

E. H. Liscum Post No. 81, Orange: Ten of the comrades met in their private rooms on Memorial Day, and had an experience meeting, G. A. Hudson in charge. On Memorial Decoration Day, six of the comrades and their ladies gathered to decorate the two graves of our dead. Ira A. Scott, acting as Post Chaplain, says in his remarks: "We want more comrades to settle in this part of Texas. We want the official history taught in our public schools by sons and daughters of Union veterans."

Department Commander, this closes my report of all the Posts I have heard from—thirty in all. I deeply regret that I can not be present with you in person; but God has ordered it otherwise. For five years I have been your Department Chaplain. I want to thank you for the continued honor you have bestowed upon me from year to year.

My removal to the State of Illinois, and my work for the present being in this State, I can only hope that some time in the future I may be again with you. Our home is in Dallas, and we hope some time to go back to it. I commit you and the boys whom I tenderly love in the Spirit, to the tender care of the Great Shepherd, who longs to give all a home in the Beautiful World of God. Yours in F. C. and L.,

(Signed) S. W. PATTERSON, Department Chaplain.
Tower Hill, Ill.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades W. H. Webber, H. A. Johnson, Fritz Ahrens.

Report of Historian and Custodian E. G. Rust was then read to the Encampment by him:

BEAUMONT, April 24, 1902.

J. W. Ridge, A. A. G., Dept. of Texas, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—After the action of the last Department Encampment held at Galveston, whereat I was honored by my comrades by electing me as Historian and Custodian of the Department, I returned home and purchased a trunk, in which to preserve the archives and data of the Department.

I continued the work of compiling the early history and records of the Department for the years 1885 to 1890, completing same shortly after my return from the National Encampment at Cleveland. At the request of the Department Commander, I forwarded the result of my labors to Department Headquarters, to be submitted to a Committee of Revision appointed by the Commander. Owing to the scattered location of the committee from San Antonio to Denison, the work of passing upon my compilation has been of necessity slow, I only receiving the report a few weeks ago, which I herewith submit as part of our my report:

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 5th, 1902.

Genl. P. B. Hunt, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R., Dallas, Texas:

Dear Sir and Comrade—Your committee appointed to take action on the work of Comrade E. G. Rust, Historian and Custodian on the compilation of the early history of this Department not covered by official reports, beg leave to report that while much of interest has been secured, and we appreciate the difficulty of getting it in good shape, yet we believe that it can be made much more complete by having the fact published, and we believe that this can best be done by including in your next General Order a request that all Posts and comrades should forward to the Assistant Adjutant General all the information in their possession concerning the early part of our organization, stating a date when it should all be received; then it is recommended that all the data on hand and this record shall be put in shape and the historian be authorized to print in pamphlet form copies enough for one for each Post, twelve for Department Headquarters, and one for each Past Dept. Commander.

Our reasons for believing that additional information can

be secured is that when your committee met, Comrade Hitchcox furnished published account of proceedings of Fourth Annual Encampment containing much that was additional to that secured, and when known, no doubt others have in their possession something to add.

Concerning the printing of the seventeen years' proceedings into one or two volumes, we believe it is an unnecessary expense, and therefore can not recommend it.

Very respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

M. W. MANN,

THEO. HITCHCOX,

R. M. MOORE,

C. C. HASKELL,

Committee.

Authorized by JNO. W. PARKS, Chairman.

I most heartily concurred in the judgment of the committee and of the Commander, as expressed in Section 4, General Order No. 8, as follows:

4th. The work of compiling a history of the early years of the Texas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, by Comrade E. G. Rust, Historian and Custodian, has necessarily been slow, owing to the fact that it was with great difficulty that he could get the proper data, and the committee to whom the manuscript was submitted has been scattered, causing much loss of time. It is believed it should not go to press until another effort is made to add to it. The Department Commander therefore earnestly requests that all Posts or any comrade who has any information or old newspaper clippings pertaining to meetings of Posts or Encampments, covering the earlier years, send such data to the Assistant Adjutant General at Dallas, so it can be received by the 20th of the present month.

This will doubtless aid us in securing some more of loose ends and fragmentary bits of already too long neglected history.

Your historian feels that the work has been too long delayed of completion, but hopes that much additional data may be gathered by the plan outlined by Commander Hunt in his last order and that I may be able to soon complete the same.

Referring to the last clause in the report of the committee, I think they have misunderstood my recommendation. By dint of perseverance I have succeeded during the past two years in picking up here and there two complete files of our printed proceedings from 1890 to the present time, and

my recommendation was, not to reprint these, but together with my compilation, to have these proceedings bound in two complete volumes for preservation, one for the office of the Assistant Adjutant General, and one for the Historian and Custodian, the binding of which would not cost to exceed \$5.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
E. G. RUST, Historian and Custodian.

It was received and adopted by the Encampment.

On motion of Past Department Commander Ed. N. Ketchum, it was carried that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for printing, etc., by Comrade Rust, in connection with his work as Historian and Custodian.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Commander, J. J. Billows, here reported as follows:

“To P. B. Hunt, Department Commander:

“Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, would recommend its adoption, and the recommendations therein contained be concurred in.”

C. C. HASKELL,
E. J. LEMON,
G. A. HUDSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.
February, 20, 1902.

Surgeon General G. A. R.:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1901:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants	25
No. of deaths during year	19
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service ..	..
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	..
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	9
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	12
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$110 00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines	6

The reasonable money value of such service	\$ 15 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades .....	.....
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies	\$125 00
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions	13
The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors.....	
No. of inmates in each home .....	.....
The above homes are supported by.....	.....
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	None

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
G. HELBING, M. D., Medical Director.

The report of Medical Director G. Helbing was read by Assistant Adjutant General, and, after being received, was referred to Comrades Geo. L. Smith, W. F. Wieland and L. H. Rowan, who afterward reported as follows :

“We recommend the acceptance and adoption of within report of Medical Director, and thanks of the Encampment be tendered the Medical Director for the gratuitous discharge of his duties.”

GEO. L. SMITH,
W. F. WIELAND,
L. H. ROWAN,
Committee.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

The report of Chief Mustering Officer D. M. Baker was next read by the Assistant Adjutant General as follows :

OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,
G. A. R., DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 23, 1902.

Col. J. W. Ridge, A. A. Gen., Dept. of Texas, G. A. R. :

Comrade—In submitting a report of the operations of my office for the past year, it occurs to me that I might just as well write across the page at an angle of about 45 degrees, “No Transactions,” and let it go for that; for, under the circumstances, it would seem that the necessity for such report does not exist, except as a matter of form. Of course, it needs no telling that because no Posts were organized during the year, no applications for charters received, and

none granted, the services of the mustering officer were not required. It would be useless to speculate as to why we have gained nothing in the past year; the reason is obvious. There can be no doubt but that the time for getting recruits for our Order has almost, if not entirely, gone by, and it would be hopeless to expect the organization of new Posts or any considerable additions to old ones. We need not expect it, and can not, because it is not in the nature of things. We don't grow younger as the years go by, and the hour is already late.

I beg to acknowledge the uniform courtesy I have received from the Departmental Commander and staff during our official intercourse. Yours in F., C. and L.,

D. M. BAKER,
Chief Mustering Officer.

It was received by the Encampment and referred to the following committee: J. B. Daugherty, J. S. Ewell and W. H. Christian, whose report was afterward presented as follows:

"We, your committee, respectfully recommend that the report be accepted and placed on file."

J. B. DAUGHERTY, *Chairman.*

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of Department Inspector W. Z. Manchester, like the one of Department Chaplain, was most fully, completely and neatly made, and it was a matter of regret that he was not present to read it. The Assistant Adjutant General read it as it here appears:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT TEXAS, G. A. R.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 21, 1902.

*To J. W. Ridge, A. A. Gen., Department of Texas, G. A. R.,
Beaumont, Texas:*

Comrade—In pursuance of my duties as Inspector General G. A. R., Department Texas, for the official year in which I have had the honor to serve this Department, it gives me great pleasure to present to your consideration the Annual Report of inspection of Posts for the term ending December 31, 1901.

While I have been unable to make personal visits to the different Posts, I am under many obligations to the comrades for the cordial and usual prompt responses made to my request for inspection reports, from which the summary following is made up.

Of the 40 posts on our roster, 35 have reported, leaving 5 from which, after untiring diligence by correspondence, I regret to state no reports have been received.

Reports from Posts are now given in consecutive order, as follows:

FIRST. J. B. McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman, reports membership 12. All official duties and requirements well performed. No relief fund. Amount in Quartermaster's hands, \$25.90. Value Post property, \$30.00. No remarks or word of encouragement for the future. Asst. Inspector, Pierce Kirsch, Sherman, Texas.

