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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

Headquarters Established at the Oriental Hotel.

The first session of the eighteenth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Texas, together with the Woman's Relief Corps, was held in Dallas, Tuesday April 14, at 11 a. m. at Turner Hall. Gen. Fred D. Grant, son of the illustrious General, was present and talked to the veterans of the blue for about forty minutes. His appearance was greeted with enthusiastic demonstrations of applause, and he was frequently interrupted during his address by similar marks of approval.

Before going to Turner Hall an informal reception was held in the parlors of the Oriental hotel, where all the old soldiers had an opportunity of meeting Gen. Grant, after which the assemblage, including Department Commander Dr. C. C. Haskell, of Denison and Junior Vice Department Commander W. F. Wieland, marched to Turner Hall, where the exercises were opened by the Department Chaplain, Rev. T. K. Crowley, of Denison.

Col. M. W. Mann then introduced Capt. D. E. Grove, of Dallas, referring to him as a man who wore the gray and wore it bravely and that he represented the Commercial Club in extending a welcome to the encampment.

Capt. Grove then responded, prefacing his remarks with the statement that Mayor Cabell, who was scheduled for the address of welcome, was unable to be present on account of important business, and that the speaker also appeared on behalf of the city.

Capt. Grove said that he had been officially assigned to welcome the Grand Army to the city of Dallas on behalf of all local business and commercial interests, and that the welcome was sincere and straight from the heart—a sincerity and warmth of feeling that no oratorical effort can properly convey. The speaker referred to the fact in an eloquent manner that the sons of the men who endured the hardships between '61 and '65 were

now united in upholding the flag which is the great symbol of progress and liberty to the whole world. He stated that we were now united and that young and old, those who wore the gray and those who wore the blue, their sons and daughters, were now happy in the fact that they each equally represented the one great country known to the rest of the civilized world as America.

"Later," continued Capt. Grove, "I hope and now suggest that among your toasts there will be one to 'Old Glory.' I hope it will ever remain the symbol of liberty and progress until the end of time."

Col. Mann then introduced Gen. Grant, and when he mentioned his pleasure in presenting the son of the great commander the audience burst into cheers, loud and prolonged.

"He is not a stranger to us," said the speaker, "for he accompanied the armies in the campaigns around Port Hudson and Vicksburg."

Gen. Grant's resemblance to his father was so striking that as soon as he arose the audience began vigorously to applaud him, and he opened his address by relating numerous experiences which he went through with his father as a lad of 12, stating that he was an eye-witness of the raising of the Stars and Stripes over the capitol at Jackson, Miss. In relating his personal experiences he spoke of the campaigns of the army of Tennessee, adding that the feeling from which grew the Civil War was engendered in the seventeenth century when the colonies united to resist the attacks of the French and Indians. It was this very principle, he stated, of uniting and disuniting which in the end brought on the war between the States.

Gen. Grant briefly related the salient features of the history of the United States, not as commonly written, he said, but out of which actually grew the present great government. He referred to the ante-revolution days as the great period of incubation and the long and trying period of the Revolution as the birth of the nation. Between that and the war between the States, he said, in substance, the nation was growing and at the period of the Civil War it attained its lusty manhood. Now, he said, it was in its lusty prime and that all dissensions were settled by the grim tragedy of the greatest internecine war in the

world's history, and that the agreement that finally moulded the greatest nation the world ever saw was ratified at Appomattox April 9, 1865.

One point that he dwelt on brought tears to the eyes of many of the women present. This was a touching and beautiful tribute which he paid to the heroism of the wives, daughters and sweethearts, who, he said, bore the greatest hardships of war.

"Men," said the speaker, "have the incentive of battle, are spurred on by the excitement of conflict and are crowned with the glory of victory, but the women—it is to them that the laurel wreath should be awarded. They endure in silence the most trying ordeal that warfare offers and that is waiting. Every bullet that lays a warrior low pierces the heart of a woman who is waiting."

At the close of Gen. Grant's address Dr. C. C. Haskell of Denison, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, made an address, which is in part:

"Allow me to extend to you the grateful thanks of the Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps for the royal and cordial reception you have given us at the present time.

"When we received from Thomas and Dix Posts and from your Commercial Club and from you the cordial invitations to hold our eighteenth annual encampment in your city, there was just one thing to do.

"We look upon Dallas as our mother, the place where we were born and cared for in our infancy and youth, where when we had arrived at the proper age, we went forth as from home. We were fully equipped for the battle of life with horns, as you see us, six feet or more long.

"When we have been away from the old homestead for awhile we long to return and view the scenes of our youth and the companions of our early days and we sometimes listen and watch for the invitation from the old folks telling us of the fatted calf and the preparations that are being made for our reception and our homecoming.

"And so, Capt. Grove, when we received from the Mayor the most cordial invitation and also from the Commercial Club

and, perhaps more than all, the united invitation of the 'old boys,' we were more than ready to accept and pack our grip and start for Dallas.

"And, Capt. Grove, perhaps you know that when you have arrived at the fireside and greeted the old folks that are left, you are asked to sit down and tell them where you have been and what you have seen and what great exploits you have been connected with since you were last home.

"And, so I am inclined to tell you all of some of the happy incidents and grand receptions the Department of Texas has met up with.

"Well, once on a time we went to El Paso and we thought that the reception that we received there could not be equaled, for they have a way of making you just as welcome as can be. Mr. McGinty, with his club and aids and accessories, turned the town wrong side out to entertain us and when the official work of the encampment was over, they took us across the border to give us a peep into Old Mexico, where we could be entertained by a bull fight.

"Denison claimed the right to entertain us and if there is an old comrade or W. R. C. lady that was there and did not declare that Denison was no dry town, then I have not seen them, for it rained all the while, and yet they declared they had a good time.

"They invited us to Austin, the capitol of the State, where they had the river dammed up to entertain us, and they took us to see the lunatics, and we had a fine time with them. And, by the way, some one has said that some of those fellows have gotten into the Legislature; but we have learned that the dam thing went away and left them; but they have the lunatics yet.

"We were invited to San Antonio, where we saw the Alamo, San Pedro Springs and the Zoo, and all the time we were surrounded and protected by the regular army.

"We went to Houston, to Waco, to Dublin, to Ft. Worth, and we went to Galveston by the sea, where Comrade Ketchum sometimes does things we do not expect. He had a couple of government tugboats steamed up and took us away out beyond

the jetties, where we could imagine we could see where the waters came from that covered the island.

“And then, to add to our pleasure, he had had a large bed of oysters fattening, where he took us, and we had oysters galore, stewed—and they were whole stews; had them on the half shell and on the whole shell, roasted, fried or raw, or any other old way you wished, and to the one that ate the most by count was given a leather medal. The winner was a lady of the Relief Corps from Colorado; and, not to be outdone, the then Commander-in-Chief Rassaeur came in with a protest and called for a recount, and he was awarded a leather medal also.

“And we declared that Galveston should take her place at the head of the list as entertainers, but she was soon to be outdone, for the next year we went over to Beaumont, where they broke the alabaster box. They took us up on Spindle Top, threw open three or four gushers, and told us to wade in and help ourselves. They rode us up the River Neches, down it, and fed and feasted and musiced us all the time.

“And yet we turn from all this feasting, entertaining and welcoming and come home again to Dallas, where we have been several times before, for one of those real royal welcomes that awaits us at our father’s house.

“In view of all this welcoming, royalty and loyalty, who can blame the Boers, them fellows, for wanting to come to Texas? We will turn them loose on ten thousand times ten thousand acres of our Texas soil and tell them to go in and make it a Garden of Eden, and just so long as they obey the laws and are industrious they will be welcome.

“And so it is. Texas is broad and long and wide enough for us all.”

Capt. D. E. Grove responded to Commander Haskell as follows:

“Ladies and Gentlemen: I wish to say that the city of Dallas feels greatly honored in having with her the manhood and womanhood which helped to preserve the Union in the trying years of 1861 to 1865. On the part of the Commercial Club I invite you all to make the club rooms your headquarters in the city, where you will get a reality in the word ‘welcome.’”

Patriotic music was then rendered by the Colonial Glee Club, led by Mrs. T. C. McKenzie. Miss Abbie Morrissey ren-

dered a solo entitled. "There's No Flag Like the Red, White and Blue."

A short address of thanks was made by Mrs. Mary Tygard, Department President of the W. R. C.

Gen. Grant expressed a desire to shake hands with all present and his desire was heartily endorsed.

At 8 p. m. there was a reception given in honor of the Department Officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. in the parlors of the Oriental hotel given by the ladies and citizens of Dallas. A fine musical program was rendered which was fully enjoyed by the large number that was present.

Action of Council of Administration.

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 2nd, 1903.

*Gen. C. C. Haskell, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.
Dear Commander and Comrade:*

I submit to you for your action the wishes and votes of your Council of Administration concerning the place to hold the 18th annual encampment, the council has given a unanimous vote for Dallas as the place, as you will see by letters enclosed. If this report meets your mind will you kindly approve the same and return the approval to me at earliest convenience.

Fraternally in F. C. and L.,

W. B. MILLIKIN,

Chairman Council of Administration.

DENISON, TEXAS, January 21st, 1903.

*Col. W. B. Millikin, Chairman Council of Administration, G. A. R.,
Department of Texas.
Comrade:*

The action of the Council of Administration in the question of selecting the place to hold the next annual encampment is hereby approved and Dallas, Texas, is selected as the place

to hold the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternally in F. C. and L.,
C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

The choice of the time was made later and promulgated in General Orders No. 7.

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 9th, 1903
Col. W. B. Millikin, Chairman Council of Administration, G. A. R., Department of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

Comrade:

We have been instructed by George H. Thomas and John A. Dix Posts to extend to your committee an invitation to designate Dallas as the place for holding the next annual G. A. R. Department Encampment, and in accordance with said instructions we hereby tender you the invitation, this we do in a true fraternal spirit, and should you accept the same we pledge that the combined efforts of the membership of the two above mentioned posts will be exerted to make things pleasant and entertaining for all the "boys" who may honor us with their presence. The hospitality of Dallas is no doubt well known to all the members of your committee, and we therefore deem it unnecessary to elaborate on all the good things the visiting members will find in store for them. In the city of Dallas we have about two hundred and fifty union veterans and no doubt the great majority of these will attend the encampment. We have a hall that will seat two thousand people, in which the encampment can be held, and have been tendered the free use of a beautiful park in which to hold our campfire.

In F. C. and L.,
M. W. MANN,
J. S. DUNLAP,
Committee.

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 9th, 1903
Hon. W. B. Millikin, Chairman Council of Administration, G. A. R., Department of Texas.

Dear Sir:

In the name of the City of Dallas, I beg to extend to you a most cordial invitation to hold your next annual encamp-

ment in our city and to assure you a most hearty welcome.

Most respectfully,

BEN E. CABELL,

Mayor.

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 20th, 1903

Col. W. B. Millikin, Chairman Council of Administration, G. A. R., City.

Dear Sir:

By resolution of the Dallas Commercial Club I am instructed to request that you will extend a cordial invitation to the State Encampment of the G. A. R. to hold their next meeting in Dallas.

Trusting that it may be your pleasure to do so, we are

Very truly yours,

DALLAS COMMERCIAL CLUB,

Jno. G. Hunter, Secretary.

DALLAS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

April 9, 1903.

M. W. Mann, Chairman Executive Committee of G. A. R.,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. addressed to Pres. Steinmann was read at the directors meeting held today and we except your invitation to the Club with thanks. Vice-President Capt. D. E. Grove has promised to address your body instead of Mr. Steinmann, who unfortunately has another engagement which will prevent him from being present.

Very truly yours,

JNO. G. HUNTER.

Secretary.

We beg to report that the reason for changing the time of meeting of the 18th Encampment from April 21st to April 14, according to resolutions adopted at the 17th Encampment held at Beaumont, was mainly to obtain the advantage of rates in transportation to the Comrades attending the Encampment. The carnival rates now existing could not be granted to an organization a week later.

We would recommend that Rule No. 3 adopted at Beaumont, be rescinded and that the time of Encampment meeting be left

with the Council of Administration, so as to take advantage of similar occasions if any should arise, limiting the time to April in each year.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. and L.,

W. B. MILLIKIN, Chairman.

JOHN L. TYGARD,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

J. S. DUNLAP.

Council of Administration.

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Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Turner Hall, Dallas, April 15th, 1903.

The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in this hall on the above date in compliance with General Orders No. 8, headquarters Department of Texas, dated April 2, 1903.

Guard duty was performed by Comrade J. J. Weiler, of John A. Dix Post No. 11, acting officer of the day.

Comrade Robert McCormick, of George H. Thomas Post No. 6, acting officer of the guard.

The officer of the day announced that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Chaplain, Father T. K. Crowley, then invoked divine blessing after which the Department Commander, Dr. C. C. Haskell, declared the Encampment open in due form for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

Roll of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

C. C. Haskell * Department Commander, Denison
 Israel Stoddard S. V. Department Commander, Jacksboro
 W. F. Wieland * J. V. Department Commander, Weatherford
 G. Helbing Medical Director, Bonham
 Father T. K. Crowley * Department Chaplain, Denison
 H. A. Johnson * Asst. A. & Asst. Qm. Gen., Sherman
 W. H. Christian * Department Inspector, Stephenville
 J. S. Dunlap * Chief Mustering Officer, Dallas
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 T. M. Wright * Senior Aid and Chief of Staff, Denison

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R. B. Underhill* (at large) Post 80 Beaumont
 W. A. Stoner* Post 74, Waco

ALTERNATES.

D. G. Gillette (at large) Post 3, San Antonio
 W. H. Harvey* Post 40, Belton

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

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A. W. Acheson* Post 5, Denison

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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David Mackay* Post 11, Dallas

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John Donaldson Asst. Inspector General, Sherman
W. O. Kretsinger, Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in
Public Schools, Denison

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E. F. Watts Post 5, Denison

J. J. Scholl Post 9, Houston

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R. B. Underhill Post 80, Beaumont

Wm. Boltz Post 82, Corsicana

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No. 66—Travis Ablene	Jessie Lee, C. John Russell, S. V. C. John Kershaw, J. V. C.			Thomas Buck John Kershaw
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No. 80—Lawton Beaumont	R. B. Underhill, C. * J. P. Armstrong, S. V. C. Nathan Blevens, J. V. C.	F. A. Hyatt	E. L. Wells	
No. 81—Liscum Orange	G. A. Hudson, C. James Mulvey, S. V. C. J. W. Camplin, J. V. C.	Ira A. Scott	John Thomson	Ira A. Scott
No. 82—McKinley Corsicana	M. V. Wilson, C. W. M. Boltz, S. V. C. R. L. Furgerson, J. V. C.			

Those present marked *

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. JOHNSON,
J. W. RIDGE,
W. Z. MANCHESTER,
Committee on Credentials

The Department Commander called Past Department Commander M. W. Mann to the chair while he presented to the Department Encampment his official report as follows:

Comrades:

One year ago you elected me as Department Commander. The unanimous manner with which this was done has been an ever present and inspiring incentive to me in my work. While conscious of my own weakness, leaning on your greater strength, I have endeavored constantly to hold in mind that the great trust committed to my care was a responsibility worthy my very best efforts, and have endeavored to so conduct the affairs of the Department that at the end of the term my comrades and my conscience might join in the feeling, "He has done what he could, no man could do more." And so, comrades, in returning to you this trust with some account of my official action, it is in confidence that you will indulge me for anything wherein there is found a failure to meet your fondest hopes. Conditions, and not theories, are to be treated in an organization like this of ours. These conditions require constant study and likewise the use of much discretion, but a conservatism in administration may be misunderstood and regarded as cowardice by some, or it may be thought that the objects for which we are banded together are disregarded and entirely lost sight of by ourselves. It has been my thought to so speak and act in the interest of the humblest comrade, or of the Department as to fit the occasion, having always in view those principles greater than men for which, as an organization it stands and we fought to maintain.

