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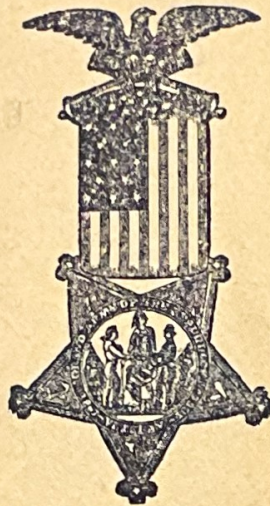
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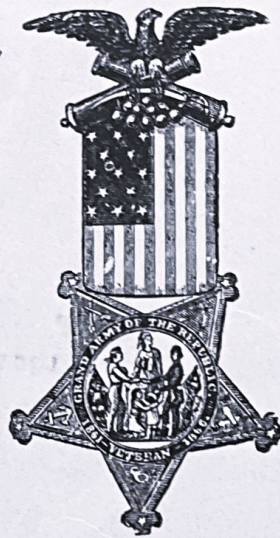
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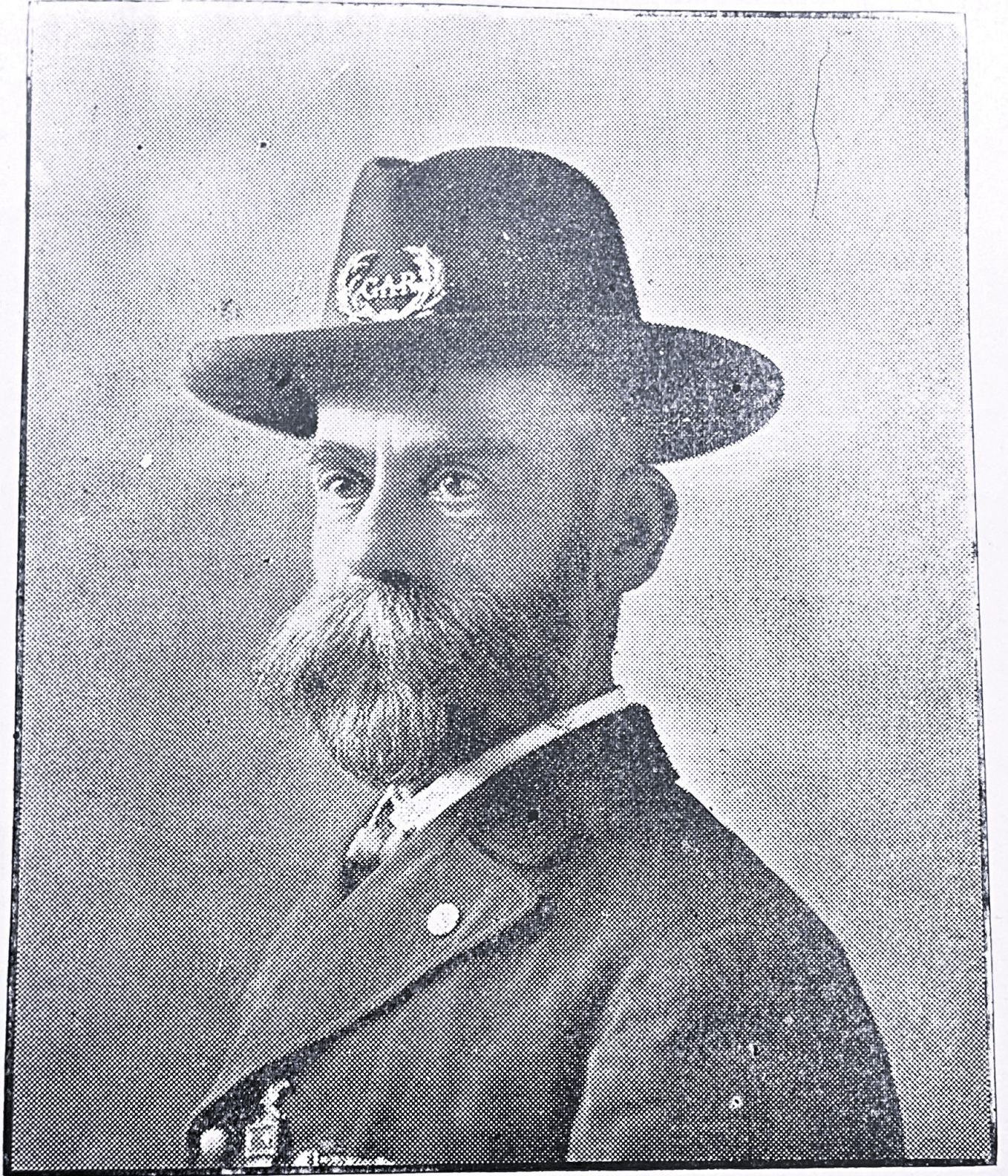
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JOHN H. BOLTON,
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1903.

FIRST DAY.

Journal of the proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, held at San Antonio, Texas, April 21, 22 and 23, 1904.

In accordance with General Order No. 10, the Council of Administration and the Credential Committee met at the Menger Hotel at 9 o'clock a. m. April 21, 1904, and made the following report:

As per program, at 10 o'clock a. m., the Grand Officers and delegates, headed by the band of the Twenty-sixth United States Infantry, and escorted by the members of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R. of San Antonio, formed line and marched to the Empire Opera House on Houston street, where the Encampment was formally received and called to order by Post Commander L. L. Whitaker of Ord Post, who introduced the Hon. Vories P. Brown, who, in the name of the Mayor and City Council of the city of San Antonio, welcomed the officers and delegates of the Encampment in an eloquent and patriotic speech.

Department Commander Bolton replied in a few well chosen words and introduced Post Commander L. L. Whitaker, who, in his jovial and characteristic manner, made all feel at home and glad they had come.