SECOND. W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston, P. W. Farrell, Asst. Inspector. Report membership of 49. All official duties and requirements well performed. Expended for relief during the year, \$36.25. On hand in relief fund \$125.95. Amount in hands of Quartermaster, \$138.80. Value of Post property, \$150.00. Have a W. R. C. No S. of V. Prospects cheerful. Comrade Farrell writes: "The condition of old Hancock Post may be said to be merely existing, although its prospects are cheerful. A few regulars keep shoulder to shoulder and maintain good standing without difficulty. The average attendance is quite light, but the officers are always at their post with willing hearts and ready hands. Membership is decreasing by death and suspension, but the Post has a stiff upper-lip and its star will continue to shine through many seasons of discouragement. The Inspector would remark, the records for this Post show a slight gain in membership the past year, which is very encouraging for this Post and the Department, when we consider the recent sad misfortune of Galveston, the pride of Texas. This Post is the banner post as to financial standing."

THIRD. E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, R. M. Moore, Asst. Inspector, reports 111 members, a gain of 1 during last fiscal year; also a W. R. C. All official duties and requirements are well performed. The banner post as to membership. Relief fund, \$46.71; expended, \$43.00; Quartermaster fund, \$55.34. Post property, \$150.00. Report shows a slight gain in membership for the year. Comrade Moore writes: "E. O. C. Ord Post is wide awake, with 111

members in good standing. We have gained as many by muster-in as we have lost by death and transfer. Our property account is shown less than it was at last report, as one of our flags has been disposed of as worthless; so we have one old flag, one Post flag, and 8 guns, with our trunks and one wardrobe; and then we have bought one new flag, at a cost of \$75.00. Our general fund is \$89.37; relief, \$59.37, with several small amounts loaned to the needy comrades."

FOURTH. Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth, A. J. Black, Asst. Inspector. Membership 15; all official duties, etc., well performed; future prospects moderate. Quartermaster fund, \$6.75; slight loss in membership the past year. Inspector Black writes encouragingly as follows: "Parmly Post No. 4 is not dead, but only sleeping. With advancing age, many of the comrades are losing their interest in Post affairs; many are feeble and invalided, not able to attend our meetings; yet we have a few comrades in whose breasts the fire of youth still exists, and they have said the Grand Army never dies till the last comrade has crossed the dark river into the unknown beyond. They have resolved that our Post organization shall not be disbanded as long as we have a corporal's guard. With the era of prosperity now in our State and the incoming of new blood from the older States, we look forward with much hope to recruit our ranks the coming year. Let us not be weary in well doing, and never give up the ship."

FIFTH. Nat Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, W. O. Kret-singer, Asst. Inspector. Membership, 57. Ritual work and other official requirements fully exemplified; flourishing W. R. C. in connection with the Post. Quartermaster fund \$12.33; Post property, \$100.00. Prospect for the future, fair.

SIXTH. Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6, Dallas, W. F. Cottman, Asst. Inspector. Membership, 53. Official duties fully performed. Prospects good. Quartermaster fund, \$9.60. Post property, \$325.70. W. R. C. in connection with this post. Comrade Cottman writes: "I find Geo. H. Thomas Post in good condition; the books are well kept and the officers very efficient and zealous in the discharge of their duties. The post is out of debt and has some money in the treasury. Comrade, I mention that we are all growing old very fast and our time on this earth is very short, at best, and my prayer is that our Heavenly Father may keep us all under the shadow of His wing, and when taps are sounded, the

lights are out, may we all be prepared to answer roll call in the Great Beyond."

SEVENTH. Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston; J. J. Billows, Asst. Inspector. Sixty-seven members. Lost during the year, 9. Have a flourishing W. R. C. All official duties well performed. Relief fund \$55.04. Expended for relief, \$25.00. Quartermaster fund, \$35.49. Post property, \$114.75. Comrade Billows writes: "McClellan Post No. 9 is in a flourishing condition, having added to its ranks by muster, transfer and reinstatement. The Post now contains on her muster roll 67 members in good standing, having lost 1 by death, 7 suspended; gain, 13, leaving a net gain of 5 for the year. The W. R. C. in connection with this Post is in fine working condition, having 42 members in good standing."

EIGHTH. Joseph A. Mower Post No. 10, Austin, Texas; Pat Scott, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Twenty-one members; gain of 3 during year. No fund in Quartermaster's Department. Post property, \$32.86. Prospects poor. W. R. C. in connection with Post.

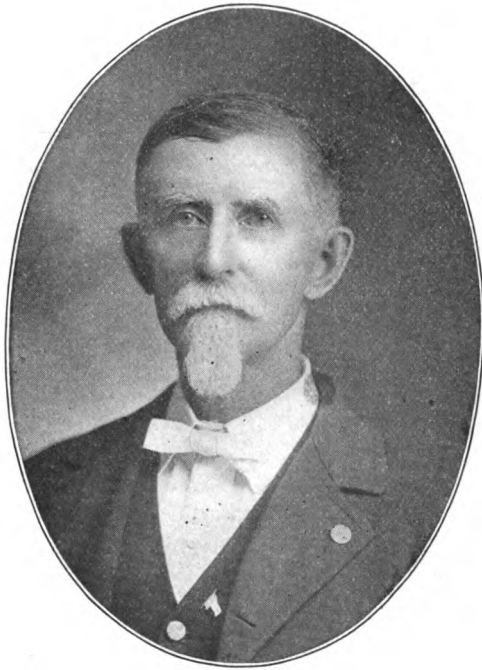
NINTH. John A. Dix No. 11, Dallas; J. L. Boyd, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Forty-three members; loss of 4 during the year. Expended for relief, \$25.50; in hands of Quartermaster, \$50.00. Have an efficient organization of the W. R. C. Value of Post property, \$100.00. Future very promising.

TENTH. F. Hurst Post No. 13, Terrell; H. C. Adler, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Thirteen members; lost 2; no finance report; no remarks as to future prospects.

ELEVENTH. W. H. Lewis Post No. 17, Brackettsville; Wm. Ketsch, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Twelve members; no gain or loss. Post property, \$6.70. Prospects good.

TWELFTH. Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso; F. E. Tusten, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; 37 members; loss, 3; relief fund, \$6.50; Quartermaster fund, \$14.10; Post property, \$75.00; prospects good.

THIRTEENTH. Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas; W. H. Webber, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; membership, 8; have held their own during year. No finance report. Prospects all in the future. Comrade Webber writes: "The members of Phil Kearney No. 20 live 30



W. Z. MANCHESTER,
Department Inspector.

scattered that regular meetings are far between. We keep up our good standing by paying dues promptly, living in the hope of recruiting our strength so as to have regular meetings."

FOURTEENTH. John A. Logan Post No. 23, Denton. No report.

FIFTEENTH. Phil Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown; J. M. Frazier, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Six faithful members and a loss of 6 during the year. Expended for relief, \$25.00; prospects not flattering.

SIXTEENTH. Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26, Paris; T. U. Johnson, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; 20 members; no gain or loss. Value Post property, \$10.00. Prospects fair.

SEVENTEENTH. Geo. A. Custer Post No. 32, Bonham; H. J. Pile, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; membership, 26; loss, 8; Quartermaster's fund, \$6.03; prospects fair.

EIGHTEENTH. Geo. G. Meade, No. 35, Decatur. No report.

NINETEENTH. Judson Kilpatrick Post No. 40, Belton; M. F. Hiatt, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 10; no gain or loss; no finance report; prospects not good, but hopeful.

TWENTIETH. Sam J. Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford; C. B. Bowen, Asst. Inspector. All official duties and requirements well performed. Membership, 20; gain of 8 for the year. No finance report. Post property value, \$18.65. Prospects doubtful. Comrade Bowen writes that they indulge a strong hope to increase membership another year.

TWENTY-FIRST. E. R. S. Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro; Israel Stoddard, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Membership, 13; no loss or gain. Post property value \$10.00. Prospects fair. Comrade Stoddard writes: "The reason why the members of the Post do not attend regular meetings in force, is the distance from town, and old age. We have fairly good attendance every three months, when pension vouchers are executed. The Post has gained by muster since last report, and we hope to show a greater gain the coming year."

TWENTY-SECOND. W. T. Sherman Post No. 51, Granbury; W. H. Catts, Asst. Inspector. All official duties and

requirements well performed. Membership, 10; no gain or loss; Quartermaster fund, \$10.00; prospect fair. Comrade Catts writes: "We have a sad word to inform you that Comrade Thomas Adams, Past Commander, died on the 18th of October last, his home being twenty miles from these headquarters. Notwithstanding, the Post had secured vehicles and was prepared to attend the funeral and bury our dead with Grand Army honors, a heavy rain set in, we were compelled to forego this duty to our beloved comrade and his family. Comrade Adams belonged to the Seventh West Virginia Cavalry; lived a pious life, was honored as an exemplary citizen and indulgent husband and father, respected by all who knew him."

TWENTY-THIRD. Opdyke Post No. 53, Jefferson; G. W. Lathrop, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; membership, 9; gain, 1; Quartermaster's fund, \$3.60; Post property, \$10. Comrade Lathrop writes: "I have not answered the prospects of the Post by reason of not having any material to work on. However, there seems to be a prospect of our iron furnace starting up again, when we expect an increase of members."