The encampment at Beaumont last year was characterized by harmonious action. Every detail regarding our comfort or pleasure while in the city was carefully attended to. Every matter then passed upon by the Encampment requiring action by others was properly and promptly brought to their attention. No single thing, as I now recall, was passed over unnoticed. In this work the active cooperation of the officers, and the committees of the Department, the members of my personal staff; the elected members of the Council of Administration; and the delegates to the National Encampment without a single exception was cheerfully given. And to these comrades each and

every one your Department Commander is indebted beyond power of words to express.

MEMORIAL DAY.

That Memorial Day is regarded more and more, year by year, as a specially set apart for the sacred purpose of commemorating our dead is fitting and proper and anything that we can do as a Department to make Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day more fittingly observed should be encouraged and all things that detract from the sacredness of the day should be avoided and discouraged. The Department Chaplain, our honored Comrade Crowley, will report in detail how generally this day was observed in this Department.

FLAG DAY.

The observance of a day to commemorate the adoption of our flag is fitting and proper and it is desired that when the 14th day of June comes around every comrade in this Department will see to it that the flag of our country is thrown to the breeze and a fitting lesson in patriotism and loyalty to our flag be inculcated in the rising generation and to this end Special Order No. 1 was issued.

NATIONAL CEMETERY.

In regard to the question of a National Cemetery on a plat of ground in the city of Beaumont upon which something like a hundred dead Union soldiers lie buried in unknown graves which is entirely neglected which matter was referred to Comrade F. A. Hyatt, of Beaumont.

Your Department Commander took a lively interest in this matter. The papers, data, and evidence were very carefully gathered together by Comrade Hyatt of the committee and our Delegate at Large, Commander Underhill of Lawton Post, and presented to the committee on resolutions at the National Encampment at Washington, but it was impossible to get favorable action on account of the rush of business coming before that committee. It is earnestly hoped and urged that this Department Encampment will take this subject under consideration and pass such resolutions in regard to it as seems best to bring the

subject to the attention of the National Encampment at San Francisco.

FINANCIAL AID TO COMRADE JAS. DAUGHERTY.

Early in July Comrade W. A. Rowan, Commander of Wainwright Post at Alvin, sent a communication to these headquarters asking that the sum of fifty dollars from the funds in my hands be sent to Wainwright Post as a relief fund, naming Comrade Jas. Daugherty as very much in need of assistance. After having taken up the question with a majority of the Council of Administration that were most accessible, and a member of my staff living at Alvin, I sent a draft for \$25 direct to Comrade Daugherty asking him if more was needed to let me know. Not having any further appeal he, doubtless, required no more aid.

FUNDS.

Department Commander P. B. Hunt on retiring from office placed in my hands (\$523.08) five hundred and twenty-three dollars and eight cents. From this fund has been drawn \$25 as above stated. The balance \$498.08 is still in my hands and ready to be turned over to my successor.

NEW POSTS.

The 2nd day of August with my Ass't. Adjutant General and Chief of Staff we went to Corsicana and organized McKinley Posts No. 82 with 22 charter members. Since the organization they have added two to their number. We were very materially aided by Past Senior Vice Department Commander H. C. Adler who was in the city. And in this connection I desire to add my thanks to the postmaster of Corsicana J. W. A. Clark for the valuable assistance rendered by him.

At Yocum there seemed at one time every prospect that a post would be organized there, but after a great amount of correspondence the question seemed to hinge on the question of the eligibility of Mexican war veterans, Spanish-American war veterans, and perhaps a few Confederate Veterans, and the thing ended there. We have had a large number of good prospects for new posts as every one of my predecessors have had before me, but for various reasons we failed to get them. And this leads me to the condition of our present organized posts. Of the

39 posts reported by the preceding administration we have been able to get but 32 to make a report and several of them came in after the last dog was hung. Some plan should be adopted to bring the comrades to realize the necessity of making prompt reports. There are a number of charters, books of record and rituals, and papers belonging to this Department that should be taken out of the dusty receptacles where they have been placed and returned to Department Headquarters if the comrades who have them in charge have any regard for their obligation. The weather conditions for the last four months have been such as to render it almost impossible for comrades living any distance in the country to get out to attend post meetings which accounts for a large amount of the the falling off in numbers.

HISTORIAN AND CUSTODIAN.

In the sudden and sad death of Comrade E. G. Rust, the Department was deprived of a valuable comrade and the history of the Department he had in preparation, was suddenly stopped and has remained in an unfinished condition. Soon after his death his wife and daughter left for the north to remain until fall and there was no opportunity to obtain possession of the papers until their return and it was not until in November when Comrade J. J. Scholl, Adj. of McClennan Post, came in possession of them and after carefully selecting such books, papers and documents from the confused mass as belonged to the history, they were forwarded to Department Headquarters and are subject to this Encampment for disposal. The work of compiling the history of this Department should be put into the hands of some competent comrade and the valuable work that has been done saved for future reference.

36th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This annual festival came somewhat later this year than usual, being held in October. The conditions seemed to be all that could be desired; the weather was ideal, and the place above all others was the one to hold an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. No place in this country is better fitted for such a gathering. The Department of Texas showed

up with its usual strength, having forty in line of march, and elicited applause all along the line of march.

Headquarters were secured through the kindness of Comrade T. W. Manchester of Washington at "The Elcena" 924 9th street northwest, a beautiful location opposite Franklin Park, where, for the first time in the history of the Department of Texas, we were enabled to share our quarters with the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and the beautiful parlors were thronged by our friends from all the Departments throughout the entire Encampment.

LEGISLATION.

The National Encampment at Washington passed amendments to the rules and regulations doing away with the reports of medical directors, but retained the office of medical director. Also left it discretionary as to the report of Department Inspectors, leaving it to be called for by Department Commanders and the Commander-in-Chief when deemed best to do so. Commander-in-Chief Stewart asked that reports be made by Department Inspectors this year as usual.

ORDERS.

Eight general orders, several special dispensations, two in memorium, and special orders have been issued during the year.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps, our much prized auxiliary and great helper, is with us as bright, cherry, and encouraging as ever. We are needing, expecting and getting great assistance from the noble ladies. May they be blessed in their noble work and may they be encouraged by the comrades in all their efforts to carry out the true intent and design of the originators of the noble auxiliary.

DEATHS

Comrades, we have been called upon to take to their last resting place twenty-five of our number during the year. These are of us, with us, those who have been builders, promoters, and steadfast friends of our order. They have been our advisors, our councilors, their places are vacant. Some of them have held the Grand Army of the Republic very near to their hearts. We

count among them members of my personal staff, those who have advised and assisted me greatly during my year's work. Pardon me if I here mention the names of Comrades E. G. Rust and John Roch. My dear boys, we miss you, how can we go on without you. We are reminded of your valuable work, and see the results of it that have, ever since you came into the Department, made themselves felt for the good of the order.

The committee to whom was referred the report of Commander Hunt last year asked for further time on the portion of his report regarding the so called "flood sufferers fund" and permission to report to the incoming Department Commander (which request was granted) and report has been made and reads as follows:

DALLAS, TEXAS, October 20, 1902

*Gen. C. C. Haskell, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.,
Denison, Texas.*

Dear Sir and Comrade:

The undersigned committee appointed at the encampment held at Beaumont, to act on Commander's report, performed that duty covering the report, except that part of it relating to the relief fund, Galveston storm sufferers, on which they asked further time, which was granted. The books from national headquarters placed in our hands, showing receipts and disbursements of the fund by Comrade C. B. Peck, then Commander, had just been received by Commander P. B. Hunt a few days previous to Encampment and, therefore, not sufficient time to properly look into them to make recommendation. The books simply show the receipts and disbursements, without any vouchers or receipts for the money disbursed, without which it is impossible to make a report such as we think is required to be placed on record, and the committee, therefore, desire that you should make the request on the Commander-in-Chief that vouchers and receipts covering all money pertaining to this fund be placed in our hands.

As you are aware, this fund was authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, and contributed by the Posts of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps throughout the United States

for the relief of the sufferers by the Galveston storm, yet the books show that much of it has been used for other purposes, which seems to your committee to be improper, and without any explanation accompanying this disposition, it is dishonorable to the Department. Among the items of expenditures are *Head-quarter expenses, about \$100; A. A. Gen. E. J. Rust as Custodian, and for rents, salary, expenses, etc., about \$1000; Mrs. A. C. Work as Custodian, and for salary, expenses, etc., about \$850 including her expenses to Galveston and Cleveland Encampments; Mrs. Van Horn as President W. R. C., including her expenses to Galveston and Cleveland Encampments, about \$200; C. B. Peck, expenses to Galveston Encampment, \$25; Per capita tax posts at Alvin, San Jacinto and Ft. Worth, about \$38; organizing W. R. C. \$50; Printing postal cards, etc., about \$65; Transportation and railroad fares, about \$80.* These are some of the accounts, amounting to over \$2,000, much of which seems to us to have no connection with the purpose for which it was contributed, and we think needs explanation. What would our comrades of the north think of us if they knew we had taken the money they sent us to relieve the awful suffering and direful distress of ours and their comrades by that fearful disaster, to pay per capita tax of delinquent posts in the Department, to pay salaries to ourselves as Custodians, etc., in the exercise of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and to appropriate this money contributed for a sacred purpose to pay our expenses on pleasure trips to encampments. We recommend that this matter be placed before the Commander-in-Chief, under whose jurisdiction this matter directly is, and if explanation is not satisfactory, a demand that the money thus expended be refunded, and in this connection there was a balance of \$2,625.27, left in the hands of Comrade Peck, \$1000 of which without any authority he turned over to the W. R. C. Department of Texas. We contend as this fund was contributed for a certain purpose that it was not optional with Comrade Peck as to what disposition he should make of a single penny of it, and the money, \$1000, turned over to the W. R. C. should be returned and placed with the balance in your hands, and the National Council of Administration composed of comrades from every state in the Union and representing the comrades from the different states who contributed this money,

should instruct the proper disposition of it. The W. R. C. has no right to it, except that given them by Comrade Peck, and that was without any authority from the Commander-in-Chief. We believe that as the fund was contributed on authority of the Commander-in-Chief, and could not, according to our rules and regulations, have been contributed without such authority, that it is his duty to see that the fund was used for the purpose it was authorized and that the balance shall not be misused, and to that end we believe this matter should be brought before him, and that the request we make herein for vouchers and receipts for money disbursed be furnished him, that explanation of the money which seems to have been misapplied be made, and that the balance of the fund wrongfully given over to the W. R. C., be returned and placed in your hands with that which is a part of it you now hold and that the executive committee of the council shall direct what shall be done with it.

This is your committee report and recommendation, and we beg to suggest that you place the matter in the hands of your representative, our member of the National Council of Administration, Past Commander P. B. Hunt, requesting him to urge that our recommendation be put into execution.

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

(Signed)

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

The papers, documents, exhibits and accounts pertaining to the receipts and disbursements of the fund called for for the relief of those of our comrades and their families who were residing in the storm swept district of September 8, 1900, came into my hands at Washington during the National Encampment and were placed in the hands of our member of the National Council of Administration requesting him to make report to the National Council of Administration which held a session at the close of the Encampment. Their disposition of the matter is contained

in a letter of the Commander-in-Chief to Comrade Chas. B. Peck which explains itself and I will read:

April 1, 1903.

Charles B. Peck, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas, G. A. R., Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

Under date of August 31st, 1901, you made a report addressed to the "Adjutant General G. A. R., National Encampment, Cleveland, Ohio," stating that "as Commander of the Department of Texas, I made through you to the Commander-in-Chief a preliminary report of receipts and disbursements connected with the relief work incident to the great storm of 1900, as follows: I herewith quote this report to you in full:

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

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

"On September 15th the members of Wainwright Post No. 72 of Alvin, Texas, issued an appeal to their comrades in the north for aid, which was promptly responded to. Believing that better results could be obtained through organized and recognized channels, I applied to the Commander-in-Chief for permission



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J. K. Browley
Deft. Chaplain G. A. R.*

to issue an appeal as Commander of this Department. In approving my request the Commander-in-Chief required the cancellation of the appeal sent out by Wainwright Post, and the approval of our methods as well as the necessity for the appeal by his Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, Col. Ed. Ketchum, and of the member of the Council of Administration for Texas, Col. W. F. Conner, who is also a member of the executive board of the National Encampment. The approval of these officers was readily obtained, and the action of Wainwright Post was prompt and honorable. Their appeal was cancelled, a full report of receipts and disbursements made, and all subsequent contributions turned over to these headquarters from whence thereafter all aid has been dispensed.

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

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

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

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

"Supplies by Custodian, \$7,810.47; cash relief to G. A. R. members proper \$8,643.17; cash relief to W. R. C., \$526.78;

cash relief to the Union Veterans not members, \$1200; hospital expenses, salary and expenses of Custodian, printing, supplies purchased, headquarter's expenses, etc., \$1,090.44, as per detailed statement hereto attached marked 'Exhibit B.'

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

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

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

"I desire to record my acknowledgment of services rendered by the advisory board, especially the Assistant Adjutant General for most efficient services rendered; also to the Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, and to the members of the executive board, Messrs. Ketchum and Conner, who have had continuous access to the books and papers connected with this matter, are cognizant of every feature, and are invited to report their findings in connection herewith.

"In pursuance to the instructions given with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief to our appeal, a final report will be submitted to you together with the books, vouchers and cash

balance, if any there be, in time for the next National Encampment."

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed)

CHARLES B. PECK,
Department Commander.

August 31, 1901.

"I have the honor to report that since filing the above report the receipts on account of this fund have been \$404.15, of which \$23.60 was from Grand Army sources, and \$380.55 from the Woman's Relief Corps, and that there has been disbursed \$1,329.20. Of this latter amount \$425 was expended upon the order of the Commander-in-Chief for Jacksonville, Fla., comrades, \$454 in relief proper, \$384.20 account of Woman's Relief Corps and \$66 as expenses, and that there is in the Commercial Bank at Houston, \$1,700.22 to balance, subject to order of the National Encampment.

"I have the honor to suggest that while the immediate pressing needs of comrades in the storm district have been relieved, those of our comrades who were farmers on the mainland adjacent to Galveston, have suffered heavily from the drouth and will require assistance for their families and forage for work animals the coming winter, probably to the extent of the funds remaining on hand.

"In my preliminary report above recited acknowledgment was made to the Grand Army at large, the Woman's Relief Corps and the officers co-operating, but through inadvertence the National Tribune, the great soldier paper of the country, was omitted. First to the rescue came the National Tribune with \$100, followed by opening a subscription list at Washington, publication of the several appeals for aid, timely and eloquent descriptions of the storm and relief work. The total contributions from the great soldier paper exceeded that of many rich Departments, aside from the influence it had upon the comrades at large. The National Tribune and John McElroy, its head, deserve well of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I hand you with this report the books containing a record of receipts and disbursements for account of the Grand Army and

Woman's Relief Corps, the same arranged by posts, departments and individuals, a record of all disbursements and for what account, the preliminary and balance sheet to date and bank book showing the cash on hand therein, all of which I beg to have submitted to the Encampment, the same audited and further instructions, if any, be given."

I have the honor, Colonel, to remain,

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

(Signed)

CHARLES B. PECK,

Past Department Commander.

I presume that you have in your possession copies of exhibits A, B and C.

Your attention is invited to the fact that in the report quoted above you state "There is in the Commercial Bank at Houston, \$1700.22 to balance, subject to the order of the National Encampment." The Commander-in-Chief treated upon this subject in his address to the National Encampment, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 12th and 13th of September, 1901. The address of the Commander-in-Chief to the 35th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 12th and 13th of September, 1901, submitted the following report, relating to the funds received by the Department of Texas, G. A. R., for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers:

"The magnificent response of the Grand Army of the Republic to an appeal of the comrades in Texas, upon the occasion of the disaster of the city of Galveston, indicates how fully the hearts of all are aroused at the demands of suffering humanity. Scarcely had the news of the disaster reached our posts when contributions were made and forwarded in such sums as to meet all demands and leave a balance unexpended; this response having been made in answer to the appeal of the Department of Texas and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. It seems but just that the balance remaining unexpended should be turned over to the officers of that Department to be held by them and accounted for in their report to the Department Encampment and by the Department to the National Encampment."