Colonel D. E. Groove, a gallant ex-Confederate of Dallas, was then called on and introduced by Post Department Commander R. M. Moore, and made a most interesting and patriotic talk along the lines of the fraternity and good feeling that existed between those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray. "The men who met in battle shock," he said, "were now joined together under one flag and cemented, as it were, by the blood of mutual comrades shed upon many a hard fought field." His remarks were loudly applauded. Col. R. M. Moore of Ord Post No. 3 then followed, rejoicing over the fraternal feeling that existed between the old soldiers of both sides.

Mrs. Sarah D. Winans of Troy, Ohio, the National President of the W. R. C., was then introduced by Commander Bolton and made a very feeling speech. She told of the organization and work of the W. R. C. and stated that they now had a membership of over 40,000, and since 1883 had disbursed in relief and charity the sum of \$2,504,365.23.

Mrs. Jennie Wright of Troy, Ohio, the National Secretary of the W. R. C., also addressed the Encampment. She spoke briefly, but to the point. Her remarks were listened to with attention.

Mrs. Julia Tabor, Department President of the W. R. C., was then introduced. Her address was short, but interesting. She was followed by the Senior Vice President of the State W. R. C., Mrs. Byron R. Underhill, who spoke clearly and in a very interesting manner, showing herself to be well posted in all that pertained to the welfare of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Texas.

Mrs. Vicentitia C. Dowling, Junior Vice President of the Department, was then introduced by Commander Bolton. She made one of her characteristic and enthusiastic talks to the Boys in Blue and the Boys in Gray and the Ladies of the W. R. C.

She was followed by Mrs. Delia B. Boothroyd, whose remarks were pleasing and interesting.

This concluded the opening ceremonies and Commander Bolton announced that the meeting would now close by the singing of a verse of the National hymn, "America," by the audience, all arising. This was done and thus the ceremonies ended for the morning.

The following Department Officers were present at the formal opening of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment: John H. Bolton, Department Commander; Rev. T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain; Dr. L. L. Whitaker, Medical Director; A. I. Lockwood, Assistant Adjutant General; E. A. Russell, Department Inspector; W. H. Harvey, Chief Mustering Officer; T. M. Wright and F. B. Sprague, members of Council of Administration, and James S. Dunlap, member Committee on Pensions.

Guard duty was performed by Alvin Mosher of Ord Post No. 3 of San Antonio, officer of the day.

Comrade A. H. Moeglin, of Ord Post No. 3 San Antonio, officer of the guard.

Adjournment was had until 2 o'clock p. m.

Odd Fellows' Hall, 2 o'clock p. m., April 21, 1904.—The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander J. H. Bolton, who instructed Comrade Mosher, officer of the day, to post his guard at the entrance to the Encampment and to demand the countersign from all present.

The officer of the day reported that all present had the countersign and were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Bolton thereupon called upon the Department Chaplain, the Rev. T. K. Crowley, to invoke the divine blessing upon the Comrades there assembled, which the reverend gentleman proceeded to do in a most feeling and eloquent prayer to the "Great Commander" of us all, to "guide us with wisdom and make our annual gathering one of great good, not only to the Comrades here assembled, but to the Comrades everywhere, and to the whole people of our great and loved country.

Commander Bolton now announced that the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, was open in due form and ready for the transaction of such business as may be properly brought before it.

The "Roll of Delegates" was then called and forty-eight answered to their names.

ROLL OF NINETEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

- *John H. Bolton, Department Commander.....San Antonio
- Robert McCormick, Senior Vice Commander.....Dallas
- W. Z. Manchester, Junior Vice Commander.....Fort Worth
- *Rev. T. K. Crowley, ChaplainDenison
- *L. L. Whitaker, Medical DirectorSan Antonio
- *A. I. Lockwood, Asst. Auj. and Asst. Q. M. Gen.. San Antonio
- E. H Goodrich, Judge AdvocateBrownsville
- *E A. Russell, Inspector GeneralParis
- *W. H. Harvey, Mustering Officer.....Belton
- Max Hart, Senior Aide-de-Camp.....Houston

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

- *F. M. Wright, Denison.
- *P. B. Sprague, Dallas.
- Frank L. Kirk, Galveston.
- F. A. Hyatt, Beaumont.
- J. O. Berry, Denton.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

- *Dan G. Gillette, San Antonio.
- W. H. Catts, Granbury.
- F. A. Hyatt, Beaumont.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

- *James F. Dunlap, Dallas.
- Alonzo Gerard, Austin.
- E. S. Stockwell, Alvin.

DELEGATES TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT.

- J. J. WEILER, At LargeDallas
- *R. B. UNDERHILL, AlternateBeaumont
- *WM. H. HARVEY, Delegate.....Belton
- *W. A. STONER, Alternate.....Waco
- * Present.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. WYLIE,
A. G. MALLOY,
*JOHN W. PARKS,
* ED N. KETCHUM,
CHAS. B. PECK,
P. B. HUNT,

O. T. LYON,
M. W. MANN,
*R. M. MOORE,
G. W. M'CORMICK,
*W. F. CONNER,
and *C. C. HASKELL.

Post No. 1, J. B. McPherson, Sherman, 16 members—Com-
mander, John Donaldson; Delegate, August Labatt; Alternate,
G. W. Burke; Past Post Commanders, *William Allen, L. G.
Edminston, George Potts, *H. A. Johnson. James Roach, John
Donaldson, O. T. Lyons, William Flesher and Floyd S. Thomas.

Post No. 2, W. S. Hancock, Galveston, 40 members.—Com-
mander, P. H. Farrell; Delegates, Levi Orser, Thomas Poole;
Alternates, Owen Mulhern, James Rodgers; Past Post Com-
manders, *Ed N. Ketchum, N. L. Rich, W. H. Boyd, P. H. Far-
rell, Frank L. Kirk, Edward Cruis, *C. A. Cahoon, J. C. Schutte.