TWENTY-FOURTH. E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi; J. H. C. White, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Membership, 7; loss, 3; no finance report; prospects failing.

TWENTY-FIFTH. Sam Houston Post No. 55, Dublin; H. H. Andrews, Asst. Inspector. All official duties well performed. Membership, 22; loss, 7; Post property, \$50.00. Prospects fair.

TWENTY-SIXTH. A. E. Burnside Post No. 56, Springtown; Wm. Willson, Asst. Inspector. All official requirements well performed. Membership, 15; lost, 1. Quartermaster's fund, \$11.00; Post property, \$25.00. Prospects good. Comrade Willson writes: "There ought to be some move for a Woman's Relief Corps at this place. All comrades here are of first-class people and stand well in the community, and if we receive any help, no trouble would it be to start a W. R. C."

TWENTY-SEVENTH. P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason; A. F. Glossbranner, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 12; gain, 2; Quartermaster's fund, \$13.75; Post property, \$41.50; prospects good. Comrade Holcomb writes: "No prospect of much increase in member-

ship, from the fact that here is no material to work on. We have about all the old comrades in reach."

TWENTY-EIGHTH. L. H. Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham; J. F. Orrell, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Holding her own with membership of 5; no finance report; prospects poor. Comrade Orrell writes: "Our Post is very small and no more to muster."

TWENTY-NINTH. A. H. Terry Post No. 64, Fredericksburgh. No report.

THIRTIETH. W. P. Travis Post No. 66, Abilene; Thos. Buck, Asst. Inspector. Official duties and requirements well performed; membership, 15; gain, 4; Post property, \$10.00. Prospects discouraging.

THIRTY-FIRST. A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownsville; Wm. Kelly, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 8. No gain or loss. Quartermaster fund, \$27.63; prospects fair. Comrade Kelly writes: "No change in condition during the year."

THIRTY-SECOND. John Raum Post No. 71, Gibbtown; M. B. Young, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 8; no gain or loss. Post property, \$5.00; prospects not good. Comrade Young writes: "Our Post is small in numbers. We are badly scattered, some having a long distance to come; some are too infirm to attend, and other things keep up from meeting regularly. Small numbers, no comrades to build Post from and little or no interest on the part of some, make our prospects poor. A few of us too far away to meet with other Posts, prompts us to meet when we can, keep up our dues and hold our charter."

THIRTY-THIRD. Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin; W. H. Struthers, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 26; loss, 14; Quartermaster fund, \$42.04. Prospects good. Comrade Struthers writes: "Many members of this Post live a long distance from town and can not be expected to attend every meeting, but attend when they can. There has been a great deal of relief money paid out here during the past year. A full report of the amount we have expended was forwarded to Department Headquarters. The Post is in a good, flourishing condition, and, judging from present indications, will hold together as long as any in the Department of Texas."

THIRTY-FOURTH. Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco; John Smith, Asst. Inspector. Official duties and requirements

well performed. Membership, 28; loss, 3. Quartermaster fund, \$9.55; prospects fair.

THIRTY-FIFTH. San Jacinto Post No. 75, La Porte; Manly McNitt, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 13; no loss or gain. Quartermaster fund \$18.00. Prospects poor. Comrade McNitt writes: "We have so few members, and no material to make more, that it is up-hill business to get a quorum to do business. Our regular meeting for January was the first day, consequently no meeting. Have no report signed as yet. Will have report sent as soon as we can get a meeting."

THIRTY-SIXTH. B. F. Stephenson Post No. 77, Clarkesville. No report.

THIRTY-SEVENTH. J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78, Gatesville; D. P. Baker, Asst. Inspector. All official reports good. Membership, 12; gain, 2; no finance report; prospects good. Comrade Baker writes: "The Post, as you see, is somewhat weak, but we are enthusiastic and the prospects are flattering for a large increase in our Post in the near future."

THIRTY-EIGHTH. Joe Hooker Post No. 79, Laredo; S. Sulnon, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed. Membership, 13; no gain or loss. Quartermaster's fund, \$6.10; Post property, \$17.50; prospects good. Comrade Sulnon writes: "Most of this Post are railroad men; the balance are old and live in Mexico. I only got home this morning. Hope to meet you at Encampment."

THIRTY-NINTH. H. W. Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont; F. A. Hyatt, Asst. Inspector. Official duties well performed; membership, 15; loss, 1; no finance report; prospects improving.

FORTIETH. E. H. Liscomb Post No. 81, Orange. No report.

This completes Inspection Reports of my Posts.

Recapitulating the work performed: Forty posts are on our roster, a gain of one from previous year. Thirty-five Posts responded as per previous reading, being a total gain of three Posts inspected as per above report of my worthy predecessor for 1901. The five Posts not reporting are John A. Logan, No. 23, Denton; Geo. G. Meade, No. 35, Decatur; A. H. Terry, No. 64, Fredericksburg; B. F. Stevenson, No. 77, Clarkesville; E. H. Liscomb, No. 81, Orange. Earnest, energetic efforts, repeated from time to time, by correspondence, were made to receive some information from the

Posts not reporting; the Inspector pleading for even a letter, giving some data of existing conditions, if nothing more, but no response was made. It would seem the names of the grand old warriors and the historic valor attached to their names should have been a stimulus to the comrades to have kept their Posts alive until the last gun was fired and the last comrade crossed the dark river; but if these Posts are to be no more on our records, their names, Logan, Meade, Terry, Liscomb, Stephenson (the latter the founder of the G. A. R.), will live in our memory and the Nation's forever.

In closing my report, most heartily and cordially do I thank the comrades of the various posts and also our worthy A. A. G. for all courtesies and aid so cheerfully extended to me.

To my successor I would say: I trust your efforts to maintain the standard of the G. A. R. of Texas and hold the fort may be crowned with greater success than mine, and as the years come and go, and our great and growing State continues to expand with the incoming new population, many of whom will be some of our old comrades, let us redouble our efforts to keep up and extend our organization, until the Lone Star State shall be the greatest, grandest and brightest star in the constellation of the G. A. R.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. Z. MANCHESTER,

Inspector Department of Texas.

The report was received by the Encampment and referred to a committee consisting of Comrades L. H. Ruthrauff, W. B. Millikin, Horace Baker, who after considering it, reported as follows:

"Respectfully approved, and it is suggested by the committee that Comrade Manchester deserves the thanks of this Encampment for the neat and businesslike manner of this, his exhaustive and arduous report."

L. H. RUTHRAUFF,

W. B. MILLIKIN,

HORACE BAKER,

Committee.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

.. HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 21, 1902.

P. B. Hunt, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report for the year 1901, and as preliminary, allow me to say that not a man nor a Post is shown in this report as in good standing, unless Department per capita tax has been paid, and all reports and returns made, nor has per capita tax been paid to Q. M. General on any others:

Number reported in good standing Dec. 31, 1900..	928
Gained during the year 1901—	
By muster in.....	59
By transfer	11
By reinstatement	26
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	30
Total gain	126
Total number	1,054
Losses during 1901—	
By death	31
By honorable discharge	22
By transfer	13
By suspension	103
By dishonorable discharge	1
By delinquent reports	62
Total loss	232
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1901.....	822
Number remaining suspended	133
Number of comrades and their families relieved.....	5
Amount expended for relief during the year.....	\$93 25

Stephenson Post No. 77 at Clarkesville, has never reported, nor have I been able to obtain a response from any one there to my letters, although I am confident some of them at least were received by those addressed. The postmaster at Clarkesville kindly replied to my inquiries, but with no result, and it remains in the same condition as reported by my predecessor, Col. Rust—practically dead. Its twelve members are carried as delinquent, and I recommend the Council of Administration to take up and act on this case.

Meade Post No. 35 at Decatur, with twenty men, is delinquent for term ending December 31, only. There are some faithful, earnest comrades out there, and I am sure they will soon take their place in line again. Their Commander, D.

F. Davis, has been sick for months. Our ever faithful comrade, G. D. Howell, has done all possible to assist me in trying to get the yet needed reports.

All other Posts will appear in good standing, as shown in Credential Report.

New Posts.—None have been organized. Earnest effort was made on this line at Cleburne, Amarillo, as well as at Gainesville, McKinney and elsewhere, but without result. Effort was made to get a Post in the City of Mexico, attached to this Department, but, strange as it may seem, it goes with the Department of Tennessee.

Comrades of high and low degree or rank are answering the last roll-call, ready as they once were to answer the call to battle, and as fearless to meet it, and ready to respond.

ROLL OF HONOR--OUR DEAD COMRADES.