You were fully advised of this action in a letter written to you on November 12th, 1901, by the then Commander-in-Chief,

Ell Torrance, and which letter addressed to you reads as follows:

“The committee on the address of the Commander-in-Chief appointed at the 35th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 12th and 13th of September, 1901, submitted the following report relating to the funds raised by the Department of Texas, G. A. R., for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers:

“The magnificent response of the Grand Army of the Republic to an appeal of the comrades in Texas upon the occasion of the disaster to the city of Galveston, indicates how fully the hearts of all are aroused at the demands of suffering humanity. Scarcely had the news of the disaster reached our Posts when contributions were made and forwarded in such sums as to meet all demands and leave a balance unexpended; this response having been made in answer to the appeal of the Department of Texas and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. It seems but just that the balance remaining unexpended should be turned over to the officers of that department to be held by them and accounted for in their report to the Department Encampment and by the Department to the National Encampment.’

“The report of this committee with other business pending before the Encampment was committed to the incoming national council of administration, and at a meeting of said council held at Cleveland on the evening of September 13, 1901, the report of said committee was approved. It will therefore be proper for you, in view of the action taken as above stated, to turn over such funds as may remain in your hands, unexpended, to the officers of the Department of Texas, and take proper receipts therefor.”

Your attention is invited to the instructions of Commander-in-Chief Torrance, in the letter quoted above, which are as follows:

“It will therefore be proper for you, in view of the action taken, as stated above, to turn over such funds as may remain in your hands, unexpended, to the officers of the Department of Texas, and take proper receipts therefor.”

The balance, \$1700.22, does not appear to have been turned over by you to the officers of the Department of Texas, and this delinquency was brought to the attention of the present national

council of administration at a meeting held in Washington, D. C. in October, 1902. It was there by the national council, referred to the executive committee of the national council of administration. At a meeting of the executive committee of the national council of administration, held in February last, the Commander-in-Chief was directed to require of you a compliance with the instructions contained in the report of the committee on the address of the Commander-in-Chief, appointed at the 35th national council of administration, elected at the session of the 35th national encampment, at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 13th, 1901, and which council held a meeting at Cleveland on the evening of September 13th, 1901, the instructions of the Encampment referred to above, being as follows:

“It seems but just that the balance remaining unexpended should be turned over to the officers of that department to be held by them and accounted for in their report to the Department Encampment.”

In compliance with the action of the executive committee, as Commander-in-Chief, I now have the honor to demand that you pay over to the Department officers of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., the balance of money shown to have been in your hands at the time that you made your report to the National Encampment, namely, \$1700.22 You will take proper receipts from the department officers of the Department of Texas, in duplicate, forwarding duplicate copies to the Commander-in-Chief to be filed with the records now in his possession relating to the fund collected for the Galveston sufferers. It is important that this matter be attended to promptly, with a view of having it closed up and disposed of before the meeting of the next national encampment to be held during the week beginning August 17th next.

I have the honor to be

Very fraternally yours,

THOS. J. STEWARD,

Commander-in-Chief.

For the information of C. C. Haskell, Department Commander, G. A. R., Denison, Texas.

On motion of Past Department Commander R. M. Moore the report of the Department Commander was referred to a com-

mittee composed of R. M. Moore, J. W. Parks and P. B. Hunt.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to report on report of Department Commander beg leave to advise the acceptance of same and suggest that the various recommendations contained therein be adopted.

That the thanks of the Department is due our Commander for his able and patriotic labor in behalf of the Department and the zeal and comradship he has shown in his every action.

P. B. HUNT,
R. M. MOORE,
JNO. W. PARKS.

Adopted.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

JACKSBORO, TEXAS, April 13, 1903.

To the officers and comrades of the Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Comrades:

Father time has marched on the dial one more year since you honored me by placing me next to the head. I would be glad to report an advance all along the line of our grand order but cannot.

When we leave the large and thickly settled cities it seems impossible to have a W. R. C. and without them few posts do much.

Canby posts comrades are so scattered that it is impossible to organize a Relief Corps. I see but one way out to keep up our posts and camp fires burning to change our rules and regulations that under certain conditions could muster our wives and daughters into our order.

Comrades, too much praise cannot be said of comrades in our sparce settlements for the sacrifices made in G. A. R. work.

I took a trip through the Pan Handle country by wagon and camped out along the route but at no place found enough comrades

to organize a post. Comrades, I have had to answer sick calls for the last three weeks and up to within the last two days had hoped to again clasp hands with you in council, but it was not to be. Comrades in the sixties we marched with our old commanders and in the field and camp we gave the best of our young manhood that this glorious Union might be saved and we are proud of it. God bless you all.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ISRAEL STODDARD,

Senior Vice Commander Texas G. A. R.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, April 10th, 1903.

General C. C. Haskell, Commander Department Texas, G. A. R.

Dear Sir:

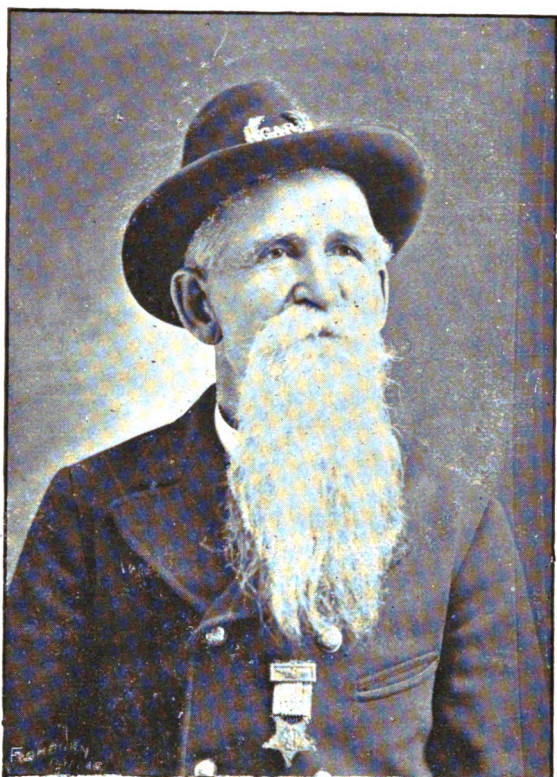
I beg leave to report that owing to the efficiency of our splendid Department Commander, I had but very little work (official) to do as Junior Vice Department Commander during the past year.

Having been invited to install the officers of Burnside Post No. 56, of Springtown, Texas, I beg leave to state I found this Post in first class working order. Much credit is due to the Commander J. C. Hutcheson.

I also received an invitation to be present and to bring Comrade Wm. H. Catts, to Springtown, Texas, and assist in the memorial exercises of Burnside Post, which was accepted with pleasure and was in every way enjoyable. Patriotic addresses were made by the blue and the gray. All business houses of Springtown, Texas, closed and the people en masse attended the memorial services.

Veterans in gray were vying with veterans in blue in loyalty to the flag. This speaks well for Burnside Post, whose honorable record made all forget their prejudices, to honor the dead.

I am pleased to report that U. S. Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford, is in splendid working order. At its last meeting we



W. B. MILLIKIN,
Chairman Council of Administration.

mustered in three new members, fourteen members being present.

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

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. F. WIELAND,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

We recommend the report. Same approved.

W. A. STONER,

JOHN BROWN,

L. H. RUTHRAUFF,

Committee.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

DENISON, TEXAS, April 13th, 1903.

To Col. C. C. Haskell, Department Commander G. A. R., Department of Texas.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the past year:

McPherson Post No. 1—Reports no memorial Sabbath day service. The Post observed Decoration day according to the ritual, twenty-five (25) comrades being present during the exercises. One cemetery was visited and thirty-one (31) graves decorated. The Posts has its own burial plot.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2—Attended divine service the Sunday preceding Memorial day. The preacher, a southern man, took his text from II Chronicles, 19 chapter, part of 11th verse, "Déal courageously and the Lord shall be with the good." Nine comrades were present at the service. On Memorial day twenty (20) comrades were present and visited eight cemeteries and decorated 300 graves. Fifty graves reported unmarked by proper headstones. No organization except the W. R. C. participated. In the cemetery Rev. Ring delivered an address and Miss

Backley, a poetic recitation. There were plenty of flowers and fair weather. The post has its own burial plot.

E. O. C. Ord Post No, 3, San Antonio—The post attended divine services on Memorial Sabbath day at Trinity M. E. church Rev. A. A. Hyde preached, about forty (40) comrades being present. About ninety (90) comrades participated in Decoration day services and visited all the cemeteries and decorated 1397 graves in the National cemetery, and many outside. About 600 school children, the veterans of the Spanish war and the U. S. military participated. The post has its burial plot in the National cemetery. The address at the cemetery, which was a very able one, was delivered by the son of a veteran, Martin J. Arnold, son of the Adjutant of the Post.

A REQUEST.

The last day's session in the public schools will be on Thursday, May 29, and the principals have been instructed to issue grade calls and announce promotions on that day. This was decided on by the members of school board and was in a measure the result of the following communication sent to the board:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to request in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic that the public schools be closed on May 30, "Memorial Day," to let the children in their youth and beauty aid in the ceremonies of decorating our soldiers' graves and thus fill their hearts with that deathless love of country that in coming years will lead the way to a nobler and higher Christian civilization. Hoping our request will meet with favorable consideration and an early reply to enable us to complete our program. Very truly yours,

E. H. BACON,
Commanding Post G. A. R.

THE PROGRAM.

In accordance with the annual custom, Decoration day will be fittingly observed in this city in the forenoon of May 30. The program this year will, as on former occasions, be carried out at the National cemetery. It will consist of sacred vocal music, addresses and the reading of the memorial day orders. The usual

salutes will be fired. There will be some decoration placed on each grave in the National cemetery.

E. O. C. Ord Post, Grand Army of the Republic has outlined the following program for the proper observance of the day:

Prayer	Rev. A. A. Hyde
Hymn, "America"	Choir
Reading of Orders	Post Adjutant
Reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....	Commander E. H. Bacon
National Memorial Hymn	Choir
Address.....	Martin J. Arnold
Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee"	Choir

This will be followed by the decoration of graves by the children, forty-five in number, under the guidance of Mrs. O'Connor, chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G. A. R.

There will also be services at the grave of F. C. Frederickson, late quartermaster of the E. O. C. Ord Post. These services will be by Commander Bacon and other officers of the Post assisted by Rev. Hyde, after which an infantry salute will be fired over the grave. There will be a national salute by the artillery, followed by "taps" and then the benediction.

The children who are to decorate the graves will take cars at Fort Sam Houston at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon, proceeding to Alamo Plaza where they will join the cars containing members of the G. A. R. and members of the Woman's Relief Corps and invited guests. The cars will start from Alamo Plaza for the cemeteries promptly at 9 o'clock a. m.

Contributions of flowers will be received by Mrs. Alice Smith, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, at 412 Martin street. All persons donating flowers are requested to attach their cards to baskets or packages. The general public is invited to participate in the ceremonies, especially the children.

At 8:30 o'clock in the evening, memorial services will be held at the G. A. R. Hall on St. Mary's street, under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps. The public is invited.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was befittingly observed at the National cemetery Friday morning. Nearly 2000 men, women and children crowded in the cemetery grounds to listen to and take part in

the interesting program arranged for the occasion. The services were held under auspices of the E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3 G. A. R. Department of Texas, and the local Spanish-American war veterans. Besides these organizations Company K, of the Fourth Infantry from Fort Sam Houston, together with the regiment band, took an active part in commemoration of the dead soldiers.

The Woman's Relief Corps of San Antonio attended to the musical numbers, and superintended the decorating of the graves.

The cemetery grounds presented a very pleasing spectacle. At the head of each grave a small flag was placed, and after the completion of the program, nearly one hundred pretty girls, dressed in white and with red, white and blue sashes around their waists, appeared, each laden with an armful of flowers. Grave after grave was visited and upon each mound the mute token of love and loyalty were tenderly placed.

TO THE CEMETERY.

At 9:30 in the morning the veterans met in front of the post office with their wives and children. Special cars conveyed them to the cemetery, where upon their arrival they were loudly cheered by the waiting throng. The veterans of the Spanish-American war marched with the gray haired soldiers, and each carried a bundle of flags, which later in the day were placed at the head of the graves in which reposed the remains of soldiers who had fought in the late war.

A number of notables occupied seats in the speaker's stand, among them being Major Luther Hare, Major Neuhold, Gen. Spurgin and Col. Charey of the United States Army. Among the members of the Woman's Relief Corps were Mesdames Umscheid, O'Connor, Allison, Mosher, Helen Moore, Hoax, Darling, Smith, Rogers, Robridge, Kinsley and Miss Blair.

Rev. A. A. Hyde, of the Trinity M. E. church, lead the opening prayer, after which the national hymn, "America" was sung. Commander E. H. Bacon read President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, which occurred on November 19, 1863. The Woman's Relief Corps sang several national hymns, after which the orator of the day, M. J. Arnold, was introduced. His address was frequently interrupted by the applause; especially

was this so when he alluded to the bond of friendship now existing between the north and south, also when he mentioned such names as Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and "Fighting" Joe Wheeler.

M. J. ARNOLD'S ADDRESS.

In part Mr. Arnold said:

"We have met here today because we cherish the memory of those veterans of the Union who have answered the summons of God and have gone to join their fathers and their forefathers in that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler e'er returns. This day has been chosen by the American people as the day upon which we may lay aside our daily tasks and meet in this silent of the dead to honor those patriots of our country, who in the hour of the Union's danger, left their homes and their loved ones, left their fathers and mothers, their brothers and sisters; their wives or sweethearts, left the beautiful scenes of their childhood, left all that was dear to them to throw their lives between their country and their foes.

"On this day the graves of the Federal soldiers all over this fair land will be saluted with the honors of war and decorated by the tender loving hands of those they left behind them. And tonight these preservers of our country's unity will sleep beneath a wilderness of the sweet flowers of spring, placed upon their graves as a mute yet eloquent token of a nation's appreciation of their services.

"Before the civil war the blood of the men of the north and of the men of the south had mingled on an hundred battle fields. They had stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of their liberties, and together had won independence in the revolutionary war. They had labored together in the construction of the constitution which created in the world, for the first time in history, a stable and permanent democracy under which all men had equal rights before the law, and had no rulers but themselves.

"At the very height of our success we quarreled among ourselves. The north claimed that both labor and capital should be free, while the south held to the theory that slavery was right and that the capital should own the labor. The north interpreted the constitution as forming an indissoluble union of indissoluble states; while the south claimed that the Union was a mere

confederation of sovereign states which could withdraw from the Union at their pleasure. The feeling on this issue ran so high that when Lincoln was elected, South Carolina seceded from the Union followed by a number of the other southern states.

“When these issues were presented to the men loyal to their government, they felt that the Union must be preserved at any cost and the Union men formed the resolve that they would not stand idly by and see the handiwork of their fathers thus lightly swept away.

“Then began a war which in reference to the numbers engaged and the losses suffered, was the greatest ever fought. It was a war of friend against friend, brother against brother.

“Many of the Union soldiers, bowed down with age, have already gone to their last resting place; and those who are yet with us, in obedience to the laws of nature, to which we are all amenable, will soon join their comrades on the other shore, leaving in the hands of their children, and their children’s children, the future of this country they loved so well. I do not believe that the Union soldiers have ever, or will ever, during their lives fully know how well they builded when they gave this country its stability, permanency and strength by giving it an indissoluble Union.

“The leaders of the Union army are not men of local fame merely, but the story of their deeds is known to the uttermost portions of the world.

“The names of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, George H. Thomas, Philip H. Sheridan, William T. Sherman and others will live on in undiminished fame as long as military genius and generalship is admired in the world.

“But on this Memorial day these generals are not the only soldiers whose graves will receive the floral tributes of a grateful people. Many of the graves that we decorate today are the resting places of men who died in obscurity and whose names are unknown to the world. But on this account they are not the less worthy to be honored. For, although they may be strangers to fortune and to fame unknown, still let us not forget that these are the men who bore the brunt of the battle and suffered the worst of the hardships in the defense of this country. We are

proud of our generals of the civil war, but we are prouder still of our private soldiers.