Post No. 3, E. O. C. Ord, San Antonio, 102 members.—Com-
mander, *L. L. Whitaker; Delegates, C. W. Hartup, *C. M. Wil-
son, *H. L. Brooks, *A. H. Moeglin, *Nate Underwood; Alter-
nates, L. A. Heil, *A. B. Morris, N. T. Ayers, W. J. Locke, Pat
Kenney, Sr.; Past Post Commanders, *John H. Bolton, Alex.
Kuhn, James M. Smith, S. M. Johnson, *Edward Mayers, *R.
M. Moore, *E. H. Bacon, D. A. Walsh, M. H. Redwood, Wil-
liam Holt and *Frank Fuller.

Post No. 4, W. S. Parmley, Fort Worth, 14 members.—Com-
mander, E. P. Brown; Delegate, S. R. Greene; Alternate, S. F.
Van Wagner; Past Post Commanders, I. W. Rouse, W. Z. Man-
chester, A. J. Black, J. N. Diehl.

Post No. 5, Nathaniel Lyon, Denison, 36 members.—Com-
mander, Noah Harrold; Delegates, *C. E. Farnsworth, J. H.
Romer; Alternates, E. T. Watts, A. O. Phillips; Past Post Com-

manders, L. B. Clark, John L. Tygard, W. Kretsinger, L. H. Sutheroff, L. B. Moore, W. W. Bostwick, *C. C. Haskell, *T. M. Wright and J. H. Dunn

Post No 6, R. J. Ogelsby, Dallas, 80 members.—Commander, *J. D. Rice; Delegates, H. Krugle, A. S. Lee, J. C. Tabor, R. Bennett; Alternates, *G. W. Cotton, L. S. Roach, J. Graweiler, F. Mettner; Past Post Commanders, *John L. Boyd, *J. W. Ayers, George W. McCormick, George S. Wash, *John W. Parks, Theo. Hitchcox, J. J. Weiler, W. B. Milliken, *P. B. Sprague, A. McWhirk, W. F. Cottman, G. A. Knight, J. M. Steer, P. G. Mullen, J. S. Thatcher, D. Mackay, D. M. Baker, M. W. Mann, *J. W. Ridge, *John Hunter, W. M. Galbraith, L. W. Clark, H. S. Niblo, *J. S. Dunlap, J. P. Clark, *W. F. Conner, W. D. Wylie, W. F. Thatcher, *A. Rockhold, R. McCormick.

Post No. 9, Geo. B. McClellan, Houston, 50 members.—Commander, *Thomas Ferguson; Delegates, A. Metcalf, T. W. Reeves, *Geo. L. Smith; Alternates, E. G. Verbeck, Alexander Wilson, S. Post; Past Post Commanders, B. B. Baer, P. H. Hudson, *A. M. Engle, J. J. Billows, Charles Rickett, *J. J. Scholl, Max Hart, H. Hume, N. L. Mills, J. J. Reagan and Thomas Ferguson.

Post No. 10, J. A. Mower, Austin, 10 members.—Commander, Alonzo Gerard; Delegate, George B. Jones; Alternate, E. S. Whitehead; Past Post Commanders, Alonzo Gerard, Paul C. LeFrance, J. W. Burke, Julian Raye, Jake Hausen.

Post No. 17, W. H. Lewis, Brackettville, 11 members.—Commander, *J. H. Pratt; Delegate, F. W. R. Stearns; Alternate, William Ketsch; Past Post Commander, James H. Pratt.

Post No. 19, Emmett Crawford, El Paso, 30 members.—Commander, O. D. Owen; Delegates, W. T. Bayard, W. N. Vilas; Alternates, J. D. Davis, P. H. Durrack; Past Post Commanders, O. D. Owen, W. P. Kitchens, A. G. Malloy, J. H. Ware, T. E. Tusten, W. W. Mills, J. M. Smith, G. B. Briggs.

Post No. 20, Phil. Kearney, Lampasas, 12 members.—Commander, W. H. Webber; Delegates, N. W. Charles, *C. R. Hubbard; Alternates, J. J. Nagle, B. F. Martin; Past Post Commanders, C. C. Mullady, W. H. Webber.

No. 25, Phil Sheridan, Georgetown, 5 members.—Commander, *W. B. Fleming.

Post No. 26, Geo. W. Wright, Paris, 16 members.—Commander, John Leavitt; Delegate, J. W. Burgoyne; Alternate, W. J. Owens; Past Post Commanders, *E. A. Russell, T. N. Johnson.

Post No. 35, Geo. G. Meade, Decatur, 8 members.—Commander, G. D. Howell; no delegates reported; Past Post Commanders, Henry C. Barber, Haymond Henry, J. A. Farmer, M. Yarbrough, J. O. Estabrook, T. O. Proctor.

Post No. 40, Judson Kilpatrick, Belton, 10 members.—Commander, Jesse R. Allen; Delegate, *W. H. Harvey; Alternate, John Pfimmer.

Post No. 45, U. S. Grant, Weatherford, 21 members.—Commander, W. F. Wieland; Delegate, Preston Staggs; Alternate, G. W. Lowry; Past Post Commanders, G. S. Foster, Geo. F. Freeman, J. S. Davis, J. L. Craig.

Post No. 48, E. R. S. Canby, Jacksboro, 11 members.—Commander, J. M. Breech; Delegate, D. D. Lacock; Alternate, H. W. Clingman; Past Post Commanders, Andy Meyers, Israel Stoddard.

Post No. 53, Opdyke, Jefferson, 10 members.—Commander, John Grant; Delegate, T. K. Smith; Alternate, C. H. Riche; Past Post Commanders, John Grant, Horace Welch.

Post No. 54, E. J. Davis, Corpus Christi, 6 members.—Commander, *E. J. Kilmer; Delegate, *E. J. Kilmer; Alternate, J. H. C. White; Past Post Commanders, E. J. Kilmer, J. H. C. White and W. G. Holden.