N A M E	S E R V I C E	P O S T
Wm. Abrams.....	Co. D, 1st U. S. Artillery.....	Jas. B. McPherson, No. 1.
James Smith.....	U. S. Navy.....	W. S. Hancock, No. 2.
Charles O'Brien.....	39th N. Y. Volunteers.....	E. O. C. Ord, No. 2.
F. C. Frederickson.....	Co. H, 5th Mo. Volunteers.....	E. O. C. Ord, No. 3.
S. W. Morris.....	Co. L, 14th Mo. Cavalry.....	E. O. C. Ord, No. 3.
Jno. M. Kendall.....	Co. M, 1st U. S. Cavalry.....	E. O. C. Ord, No. 3.
August Miller.....	.....	Nathaniel Lyon, No. 5.
Philip Curry.....	.....	Nathaniel Lyon, No. 5.
E. S. Wiley.....	3d Mass. Cavalry; 41st Mass. Infantry.....	Nathaniel Lyon, No. 5.
D. D. Wright.....	90th N. Y. Infantry.....	Nathaniel Lyon, No. 5.
W. W. Barbarick.....	.....	Nathaniel Lyon, No. 5.
J. R. Harned.....	.....	Geo. H. Thomas, No. 6.
Terrence O'Neal.....	.....	Geo. B. McLellan, No. 9.
S. K. Feeks.....	Co. G, 37th Ill. Volunteers.....	Jos. A. Mower, No. 10.
Alex. Wilkie.....	Co. B, 1st U. S. Cavalry.....	Jos. A. Mower, No. 10.
Dr. J. J. Gasser.....	Hospital Steward.....	John A. Dix, No. 11.
L. C. Leeds.....	Co. C, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	F. Hurst, No. 13.
Frank Miller.....	Co. E, 2d Mo. Artillery.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
E. B. Dwyer.....	Co. D, 12th and 27th Iowa Volunteers.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
John Ogden.....	Co. A, 2d N. J. Volunteers.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
D. B. Halderman.....	Co. A, 1st Ala. Cavalry.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
S. H. Buchanan.....	Co. L, 9th Ind. Cavalry.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
Geo. M. McConaughey.....	Co. C, 1st Va. Light Artillery.....	Emmett Crawford, No. 19.
W. R. Watson.....	Co. F, 32d Ill. Infantry.....	John A. Logan, No. 23.
R. W. Vining.....	Co. E, 7th Texas.....	P. H. Sheridan, No. 25.
M. C. Smith.....	Co. F, 147th Pa. Volunteers.....	Geo. W. Wright, No. 26.
W. H. Hayes.....	.....	Sam. J. Randall, No. 45.
Thos. Adams.....	Co. G, 7th W. Va. Cavalry.....	W. T. Sherman, No. 51.
John McBride.....	Co. B, 120th Ill. Infantry.....	Wainwright, No. 72.
F. P. Nichols.....	Co. F, 11th N. H. Infantry.....	San Jacinto, No. 75.
John Russell.....	7th N. H. Infantry.....	E. H. Liscum, No. 81.

Every one of these men, regardless of the place of his birth, was a loyal American citizen, a patriot, a faithful and fearless soldier, whose life was offered in battle before it was given up in peace.

To you, Commander, whose every order has been more as a kind request, for your every act, and for the great honor bestowed on me, my profound and grateful thanks are returned. To all the Commanders and other Post officers, and many Past Department Commanders, I am indebted for assistance, attention, advice and earnest co-operation. The labors of the office and its duties have been much lightened by many kind acts, and I leave the office with no unkind feeling towards any comrade, and trust they may have the same feeling toward me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. RIDGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

After reading, it was received and referred to Comrades W. F. Wieland, L. Q. Edmiston, G. A. Hudson, who, after due consideration, reported as follows:

“We, the committee, respectfully recommend it be accepted in full, and that the thanks of the Department are due our very efficient Assistant Adjutant General, J. W. Ridge.”

W. F. WIELAND,
L. Q. EDMISTON,
G. A. HUDSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 21, 1902.

P. B. Hunt, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to submit herewith my report for 1901:

RECEIPTS.

Cash from my predecessor, Col E. G. Rust.....	\$275 97
Supplies sold to Posts	62 45
Per capita tax from Posts	511 20
From cots rented, Headquarters at Cleveland.....	3 00
Total	\$852 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chas. Burrows, Q. M. G., supplies.....	\$3 31 95	
Postage	26 15	
Stationery	39 50	
Printing orders	21 25	
Various express items paid	17 93	
Galveston Journals	90 00	
Salary A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.....	200 00	
Cleveland Headquarters	33 00	
Cleveland badges	3 75	
National per capita tax	24 99	
Total disbursements		488 52
Cash to balance		\$364 10

Posts have responded nobly with per capita tax, and I know some comrades have done more than their share. With about 100 members *less* than shown December 31, 1900, the receipts have been *more* than for 1900, and at same rate of tax.

It might be well to state that National per capita tax is now 3 1-2 cents per member per annum; instead of 2 1-2 cents, as formerly; but this only took effect for last semi-annual return, or only about \$4.10 more for the year, than under the old rate.

There is yet in the funds of this Department the sum of \$10.00 belonging to parties at San Angelo, sent in for a charter to late A. A. G., J. C. Bigger, my predecessor. Col. Rust referred in his report fully to this matter. Two or three parties wrote from San Angelo to have this repaid. I agreed to do so, on satisfactory proof that they were the proper ones to receive it, but this was never furnished.

Financially, the Department is in very good standing, with a nice cash balance. The disbursements and expenses have been carefully guarded, as the income is practically fixed by membership, and no other income of consequence.

Our late lamented Comrade L. C. Leeds, Past Senior Vice Department Commander, during his lifetime kindly agreed to store and care for various Department property, of records, etc. His faithful and loyal wife, Mrs. Leeds, Past Department President W. R. C., has graciously and kindly continued to care for such property, and it is at her residence, Veal Street, Dallas.

Property of Department:	
Supplies on hand.....	\$74 35
Department banner	30 00
One pair horns.....	30 00
Headquarters fixtures.....	30 00

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
J. W. RIDGE, A. Q. M. G.



D. M. BAKER,
Chief Mustering Officer.

This being a report of the same officer, though on a different duty, was referred to the same committee, viz: Comrades W. F. Wieland, L. Q. Edmiston, G. A. Hudson, whose report was as follows:

“We, the committee, respectfully report that we recommend that this report be accepted.”

W. F. WIELAND,
L. Q. EDMISTON,
G. A. HUDSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 21, 1902.

*Gen. P. B. Hunt, Commander of Department of Texas,
G. A. R., Dallas, Texas:*

I herewith submit my report and wish to say our Department seems to be in such splendid condition that it is not in need of a Judge Advocate. I have not been called upon to take official action in regard to Department affairs during my term of office. This indicates that the “old boys” are well posted in rules and regulations of the Order, and are obeying orders in the same patriotic manner that they did back in the 60’s. Hoping and believing that harmony may ever prevail in this Department, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. S. DUNLAP,

Judge Advocate of Department of Texas G. A. R.

It was received and adopted by the Encampment.

GREETINGS FROM W. R. C.

The Woman’s Relief Corps sent greetings from their meeting.

Commander Hunt appointed committees as follows:

On Greetings to W. R. C.: Comrades Chas. B. Peck, W. H. Catts, R. B. Underhill.

On Resolutions: Ed N. Ketchum, Chas. B. Peck, T. M. Wright.

On motion of Past Department Commander John W. Parks, it was voted on and adopted, that when this Encamp-

ment adjourns for this day, it be to meet at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow, 25th, and that at 10 a. m. election of officers be taken up, and action be taken as to place of next Annual Encampment.

The report of committee sent to W. R. C. with greetings was now received, stating also that the W. R. C. would send representatives to-morrow, 25th, at 10 a. m.

It was then, on motion, carried, that adjournment be had until 25th at 8:30 a. m., which, after prayer by Father Crowley, followed.

At night an enjoyable reception was tendered Gen. and Mrs. Torrance by both patriotic organizations, and the citizens of Beaumont, in the parlors of the New Clarendon Hotel. The proceedings were quite informal, but a very pleasant evening resulted, and the attendance was large, and it was quite late when "good nights" were said, and the first day ended with pleasure to all the visitors and guests.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, April 25, 1902.

The Encampment was opened in due form at Kyle's Opera House with Department Commander P. B. Hunt presiding.

Past Department Commander R. M. Moore invoked the divine blessing.

The Committee on Credentials, Past Department Commander John Roch, Past Post Commander W. H. Catts and Assistant Adjutant General J. W. Ridge, presented their report, showing who were present in a representative capacity, and also the entire list of those entitled to seats in the Encampment, whether present or absent, all of which is shown in Roll of the Encampment, in preceding part of this Journal.

Post Commander R. B. Underhill of Lawton Post made a verbal statement concerning an error by a comrade now deceased in reporting the representation of Lawton Post; and on motion, Comrade F. A. Hyatt of Lawton Post was

given the seat in the Encampment to which he was so much and so justly entitled.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, covering matters under three heads, and action on same by Encampment was deferred until hearing from Committee on Commander's address.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, April 25, 1902.

We, your committee appointed by Acting Chairman Ex-Department Commander Parks, to examine and report on Department Commander Hunt's Annual Address to the Encampment, take great pleasure in commending it as a whole as able, patriotic, just and eloquent, one that every comrade will read with pleasure and profit, giving, as he does, a detailed account of a year's administration of our grand organization, taking us with him to Cleveland, Ohio, to the National Encampment, during the last sad hours of our then beloved Comrade President William McKinley.