“Before the Spanish-American war it was currently believed in Europe that the old bitterness of feeling between the men of the north and the men of the south was not dead but merely slumbered and that the south was but waiting for a good opportunity to rise again in opposition to the government. But oh! how badly were they mistaken! When the Spaniards threw down the gauntlet as a challenge for war, the world beheld that beautiful spectacle of the men in blue and the men in gray marching to the front together, keeping step to the martial music of our military bands whose closing strains of “The Star Spangled Banner” tenderly and lovingly lost themselves in the opening notes of “Dixie.” The bitter feeling between the north and south has died away. The breach has completely closed. The Confederate veterans are as loyal today to the government of this country as any of the citizens of all this broad land.

“History discloses to us a General Fitzhugh Lee as leading the last forlorn charge of the Confederate cavalry shortly before the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox courthouse; and it discloses this same man again in Havana, Cuba, in an important charge, as a loyal and trusted ambassador in the service of the United States of America. History shows us a General Joe Wheeler (applause) as a leader of Confederate troops in the civil war and discloses this same man again at the head of the troops of this country leading them to victory under the stars and stripes of the Union.

“When we place our offering of flowers upon these graves today let us remember that they are the graves of the men who made it possible for this country to become the great world power that she is today; that it is due to the services of these men that the American people are a people united in interests, united in Government and united in fraternal affection.”

The work of decorating the graves lasted until noon. Immediately after the conclusion of Mr. Arnold's address a special service was held in the south end of the cemetery. Rev. Hyde conducted the services. Company K was arranged along the

line of graves and after Rev. Hyde had concluded, three volleys were fired and the bugler sounded taps.

Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth—Decoration day services will be held tomorrow. Comrades, W. R. C. members and friends will assemble at the corner of Second and Main, G. A. R. headquarters, at 9 o'clock. The program will be ritual service, music and an address by George E. Nies at the cemetery. Should the weather be too unfavorable the services will be had at the hall, corner Second and Main, after which a detail will go to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the departed comrades.

THE SERVICES.

Decoration day services by the Grand Army of the Republic were generally observed by *Parmly Post No. 4, Women's Relief Corps and others at the grave of Comrade George S. Burchill, City cemetery*. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather a large number were present. The ritual service was impressively read by Commander I. W. Rouse, National and State general orders by Adjutant W. Z. Manchester, Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Comrade A. J. Black.

Addresses pertinent to the day were delivered by George E. Nies and G. C. McHenry. The closing hymn, "America," was sung, after which the decoration of graves was completed by the comrades, over one hundred graves of veterans receiving floral tributes. Twenty comrades were present at the Memorial Sunday services.

Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 5—Reports thirty (30) present at Memorial day Sabbath service. The sermon was preached by a son of a veteran, Geo. P. Hauser. On account of bad weather the services at the cemetery were postponed till the following Tuesday, thirty comrades participating. Five (5) cemeteries were visited and 151 graves decorated. There are seven (7) graves within the jurisdiction of the Post unmarked by proper headstones. The W. R. C. was the only organization participating in the services. The post has its own burial plot and is now, in union with the W. R. C., raising a fund to erect a suit-



J. S. DUNLAP,
Chief Mustering Officer.

able monument on this plot to show to future generations that a G. A. R. post once existed in Denison.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Grand Army of the Republic memorial services were held in the First Congregational church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The church was beautifully and elaborately decorated by the ladies of the Relief Corps. The national colors were everywhere displayed. Back of the altar were grouped several American flags, while overhead were hung festoons of red, white and blue paper decorations. In each corner of the church were crossed flags. This mass of color was relieved by many potted foliage plants placed around the altar, and numerous bouquets of flowers. The whole effect was pretty and striking.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the members of Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5 and the Women's Relief Corps No. 2 gathered at headquarters in the B. of L. F. hall, and forming in procession marched in a body to the church. The post turned out thirty strong, while the Corps had thirty-two ladies in the line. This was the largest number that has attended a memorial service in this city in years. There was another noticeable thing. Probably at no similar occasion has there ever been so many department officers present. There were six of them in line yesterday. These were: Dr. Haskell, Department Commander of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Wingrove, Past President; Mrs. Tygard, Department President; Mrs. Williams, Department Secretary; Mrs. Rush, Department Treasurer, and Mrs. Wolfson, Department Aide of the Women's Relief Corps.

Arriving at the church the veterans were the recipients of a little compliment from the two daughters of the corps—Misses Mable Howe and Annie Austin—consisting of a button-hole bouquet for each of them, made by these young ladies.

The church was crowded. Every seat was taken and chairs had to be brought in. There was only one disappointing thing about the service. Earlier in the morning the organ became out of fix, and this accident made it necessary to cut out entirely the musical program which had been arranged with care, and would have been a pleasant feature of the exercises.

Rev. George P. Hauser, a son of a veteran, preached a very able sermon. It was one entirely appropriate to the occasion.

He chose for his topic, "Peace, the Element of Our Nation." This he handled with skill, and in a very interesting way. He spoke extemporaneously, but in a way that showed him a perfect master of his subject. His sermon pleased all who heard him. The veterans and their ladies are particularly well pleased with the services this year.

Denison paid loving tribute to the soldiers' dead last Tuesday. Fairview, Oakwood, and Calvary cemeteries were visited and lovingly strewn with floral offerings. Above those silent mounds, mute witnesses to the homage being paid, tears mingled with white rose and sprigs of evergreen, gems of peace and gratitude offered by a loving people. The exercises were of a most solemn character, the decorating services being very impressive.

Fairview cemetery was first visited. There were about thirty carriages in line, each holding its precious charges of beautiful and fragrant flowers. When the G. A. R. lot was reached the post and corps formed a hollow square. The exercises opened with the singing of "America." Past Commander W. O. Kretsinger read departmental order No. 3. Department Chaplain Father Crowley offered an impressive prayer. Past Commander Tom Wright read President Lincoln's 'Gettysburg speech. The address of the day was made by Post Commander J. D. Dunn.

Mrs. Rush of the Woman's Relief Corps, with gavel in hand conducted the ceremony of strewing flowers on the graves. Miss Ida Wingrove led the singing. Miss Inez Adler personated the Goddess of Liberty, and wore a beautiful costume of red, white and blue bunting. The grave of our beloved townsman, Ex-Mayor Tone, received special attention and the mound bloomed like a flower garden.

From Fairwood cemetery the party proceeded to Oakwood, where a large number of graves were decorated. The graves in Calvary cemetery were decorated on the regular day by Father Crowley and a number of G. A. R. members. The ceremonies concluded by a return to headquarters where coffee was served and a bountiful dinner provided.

Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6—Attended Memorial day Sabbath service and heard a sermon by V. C. Evers. Twenty-

seven comrades present. Fifty comrades were present at Memorial day services and visited four cemeteries and decorated 100 graves. The address at the cemetery was by W. H. Conner.

John A. Dix Post No. 11—Attended Memorial day service. Twenty-seven comrades were present and heard a sermon. The post observed Memorial day, twenty-seven comrades participating. Visited four cemeteries and decorated 100 graves, G. H. Thomas post and W. R. C. participating in the exercises. Speeches were made by Comrades Mann, Hunt, Conner and son of Veteran D. Atwell. The post has its own burial plot.

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9—The post attended divine services at the First Presbyterian church, thirty comrades being present. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Caldwell, the son of an ex-Confederate. Thirty-five comrades participated in the Memorial day services and visited all the cemeteries and decorated the graves of forty Union soldiers and 300 Confederates. There are five graves unmarked by proper headstones. The post has its own burial plot. Past Department Commander Chas. B. Peck and Rev. G. W. Stoner delivered addresses at the cemetery. The address was eloquent and to the point. There was a military band employed for the occasion, which dispensed patriotic music. Everything went off satisfactory and by reason of the same added materially to the future prosperity of the post.

W. H. Lewis, Post No. 17—Reports no Sabbath service. Held memorial day service, thirteen comrades participating. Visited three cemeteries and decorated fifteen graves. Two graves are without proper headstones. Forty-five pupils from the public school participated. Decoration day was well observed. The post was out in full strength, A. & N. U. with 49 members, a military escort and firing party, band of the 12th Cavalry, and all citizens in vicinity of Post and town were in attendance.

Emmet Crawford, Post No. 19 El Paso—Twenty-one comrades attended divine services and heard a sermon on Memorial Sabbath day. Fifteen comrades participated in Memorial day services, visited two cemeteries and decorated thirty-five graves. There were four graves unmarked by proper headstones. The

U. C. V. participated. The address was by O. D. Owen, post commander. The post has two burial plots.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20—A small amount of money and some flags were received from headquarters and by solicitation and purchase the post succeeded in gathering enough to decorate the six graves. The graves of two Spanish-American war and one ex-Confederate veterans could not be located.

G. G. Meade Post No. 35—Held Memorial day services, three comrades participating. Visited two cemeteries and decorated three graves in one cemetery and two in the other. Six graves are unmarked by proper headstones. No outside organizations participated. There are but few Union soldiers around this post.

Sam Randall (now U. S. Grant) Post No. 45—Ten comrades attended services and heard a sermon on Memorial Sabbath day. The post observed Memorial day, ten comrades being present; one cemetery visited and thirteen graves decorated. Three graves are unmarked by proper headstones. There was no address and they would like to have a speaker from some other place or post.

Opdyke Post No. 53—Reports as follows: Post held no memorial exercises, but attended church and decorated two graves.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54—Memorial day was observed, three comrades of this post and nine ex-U. S. soldiers not members. The City, Bayview and Catholic cemeteries with a total of forty-one graves were visited and decorated. All have headstones, or are to be so marked on receipt of stones already ordered, except those whose records are not known. No other organizations participated. No formal address was delivered but a few words were spoken by post commander. Post has no burial plot. The Catholic and Bayview cemeteries were visited by the commander and chaplain. Ritualistic work and reading Gettysburg address in old City cemetery.

Burnside Post No. 56—The post attended Sabbath service, several comrades being present. The post observed Memorial day, twenty comrades participating. One cemetery was visited and four graves decorated. There are four graves unmarked by

proper headstones. Two public schools with 100 pupils participated and twelve other organizations. Several addresses were delivered, Comrades Catts, Wieland, and Welch participating.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57—Attended Sabbath services and heard a sermon, twelve comrades being present. The post observed Memorial day twelve comrades participating. One cemetery visited and thirteen graves decorated. Confederate Veterans participated. Addresses were delivered by C. V. W. Holland and J. T. Stapleton.

Rousseau Post No. 60—No Sabbath day service. The post observed Memorial day, four comrades participating. Visited seven cemeteries and decorated three graves. There are two graves unmarked by proper headstones. Confederates participated and an address was delivered by P. A. Martin, a Confederate.

Travis Post No. 66—Has nothing to report, but under head of remarks reports hard struggle to keep the post alive, but have struggled on for ten years. Held our own better with ten charter members than the camp of ex-Confederate Veterans organized with fifty or more members.

A. M. Barney Post No. 67—No Sabbath or memorial services. Only four comrades in the city, who visited the national cemetery and decorated 1000 graves. There are 2852 graves unmarked by proper headstones. Remarks: There is no spirit of patriotism taught in our public schools. The principal is an unreconstructed rebel, without any national sympathy.

J. J. Vardiman Post No. 78—No observance of either Sabbath or Memorial day. Remarks are to the effect that what is needed is more vitality.

H. W. Lawton Post No. 80—No Memorial Sabbath services. About twenty-five comrades participated in Memorial day services, visited one cemetery and decorated two graves and a memorial mound. About 100 graves are unmarked by proper headstones. W. R. C., members of Confederate camp and many citizens participated. Addresses were made by Rev. Dudley of the Christian church and Mrs. Rothrock, past department president of Iowa. Remarks: Urge the government to make a park or block of ground where about 100 old soldiers and sailors are

buried, most of whom were men who were captured or killed at Sabine Pass by Dick Dowling.

Liscum Post No. 81—The post had no Memorial Sabbath service. Memorial day was observed by four comrades who visited one cemetery and decorated two graves. Twenty-five school children participated and an address was delivered by Comrade G. A. Hudson. Remarks: That we invite all others to join us and make the 30th of May their day to decorate the graves of their dead.

We, your committee approve the report of the Department Chaplain and recommend its adoption.

W. M. GALBRAITH,
W. A. ALLEN,
W. Z. MANCHESTER,
Committee

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, April 14, 1903.

C. C. Haskell, Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Assistant Adjutant General of this Department for the year 1902, and allow me to say that all posts and members herein named have paid their per capita tax as required by the rules and regulations of this Department and same has by me been paid to the Quartermaster General.

Members reported in good standing Dec 31, 1901.....	822	
Gained during the year 1902:		
By muster in.....	60	
By transfer.....	13	
By reinstatement.....	22	95
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Total.....		917

LOSS DURING 1902.

By death.....	26	
By honorable discharge.....	5	
By transfer.....	9	
By suspension.....	111	
By delinquent reports.....	85	236
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Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1902.....	681	
Remaining suspended.....		139
Expended in charity.....		\$75 70

There were several Posts delinquent on December 31, but I am confident that they will soon get in line again.

NEW POSTS.

I have made various efforts to organize new Posts and have only succeeded in the one Post, McKinley, No. 82 at Corsicana, Texas, with 22 charter members and same is now in fine working order. Their first report shows a gain of two members and it bids fair to become one of the foremost posts of this Department. I have also made earnest efforts to get reports from delinquent posts but to date have received little encouragement, however, I am of the opinion that my efforts will bear fruit in the near future.

During the past year twenty-six comrades have answered to the last roll call and one by one our ranks are growing smaller and it will be but a few more years until we will be called upon to assemble and enjoy the company of our fellow comrades.

To you Commander I wish to tender you my grateful thanks for your kind assistance in your many kind efforts to assist me in making my duties plain and agreeable. To all comrades, posts officers and many Department Commanders I am indebted for assistance and many acts of kindness by which my duties have been lightened.

I leave this office with my best wishes for the success of the Department and the kindest of feelings for all comrades therein.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

H. A. JOHNSON, Asst. Adj. Gen.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was referred to a committee of the council of administration, who reported as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Col. J. W. Ridge, previous A. Q. Gen. paid over.....	\$364 10
Per capita tax receipts	440 25
Statement of receipts for supplies, charter fee, etc.....	36 60
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Total	\$840 95

EXPENDITURES.

National per capita tax	\$ 25 07	
Supplies	8 25	
Department headquarters at Washington	25 00	
Drayage	2 00	
Banners for car	4 84	
Badges	3 50	
Stationery and printing orders	50 25	
Printing journal and express on same	122 50	
Salary	200 00	
Office expenses	22 00	
Typewriting	3 50	
Expenses to Bonham	3 50	
Organizing McKinney Post	18 40	
Historian	50 00	
Express	16 20	
Postage	37 16	
Storage at Dallas	2 00	
Sundries	33 35	627 52
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Balance		\$213 43

Fraternally submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

W. B. MILLIKIN,

J. S. DUNLAP,

Committee.

Report accepted and adopted.