Post No. 55, Sam Houston, Dublin, 15 members.—Commander, H. L. Milliman; Delegate, C. S. Doubleday; Alternate, B. M. Weatherby; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Andrews, John Sullivan, *W. H. Christian, T. Warks.

Post No. 56, A. E. Burnside, Springtown, 17 members.—Commander, J. C. Hutcheson; Delegate, I. N. Press; Alternate, James Odell; Past Post Commanders, William Wilson, W. B. Seaborn, T. M. Welsh, A. L. Hutcheson and J. C. Hutcheson.

Post No. 57, P. E. Holcomb, Mason, 12 members.—Commander, David Doole; Delegate, August Evers; Alternate, John Hull; Past Post Commanders, A. F. Glossbruner, David Doole and *Louis Graebner.

Post No. 60, L. H. Rosseau, Graham, 5 members.—Commander, J. F. Orell; Delegate, P. B. Hunt; Alternate, J. T. Cunningham; Past Post Commanders, P. B. Hunt, J. T. Cunningham and John F. Orell.

Post No. 64, A. H. Terry, Fredericksburg, 12 members.—Commander, Charles Enderling; Delegate, J. A. Kline; Alternate, Jesse Lee; Past Post Commanders, Jacob Hirsch, Charles Enderling.

Post No. 66, W. B. Travis, Abilene, 16 members.—Commander, William Kennedy; Delegate, John Russell; no Alternate; Past Post Commanders, J. D. Lowry, G. A. Lewis, Sam Hammer, Jesse Lee, Thomas Buck, John Hershaw, Mark Perkins, W. C. Kennedy.

Post No. 67, A. M. Barney, Brownsville, 7 members.—Commander, William Kelley; Delegate, H. M. Field; Alternate, F. A. H. Sanborn; Past Post Commander, William Kelley.

Post No. 71, John Raum, Gibtown, 9 members.—Commander, *M. B. Young; Delegate, John Rish; Alternate, G. S. Hughes; Past Post Commanders, John Rish, B. F. Hensley and *M. B. Young.

Post No. 72, Wainwright, Alvin, 12 members.—Commander, R. H. Smith; Delegate, C. M. Stockwell; Alternate, G. H. Cook; Past Post Commanders, W. H. Struthee, L. H. Rowan, E. S. Stockwell, W. A. Rowan.

Post No. 74, Kit Carson, Waco, 20 members.—Commander, D. L. Chapman; Delegates, Geo. J. Elam, J. Kuthner; Alternates,

H. M. Buyden, W. E. Peters; Past Post Commanders, J. McCune, A. Hoeffner, T. J. Lee, *D. L. Chapman, *W. A. Stoner, F. M. Shick, A. F. Schrader.

Post No. 78, J. J. Vardiman, Gatesville, 9 members.—Commander, Harry Harris; Delegate, D. P. Baker; Alternate, Alfred Gipson; Past Post Commander, Harry Harris.

Post No. 79, Joe Hooker, Laredo, 15 members.—Commander, H. S. Goodwin; Delegate, C. G. Brewster; Alternate, Henry M. Stille; Past Post Commander, Charles F. Yeager.

Post No. 80, H. W. Lawton, Beaumont, 12 members.—Commander, *Byron R. Underhill; Delegate, F. A. Hyatt; no alternate; Past Post Commander, Byron R. Underhill.

Post No. 81, E. H. Liscum, Orange, 7 members.—Commander, G. A. Hudson; Delegate, G. A. Hudson; Alternate, James Mulvey; Past Post Commanders, Ira Scott, G. A. Hudson.

Post No. 82, William McKinley, Corsicana, 22 members.—Commander, R. L. Ferguson; Delegate, E. M. Cornell; Alternate, J. A. Flowers; Past Post Commander, M. V. Wilson.

All of which was submitted as report of the Credentials Committee, and adopted.

(Signed) :

A. I. LOCKWOOD,
LEONARDO GARZA,
J. S. DUNLAP,
Committee.

Commander Bolton then called Past Commander W. F. Conner to preside over the Encampment while he read his official report for the year as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 21, 1904.

COMRADES: It becomes my duty to present to you a report of the work performed by me during the past year in the office you so kindly and unanimously elected me to at Dallas one year ago. I fully appreciate the gift you bestowed upon me, because it is a coveted one by all Grand Army men, knowing as I do that in the short span of life left to those who went forth in the early sixties to battle for their country, it can only fall to the lot of a few to receive the honor to fill the most exalted station in the Department before we all are mustered out of this world. My duties have been much of a formal character, there being no occasion presented to me during the past year calling for any extraordinary function. In regard to the several requirements laid upon me at the Encampment at Dallas, I will first report upon the special funds placed in my hands by my predecessor.

FUNDS.

Department Commander C. C. Haskell placed in my hands on retiring from office four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eight cents (\$498.08), which, by resolution of the Encampment, should only be paid out under the instructions received from the Commander-in-Chief. Shortly after my induction into office, an application was made to me by a Comrade, who formerly lived at Galveston, for relief to the amount of five hundred dollars, which, after careful examination, I forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for his action, and same was returned to me not approved. I also received an application for relief for an old Comrade at Waco, presented through two ladies formerly of the Woman's Relief Corps of that city. I referred the same to the Commander there, and upon receipt of his report I forwarded all Post at Galveston, made application for one hundred dollars for their relief fund. The grounds for their request appearing adequate, I recommended same for approval, which was granted and the amount forwarded to Colonel Clawson, Commander of the Post, who acknowledged the receipt of same, leaving three hun-

dred and ninety-eight dollars and eight cents (\$398.08) in my hands to be transferred to my successor. Past Department Commander Charles B. Peck transferred to me five hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-three cents (\$511.93), to be held subject to the order of the Commander-in-Chief. At the National Encampment held at San Francisco, Cal., last August, it was resolved that this Fund be transferred to the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and in obedience to order of General John C. Black, I transmitted the same to Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President, receiving her receipt for same.