We endorse it most cordially, regretting, however, that we have not the time to examine that portion referring to the balance of the Galveston Flood contribution turned over to Commander Hunt but a few days ago. And on this item we your committee, ask further time for its examination, with the privilege of reporting to our next Department Commander. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

M. W. MANN,
R. M. MOORE,
JOHN ROCH,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was now taken up, the committee recommending the adoption of Nos. 2 and 3, and against the adoption of No. 1, for which latter a substitute was offered by Comrade L. H. Rowan of Alvin. The three different resolutions are here given, with committee's recommendation on each:

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.
BEAUMONT, April 25, 1902.

To the Encampment:

The Committee on Resolutions have had under consideration the following resolutions:

NUMBER ONE.

Whereas, The balance of the money left over of the Storm Fund and now in the hands of the Department Commander, was contributed for the benefit of the Coast Storm sufferers, and as much suffering still exists among the members of Posts contiguous to the Coast, therefore, be it

Resolved, That said fund be equally distributed among the following Posts: Hancock No. 2, McClellan No. 9, Wainwright No. 72 and San Jacinto No. 75.

Submitted by L. H. Rowan of Wainwright No. 72.

Your committee, after mature deliberation, are of the opinion that said resolution should not prevail; and it appearing to the committee that much aid having already been given the needy members in the Coast district, that the residue of said fund, some five hundred dollars, be held in trust by future Department Commanders and distributed by them upon proper certification to needy comrades wherever located within the jurisdiction of the Department of Texas.

NUMBER TWO.

Whereas, Our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Ell Torrance, having by his untiring energy and sacrifice, endeared himself to every comrade, in his endeavors to secure them justice in the administration of the Pension Department, and in which he has so signally succeeded,

Therefore, The sincerest thanks and warmest fraternal feeling of this Department go out and are so conveyed to him by this resolution.

Offered by Jno. W. Parks.

The committee most heartily approve the foregoing resolution and recommend its adoption.

NUMBER THREE.

Whereas, It has been the custom for many years to hold our Annual Encampment on April 21st, the natal day of Texas independence, but on this year was changed, the reasons therefor are not disclosed, and

Whereas, The said day being a holiday very generally observed, better railway rates can be obtained, and participation in our parades by civic organizations secured on that day, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the date of Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. shall begin on April 21st, unless changed by vote of the Encampment at close of each session.

The committee approve the foregoing and recommend its adoption.

KETCHUM,
PECK,
WRIGHT,

Committee.

Substitute for No. 1, offered by Comrade Rowan :

Whereas, The fund contributed for the Coast Storm sufferers is a sacred fund, contributed for a specific purpose, and is a trust fund that ought not to be diverted to any other purpose, and

Whereas, There are to-day many comrades suffering from the effects of the disastrous storm of September 8, 1900, and still need aid ; and

Whereas, Said suffering comrades are members of Hancock Post, Galveston ; McClellan Post, Houston ; Wainwright Post, Alvin, and San Jacinto Post, La Porte ; and

Whereas, There is now money of said fund unexpended in the hands of the State Commander, therefore, be it

Resolved, That said fund be turned over to the aforesaid Posts equally, according to their per capita numbers, taking present report of membership as the basis for distributing to suffering and needy members of said Posts by the said Posts.

Commander Hunt called Past Department Commander John Roch to preside, and took the floor to discuss the question of adopting the substitute, and this matter was warmly debated by various comrades.

The hour of election of officers having been reached, that matter was taken up, and Comrade L. H. Rowan moved to reconsider the time for holding the election.

The motion to reconsider was lost, and the regular order of business was resumed ; and election of officers for the coming year came up.

Comrade Paul La France placed in nomination Past Post Commander A. Gerard of Mower Post No. 10, of Austin ; duly seconded.

Comrade Hume of Houston nominated Past Senior Vice Department Commander C. C. Haskell of Denison. Past Department Commander John Roch, in one of his characteristic and vigorous speeches, seconded this nomination.

There being no further nominations for Commander, Commander Hunt appointed as tellers Comrades W. H. Christian, T. M. Wright, W. A. Rowan.

Just at this time, the presence of the committee from the W. R. C. was announced, and Mrs. Hannah E. Rush of Denison, Mrs. Mary W. Baker of Dallas, Mrs. Mary J. Scott Underhill of Beaumont, and Mrs. Ell Torrance of Minneapolis, were, as such committee, escorted to the stage. Mrs. Rush addressed the Encampment as follows:

Department Commander-in-Chief and Comrades:

I am proud to have the honor and privilege of standing before you to-day to bear to you greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Texas, who are assembled in Beaumont for their Thirteenth Annual Convention.

As I am well aware that you are here for business, and as we are a part of you, feel at liberty to take a few moments of your time. I feel proud to see so many of the veterans of war before me, as we meet to-day in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty, invoking divine blessings on every comrade of the Department and on every portion of our beloved country.

We meet to-day in life's richest blessings, but when we separate at each Encampment we are not sure we meet again; this is plainly seen, as many of our comrades have passed over the last camping ground. So it was with our beloved Executive and Comrade McKinley. He met with us at our National Encampment at Chicago, and was on his way to us again when he was shot down, not mid the fire of guns of war, but while extending his friendly hand of welcome during a reception at the Temple of Music, Buffalo; the assassin fired two shots in his body. After a short but painful illness he passed peacefully away September 14, 1901. This noble organization, composed of the heroes of war, laid him away enshrouded in the flag of our nation to rest.

The Women's Relief Corps is increasing rapidly. In my Corps, No. 2, we have had new members in first quarter.

In conclusion, comrades, I ask that God's blessing may be showered on every comrade; that when our life's work is o'er, may a peaceful rest be our lot, as a reward for our devotion to our country, our flag and the principles of our Order—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.



J. S. DUNLAP.
Judge Advocate.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENT W. R. C.

General P. B. Hunt, Department Commander, Texas G. A. R.:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to submit to the Seventeenth Annual Encampment the following report:

Total cash expended for relief.....	\$143 96	
For relief other than money.....	133 85	
		\$277 81
Total expended for relief		\$277 81
Cash on hand in General Fund	\$251 92	
Cash on hand in Relief Fund	48 49	
		\$300 41
Cash on hand in Relief and General Fund..		\$300 41
Number of Corps in Department		12
Number of Corps in good standing		11
Number of Members in good standing		354

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

Past National Secretary W. R. C., Mrs. Hardin, who visited the Encampment at Galveston, last year, sent the following letter, which was received with pleasure:

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
Office of PAST NATIONAL SECRETARY,
DENVER, COL., April 20, 1902.

To P. B. Hunt, Department Commander, Department of Texas, G. A. R., Beaumont, Texas:

Dear Commander and Comrades—I am reminded that the date for your Annual Meeting is near at hand, and thinking of you all, I am also reminded of the pleasant time we spent in Galveston one year ago now, and wish that the pleasure and privilege was mine to again meet with you and look into your faces and receive the cordial hand-clasp that you gave us then.

I have thought of you many times this year, and I still have the leather medal awarded me at the oyster bake, which I prize very highly.

You have my best wishes for a prosperous and pleasant meeting. I have never forgotten to appreciate the honor conferred upon me by your Convention which made me one of your Order in Texas.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
FANNIE D. WALTHALL HARDIE,

Past National Secretary and Member of the G. A. R. of Tex.

The other members of the W. R. C. committee each made short but pleasing addresses, and that of Mrs. Torrance, wife of Commander-in-Chief, was much praised, and her admiration for a fighter as expressed, was not to be wondered at indeed.

Commander Hunt replied to the ladies in a neat speech of welcome and good wishes, after which they retired to their own assembly.

Routine business was resumed, and Past Department Commander Moore of San Antonio seconded the nomination of C. C. Haskell for Department Commander, and in so doing, explained the reasons, which seemed unavoidable, why Comrade Jno. H. Bolton had withdrawn from the race.

Comrade Gerard then announced his withdrawal from the race for Commander, and on motion it was carried that C. C. Haskell be declared the unanimous choice of the Encampment for Commander, and the A. A. G. was directed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for C. C. Haskell for Department Commander. This was done, and C. C. Haskell was declared duly elected Department Commander.

Past Department Commanders R. M. Moore and John Roch escorted the Commander-elect to the stage, and the Encampment received his thanks and assurances.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander were now in order.

Comrade R. B. Underhill of Beaumont was nominated by Comrade Hume.

Comrade Israel Stoddard of Jacksboro was nominated by Comrade E. G. Rust.

Comrade Hereford was nominated by Comrade Horace Baker.

Comrades Underhill and Hereford withdrew from the race, Comrade Underhill not desiring that position, and Comrade Israel Stoddard was unanimously elected Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade W. F. Wieland of Weatherford was nominated for Junior Vice Department Commander and unanimously elected to that office.

Department Commander Hunt nominated Comrade Father T. K. Crowley of Denison, who was unanimously elected Department Chaplain.