ROSTER OF POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS G. A. R., 1903

NO	NAME OF POST	LOCATION	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT	MEETS	MEN
1	J. B. McPherson	Sherman	W. M. Allen	H. A. Johnson	2nd Thursday	16
2	W. S. Hancock	Galveston	G. H. Clawson	Frank L. Kirk	1st Friday	44
3	E. O. C. Ord	San Antonio	C. Melville	H. Arnold	2nd and 4th Friday	92
4	W. S. Parmy	Ft Worth	J. W. Rouse	H. S. Manchester	On call	15
5	Nath Lyon	Denison	T. M. Wright	H. E. Close	2nd Wednesday	53
6	Geo. H. Thomas	Dallas	Alfred Rockhold	A. McWork	3rd Tuesday	51
9	G. B. McClellan	Houston	J. J. Reagan	J. J. Scholl	1st and 3d Tuesday	53
10	J. A. Mower	Austin	J. W. Burke	A. Gerard	1st Monday	10
11	John A. Dix	Dallas	W. B. Millikin	J. J. Weiler	1st Tuesday	39
17	W. H. Lewis	Brackerville	J. H. Pratt	F. W. R. Stearns	1st Wednesday	10
19	E. Crawford	El Paso	Geo. G. Briggs	E. E. Tuison	1st Wednesday	38
20	Phil Kerney	Lampasas	W. H. Weber	E. E. Ramsdell	1st Sunday	7
23	John A. Logan	Denton	W. H. Sherry	J. O. Berry	Saturday	12
25	Phil Sheridan	Georgetown	W. B. Fleming	J. Wilson	1st Saturday	7
26	G. W. Wright	Paris	T. O. Proctor	E. A. Russell	2nd Tuesday	15
32	G. A. Custer	Bonham	W. J. Sheppard	P. H. Hudson	2nd Saturday	15
35	G. G. Mead	Decatur	G. D. Howell	A. Prindle	3rd Saturday	10
40	Klipparick	Belton	J. R. Allen	M. F. Hiatt	1st Monday	10
45	U. S. Grant	Weatherford	W. F. Welland	G. W. Lowry	1st Monday	16
48	E. R. S. Canby	Jacksboro	I. Stoddard	H. W. Clingman	1st Saturday	12
51	W. T. Sherman	Grandbury	F. Ahrens	W. G. Catts	1st Saturday	15
53	O. P. Dyke	Jefferson	John Grant	John Grant	Last Saturday	9
54	E. J. Davis	Corpus Christi	E. J. Klimer	G. W. Holden	Memorial Day	5
55	Sam Houston	Dublin	H. S. Millman	G. W. Andrews	1st Saturday	12
56	A. E. Burnside	Springtown	J. C. Hutchison	W. B. Seaburne	3rd Saturday	19
57	P. E. Holcomb	Mason	D. D. Doole	A. F. Gasspremer	1st Saturday	12
60	L. H. Rousseau	Graham	J. T. Orrell	J. T. Cunningham	Last Saturday	5
64	A. H. Terry	Federicksburg	C. Enderling	L. J. Gardner	1st Saturday	1
66	W. B. Travis	Ablene	Jessie Lee	Thos. Buck	1st Saturday	5
67	A. M. Barney	Brownsville	Wm. Kelly	E. H. Goodrich	3rd Saturday	8
71	John Raum	Gibtown	M. B. Young	John Rish	2nd Saturday	7
72	Wainwright	Alvin	L. H. Rowan	E. S. Stockwell	2nd Saturday	26
74	Kit Carson	Waco	T. J. See	J. McCune	1st Monday	15
78	J. J. Vardiman	Gatesville	Harry Harris	Lee Rubach	1st Saturday	13
79	Joe Hooker	Laredo	C. F. Yeager	W. C. Burr	2nd Tuesday	15
80	W. H. Lawton	Beaumont	R. B. Underhill	F. A. Hyatt	1st and 3rd Sunday	9
81	E. H. Liscum	Orange	G. A. Hudson	Ira Scott	1st Saturday	9
82	McKinley	Corsicana	M. V. Wilson	E. Stewart	1st Saturday	24

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 14, 1903.

General C. C. Haskell, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Comrade:

I hereby report almost total inactive operations in the office of chief mustering officer since my appointment to fill out the unexpired term of our lamented comrade Gen. John Koch. No new posts have been mustered during the time for the lack of material to operate with. Although there are yet many Union veterans in grand old Texas outside the ranks of the G. A. R. they are widely scattered and a great many of them are growing old and feeble, therefore it is impossible to rally the requisite number at or near any town to form a post. In my opinion very few new posts will be added to our Department hereafter, however we should not close the recruiting stations, but every comrade should consider himself a recruiting officer, and if we can not muster any new posts, preach patriotism, duty and devotion to one country and one flag, until we bring all that it is possible to reach, in the ranks of the now organized posts. By virtue of my office I am a member of the council of administration, and I have performed some official duties in connection therewith, and herewith refer to the reports thereof for a recital of the same. Thanking you and all comrades for the many courtesies extended me I remain yours in F. C. and L..

J. S. DUNLAP,

Chief Mustering Officer.

Report referred to Comrades W. F. Conner, T. M. Wright and John L. Boyd, who reported as follows: We your committee upon the report of the chief mustering officer beg to report that we approve the same and recommend its adoption.

W. F. CONNER,

T. M. WRIGHT,

JOHN L. BOYD,

Adopted. Committee

Department Commander Haskell appointed a committee to carry greetings to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps as follows: Comrades P. B. Hunt, R. M. Moore and R. B. Underhill. On motion of Department Chaplain Crowley the Encampment adjourned until until 2 o'clock p. m.

NAME OF POST	No. of Post	Number of Members	Is the work of the Ritual committed to memory and properly performed	Are the officers and guards properly uniformed and equipped	Are the members uniformed	Are the officers regular in attendance	Are the members regular in attendance	Are the records complete and well kept	Are orders received read to the post and on file	Have all reports and dues been forwarded	Is there a relief fund for charity	How much money in the relief fund	Amount of money and securities in hands of the quartermaster	Value of property owned by the Post	Is there a W. R. C. connected with the Post	Amount expended for charity	What are the prospects of the Post	
Ord	3	98	yes	partly	partly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$54 72	169 48	70 00	yes	\$40 25	Extint	
Wainwright	72	26	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	small	6 00	10 00	6 00	yes	6 00	good	
Burnside	56	19	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		6 40	25 00			good	
Terry	64	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		4 00	6 70			not gd	
Lewis	17	10	yes	partly	partly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		2 00	400 49			good	
Mead	35	10	yes	no	no	1/2 time	1/2 time	yes	yes	yes	no	none	none				good	
Davis	54	5	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	none	none				good	
Lyon	5	52	yes	partly	partly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		400 00	yes		20 00	good	
Wright	26	13	partly	no	no	no	no	fairly	yes	yes	yes		35 10 00	50 00	yes	50 00	indfrnt	
McClellan	9	partly	partly	partly	partly	yes	partly	yes	yes	yes	yes	48 31	190 00	15 00			50 00	good
Logan	23	12	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		10 00	none			not gd	
Parmyl	4	15	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		18 00	150 00	yes	28 50	good	
Dix	11	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	none	15 00	none			good	
Lawton	80	15	yes	no	partly	mostly	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		18 95	none	yes	71 92	good	
Holcomb	57	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		18 55	no			good	
Grant	45	15	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		21 10	75 00	no		good	
Crawford	19	37	yes	yes	partly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	none					good	

The report was received by the Encampment and referred to a committee, who, after considering it, reported as follows: Respectfully approved and it is suggested by the committee that Comrade W. H. Christian deserves the thanks of this Encampment for the neat and business-like manner of this his report.

E. F. WATTS, R. B. UNDEHILL, W. H. CATTS—Committee.

REPORT OF W. H. CHRISTIAN DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

General C. C. Haskell, Commander Department Texas, G. A. R.
Dallas, Texas.

Commander and Comrades:

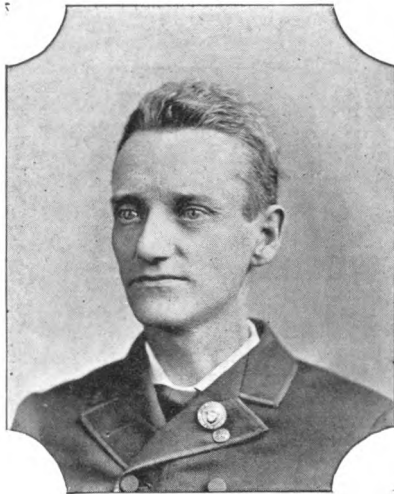
In presenting my report as Department Inspector, I wish to say that whatever it lacks of being a full and complete record of the condition of the posts of this department at the present time, should be charged to my own neglect and that of the Assistant Inspectors, and not to you, sir, as commander of this department. I have no doubt, sir, when you appointed me to this honorable and important position, you thought you had secured a capable and efficient subordinate.

Unfortunately, the knowledge of the appointment did not reach me, until after the death of our late lamented Past Department Commander John Roch.

In my correspondence with you at that time, you sent me the General Orders, issued under your administration. It was then for the first time that I learned of my appointment as Department Inspector. I concluded that it would be an injustice and a discourtesy to you, sir, to resign at that late date, or to refuse to act. But as a matter of fact I believe greater justice would have been done you, had I so acted. I had been in poor health for over a year and had entered upon a new occupation that required my full attention and left me but little time and inclination to devote to the important position to which you so kindly appointed me.

I infer from the reports received from Assistant Inspectors, that the lethargy and lack of enthusiasm and patriotic pride for the good of our glorious order, has to a great extent invaded our ranks all the way down the line. This of course is accounted for, to a great extent by the extreme age which many of us have reached. We are standing on the brink of the grave and of extinction. But the ties that bound us together from 1861 to 1865 still holds dear, and when we meet on such occasions as this, we feel the vigor of youth return to us and almost think that we could again stand shoulder to shoulder with a musket in our hands, or beset a horse for our glorious country if she was in danger or Old Glory threatened.

With this digression and feeble excuse for the shortcomings of this report, I give the details, as furnished by the Assistant Inspectors, in the order in which the reports were received. The report of John A. Dix Post, No. 11, was the first received from Col. John L. Boyd, Assistant Inspector through some carelessness it was lost after it reached me and I have been unable to get a duplicate.



W. H. CHRISTIAN,
Department Inspector.

ROLL OF HONOR

NAMES	SERVICE	POST	TIME
Josiah Sturgis	C 48 New York Infantry	E. O. C. Ord No. 3	February 12th, 1902
Joséph Jones	Surgeon 86 Indiana Infantry	E. O. C. Ord No. 3	February 23rd, 1902
Thos. Ingenhutt	C 1st Texas Cavalry	E. O. C. Ord No. 3	June 8th, 1902
W. D. Adams	B 51st Missouri Infantry	E. O. C. Ord No. 3	November 17th, 1902
D. W. Rogers, Lieutenant	I 123rd New York Infantry	E. O. C. Ord No. 3	November 11th, 1902
H. R. Holderman	D 121st Iowa Cavalry	Nathan Lyon No. 5	March 27th, 1902
E. C. Clifford	C 63rd Ohio Infantry	Nathan Lyon No. 5	July 16th, 1902
Joseph Cassell	A 115th Illinois Infantry	Nathan Lyon No. 5	November 25th, 1902
Chas. Mulford	I 9th New York Infantry	Geo. B. McClellan No. 9	March 15th, 1902
E. G. Rust	K 21 New Jersey Infantry	Geo. B. McClellan No. 9	July 4th, 1902
Edward Paine		Joseph Mower No. 10	August 18th, 1902
H. B. Davis	D 21 Indiana Infantry	John A. Dix No. 11	August, 1902
W. Malcolmson	F 10 New York Infantry	John A. Dix No. 11	November, 1902
John Menie	B 3rd New York Cavalry	W. H. Lewis No. 17	January 19th, 1902
Jas. McAlpin	K 4th New York Cavalry	W. H. Lewis No. 17	March 7th, 1902
Henry Roach	E 11th Michigan Infantry	W. H. Lewis No. 17	Unknown
Andrew Cole	B 95th Pennsylvania Infantry	Emmil Crawford No. 19	May 7th, 1902
Joseph Banner	B 96th Pennsylvania Infantry	Phil Kerney No. 20	May 2nd, 1902
Theo. J. Simpson	D 1st Missouri Cavalry	Geo. H. Wright No. 26	October 27th, 1902
J. G. Gibson	B 27th Missouri Infantry	Sam Randall 45	May 30th, 1902
P. C. Frost	I 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry	Canby No. 48	March, 1902
John Roch	22nd Massachusetts Infantry	Sam Houston No. 55	November 4th, 1902
Geo. E. Vallade	E 80th New York Cavalry	W. H. Lawton No. 80	January, 1902
Chris Reh	1st Texas Cavalry	G. H. Terry No. 64	August 11th, 1902

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. Encampment called to order by Department Commander Haskell. Officer of Day announced all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic: Comrades E. F. Watts, R. B. Underhill and W. H. Catts, committee on Inspector Christian's report, presented same with motion that it be approved. Carried.

Department Commander announced committee on pensions, Dr. David Mackay, Dr. L. L. Whittaker and T. O. Proctor.

On motion of Past Department Commander Jno. W. Parks, all resolutions were to be read by persons presenting them and referred to committee on resolutions without debate. Carried.

Comrade Parks then presented resolutions of thanks to General Grant for his presence at our opening meeting, and one eulogizing the memory of late Department Commander John Roch. On motion of Dr. Mackay both were adopted by a rising vote.

Comrades W. A. Stoner, John Brown and L. H. Ruthrauff reported favorably on the junior vice commander's report and same was adopted.

Comrade Catts offered the following resolution and it was adopted:

"Whereas, The comrades of the Texas G. A. R. six years ago reclaimed from neglect the graves of 2500 ex-Confederate dead that died in the military prison at Alton, Ill., and have for each recurring memorial day sent Texas flowers to the W. R. Corps at Alton, and by them scattered over the long neglected graves, and as the comrades of our department are becoming interested in the erection of the blue and gray memorial at Alton, be it

"Resolved, That this department extend to this movement our hearty approval."

Past Dept. Commander Chas. B. Peck asked privilege to be heard on the matter of the distribution of the charity fund of the Galveston flood. Chair ruled that Comrade Peck's opportunity

to be heard was when the committee on department commander's address made their report.

Resolution on the fund in the hands of the department commander: "Whereas, a balance, left over from fund contributed for the relief of members of the G. A. R. to the Galveston flood sufferers, by order of the National Council of Administration, is in the hands of the department commander, and the authority for such contribution was by the commander-in-chief to be distributed under his jurisdiction.

Resolved, That hereafter any application made by any comrade for relief, by this balance, shall state in application to department commander, fully, the grounds on which such relief is asked for. The department commander shall investigate and forward application to commander-in-chief with his recommendation and asking commander-in-chief for his instructions, and the commander of the department shall not pay out for any purpose whatever any portion of this fund except on instructions from the commander-in-chief, and shall at end of his term turn over balance in his hands to his successor, with vouchers for such money as he may have distributed as above provided for."

Above resolution offered by Jno. W. Parks, past department commander.

We, the committee, approve of this resolution.

W. F. WIELAND,

M. W. MANN,

W. O. KRETSINGER.

Adopted.

Committee.

Assistant Adjutant General Johnson read interesting letters from Past Commander-in-Chief Weissert and Commander-in-Chief Thos. J. Stewart.

Comrade Max Hart presented the Service Pension Bill from McClellan Post. Adopted.

Dr. Mackay moved that Gen. Fred Grant be requested to furnish us with a copy of his address to be incorporated in the minutes of the Encampment. Carried and Adjutant instructed to correspond with him to that purpose.

Past Department Commander W. F. Connor offered resolution that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions

of respect to the memory of Comrade E. G. Rust to be incorporated in the minutes. Carried and Department Commander appointed as committee Comrades Chas. B. Peck, John H. Bolton and W. F. Connor.

Comrade Chas. B. Peck moved we adjourn until 10 a. m. Lost.

Comrade R. M. Moore moved we go into election of officers. Carried.

Comrade Moore then place in nomination Comrade John H. Bolton, of San Antonio for Department Commander, which was seconded by almost every post in the Encampment. Nominations declared closed and the adjutant instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment. The adjutant announced the unanimous election of Comrade Bolton. He was loudly called for and responded in a few well chosen remarks.

Past Department Commander M. W. Mann placed in nomination for Senior Vice Department Commander Robt. McCormick, of Dallas. Adjutant instructed to cast the unanimous vote of Encampment for Comrade McCormick, who was declared duly elected.

Past Department Commander Connor nominated Comrade W. Z. Manchester of Ft. Worth, for Junior Vice Department Commander. Adjutant was instructed to cast unanimous ballot of Encampment in favor of Comrade Manchester who was declared duly elected.

Comrade Mackay placed in nomination for Medical Director Comrade L. L. Whitaker, of San Antonio. Adjutant authorized to cast unanimous vote of Encampment for Dr. Whitaker who was declared duly elected.