MEMORIAL DAY.

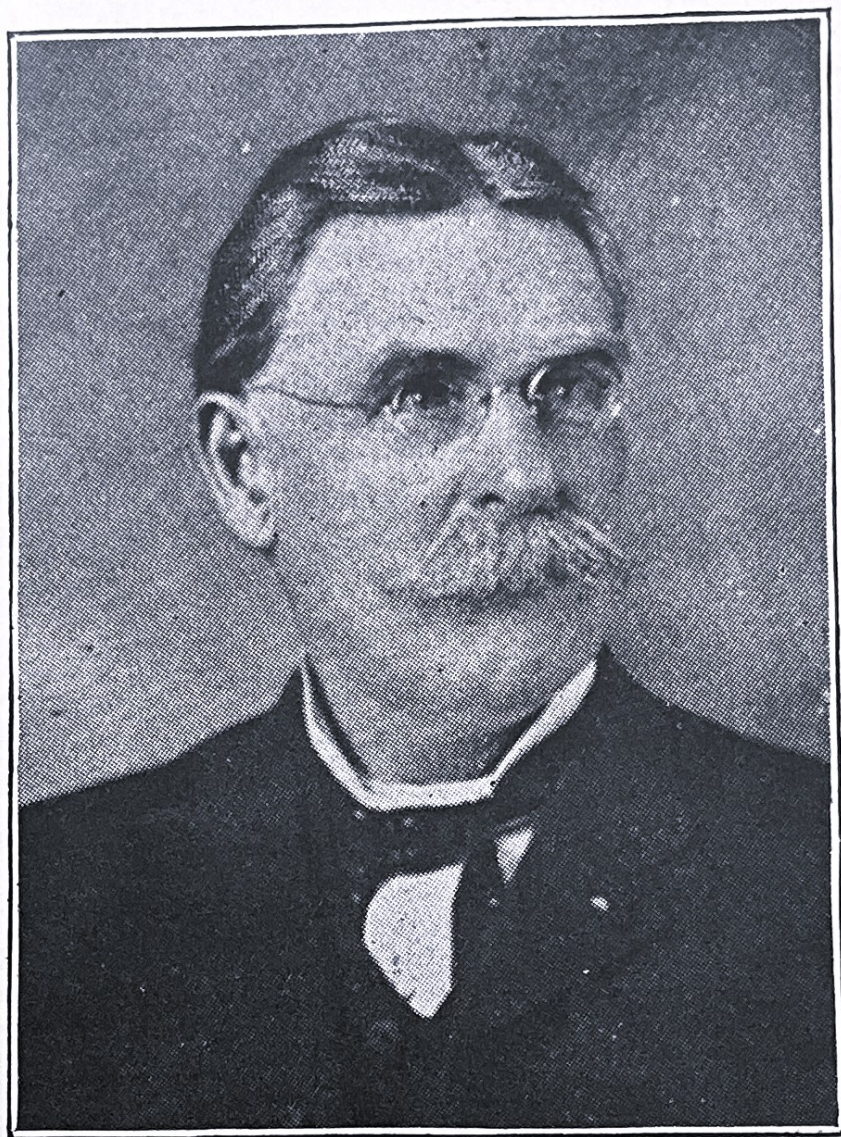
From the public press, I gather, that this day was fittingly observed by all the Posts in the Department, and in many places where no Post exists, Comrades did not forget those "who had gone before them," but touchingly and reverently decorated the graves with beautiful flowers and placed the flag that they, while living loved so well, over their final resting place. The Department Chaplain will report to you more particularly how well this day was observed by the several Posts.

FLAG DAY.

I believe that June 14th of last year was generally observed by the Posts in this Department with appropriate ceremonies. General Order No. 4 was issued with this intent. It has been my special privilege to assist in raising "Old Glory" over two public school buildings in this city, and one over a public school in the county. Each time we went forth on this pleasant duty the Comrades and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps joined hands in making the occasion profitable to our youth; and the manner in which these beautiful flags were received by the teachers and scholars was very gratifying. The Department is indebted to Mrs. Kate D. Jones, National Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, for the gift of these flags.

NEW POSTS.

I regret that it was not my good fortune to organize a new Post during the past year. Comrade Adler, at Victoria, has been doing



WM H. HARVEY,
CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, 1903

quarters were held at "The Grand," and the ladies of the W. R. C. of Texas shared our parlor and were lavish in their floral decorations of the room. Eighteen Comrades from Texas were in line of march, and the "Long Horns" were received with applause all along the line.

LEGISLATION.

The National Encampment adopted a Service Pension Bill granting \$12 per month to all soldiers of the Civil War, who served ninety days and were honorably discharged, on arriving at the age of 62 years upon their applying for same; and a like pension to the widow of said soldier—providing she married him prior to June 27th, 1890. This bill is before Congress, but since the ruling of the Commissioner of Pensions on age disabilities, lately promulgated, it is doubtful if it will pass.

ORDERS.

General Orders and Special Orders have been issued during the year and distributed to the several Posts.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

I cannot afford to complete my report without a word of commendation to our noble auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. As we grow in years more feeble and helpless, they, I know, will in the future, as in the past, give that timely assistance which will bring much comfort to us in our declining years. I would urge upon every Comrade to render them all the encouragement possible to keep their Order up to the standard. Every Post should have a Woman's Relief Corps. If your Post is without one, organize at once. You will soon see the benefit you will derive from it—socially, patriotically, and fraternally.

DEATHS.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of twenty-two Comrades since our last Encampment, who have gone to their happy homes above. These noble men have shown by their membership in one of the grandest organizations on the face of the earth that not sociability or political influence alone held them in our Order, but a spirit of charity and loyalty, to stand by those who stood by

them, who now need a helping hand, had something to do with their retaining their membership with us, and we should revere their memory and try to emulate their virtues.