Comrade Dr. G. Helbing of Bonham, the present Medical Director, was nominated and unanimously re-elected to that position.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Comrade R. B. Underhill of Beaumont was nominated by Comrade E. G. Rust.

Comrade D. G. Gillette of San Antonio was nominated by Past Department Commander R. M. Moore.

Comrade W. A. Stoner of Waco was nominated by Comrade H. A. Johnson of Sherman.

On motion of Past Department Commander C. B. Peck it was carried, that the one receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Delegate-at-Large, and the one receiving the next largest vote, be declared Delegate. Vote was taken by ballott, Comrade Underhill receiving 30 votes, Comrade Stoner 21 votes, Comrade Gillette (who was absent) 10 votes. This resulted in the selection of Comrade R. B. Underhill of Beaumont as Delegate-at-Large, and Comrade W. A. Stoner of Waco, as Delegate.

Comrade D. G. Gillette of San Antonio was elected alternate to Delegate-at-Large, and Comrade W. H. Harvey of Belton, as alternate to Delegate.

Next in order was selection of the Council of Administration. Comrades R. M. Moore, W. A. Rowan and T. M. Wright were appointed as a Committee to select five names for said position, for action by the Encampment. After due consideration, they presented the following names: J. L. Tygard of Denison, E. S. Stockwell of Alvin, Jno. H. Bolton of San Antonio, W. B. Millikin of Dallas, Alonzo Gerard of Austin.

The Encampment by vote ratified the action of the committee, and elected the five as selected above.

The Committee on Department Chaplain's Report presented the following:

"Reported favorably, except report of Jas. A. Mower Post No. 10 of Austin."

W. H. WEBBER,
H. A. JOHNSON,
FRITZ AHRENS,
Committee.

(In justice to the Department Chaplain, who is in a distant State, it should be stated that the exception referred to, as to Post No. 10, is in reference to quotations from a letter from a Comrade of that Post, and not to any acts or words of the Department Chaplain.—A. A. G.)

The Committee on the Report of the Senior Vice Commander, H. C. Adler, was made as follows:

"We, your committee, hereby approve the report of Senior Vice Commander H. C. Adler."

E. G. RUST,
F. M. WRIGHT,
H. HUME,
Committee.

The consideration of resolutions was again resumed, and Past Department Commander C. B. Peck moved, and it was seconded, that the substitute offered by Comrade L. H. Rowan for Resolution No. 1 (all referred to on previous page) be adopted. Considerable discussion followed, and amongst others, Commander Hunt spoke against the substitute; and on submitting it to a rising vote, the substitute was lost.

It was then moved by Past Department Commander Ed. N. Ketchum that the report of the committee be adopted as read, and this motion carried unanimously.

Past Department Commander C. B. Peck again took the floor, on the question of having a National Cemetery on a small tract, an acre of ground in Beaumont, where both Federal and Confederate dead are buried, and on motion, it was carried that Comrade F. A. Hyatt of Lawton Post, who has given much time and faithful effort in this matter, both now and heretofore, be continued a committee on this matter.

On motion of Comrade Peck, it was carried, that the location of the next Annual Encampment be left to the Council of Administration.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Immediately after adjournment, Junior Vice Department Commander-elect W. F. Wieland, who was obliged to leave at once for home, was duly installed by Past Department Commander John Roch in his usual impressive manner.

At 2 p. m. Commander-in-Chief Torrance favored the Encampment again with his presence, and a patriotic and eloquent address, which was attentively listened to and much appreciated. It is regretted his address can not be reproduced here. The thanks of the assemblage were promptly tendered to our esteemed Commander-in-Chief.

Adjournment was now had, to indulge in the hospitality of Beaumont; a train was soon at the depot, and a free ride for all the W. R. C. and comrades was the pleasant diversion, ending at the great oil wells, south of the city. These are the wonders of the world in their line, and much attention was shown us all there, and some of the gushers were turned loose for us to see as well as to hear, as the force of the flow causes much noise, as well as ejecting much oil.

With the going-down of the sun, return to the city followed, and at night, all availed themselves of the kind invitation from Mrs. and Comrade F. A. Hyatt, and attended a musicale at their handsome home on Calder Avenue. The proceedings were interesting and artistic, and were a very pleasant intermission from the regular duties of the Encampment.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, April 26, 1902.

At K. P. Hall at 9 a. m., came joint installation of W. R. C. and G. A. R. officers-elect. The ladies preceded, and, as usual, acquitted themselves very creditably, and giving the G. A. R. some nice lessons in their work.

Following their installation services, Commander Hunt

again presided, and delivered the gavel to Past Post Commander T. M. Wright of Denison, who installed the following officers:

Department Commander, C. C. Haskell.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Israel Stoddard.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, H. A. Johnson.

Junior Vice Commander W. F. Wieland, having been installed yesterday, and Chaplain Crowley and Medical Director Helbing not being present, the installation was ended.

On motion of Comrade L. H. Rowan of Alvin, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by both organizations in joint assembly:

Whereas, The citizens of Beaumont have treated us with a hospitality unbounded, a generosity unequalled, and have left ever to be fresh and green on the tablets of our memory a recollection that no time can blot out, of our pleasant visit to their progressive and beautiful city, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to the said citizens our most grateful thanks for the same; and hope at no distant day we can show in a practical manner our gratitude and appreciation for all we have received.

Whereas, Post 2 of the Woman's Relief Corps of Beaumont has, with true soldier comradeship treated the officers and delegates to this Encampment in a manner that has made the meeting one of the most pleasant in the history of the G. A. R. in Texas and one long to be remembered and never forgotten, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the said Relief Corps and Post our grateful thanks and pledge ourselves, one and all, to hang our latch-string on the outside of the door to any and all members of said Corps and Post.

Department Commander Haskell gave a short, earnest address, and was followed by retiring Commander Hunt with some pleasing and heartfelt remarks, as a farewell; and the Seventeenth Annual Encampment came to a pleasing end as to business transacted, but as to pleasure, there was more in store for us.

Immediately on final adjournment, both organizations, as the guests of the city and the local organizations, were taken



J. J. WEILER,
Chief of Staff.

in carriages to the wharf, where a steamboat floating on the Neches River, and itself floating the National colors, awaited us, and we were soon steaming down the Neches River, all surprised at its volume of water and size. On the boat, music, both vocal and instrumental, were furnished in profusion, and the trip down was a very pleasant one. Arriving at Port Neches, a splendid lunch was spread under the large trees, and on a beautiful bluff, and after enjoying the views and observing the large oil refinery, we took return passage to Beaumont the trip back was, if possible, more pleasing than going down, and the enjoyment by all was added to by the novelty of the entertainment. It was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable occasions of the entire Encampment.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 25, 1901.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

1. At the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Galveston April 24th, 1901, I was duly elected and installed Department Commander, and I hereby assume command of the Department of Texas. I beg to thank my comrades for the honor conferred and the confidence reposed in me, trusting the comrades will make the year a successful one by giving the Commander the earnest support already indicated. It takes the co-operation of all to make a perfect success. I promise my best efforts.

2. Headquarters are established at Dallas.

3. J. W. Ridge, of Dallas, has been appointed Ass't Adjutant General, to whom all communications should be addressed.

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 25, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.

At the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Galveston, Texas, April 22, 23 and 24th, 1901, the following Department Officers and Representatives were elected:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

P. B. Hunt, Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

H. C. Adler, Hurst Post No. 13, Terrell.

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

J. J. Billows, McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.

CHAPLAIN,

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

MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

G. Helbing, Custer Post No. 32, Bonham.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

H. A. Johnson, McPherson Post. No. 1, Sherman, (Delegate).

Nat. Underwood, Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, (Alternate).

J. C. McBride, Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin, (Delegate-at-Large).

W. A. Stoner, Kit Carson Post, No. 74, Waco, (Alternate-at-Large).

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

C. C. Haskell, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.

J. W. Parks, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

John H. Bolton, Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio.

F. A. Hyatt, Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont.

D. G. Gillette.

2. The following Staff appointments are hereby announced:

ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASST. QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

J. W. Ridge, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

W. Z. Manchester, Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

D. M. Baker, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

JUDGE ADVOCATE.

J. S. Dunlap, Thomas Post No. 6, Dallas.

SENIOR AIDE DE CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

J. J. Weiler, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.

AIDES DE CAMP.