Comrade Hunter nominated Father T. K. Crowley, Denison, for department chaplain. Adjutant instructed to cast unanimous ballot for Father Crowley who was declared duly elected and who responded in a happy and fictitious strain.

Department Commander named Comrades J. H. Bolton, W. F. Connor and Del Cahoon a committee to nominate council of administration, who reported as follows: T. M. Wright,



DR. A. W. ACHESON,
Surgeon General.

Post 5; P. B. Sprague, Post 6; F. L. Kirk, Post 2; S. Sulnon, Post 79; and J. O. Berry, Post 23, who were elected.

Motion carried to stand adjourned until 9 a. m.

APRIL 16, 9 A. M.

Encampment called to order by Department Commander Haskell. Officer of the day announced all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Prayer by Chaplain W. M. Galbraith of Jno. A. Dix Post.

Department Commander presented to the Encampment Dr. A. W. Acheson, surgeon general, who took his place on the platform. Encampment proceeded to elect delegates to National Encampment. Comrade G. S. Nash presented name N. T. Ayers; J.N. Diehl presented name of W. A. Stoner; Del Cahoon presented name of R. B. Underhill; W. O. Kretsinger presented name of Wm. H. Harvey.

Past Department Commander M. W. Mann called to the chair. Comrade C. C. Haskell presented the name of J. J. Weiler. Comrades L. Roach and J. D. Rice were appointed tellers.

THE VOTE.

Ayers	4
Stoner.....	11
Underhill.....	6
Harvey.....	2
Weiler.....	25
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Total votes cast	48

J. J. Weiler declared elected delegate-at-large.

FOR DELEGATE.

	1st bal.	2nd bal.	3rd bal.	4th bal.
Stoner	19	16	17	19
Underhill	14	14	10	1
Harvey	17	20	25	33
Ayers.....	1	0	0	0
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	51	50	55	57

W. H. Harvey declared elected.

Comrade Underhill was then elected alternate to delegate at large, and Comrade Stoner alternate to delegate.

Comrade Jno. W. Parks offered resolution of thanks to Dal-

las officials and others for their generous hospitality. Adopted.

Comrade G. S. Nash extended an invitation to G. A. R. and W. R. C. from Dallas Street Railway Co. to view the city by an extended ride on their line. Accepted.

Comrade Conner offered resolution of thanks to Oriental hotel for favors extended, and Comrades Conner, Hunt and Peck appointed to present the same.

Vote of thanks extended to Turner's Hall. Carried.

Resolution by W. O. Kretsinger, instructing our delegates to National Encampment to use their efforts to secure the appointment of Dr. Mackay on committee of pensions.

The committee on invitations extended invitation to attend camp fire at 7 p. m.

Comrade P. B. Hunt reported from committees to visit W. R. C. on their invitation to meet with them in joint installation at Maccabees Hall at 2 p. m.

Committee on address of Department Commander Haskell reported and adopted. A motion carried that the record of the official proceedings of the eighteenth annual encampment be placed in the hands of Commander Haskell, who will have charge of putting the proceedings in book form.

Comrade A. J. Black moved Past Department Commander Peck be heard in defense of his action regarding relief fund.

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn for the reason that the subject was now outside the limits of our jurisdiction.

E. G. Rust, the lately deceased department historian and custodian, was busy up to the time of his death preparing a history of the Texas department of the G. A. R. He died leaving his work unfinished. From the time Comrade Rust took up the work of writing a department history until his death he gathered a large number of interesting papers relating chiefly to the G. A. R. in Texas. The papers are now in the possession of Commander Haskell. It was moved and adopted that three comrades should be appointed to finish the work. The appointments will be made later.

Col. A. I. Lockwood placed in nomination San Antonio as the

place to hold the next Encampment and it was unanimously chosen.

The Encampment then adjourned to meet at Maccabee hall at 2 o'clock.

At 2 p. m. the Encampment met in joint session in Maccabee hall with the Woman's Relief Corps for the purpose of installing the newly elected officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

The officers of the W. R. C. were installed by Past Department President E. A. R. Williams.

The officers of the G. A. R. were installed by Past Department Commander P. B. Hunt acting as installing officer; W. O. Kretsinger acting as officer of the day. At the close of the installation ceremonies the assemblage joined in singing America and the Eighteenth Annual Encampment was closed by benediction by Department Chaplain Father T. K. Crowley.

VISIT OF THE W. R. C.

The officer of the day announced that a committee of ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps bringing greetings were at the outpost. The department commander appointed Comrades John H. Bolton, W. F. Conner and Max Hart a committee to visit the outpost and escort the ladies to the platform. After being received by the comrades' three raps of the gavel they gave three cheers for the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Mary J. Scott Underhill on behalf of the committee presented her address, and also the report of the Department President, Mrs. Mary Tygard. Mrs. Sally Bray, National Organizer, made a few remarks in connection with her work, and invited and encouraged comrades to render her all the aid and assistance possible in advancing the work of organizing corps. Department Commander Haskell responded in behalf of the Department, thanking the ladies for the very great interest manifested in the welfare of the comrades, and the spirit of charity shown by their generous and laudible report.

SPEECH OF MRS. UNDERHILL.

"The Woman's Relief Corps Department of Texas, in convention assembled, send greetings and God speed to you. Not only do the Relief Corps women of Texas send greetings, but one hundred and fifty thousand "loyal women," Relief Corps women, all over this broad land, bid God speed to the survivors of 1861-1865 wherever they may be found.

"As I stand before you looking into your faces I recall a similar scene one year ago—how short seems the time—when we had the honor of standing before you in our own home town of Beaumont, and bid you welcome to our homes, hearts and hospitalities. How our hearts throbbed with pride and honor then, as now, as we look into your responsive faces and read there the love and devotion of comradeship. We need not dwell on this, for every comrade and every comrade's wife knows the depth of this love and devotion that can call comrade to the assistance of comrade at any and all hours and seasons. No trial too hard, no sacrifice too great, when comrade calls to comrade.

"Many of you who are now listening to me were with us then, and we are most happy to meet you again. Some, alas,

who were with us then are absent now; some seats are vacant never to be filled again. They are gone, having done the work allotted them here, they have been summoned to answer the last 'roll call,' and have gone to their reward in the land where 'taps' are never sounded. We miss them; their places on earth can never be filled, but joy is in the thought; we may go to them. They are on the other shore to greet the comrade of this life when he, too, shall be called hence. Principal among these is our late loved and lamented Comrade Elbridge G. Rust, who was called from labor to reward in a most tragic way last July, the incident of which you are all familiar with. Also Past Department Commander John Roch, who recently departed this life. To such we would say,

"There is no death, what seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb to the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death.

"These sad memories call to us a realization of the mournful fact that the lines of the G. A. R. are fast shortening; but a few more years at most when all will have been gathered to the homes of the brave and the true. Life's warefare will soon be over for the 'boys in blue.'

"The time is coming when there will be no more G. A. R. Posts or encampments, but your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, thank God for that little clause, "any loyal woman who has not given aid to the enemy may be a member," will live on and on while the Government you preserved lasts. Our children and our children's children will take up the work where we lay it down and carry it on to greater fruition than we have ever known. They will not only keep green the graves and memory of the 'old hero,' but will build monuments to their everlasting fame and valor.

"But I take up too much of your valuable time. This is a theme upon which I could dwell long and lovingly. As the brightest day must have an end, as the soft, gentle breezes and the twilight gloaming follow the noon-tide sun, so I must say goodbye, and may God bless the dear old and the young com-

rades, too, for some of you will never grow old—and none of you in the heart of the Nation.

“What boot the worlds brief gratitude—
Are fame and wealth worth wooing?
Lord, let me do a little good,
For the sweet sake of doing.”

Mr. Commander, I thank you.”

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER C. C. HASKELL OF THE G. A. R. OF TEXAS.

The Fourteenth Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps extend greetings to you, and through you to the Department Convention now assembled.

I wish to thank the department commander and the adjutant for the many courtesies extended this department the past year, and for courtesy shown us while in Washington, having the privilege of headquarters with the G. A. R.'s, where we met many from Texas.

Herewith is a summary of the year just ended:

Cash on Hand General Fund.....	\$97.72
Cash on hand relief fund.....	68.76
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Total on hand.....	\$166.48
Total cash expended for relief.....	\$31.19
Total relief other than money.....	59.64
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Total.....	\$90.83
Number of corps in the department in good standing.....	9
Number of members in good standing.....	287
Estimate value other than relief.....	\$23.64
McKinley Memorial Fund.....	9.75
The following Corps have turned over to Posts:	
General Lawton Corps No. 20.....	\$90.00
E. O. C. Ord Corps No. 5.....	34.03
John A. Dix Corps No. 9.....	3.00
Geo. B. McClellan No. 16.....	15.59
Nathaniel Lyon Corps No. 2.....	10.00
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Total turned over to Posts.....	\$152.62

I wish to assure you that the Woman's Relief Corps are ever ready to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in its noble work of caring for the soldiers and their families.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

MARY TYGARD,

Department President.

A rising vote of thanks was adopted by the encampment, the comrades remaining standing while the committee of ladies were escorted to the outpost.

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS.

MRS. MARY J. SCOTT UNDERHILL, of Beaumont.

MRS. V. DOWLING, of San Antonio.

MISS ELEANOR M. HUGH, of Houston.

Mrs. Sally Bray, National Organizer, and Mrs. Helen Clark, of Denison, also accompanied the committee.

PENSIONS.

The subject of pensions was then taken up and the following resolution was read:

"Whereas, The members of the Grand Army, who in the flower of manhood offered their all upon the altar of their country, 'that government of the people, for the people and by the people should not perish from the earth,' are now with each succeeding year suffering from war-incurred maladies in an ever-increasing ratio, causing in many cases dependence and absolute poverty, and

"Whereas, Those sufferings can be ameliorated in no better way than in facilitating the obtainance of pensions; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee on penisons be and is hereby appointed, to which may be referred all questions appertaining thereto."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. Dr. L. L. Whitaker, Dr. D. Mackay and A. M. Alden was appointed committee on pensions.

ACTION OF GEO. B. McCLELLAN POST NO 9.

At a meeting of Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, G. A. R., Department of Texas, March 5th, 1903, a committee of three was appointed to draw up a suitable set of resolutions to submit to the various Posts in this department, that they might unite with us in instructing delegates to the State Encampment at

Dallas, to have said resolutions passed at the state encampment instructing delegates to the National Encampment at San Francisco to unite there with the delegates from the other state departments in passing this, or some other Service Pension Resolution, that will make the G. A. R. united in such action, instead of having a number of pension bills before Congress at once, in other words, to have our united force felt in carrying some good service pension bill, the committee above appointed reported as follows; and which report and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Post.

Your committee on a service pension bill respectfully begs to report as follows:

Whereas there have been a number of bills introduced into Congress in regard to a service pension law; and whereas so many various bills seeking the same end are very liable to postpone action by Congress in passing a just law; and whereas the united voice and action of the members of the G. A. R. will have a great influence in passing such a law, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates from Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, G. A. R. Department of Texas to the state encampment at Dallas in April, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1903, be, and are hereby instructed to introduce and work for a service pension resolution, instructing the department delegates to the National Encampment to introduce there a resolution asking the Encampment to indorse and work for a service pension law that will give to every soldier and sailor, who served for ninety (90) days or over, in the army or navy, during the war of the rebellion from 1861 to 1865, and have an honorable discharge, or to the lawful widows or minor children of such, twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month pension, their honorable discharge and proof of identification being the only requirement demanded for such pension.

JNO. J. SCHOLL,
P. W. HUDSON,
TOM FERGUSON,

Committee.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 27, 1903.

*Commander and Comrades of E. O. C. Ord Post, No. 3, G. A. R.,
Greeting:*

Your committee on a service pension bill respectfully begs to report as follows:

Whereas there have been a number of bills introduced into Congress in regard to a service pension law, and whereas so

many various bills seeking the same end are very liable to postpone action by Congress in passing a just law; and whereas the united voice and action of the members of the G. A. R. will have a great influence in passing such a law, be it, therefore

Resolved, That the delegates from E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R., Department of Texas, to the state encampment at Dallas in April 14th, 15th and 16th be, and are hereby instructed to introduce and work for a service pension resolution, instructing the department delegates to the National Encampment to introduce there a resolution asking the encampment to endorse and work for a service pension law that will give to every soldier and sailor, who served for Ninety (90) days or over, in the army or navy, during the war of the rebellion from 1861 to 1865, and has an honorable discharge, or to the lawful widows or minor children of such, twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month pension, their honorable discharge and proof of identification being the only requirement demanded for such pension.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

E. H. BACON,

L. L. WHITAKER,

Committee.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 10, 1903.

The above preamble and resolutions were presented to the Post on above date, and adopted by an unanimous vote, and the delegates from Ord Post, to the Department Encampment, instructed to present them.

HENRY ARNOLD,

Adjutant of the Post.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, April 6, 1903.

To the State Encampment G. A. R., Dallas, Texas:

U. S. Grant Post, No. 45, Department of Texas, this day passed unanimous resolution instructing their delegates to this Encampment to endorse the resolution of G. B. McClellan, Post No. 9, Department of Texas, respecting a bill for \$12.00 per

month pension to every soldier or sailor that served ninety days or over during the war of the rebellion, from 1861 to 1865, for honorable services rendered, evidenced by his honorable discharge and proof of identification, being the only requirement demanded for such pension.

W. F. WIELAND,
Commander,
GEO. W. LOWRY,
Adjutant.

A number of other posts in the department passed similar resolutions, the sentiments of which are contained in the above and deemed unnecessary to repeat here.

THE TROLLEY RIDE.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies at the Maccabee hall, announcement was made that the cars awaited us in front of the hall for a free ride around the city. The majority of the comrades and ladies of the W. R. C. availed themselves of the generous offer; boarded the cars which sped away towards the Fair grounds, turning north on Peak avenue, and on towards the cemeteries, where a stop-over of half an hour was made to give the party an opportunity to visit the cemeteries. Captain Nash was our efficient guide on the trip, pointing out the points of interest as we proceeded on our way. The wonderful development of East and North Dallas was a revelation to old comrades who had not visited the city for several years past. At the cemetery, Comrade Nash brought us to the G. A. R. plot, where the Dallas Posts have erected a beautiful monument, and delivered a brief address pertinent to the occasion. The Confederate veterans have a burial plot in another section of the cemetery, upon which they have erected a fine monument, surmounted by a life-size statue of a Confederate soldier in the poise of advancing to the charge. The fresh air of the ride was quite a relief to our strained nerves after two days close confinement in the convention hall. And so the party returned to the point of starting very much delighted with

their trip, and thankful to Comrade Nash and his friends to whom they were indebted for the pleasant trolley ride.

The following communications were then read:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDEPENDENCE HALL,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 7, 1903.

*General C. C. Haskell; Commander Department Texas, G. A. R.
Denison, Texas.*

Dear Comrade Haskell:

I am in receipt of yours of April 2d, inviting me to be present at the Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, to be held in Dallas, April 14th to 16th. I had an invitation also, from Comrade Maun, the chairman of the committee. I would like very much to be present at the Department Encampment of Texas, but I have for a long time been engaged to be present at the Department of New Hampshire, on the same dates. I was through some of the Departments of the South week before last, and was sorry at that time that it was not possible for me to take in the Department of Texas.

Trusting the occasion may be one of great enjoyment, and be attended with success in every way, and fraternally requesting that my congratulations and good wishes be extended to the comrades present at the encampment, I have the honor to be,

Very fraternally yours,

THOS. J. STEWART,

Commander-in-Chief.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 6, 1903.

*C. C. Haskell. Department Commander Texas G. A. R.,
Denison, Tex.*

My Dear Comrade Haskell:

I have just received your very kind greetings and invitation to be present at the 18th Annual Encampment of your department, which is to be held at Dallas, Texas, commencing on the 14th inst. I assure you that I appreciate this kind remembrance of me by you.