In my work in the Department during the past year, I have been ably assisted by the Department Officers, the Council of Administration, and members of my personal staff, as well as by many Comrades throughout the Department, to one and all of whom I am deeply indebted and tender them my sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. BOLTON,
Department Commander.

Past Commander Conner appointed as a committee upon Commander Bolton's report Comrades John W. Parks of Dallas, R. W. Moore of San Antonio, Ed Ketchum of Galveston.

After reading his report the Department Commander again assumed the chair and called for the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander. He not being present his report was handed to the Adjutant General, who read the same as follows:

DALLAS, TEXAS, April —, 1904.

*To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Texas,
G. A. R.:*

One year ago you honored me by electing me to the second office within your gift: It would give me the greatest pleasure to report a large increase in the ranks of our noble Order, but I cannot.

My duties have been very limited, as we have had such a splendid Commander, he has left little or no duty for the Senior Vice to perform.

I have been in hopes that I could be with you again, but I am sadly disappointed. Comrades, our ranks are fast thinning, so let us not forget the ties that bind us to one another, as I cannot be with you in person, I am with you in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and may God bless you all, is the heartfelt prayer of

Your Senior Vice Commander,

R. McCORMICK.

The commander appointed as a committee upon the Senior Vice Commander's report Comrades W. H. Christian of Dublin, W. H. Harvey of Belton and W. A. Stoner of Waco.

The Junior Vice Department Commander's report was then called for. He not being present his report was read by the Adjutant General, as follows:

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 20, 1904.

Comrades of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., in Session Nineteenth Annual Encampment, San Antonio, Texas:

It affords me much pleasure to express my thanks to the Comrades for the honors bestowed upon me at your last Annual Encampment at Dallas, April, 1903, as your Junior Vice Department Commander, and exceedingly regret my inability to meet with you on the nineteenth annual gathering in the beautiful city of San Antonio, where the exalted heroes who fought and died at the revered Alamo for the independence of our grand old Texas, lie sleeping quietly beneath the green sod and beautiful flowers of spring time. Let us ever cherish their memory for their noble deeds and self-sacrifices, as well as our Comrades of the Grand Army, who have gone before and answered the roll call beyond the silent river. Circumstances have been such during my official year that I have been unable to personally visit any of the Posts, but often meet Comrades from different portions of our State in passing through our city. From them I have had many a word of good cheer for the present and future welfare of the Grand Army.

Quite a number of Comrades have come to Fort Worth the past year from the Northern States, attracted by our rapid growth, and will make this their home. Parmlly Post has welcomed them, and at our last meeting in March we had twelve additions to the Post, so that we feel the outlook for the future is more encouraging than for many years.

But Comrades, we are growing old, and one by one we are passing away. Soon the Grand Army will only be known as a name, but that *name shall live forever.*

With my best wishes for a pleasant and happy reunion, and again thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I remain,
Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. M. Z. MANCHESTER,
Junior Vice Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades C. R. Hubbard of Lampasas, W. A. Allen of Sherman, M. B. Young of Gibtown.

The Chaplain's report was next called for, but as Rev. T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain, was not ready reading of the report was deferred until the following day.

Next in order was the Assistant Adjutant General's report, which he proceeded to read, as follows:

General John H. Bolton, Commanding Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, San Antonio, Texas:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit, herewith, my annual report as Assistant Adjutant General of this Department.

The roll of the last Encampment, held at Dallas, showed 37 Posts, with a membership of 681 on December 31, 1902.

The roll of the present Encampment will show only Thirty-three Posts, with a total membership of 665, being a decrease of four Posts and sixteen members, accounted for as follows:

John A. Logan Post, No. 23, of Denton, and W. T. Sherman Post, No. 51, of Granbury, have made no returns during the past year. George A. Custer Post, No. 32, surrendered its charter on August 13, 1903. On December 6, 1903, John A. Dix Post, No. 11, and George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, of Dallas, adopted a joint resolution of consolidation; surrendered their respective charters and applied for a new charter, under the name of Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, of Dallas, which was promptly for-

warded to them from these headquarters: By the consolidation of these two Posts, while the Department did not lose in membership, it did lose one Post, which, added to the others enumerated. makes the total deficit of four Posts.

The following table shows the gains and losses in Posts and membership during the year:

GAINS.

	Members.
By muster	25
By transfer	6
By reinstatement	114
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Total	145

LOSS.

	Members.
By death	22
By honorable discharge	1
By transfer	8
By suspension	64
By delinquent reports, four posts and	66
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Total, four posts and	161

Total reported in good standing December 31, 1902, 37 Posts and 681 members. Net loss during the year, four Posts and 16 members. Total remaining in good standing, 33 Posts and 665 members.

Expended in charity during the year, \$192.45.

SUSPENSIONS.