A. J. Malloy,	Emmett Crawford Post No. 19.
Geo. S. Nash,	John A. Dix Post No. 11.
W. H. Harvey,	Kilpatrick Post No. 40.
H. W. Clingman,	Canby Post No. 48.
W. H. Catts,	Sherman Post No. 51.
W. H. Christian,	Houston Post No. 55.
John T. Cunningham,	Rousseau Post No. 60.
Geo. J. Elam,	Kit Carson Post No. 74.
L. W. Clark,	Nat Lyon Post No. 5.
W. D. Wylie,	Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6.
Del Cahoon,	Hancock Post No. 2.
J. M. Steere,	Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6.
J. W. Burke,	Mower Post No. 10.
E. B. Dwyer,	Frank Hearst Post No. 13.
W. H. Webber,	Phil. Kearney Post No. 20.
H. R. Lyon,	John A. Logan Post No. 23.
J. O. Estabrook,	Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26.
Horace Baker,	Sam J. Randall Post No. 45.
John Grant,	Opdyke Post No. 53.
W. F. Wieland,	Burnside Post No. 56.
Wm. Kelly,	A. M. Barney Post No. 67.
Harry Harris,	Vardeman Post No. 78.
Theo. Hitchcox,	John A. Dix Post No. 11.
Geo. A. Knight,	Thomas Post No. 6.
T. M. Wright,	Nat Lyon Post No. 5.
E. J. Kilmer,	E. J. Davis Post No. 54.

These officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,

M. W. Mann,	Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.
E. G. Rust,	McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.
J. N. Diehl,	Parmly Post No. 4, Ft. Worth.

3. The next Department Encampment will be held at Beaumont, Texas, as decided at the last Encampment.

4. The attention of Post Commanders is respectfully invited to General Orders No. 5, issued at Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. By order of
P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 25, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3.

Memorial Day, May 30th, a day of tender and sacred memories, and of patriotic observance, will soon be reached.

As comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, no day is perhaps more worthy of our attention than is Memorial Day.

The memory of our comrades who can no more assemble with us should be held sacred. If their lives were not given in fierce battle for the flag and country they loved, they were offered, and their graves as sacred whether filled in war or time of peace.

Officers and comrades of Posts are expected to properly observe the day.

Sunday preceding May 30th, (May 26th), is set apart for Church and devotional exercises, and it is hoped will be so observed.

May 30th should be devoted to our ritualistic and other similar services, and the Woman's Relief Corps should have a prominent part, as they so richly deserve.

Let us not forget our patriotic, heroic dead, and if it is not possible to have a big demonstration, the Commander begs our comrades to visit the graves with a basketful or a handful of flowers, and strew them with loving hands and affectionate hearts in a simple and unostentatious way over the graves of those we love to honor.

2. Post Chaplains are urgently requested, and the Commander insists that they prepare at once a report of the Memorial Services, however simple, held by the comrades, and forward to Department Chaplain S W. Patterson at Dallas.

3. The attention of Post Commanders is respectfully called to General Orders No. 4, issued by our Commander-in-Chief, trusting that as far as possible the suggestions made therein will be carried out in said Memorial Services, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. By order of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, May 23, 1901.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

1. This Department is informed by the Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey that all honorably discharged survivors of the First, Second, Third and Fourth regiments of that State, who were mustered into the service of the United States for three months, at Trenton, on May 1st, 1861, are entitled to a "First Defenders' Medal," to be furnished by the State of New Jersey. All such comrades are requested to send their names and address to Alexander C. Oliphant, Adjutant General, Trenton, N. J., at once. The medals are to be delivered on presentation of discharges. If discharges are lost, a certificate of service may be obtained from the Adjutant General, as above.

2. The Department Countersign for the current term is transmitted herewith, written in cipher.

3. It is desirable and appropriate that comrades should, on

all proper occasions, wear the regulation emblems of their position, (as buttons, badges and rank straps), and they are hereby requested so to do. Post Quartermasters should, at all times, be prepared to fill demands both for these and for all necessary forms and blanks, and to aid them, a few requisition forms are enclosed to Posts not having them, showing all articles kept here and prices of same, and the Q. M. G. of the Department is directed to promptly honor all requisitions covered by the necessary amount, as shown on forms enclosed.

4. The welfare and growth of our beloved Order should be most carefully and continuously before us. It is gratifying to learn that some Posts are now active in the good work, and it is suggested that each Post Commander at once appoint a standing committee on recruiting service of one or more active comrades, and that such committee make a report on progress at every Post meeting.

5. Allan C. Bakewell, Chief Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, in charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction in Schools, calls attention to the fact that June 14th is now known as the "Birthday of the Flag," and requests its observance by special exercises in all schools, and that comrades, on that day, display the flag on their houses and places of business, and request others to do so. Comrades will bear this in mind and act accordingly. By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, May 27, 1901.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1.

The death of Comrade H. E. Conger, of Kit Carson Post No. 74, at Waco, on May 5, 1901, is announced. Comrade Conger was a brave and distinguished soldier, a patriotic citizen, and an active, earnest G. A. R. man, frequently filling positions of honor and trust in the Order, and was Senior Vice Department Commander in 1895. His death will be an irreparable loss to the Order and to the community in which he lived, and his memory should be sacred. On behalf of the Department, condolence and sympathy are tendered his family. By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, June 7, 1901.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

1. The semi-annual reports for June 30th by Post Adjutants and Quartermasters should be made at, or immediately after, the last meeting of each Post, and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General at Dallas, Texas, with the per capita tax of 30 cents for each member. Only about four Posts meet the extreme latter part of June, and all reports can and should be mailed by June 30th at farthest, many of them much sooner.

2. It is desired by your Commander that the Department of Texas shall be second to none other in promptness in forwarding our consolidated report to National Headquarters. To Post

Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters he must look for valuable assistance and prompt action on all these reports, remembering that if one Post is slow, it will hold back the report on all.

3. Forms in duplicate are enclosed for reports. Those with figures in red ink are to be used and sent to these headquarters, the other to be retained by the respective Post.

4. J. G. Gibson, of Sam J. Randall Post No. 45, of Watherford, is appointed Aide on the Staff of the Department Commander. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

5. Gordon D. Mullan, late of Co. A, 24th U. S. Infantry, desires the address of any comrades of 15th or 24th U. S. who were at Vicksburg in 1866, or in Texas in 1867, for assistance in pension matters. By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, August 15, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5.

1. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 9-14th, 1901.

2. Headquarters of this Department will be temporarily transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, and will be open there Sept. 9-14th, inclusive, at Room 117, Colonial Hotel, Prospect Street. Department officers, aides and comrades will report there for duty, and to take their places in the grand parade on Sept. 11th.

3. The Committee on Transportation arranged the route and rates, as follows: The T. & P. Railroad from Texas to St. Louis, and the Big Four Railroad from St. Louis to Cleveland. The rate will be from St. Louis to Cleveland, 1 cent a mile; from Texas points to St. Louis, one fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip. Headquarters train will leave Dallas, via T. & P. Railway, on the 8th day of September, 1901, at 6:40 p. m.

4. Schedule of trains running in Texas, to connect with headquarters train, as follows: Fort Worth to St. Louis, special chair car.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Leave Abilene 9:05 a. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Cisco 11:06 a. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Weatherford 2:55 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Fort Worth 5:30 p. m., Sept. 8th.

Leave West Dallas 6:40 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave East Dallas 7:15 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Terrell 8:28 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Mineola 10:11 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Big Sandy 11:03 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Arrive Longview Junction 12:15 a. m. Sept. 9th.

I. & G. N. RAILROAD.

Leave Laredo 7:00 a. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave San Antonio 12:30 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Austin 3:05 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Taylor 4:22 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Hearne 6:09 p. m. Sept. 8th.

Leave Galveston 1:20 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Houston 3:00 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Palestine 9:20 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Arrive Longview Junction 12:00 midnight Sept. 8th.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Leave Longview Junction 12:15 a. m. Sept. 9th.
Leave Marshall 1:08 a. m. Sept. 9th.
Leave Jefferson 1:39 a. m. Sept. 9th.
Arrive Texarkana 3:40 a. m. Sept. 9th.

TEXAS TRANSCONTINENTAL DIVISION.

Leave Denton 9:55 a. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Sherman 12:20 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Denison 11:55 a. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Bonham 1:46 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Honey Grove 2:27 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Paris 3:19 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Leave Clarksville 4:35 p. m. Sept. 8th.
Arrive Texarkana 7:00 p. m. Sept. 8th.

IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Leave Texarkana 4:00 a. m. Sept. 9th.
Leave Little Rock 8:40 a. m. Sept. 9th.
Arrive St. Louis 7:35 p. m. Sept. 9th.

Low round trip rates from all points in Texas. Date of sale—Sept. 7th and 8th, except at El Paso, Sept. 6th and 7th.

Limit—Sept. 15th.

Extension of Limit—Deposit with Joint Agent on or before noon, Sept. 15, 1901, and payment of 50 cents fee. Extension of final limit will be made to leave Cleveland to and including Oct. 8, 1901.

5. It is earnestly hoped and desired that all officers and comrades and ladies of Woman's Relief Corps, especially, and their friends will arrange to meet the Headquarters' train at Dallas, or where most convenient, and travel to Cleveland in a body as much as possible. An earnest invitation is hereby extended to all of them, and a hearty welcome assured. Such citizens as desire to make the trip on the low rate are also cordially invited to go with us.

6. This will be a grand Encampment. The city on the lake has many attractions as a city, and in the way of trips on the lake, and otherwise, will be specially attractive. Arrangements will be made for all who attend the Encampment, to go to the great Exposition at Buffalo, only a short distance from Cleveland, by boat at a very small cost, and the Department Commander earnestly hopes the delegation from Texas will be as large as possible.