The invitation reminds me of the loyal comrades who are my friends, residing in the Lone Star state, and who have labored so earnestly in the interest of the great order, of which

they are honored members, and which has done so much in teaching patriotism throughout our beloved country and fostering the principles for which they fought during the trying times of the war against rebellion, which war has done so much to place our country in the front rank of the nations of the world.

It is not necessary for me to tell you how much pleasure it would give me to stand, once more, in the presence of your Encampment and look my comrades in the face and shake each one by the hand. But I hope in the near future, I may have that great pleasure.

Do not fail to say to the comrades, that when the Encampment assembles at San Francisco in August next, I hope to see many of the "boys." How we shall miss Johnny Roch, Rust, Peterson, and all the others who have been mustered out of the service and gone to take their places with their comrades who have moved on before and taken their position on the right wing of that host of patriots, whom we delight to call, "our comrades."

With a "God bless you" to you and all the comrades, I am,
Fraternally yours,

A. G. WEISSERT.

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 21, 1903.

General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. Army, Commanding Department of Texas.

Dear General:

The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, will meet in Encampment here in the city of Dallas on the 14th, 15th and 16th of April, 1903, and I am requested by the Veterans and Department Commander to invite you to be with us at that time. There are some old Veterans here who were in the Vicksburg campaign; we remember you were there with us at the long seige, under the command of your father, our beloved general. We hope and wish you can make it convenient to be with us.

Yours respectfully,

W. M. MANN,

Chairman Ex-Committee, G. A. R., Late Commander of
Battery E., 2d Ills., L. A.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR GENERAL GRANT'S VISIT.

Whereas, This encampment was honored by a visit and most interesting and instructive address from Gen. Fred D. Grant, an honor and privilege we highly appreciate,

Therefore, it is resolved, That the heartiest thanks of the encampment be extended Gen. Grant, assuring him of our great appreciation of his kindness and courtesy in making us the visit by which we feel greatly honored.

(Presented by Geo. W. Parks, past Department Commander.)

BEAUMONT, April 11, 1903.

Capt. Thos. M. Wright, Chief of Staff, G. A. R., Department of Texas, Denison.

My Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your official invitation to be present at the encampment this year. It has been my hope to attend, but just now I find it not possible. Having enjoyed the honor so often heretofore, it is certainly unnecessary for me to assure you that the disappointment is great and sincere. I send my warmest greetings to the grand old heroes of the Texas Department and to the noble women of the Relief Corps.

Very truly yours,

A. J. HOUSTON.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Whereas, Dallas with her usual unbounded and most generous hospitality welcomed us to her city on this the occasion of our encampment,

Resolved, That our sincerest thanks be extended to her citizens and mayor, and to their representative, Capt. D. E. Grove, the whole-souled Ex-Confederate, who so feelingly and patriotically welcomed us, assuring him and the citizens of Dallas of our great appreciation, and that we shall keep fresh and green the recollection of our visit and encampment in their midst, which has been full of joy and pleasure, and we extend our sincerest thanks to the Commercial Club for their kind invi-

tation to visit them at their beautiful headquarters, which we did, and for the cordial, courteous reception of us by their representative, Messrs. Hunter, Bell and Maroney. Adopted.

(Presented by Jno. W. Parks, Past Department Commander.)

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 21, 1903.

Mr. William Lagershausen, Proprietor and Manager Turner's Hall, Dallas, Tex.

Dear Sir:

The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, which has just held its meeting in this city, passed the following resolutions unanimously:

Whereas, The Department of Texas, G. A. R., has been specially favored by the management of Turner Hall, in granting the free use of their commodious hall in which we are holding this encampment, besides many other courtesies shown us, therefore be it

Resolved, That this encampment extend to Mr. Lagershausen, proprietor and manager of Turner Hall, our most earnest thanks, and assure him of our hearty appreciation of his many acts of kindness, and courtesies shown us during this encampment.

Yours respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

DALLAS, TEX., April 11, 1903.

Mr. D. E. McIlhenny, Manager Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which recently held its meeting in this city, at its last session unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas, the management of the Oriental hotel, of Dallas, Texas, has most kindly and generously favored this Department by gratuitously assigning to our use their parlors and other rooms

to be used for headquarters and reception purposes during this encampment, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Texas, G. A. R., extend to Mr. McIlhenny, and through him to all others interested in the Oriental hotel, our most hearty appreciation and sincere thanks for the many favors and courtesies shown to our comrades, and to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

With the best wishes of Grand Army of the Republic of Texas.

Yours respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

DENISON, TEXAS, Sept. 1, 1903.

IN MEMORIAM.

Once more the Department of Texas is called upon to mourn the loss of a valued comrade.

On the Fourth day of July last, Comrade E. G. Rust, of George B. McClellan Post No. 9, lost his life while bathing in the Gulf of Mexico, in a vain effort to rescue his two companions (son-in-law and nephew.)

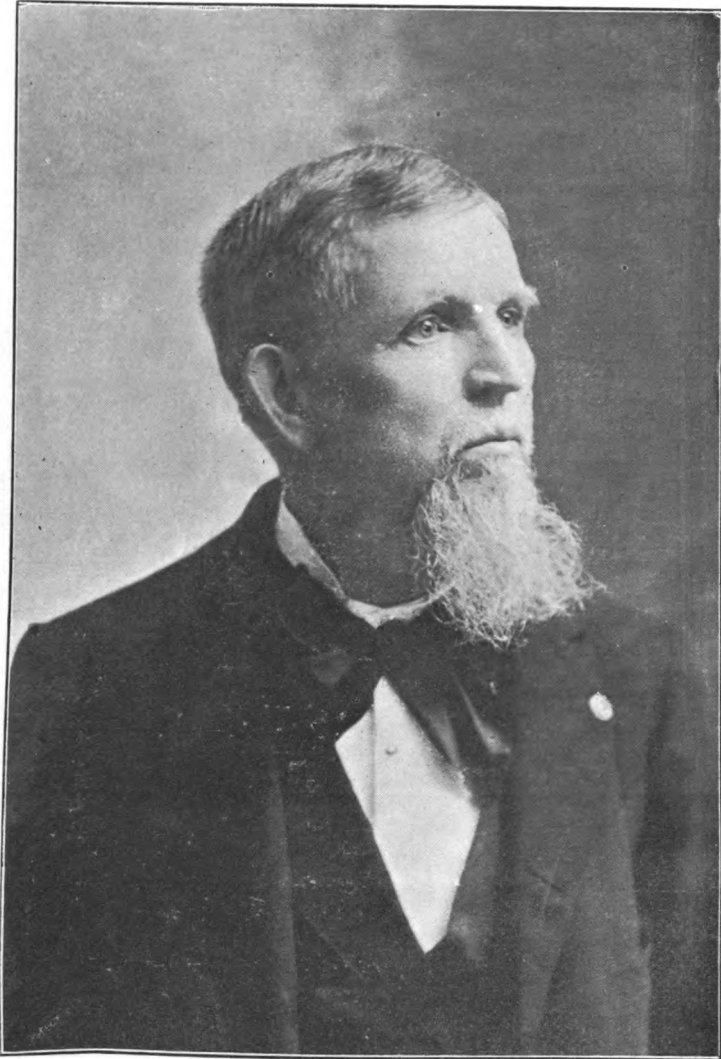
Elbridge G. Rust was born at Danville, Vermont, sixty-three years ago. Was a printer by profession. Enlisted in August, 1862, served full term of his enlistment, was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville in 1863. At the time of his death he was Historian and custodian of Records for this Department. Had been at work some time compiling for publication its history from its organization. Much valuable data must necessarily be lost by his sudden demise.

His record in this Department is that of Post Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, and while holding the latter rank rendered efficient service in the distribution of the Galveston Relief Fund and in the care of stricken comrades and their families. A good soldier, wise counselor, loyal comrade, our loss in his death is only second to that of his family, to whom our sympathies are extended. Comrade Rust, vale and farewell.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.



E. G. RUST,
Past Assistant Adjutant General.
Drowned July 4th, 1902.

IN MEMORIAM.

COMRADE E. G. RUST

Commander and Comrades Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Our friend and Comrade, Eldridge Gerry Rust was born in Danville, Vermont, January 13, 1840. He was educated at Kalamazoo, Mich., enlisted in Company K, 21st New Jersey Infantry, was in many hard fought battles, severely wounded at the battle of Chancellorville, where his company sustained great loss. In this battle he was promoted for gallant conduct on the field to the office of Orderly Sergeant, he being in command of his company at the time.

Comrade Rust lost his life while in bathing in the gulf at Galveston, Texas, July 4th, 1902. At the time of his death he was a member of Geo. B. McClellen Post No. 9, Houston, Texas. He was buried in the family lot in Greenwood cemetery, Dallas, with the full honors of a comrade of the G. A. R. He had been a prominent member of the G. A. R. ever since its first introduction into the state of Texas, and no member was so well informed in regard to the history of the order in this department as Comrade Rust. By his death the Grand Army of the Republic has sustained the loss of one of its most zealous and conscientious members. He was our friend and our comrade; we all loved him, his wise and kindly council will be missed at our annual encampments. As comrades we recognized in Comrade Rust the honest, high-minded gentleman, the brave defender of his country, the peaceful and industrious citizen, the true and noble husband, the fond and tender father, therefore be it resolved.

That we will cherish the memory of Comrade Rust, imitate his virtues, be profited by his manly and devoted life, and hope to enjoy future comradeship beyond the ravages of war and death.

That we extend to the bereaved widow and family our most heartfelt sympathy in this their great irreparable loss, and that the A. A. G. be instructed to send them a copy of this paper. In F. C. and L.,

W. F. CONNER,
CHAS. B. PECK,
J. H. BOLTON.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DENISON, TEXAS, Nov. 20, 1902.

IN MEMORIAM.

Again the Department of Texas is called upon to mourn the loss of a valued comrade.

COMRADE JOHN ROCH

Died at his home nine miles southwest of Dublin, Tuesday, November 4th, at the age of 58 years, 7 months and 12 days. He was buried at the Proctor Grove cemetery the following day. His illness was of only a few days' duration, and was stated by his physician as being a complication of pneumonia and serious lung troubles, the latter due to an old gun shot wound in the left breast received during the civil war at the battle of Gettysburg.

Capt. John Roch was born of Irish parentage March 22d, 1844, at Portland, Maine. Captain Roch was reared and educated at Taunton, Massachusetts, whither his parents had moved, but never attended school after he was eleven years of age. In his youth he was apprenticed to a machinist, but all thought of this was put aside in 1861, when, in response to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted for three months' service in the Taughton Light Guards. At the expiration of this service, he was mustered into service in the Twenty-Second Massachusetts Infantry with which he was connected for the period of three years, serving with the Army of the Potomac. His duties were often arduous. He was wounded five times in three battles; at Gaine's Mill he was shot through the neck, at the charge of Fredericksburg he was shot through the left leg, and at the memorable Battle of Gettysburg was shot through both thighs and the left breast. He entered the service as a private and was mustered out a captain, but later breveted a major for bravery.

In the death of Capt. John Roch, the Department of Texas, G. A. R., has lost an ardent worker and a zealous friend, and the G. A. R. at large one of its best and brightest examples of patriotic valor and devotion to the country and its flag, and it well becomes the Department of Texas in a brief manner to acknowledge his worth and deplore his loss, for in his presence there was inspiration, in his voice there was magic, and his bearing that of a true soldier who has "at last gathered his mantles about him and silently laid down to rest."

He made his home in Comanche County, Texas, early in the 70's, and his work and support of the principles of the G. A. R. in Texas began with Sam Houston Post No. 55, at Dublin, and reached its apex in choice of Commander of the Department given him by his friends and comrades.

Thus passes the history of one who was in every way worthy of the estimate placed upon him by his comrades. He was loyal to his friends, he was generous to a fault, he was patriotic to the core, and enemies he had none.

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass's Adjt, Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.



JOHN ROCH,
Past Department Commander.
Died November 4th, 1902.

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF PAST DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER JOHN ROCH.**

Whereas, Since our last meeting grim-visaged, relentless death has, unbidden, entered our ranks and taken thence one of our best beloved,—John Roch, the good citizen, the gallant soldier, the true patriot, the grand comrade—and the country has lost one of its bravest defenders, and the Grand Army one of its most fraternal comrades.

No man was more devoted to duty than John Roch. As soldier, citizen, comrade and official he filled to the full measure every responsibility which came to him, and he was known, respected and loved by every comrade in our Department.

Therefore resolved, That with loving hearts, in submissive melancholy, we cherish his memory.

Dead, but the end was fitting,
First in the ranks he led,
And he marked the height of the Nation's gain
As he lay in his harness—dead.

Having been called and faithfully served in the highest position in the gift of the Department, he left his impress of grand comradeship and worth.

We mourn our loss—he has laid aside the cross for the crown.

(Resolution presented by Jno. W. Parks, Past Department Commander.)

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders No. 1.

Denison, Texas, April 28, 1902.

Having been unanimously elected Department Commander by the 17th Encampment held at Beaumont April 24-26, and duly installed, I hereby assume command and enter upon the duties of the office.

Comrades, with the same unanimity and harmony throughout the year that pervaded the deliberations of the Encampment at Beaumont we can have a successful year.

I most earnestly and cordially ask your assistance and cooperation.

Headquarters will be established at Denison, Texas.

By order of

C. C. HASKELL,
Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Special Order No. 1.

Denison, Texas, May 20, 1902.

I. Pursuant to a commendable custom established in many States of the Union, and at the request of Comrade Allen C. Bakewell, Chief Aid in charge of military Instruction and Patriotic Education in schools, it is recommended that all members of the Grand Army of the Republic observe Saturday, June 14th, 1902—the anniversary of the birth of our Flag, by decorating their homes and places of business with the Stars and Stripes, the emblem of our country, and encourage their neighbors to do the same.

II. In conformity with the above recommendation, as Commander of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, I most heartily call upon all Posts in this Department to carry out to the fullest extent the above recommendation. Comrades, decorate your homes and places of business with "Old Glory" on Saturday, June 14th, and call upon your neighbors to

do the same, and let it be known how much you love that Flag.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders No. 2.

Denison, Texas, April 28, 1902.

At the 17th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Beaumont April 24-26, the following named comrades were elected to fill the offices herein named for the ensuing year:

Department Commander, C. C. Haskell, Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 5, Denison.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Israel Stoddard, Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro.

Junior Vice Department Commander, W. F. Wieland, Sam J. Randall Post, No. 45, Weatherford.

Department Chaplain, T. K. Crowley, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.

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

Representatives to the National Encampment, R. B. Underhill, H. W. Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont, delegate-at-large; D. G. Gillette, E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, alternate to delegate-at-large; W. A. Stoner, Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco, delegate; W. H. Harvey, Kilpatrick Post No. 40, Belton, alternate.

Council of Administration, W. B. Millikin, of Dallas, J. L. Tygard, of Denison, John H. Bolton, of San Antonio, Alonzo Gerard, of Austin, E. S. Stockwall, of Alvin.

The following appointments upon the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, H. A. Johnson, McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman.

Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, T. M. Wright, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.

Department Inspector, W. H. Christian, Houston Post No. 55, Stephenville.

Committee on Transportation, J. L. Tygard, Lyon Post No. 5, Denison; M. W. Mann, Dix Post, No. 11, Dallas; Nathan Underwood, Ord Post No. 3 San Antonio.

Other appointments will be made soon and promulgated in future orders.

It is earnestly desired that Post Commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades of their Posts to be appointed aides-de-camp upon the staff of the Department Commander.

Comrade E. S. Stockwell, of Wainwright Post No. 72, having declined to serve on the Council of Administration, Comrade G. W. Henrie from the same Post is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy.

Official:

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

By Command of

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders No. 3.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Denison, Texas, April 28, 1902.

Memorial day, day of sacred memories—the day set apart by a grateful nation to do honor to the dead who died for their country, is fast approaching. It is desired that every Post in this Department will in some manner fittingly observe the day. No matter how far you are removed from the busy marts of trade, or how few you are in numbers, get together, such of you as can, and with the simplest forms strew some soldiers' grave with sweet spring flowers.