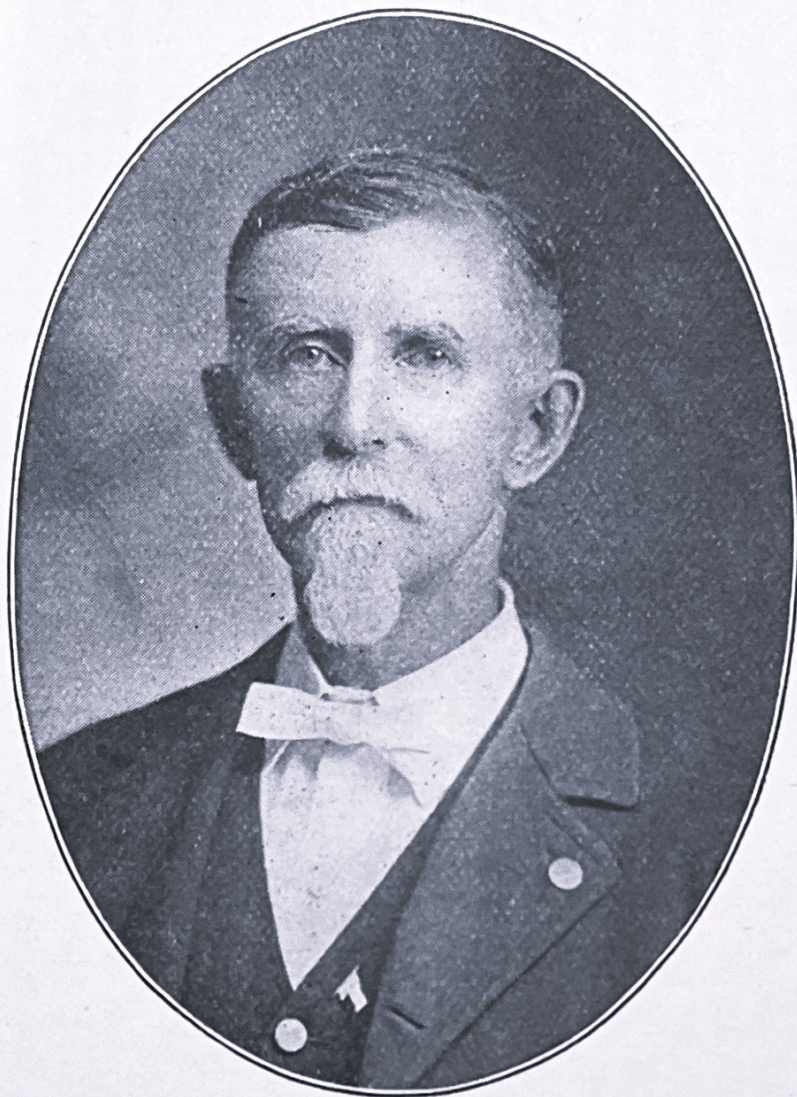
The suspensions this year were only 64, as against 111 the preceding year, which is surely a cause for congratulation.

Several of the Posts of the Department are extremely weak, numerically, their membership ranging from five to ten members in good standing. The Commanders of these Posts are deserving

of great credit for their patriotic and unselfish work in keeping alive their organizations. With so small a membership it is very hard to keep up an interest in their Posts, and frequently they are only kept in line by the personal sacrifices of the officers.

DEATHS.

During the past year Death has been busy and has invaded the portals of many of our Posts, striking from the ranks many a loved Comrade and brave Soldier. The total number of deaths reported up to December 31, 1903, amount to twenty-two, as follows:



W. Z. MANCHESTER,
JUNIOR VICE DEP'T COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, 1903.

The correspondence entailed upon the Adjutant General, in addition to sending out General Orders and Circular Letters, from National Headquarters, and our own Department Orders, etc., has been heavy and quite an item of expense.

At the beginning of the year several of the Posts were on the point of surrendering their charters, but by considerable correspondence with the different Post Commanders and Adjutants they have been induced to keep in line, and I trust will continue so to do for years to come.

In the interest of my successor in office I desire to call the attention of Post Commanders and Adjutants to the importance of being prompt in sending in their semi-annual returns. There is ample time given to perform this duty and yet five Posts failed to send in their reports for the June term in time, and I was compelled to make my returns to National Headquarters, omitting them, and afterwards make out a supplementary report. The same thing occurred in the December returns, but by application to the Adjutant General I secured an extension of time, but he requested me to state that no extension could be granted in June next owing to the early date of holding the National Encampment.

In conclusion, I wish to thank every Post Commander and Adjutant in the Department for their uniform courteous treatment, and I shall retire from office with the best of feeling toward every Comrade in the Department, and to you, Commander, I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me by your appointment, and for your unvarying kindness and assistance during my term of office. I have endeavored to do my best for the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to reflect no discredit upon your administration.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A. I. LOCKWOOD,
Assistant Adjutant General Department of Texas, G. A. R.

The Assistant Quartermaster General's report was then read, as follows:

General John H. Bolton, Commanding Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, San Antonio, Texas:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the receipts and expenditures and the amount remaining on hand in the Quartermaster's Department for the year ending April 21, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Received from H. A. Johnson, Past A. Q. M. General.	\$213.03
Received from sales of supplies	33.91
Received from per capita tax first term	195.00
Received from per capita tax, second term.....	204.00
Received from sale of office desk	22.50

Total receipts\$668.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

For supplies from Q. M. General	\$ 27.38
For postage	28.93
For printing orders, rosters, stationery, etc.....	43.50
For expressage and drayage	15.12
For printing Journal 18th Encampment, Dallas.....	116.70
For expenses, San Francisco headquarters.....	47.50
For desk for office use, and letter file.....	23.00
For salary for A. A. G. and A. Q. M. General.....	200.00
For National per capita tax	21.65
For incidental expenses, box for horns, etc.....	15.20

.. Total disbursed\$538.98

Leaving a balance on hand, cash in bank.....\$129.46

I also have on hand various supplies, the total cash value of which is \$39.96.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

1 Flag, valued at	\$10.00
1 Banner, valued at	30.00
2 Flag belts, valued at	5.00
1 Pair of horns, valued at	30.00
1 Department Seal, valued at	7.50
1 Box for horns, valued at	7.50
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Total valuation of Department property.....	\$90.00

RECAPITULATION.

Cash on hand in bank	\$129.46
Cash value of supplies on hand	39.26
Department property, valued at	90.00
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Aggregate	\$258.02

All of which is most respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A. I. LOCKWOOD,

Asst. Quartermaster General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades Dunlap of Dallas, B. R. Underhill of Beaumont and C. E. Farnsowrth of Denison.

The report was referred to the Council of Administration.

The report of the Department Inspector General, E. A. Russell of Paris, was then called for and read and, on motion, adopted as read without reference to a committee. The report follows:

ROLL OF HONOR.