7. General Order No. 6 from the National Headquarters has been sent recently to the various Posts, and attention to it is required.

8. The following comrades are hereby appointed Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander, in addition to those already announced:

Fayette Hutchinson, Burnside Post No. 56.
Geo. H. Green, Dix Post No. 11.

A. McWhirk, Thomas Post No. 6.

Robert McCormick, Thomas Post No. 6.

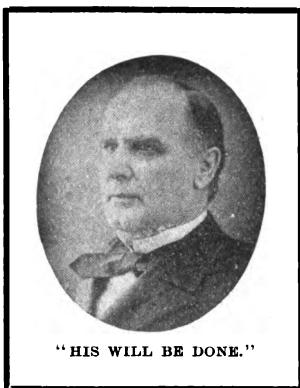
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

9. It is with sadness the Department Commander announces the death of Comrade E. B. Dwyer, of Frank Hurst Post No. 13, which occurred at Ft. Sill, I. T., July 26, 1901. Comrade Dwyer was an efficient soldier during the Civil War, and has since then been a warm friend of the G. A. R. He died a highly respected citizen.

By order of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, September 25, 1901.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2.

1. With profound sorrow, the death of our gallant and distinguished comrade, William McKinley, President of the United States, is announced.

He is universally known as a statesman, patriot and soldier. His public and private career was without reproach. In all the walks of life, even unto the hour when his spirit departed its earthly abode, he bore himself as a soldier, as an exemplar of the highest teachings of our Order. He fell by the hands of a dastardly assassin—this noble, gentle comrade—and as he beheld the life-blood ebbing away, breathed no malice even to his cruel assassin, but exclaimed, as the crowd of friends surged around him, bent on summary vengeance, "Do not let them hurt him." The Christian life and fortitude of our comrade, and his lifelong and his untiring devotion to the frail woman who is left to mourn his loss, are our proud heritage, and the Nation's glory.

Bravely he fought for life, but when the end drew nearer and nearer, he met it as only a Christian soldier meets the dread summons. "Good-bye, all; it is God's will; His will be done," were the last words of our comrade as he passed from earth to take his place in the Temple of Fame, side by side with Lincoln and Garfield.

In our sorrow for the loss of our President, we have the consolation that his mantle has fallen upon the strong shoulders of a great American and gallant soldier, who will receive the same loyal devotion which our departed comrade enjoyed during his long public career.

2. Post Charters and Altars will be draped in mourning for sixty days, and colors, where floated, will appear at half-mast during that time.

By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, Nov. 7th, 1901.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6.

1. Attention is directed to Gen. Order No. 2 and Circular Letter No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief, sent under other cover heretofore. It is hoped Texas will respond creditably with contributions to the McKinley Memorial Fund, which are to be sent directly by individuals or Posts to Ryerson Ritchie, Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio, who will return to contributors a handsome souvenir certificate.

2. The Cleveland National Encampment has passed into history. It will mark an epoch in the history of our country and our Order, as it ended almost simultaneously with the life of our distinguished comrade and President, William McKinley. The Department Commander desires to express his gratification with the attendance and representation from Texas, so far away. Eleven Posts were represented, being over one-fourth of all Posts in the Department, and Past Department Commanders Mann, Moore, Roch and Peck honored us by marching in the parade, with Ketchum as Chief-of-Staff in charge of the line.

3. Posts and Post officers must now give attention to further necessary duties, and prompt and careful attention given thereto, as follows:

Inspection of every Post must be made by or before Dec. 31st. It should be done as soon as possible, and Inspector's report forwarded to W. Z. Manchester, Department Inspector, Fort Worth, Texas, at once. Each Post Commander will select the Inspector for his Post. The Senior Past Post Commander should act as such wherever practicable. Elections for all Post officers, and delegates and alternates to the next Department Encampment, are to be held on first meeting of each Post in December. At the last meeting of each Post in December, or immediately thereafter, the semi-annual report to be made to the Assistant Adjutant General by the Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster, should be carefully prepared by those officers and sent to the A. A. G. They are due here by January 1st. At least nine out of every ten should be here during December. A very few Posts were a little slow on last semi-annual report. The Department Commander believes they will be all the more prompt this time.

4. The following blanks will accompany this order for use at the proper time:

1. Report of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster (send here).
2. Report of Post Inspectors (send to W. Z. Manchester, Fort Worth).
3. Report of officers and delegates elected (send here).
4. Report of Post Surgeons (send to Dr. G. Helbing, Medical Director, Bonham, Texas).

By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 Dallas, Texas, November 12, 1901.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2.

The Department Commander has just received from National

Headquarters Circular No. 1, asking contributions from all comrades of the G. A. R., for the purpose of erecting a Memorial at Canton, Ohio, to our late Comrade, William McKinley.

The committee appointed by President Roosevelt, with the approval of Mrs. McKinley, met at Cleveland, Ohio, and perfected an organization for the purpose indicated.

The Commander-in-Chief says: "It is not desired that large contributions should be made, but it is sincerely hoped that all will give something as an expression of our love for our martyred comrade, and to emphasize our loyalty to American institutions and our abhorrence of that spirit of lawlessness which inspired the assault upon his life."

"Contributions, accompanied with the name and postoffice address of each contributor, should be forwarded to Ryerson Richie, Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio, for which souvenir certificates will be prepared in due time and issued to all donors to the fund, which will be worthy of preservation as evidence of the holder's participation in the work."

Contributions may be made by individuals direct to the Secretary at Cleveland.

It is sincerely hoped that Texas comrades will show their love for their comrade by remitting at once. By order of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, March 14, 1902.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7.

1. The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of this Department will be held at Beaumont, Texas, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 24th, 25th and 26th, 1902.

2. Staff and Department officers are requested to have their reports ready for prompt presentation to the Encampment.

3. The Commander of Lawton Post No. 80 will detail comrades to serve as Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard during the Encampment.

4. It is a pleasure to announce that the Commander-in-Chief, Ell Torrance, of Minneapolis, will honor the Encampment with his presence. He should receive the welcome due a soldier and one of his high rank in the Order.

5. Another General Order will follow this, giving further and fuller details as to places of meeting, hours thereof, rates of transportation, and other matters of interest. The Committees at Beaumont and the Transportation Committee are hard at work to get the best possible results.

6. The comrades and citizens of Beaumont are actively and earnestly at work to render this Encampment an enjoyable one to all, and a profitable one in the interests of the Order. Comrades are urged to attend, and it is hoped every Post will be represented. Various plans for pleasure are being arranged, and with its great oil geysers, Beaumont is one of the wonders of the world. The opportunity to see all should not be lost.

7. With sorrow and regret, the death of Comrade Dr. Joseph Jones, late Medical Director of the Department, is announced. His death occurred at San Antonio on Feb. 23rd. He was a careful

and faithful officer of the Department, and always ready to respond to the calls or needs of his comrades. His death will be sincerely deplored and his presence much missed by all.

By order of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

J. W. RIDGE, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 7, 1902.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8.

1st. In pursuance to General Order No. 7, Department Headquarters will be transferred from Dallas to Beaumont on April 23rd, and established there for Encampment purposes at the New Clarendon Hotel, on Main street, where the Committee on Credentials, composed of A. A. G., J. W. Ridge, and Past Department Commander John Roch and Past Post Commander D. M. Baker, will meet at 10 a. m. on the 24th. The Council of Administration will meet at same time and place to consider and act on any matters requiring their attention. At 11 o'clock a. m. on the 24th, the proceedings will be begun by reception at Kyle Opera House, and place for Encampment will be in Elks Hall, same building.

2nd. The Committee on Transportation and the Beaumont Committee have announced railroad rates as follows: One and one-third fare for points within 75 miles of Beaumont. \$3.00 from all points 75 to 100 miles from Beaumont. One fare and one-tenth from all points over 100 miles. It would be well that comrades inquire as to rates in advance of their local ticket agents. Tickets on sale April 23rd, good to return April 28th.

3rd. One dishonorable discharge has been reported to these Headquarters. The Department Commander regrets the necessity for such an announcement, but trusts all discharges hereafter can be classed as honorable.

4th. The work of compiling a history of the early years of the Texas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, by Comrade E. G. Rust, Historian and Custodian, has necessarily been slow, owing to the fact that it was with great difficulty that he could get the proper data, and the committee to whom the manuscript was submitted has been scattered, causing much loss of time. It is believed it should not go to press until another effort is made to add to it. The Department Commander therefore earnestly requests that all Posts or any comrade who has any information or old newspaper clippings pertaining to meetings of Posts or Encampments, covering the earlier years, send such data to the Assistant Adjutant General at Dallas, so it can be received by the 20th of the present month.

5th. The Department Commander sincerely hopes there will be a large attendance at Beaumont at our Annual Encampment. It should be borne in mind that the chances of old comrades to attend another Encampment are growing less, therefore it behooves each one to avail himself of the next opportunity.

By command of

P. B. HUNT, Department Commander.

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