The day comes this year on Friday, May 30th. The previous Sunday is designated as Memorial Sunday. I desire that every comrade in this great state of ours shall attend divine ser-

vices on Sunday, May 25th. Memorial Day Order from National Headquarters will accompany this Order, and should be read in full in every Post. Extract from President Lincoln's memorial address accompanies this order and should be made a part of the ceremonies.

Let chaplains of Posts make prompt reports of the observances of the day to Comrade T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain, at Denison, Texas.

Invitations should be sent at once to the public schools to take part in Memorial Services as a lesson in patriotic education.

The Woman's Relief Corps everywhere will gladly second the efforts of every Post to fittingly observe the day.

Official:

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders, No. 4.

Denison, Texas, June 12, 1902.

I. The Semi-Annual Report for June 30 by Post Adjutants and Quartermasters should be made out and forwarded to Assistant Adjutant General H. A. Johnson, Sherman, Texas, together with the per capita tax, 30 cents on each member, on or before July first, upon the receipt of which the department countersign for the year will be forwarded.

II. Blanks for chaplain's reports have also been sent out, which should be made out in duplicate, one copy sent to Rev. T. K. Crowley, department chaplain, Denison, Texas, the other placed on file for reference.

The number of graves decorated on memorial day by each Post should be particularly noted as a basis on which to make estimates for distribution of assistance should such be done in the future.

National headquarters most generously sent to this department three thousand flags and one hundred and thirty dollars in

money with which to purchase flowers to strew upon the graves of our sleeping comrades in this department.

The department commander was in doubt as the manner this generous donation of flags and money should be distributed, but used the only means at hand (the membership) for that purpose. If the Post chaplains this year will particularly note the number of graves decorated and make careful report to Department Chaplain T. K. Crowley, we shall have a basis on which to make estimates.

III. The following appointments upon the staff of the department commander have been made:

Judge Advocate, Comrade A. E. Wilkinson, of Lyon Post No. 5, Austin, Texas.

Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade John Roch, of Sam Houston Post, No. 55, Dublin.

Aides-de-camp:

Wm. Allen, McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman.

David W. Rogers, Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio.

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

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

A. V. Orr, Lyon Post No. 5, Buttfield.

H. Hume, McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.

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

Amos Prindle, Meade Post No. 35, Decatur.

Horace Baker, Randall Post No. 45, Weatherford.

W. H. Struthers, Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin.

E. L. Welles, Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont.

They will be obeyed and respected as such.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders, No. 5.

Denison, Texas, Sept. 1, 1902.

The 36th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Washington, D. C., Octo-

ber 6-11. Headquarters for the Department of Texas have been secured at The Elcena, 922 Fourteenth St., N. W., opposite Franklin Park. Ample accommodations can be had at this beautiful home for the entire party if you advise with the department commander at once.

The route that has been selected by the transportation committee together with the consent and hearty approval of the Department Commander, is from Texas over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas to St. Louis; from thence over the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern to Washington. The time selected for Headquarters train to leave Denison is by the Katy Flyer 12:10 p. m., on Friday, October 3d.

Rates have been established and published in all the local papers, and are lower by this route than any other. Consult your local ticket agent for the rate from your station and time of leaving to connect with headquarters train at Denison.

The management of the M. K. & T. have given their written promise that they will place one of their best chair cars at Denison at the disposal of Headquarters, and that it will be run through to Washington without change. This car will be appropriately decorated and kept for the exclusive use of the comrades and W. R. C. from this department. It is hoped that all will consult the best interests of this department and make special efforts to go with the Headquarters train.

It is with a sense of pride and pleasure that I am able to announce to the comrades that on the 2d day of August, with the assistance of my Chief of Staff, Capt. T. M. Wright, and Assistant Adjutant General H. A. Johnson, together with Past Senior Vice Department Commander, H. C. Adler, we organized McKinley Post No. 82, at Corsicana, with 22 charter members. The post starts off with very flattering prospects.

The National Memorial University of Mason City, Iowa, founded by the Sons of Veterans and dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, has placed at my disposal one free scholarship in this department, conditioned only that the appointment be given to a son or daughter of a veteran and of good moral character.

Comrades, I desire to call your attention to this institution

of learning with all its facilities to give the sons and daughters of this land an education in the right direction.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Cammander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders, No. 6.

Denison, Texas, Nov. 20, 1902.

I. Post officers for the ensuing year, together with delegates and alternates to the next department annual encampment should be elected at the first regular Post meeting in December. Strenuous efforts should be made to get out every member of your post at this meeting, when plans should be made to increase the interest and membership.

II. Posts will be inspected at the December meeting by the Senior Past Post Commander present or some one selected by the commander for that purpose. Blanks for this purpose accompany this order and should be filled out by the inspecting officer and forwarded immediately to Comrade W. H. Christian, Stephenville, chief inspecting officer.

III. Blanks for adjutants' and quartermasters' reports are sent herewith and should be filled out by the proper officers immediately after the last meeting in December and forwarded immediately to Comrade H. A. Johnson, Ass't Adjt. Gen., Sherman. Also blanks giving the name and address of all comrades entitled to vote in the next department encampment. The Post commander elect, all Past Post Commanders in good standing in their respective Post and one delegate and alternate for each twenty members or a majority fraction.

IV. No. Post which has not sent in its semi-annual report and per capita tax of 30 cents on each member in good standing will be entitled to representation in the next Department encampment.

V. At the last meeting held in Beaumont it was voted to refer the selection of the place for the next encampment to the Council of Administration of which Comrade W. B. Milli-

kin, 114 Main Street, Dallas, is chairman. Any communication concerning the selection of the location sent to him will be promptly attended to.

APPOINTMENTS.

VI. Comrade J. S. Dunlap, Thomas Post 6, Dallas, chief mustering officer in place of Comrade John Roch, deceased.

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, Lyon Post 5, Denison, is appointed special aid to Allen C. Bakewell in charge of military instruction and patriotic education in schools for the national encampment.

VII. The following comrades have been recommended for appointment on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Stewart:

Lyman S. Roach, Dix Post 11, Texarkana.

John H. Scholl, McClellan Post 9, Houston.

D. G. Gillette, Ord Post 3, San Antonio.

E. F. Watts, Lyon Post 5, Denison.

O. D. Owen, Crawford Post 19, El Paso.

H. C. Adler, Hurst Post 17, Terrell.

John Donaldson, McPherson Post, Sherman, Assistant Inspector General.

VIII. The 36th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed into history. "The Boys in Blue" have again marched up Pennsylvania Avenue to the beat of the same old drum and music of the same old fife and bugle as in days long gone by. The Department of Texas showed up forty strong and elicited the cheers of the people all along the line of march, and the Department Commander wishes here to express his gratitude and thanks to those comrades who so loyally stood by him in making this the grand success that it was. I would gladly and can hardly refrain from mentioning the names of those comrades who did so much to assist me at Washington, but I will only mention one comrade, Past Department Commander John Roch, a better G. A. R. friend and adviser than he was at the 36th National Encampment does not live in this grand department, and I was shocked on my return home to

learn that after a brief illness he had answered the order of the grim reaper to "come up higher."

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders No. 7.

Denison, Texas, March 6, 1903.

I. The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Dallas, April 14th, 15th and 16th, 1903. The change of date from April 21st is made on account of being able to obtain better railroad rates on the 14th than on the 21st.

The comrades of Thomas and Dix Posts, and the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps are making every effort to make this meeting the best that has been held in the department.

As soon as the details have been made as to places for holding the meetings, headquarters, railroad fares, and the time limit of sale of tickets, etc., they will be announced in general orders.

II. Sam J. Randall Post No. 45, at a meeting held March 2d, voted to change the name of their Post, adopting U. S. Grant, which action is hereby approved and the Post will be known as U. S. Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford, Texas.

III. Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, of Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, having been appointed department aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief under Allan C. Bakewell, chief aide in charge of military instruction and patriotic education in schools. It is desired that each Post Commander will forward to these headquarters the name of a suitable comrade to act as special aide to Comrade Kretsinger in the prosecution of this noble work.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adjt. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Texas.
Grand Army of the Republic.

General Orders, No. 8.

Denison, Texas, April 2, 1903.

I. As announced in previous order, the 18th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Dallas April 14th, 15th and 16th.

II. Headquarters have been secured at the Oriental Hotel where the committee on credentials consisting of Ass't Adjt. Gen. H. A. Johnson, W. Z. Manchester and J. W. Ridge will meet at ten o'clock, and all delegates, alternates and voting members of the Encampment should report to register.

III. The Council of Administration will meet at the same time and place to audit the accounts of the assistant quartermaster general and to attend to such other business as may properly come before them.

IV. The sessions of the encampment will be held in Turner Hall, on South Harwood Street, beginning at eleven o'clock on the morning of the 14th with an open meeting.

V. Comrade J. J. Weiler is hereby detailed as officer of the day, and Comrade Robert McCormack as officer of the guard. They will report to the encampment for duty.

VI. The railroads leading into Dallas have made a rate on the convention plan as follows: All distances of 80 miles or less, $1\frac{1}{2}$ fare for the round trip; all distances over 80 miles, 1 1-10 fare for the round trip. Tickets to go on sale April 13th and 14th, good to return until April 17th.

VII. It is with a sense of pleasure that I announce to the comrades that the son of our Honored Commander, General Fred D. Grant, Commanding Department of Texas, has signified his intention to be with us. Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Stewart, and Past Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert have also been invited, also Col. A. J. Houston of Paris.

VIII. In response to paragraph III of general order No. 7, responses from the following posts have been made and the comrades therein named are assigned to duty as assistants to Major W. O. Kretsinger to assist in "Military Instruction and

Patriotic Education in Public Schools:" P. W. Hudson, McClellan Post No. 9, Houston; J. M. Smith, Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio; W. M. Galbraith, Dix Post No. 11, Dallas; S. G. Raley, Logan Post No. 23, Denton; W. T. Fisher, Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford; J. McCune, Kit Carson Post No. 74, Waco.

By Command of

H. A. JOHNSON,
Ass't Adj. Gen.

C. C. HASKELL,
Department Commander.

COMMENT BY COMMANDER HASKELL.

The 18th Annual Encampment is proclaimed by all to have been the most enjoyable one we have ever held. Our Dallas Comrades and Woman's Relief Corps vied with each other, and unitedly did all that could be done, or that could have been expected, to give pleasure and add success to our meeting. There were many incidents connected with this encampment that gave the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. Among them, first, was the hearty and cordial welcome to the city of Dallas accorded us by that highly honorable, splendid gentleman and Ex-Confederate, Capt. D. E. Grove, in behalf of the mayor and citizens, in eloquence and patriotism that made us feel at home at once.

The honor done us by Gen. Fred D. Grant to meet with us, and his splendid address which was so much enjoyed by us all—some of the incidents related by him concerning his honored father's campaign having been participated in by some of our comrades.

The invitation and acceptance to visit the Commercial Club at their beautiful rooms in the Cotton Belt building, and the cordial welcome extended us by Messrs. Hunter, Bell and Maroney in their behalf, and their entertainment of us, added pleasure which will not fade from our memory.

The foresight of our Dallas comrades and council of administration, of whom Wm. B. Milliken was chairman, in selecting the time of encampment when there were so many attractions and diversions, meetings of Kaliphs, Red Men and others, and their parades, added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

And last the crowning joy and pleasure given us was the "Campfire." God bless the ladies, who are always so thoughtful of us—it is only they who can accomplish such things.

Every one of us know the real campfire of the soldier's life, how in camp we sat around the fire—whatever we did—our thoughts were of home and loved ones—here was a realization of it—with our loved ones by our side administering with loving hands and glad hearts to our pleasure; the beautiful songs and recitations, the elegant and bounteous feast—all made our hearts glad, and our sincerest thanks go out to all our good comrades and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of Dallas for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

Among those foremost in contributing to our entertainment was the General chairman, that noble veteran worker, Past Department Commander M. W. Mann, and to Mrs. Daniel Allen, chairmn of program, the thanks of the encampment is due her for her admirable program and splendid entertainment, and to Mrs. Julia Taber, chairman of Campfire, and to Mrs. Anna Heelan and others who gave such devoted attention to the wants of ourselves and guests at the sumptuous feast of good things, and to those who rendered the beautiful songs and recitations.

The successful execution of the program was due to our grand comrade, Past Department Commander P. B. Hunt, who proved himself a master of ceremonies, who at the opening of the entertainment delivered as follows a most eloquent and beautiful address:

Comrades and members of the W. R. C.: The pleasant task assigned me tonight to extend the hand of welcome to each of you, is an honor of which anyone would be justly proud.

When I look into the faces of ex-Union veterans—the men who stood in the thickest of the conflict during the darkest days that ever passed over this country, men who offered their lives that their country might live—I know that I am honored by this privilege.

I congratulate you, because in these encampments old friendships formed nearly forty years ago, amid exposures and privations of camp life are revived and loyal sentiments are strengthened. We welcome you to this city; we receive you with open arms, we have nothing too good for you. Should you think of anything you do not see, it will be served to you in short order.

At no period of my life have I had such veneration and love

for those with whom I stood during the Civil War as I have today.

When the war closed and we laid down our arms we felt a duty had been performed, but we did not appreciate the greatness of the work which had been accomplished. As time moved on, the magnitude and grandeur of this great country and its development assumed such proportions that the whole world stands with head uncovered in recognition of its greatness.

In all solemn earnestness, I ask, who did it? Who saved the greatest country on the globe? If you answer, it must be the same as the Father of His Country answered a similar inquiry—"We cannot tell a lie, we did it with our little hatchet."

It must be admitted by all that the success of the Union troops during the civil war and final result made it possible for this country to be what it is today—made it possible for Dallas to be what it is today.

I need not tell you that if you had failed and the Stars and Stripes had been doomed to trail in the dust and the Stars and Bars had been victorious, this country would today be composed of a number of petty provinces at strife with each other.

The almighty hand of providence ruled—the Stars and Stripes have never known defeat.

In this hall about a month ago our naval hero, Hobson, said, "The whole South feels grateful because it had not been permitted to secede." This we all believe to be true.

I have not a word to say against those who opposed us during the civil war. If our homes had been in the same neighborhood, or if we had exchanged homes, our enlistment in the army might have been different. They were as gallant and as good soldiers as ever shouldered a musket. They were our brother Americans, and we are proud of them.

You must understand, however—mark my words—there is no American citizen who occupies a position so high as the veteran Union soldier, who did his full duty from '61 to '65.

Go where he will, he must never forget that he wears a crown of jewels more precious than money can buy.

It is hardly necessary for me to tell you our president, Mr. Roosevelt, has used some very strong language in his praise of

ex-Union soldiers. He is your firm friend, because he is an American, a patriot and a soldier.

On these occasions, while we grasp the living by the hand and renew old friendships, we must bow our heads in reverence in memory of our fallen heroes—those who died on the battle-field. Those who offered their lives upon the altar of their country, aye, those who gave their lives to save their country. They sacrificed all, and their memory should be forever cherished and honored.

To the dear members of the Woman's Relief Corps we extend our gratitude, admiration and affection. Their lives have been devoted to noble aims; they have offered their best work for the good of others; they have always been loyal.

Their words of comfort and good cheer have encouraged many a faltering comrade; they have moved him to nobler purposes, and made of him a better man and caused him to serve his country better, because of their loving devotion to him and his cause. May God send his richest blessings upon them.

I have already taken more time than I should, and will only say in conclusion that I am directed to ask you to make yourselves at home, and to say that our town and our homes are yours.

But one thing marred the round of pleasure. Since our last meeting a number of our comrades have been called from the fitful scenes of this life to eternal rest—each year adds to our number that people the cities of the dead, who have gone into camp on the other side of the river with the great silent majority. The heroes of earth soon pass away, but the tearful tribute of loving comrades is more than incense, for its fragrance abideth forever.

How sink the brave who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest;
When spring with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She then shall dress a sweeter sod,
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

By fair hands their knell is rung,
By forms unseen their dirges sung,
There over came a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,
And freedom shall awhile repair,
And dwells a weeping hermit there.

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