L. H. Jones, Corporal	E. 20th N. Y. Infantry ..	Feb. 27, '03.	Post 2 of Galveston.
F. W. Putz, Sergeant	B. 1st Texas Cavalry,	Feb. 1, '03,	Post 3 of San Antonio.
Charles Hoffman, private	Clark's Horse Battery,	Feb. 26, '03,	Post 3 of San Antonio.
John Payne, private	F. 1st U. S. Artillery,	June 28, '03,	Post 3 of San Antonio.
Joseph D. Bound, private.....	F. 1st Ohio L. A.,	June 4, '03,	Post 4 of Fort Worth.
William Wolferson, private ..	A. 20th Ill. Infantry,	June 9, '03,	Post 5 of Denison.
Wells C. Morrill, 1st Lieut. ..	C. 27th Ill. Infantry,	June 23, '03,	Post 10 of Austin.
B. J. Dressen, private	H. 40th N. Y. Infantry,	June 22, '03,	Post 19 of El Paso.
William Dargitz, Corporal	B. 11th Kansas Cavalry, ..	May 28, '03,.....	Post 19 of El Paso.
Michael Foley, private	H. 1st U. S. Infantry, ..	April 26, '03,	Post 57 of Mason.
Martin V. Bridges, Corpora	D. 22nd Ind. Infantry, ..	May 20, '03, ..	Post 57 of Mason.
William Mickel, private	H. 1st Texas Cavalry, ..	Feb. 14, '03,	Post 64 of Fredericksburg.
W. J. Johnson, private	K. 18th Mo. Infantry,	May 22, '03,	Post 71 of Gibtown.
Pierce Rinsh, private	H. 149th N. Y. Infantry.	Sept. 11, '03,	Post 1 of Sherman.
Isaac R. Gilbert, 2nd Lieut. ..	C. 3rd Ind. Cavalry,	Nov. 20, '03,	Post 3 of San Antonio.
S. A. Frothingham, private	1st Minn. L. A.,	Oct. 10, '03,	Post 9 of Houston.
C. Magdelano, 1st Lieut. ..	2nd N. M. Infantry,	July 11, '03,	Post 19 of El Paso.
Ed Percy Lowe, private	L. 4th Michigan Cavalry,	Sept. 14, '03,	Post 19 of El Paso.
John Cameron, private	6th U. S. Cavalry,	July 21, '03,	Post 48 of Jacksboro.
William Jennings	Wainwright,		Post 72, of Alvin.
James T. Tribble, private,.....	E. 7th Ill. Cavalry,	June 10, '03, ..	Post 78 of Gatesville.
A. C. Melzgar, private	E. 1st Pa. Rifles,	Oct. 10, '03, ..	Post 82 of Corsicana.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,
April 1, 1904.

To General Edwin B. Messer, Inspector General Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADE: I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1903:

Total number of Posts	32
Total number of members in good standing.....	650
Number of Posts inspected.....	18
Number of Posts not inspected.....	14
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings	Fair
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified	14
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	1
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed	None
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	16
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	18
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	4
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$195.97
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	140.60
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters	314.32
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts..	510.20
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached	5
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached..	None

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ELMORE A. RUSSELL,
Department Inspector.

A motion was made at this stage of the proceedings to go into the election of officers for the ensuing year, but, after considerable discussion, it was voted down and the Encampment decided to abide by the program.



A. I. LOCKWOOD,
ASS'T ADJ'T AND ASS'T Q. M. GEN'L, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
1903.

A motion was then made that the Encampment go into the election of officers on Friday, April 22, at 3 o'clock p. m.

It was duly seconded, and upon vote adopted.

The matter concerning the action of J. A. Mower Post, No. 10, of Austin, attention having been called to it in the report of the Department Commander, after some discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded and adopted instructing the Commander to appoint a committee, consisting of four Past Department Commanders, who should review all the papers and correspondence bearing upon the subject and report, recommending what action, in their judgment, should be taken by the Department Encampment.

The following committee was thereupon appointed: Comrade Ed Ketchum of Post No. 2, Galveston; Comrade W. F. Conner of Post 6, Dallas; Comrade R. M. Moore of Post 3, San Antonio, and Comrade John W. Parks of Post 6, Dallas.

The committee upon the Assistant Adjutant General's report announced ready, and reported as follows:

"Your committee appointed to review the Assistant Adjutant General's report beg leave to recommend the adoption of same, and that it be received and filed.

(Signed):

J. S. DUNLAP,
B. R. UNDERHILL,
C. E. FARNSWORTH,

The committee on Assistant Quartermaster General's report then made the following report:

San Antonio, Tex., April 21, 1904.

To the Department Encampment G. A. R.—Comrades:

We, the members of the Council of Administration find the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General shows to be correct as brought up to date, but we find that the Department is running behind, from year to year, and the prospect is that next

year we will be in debt; therefore, we recommend that some action be taken whereby we may reduce expenses so as to keep the "pay as you go" plan. Respectfully submitted,

P. B. SPRAGUE,
T. M. WRIGHT,
JOHN L. BOYD,
Council of Administration.

After the reading of the report of the Council of Administration a general discussion took place in regard to the reduction of expenses, etc., some advocating an increase of the per capita tax and others a reduction of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General's salary. A motion was finally offered and adopted to refer the whole matter to a committee of three to report to the Encampment on Friday, the 22nd, with recommendations for adoption or rejection.

The Commander thereupon appointed the following committee: Comrade P. B. Sprague of Post No. 6, Comrade A. Rockhold of Post No. 6, and Comrade H. A. Johnson of Post No. 1.

The hour for the grand parade of the Battle of Flowers having arrived, in order that the Comrades might witness the inspiring spectacle, after having been notified by Commander Bolton to be on hand at the postoffice at 9 o'clock in the morning for a trolley ride, the Encampment adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, April 22.

At 8:30 p. m. a reception and ball was given the officers and delegates of the G. A. R. and the Ladies of the W. R. C. and invited guests, at the Harmony Club rooms on Navarro street, which was largely attended and proved a very enjoyable gathering.

Among the prominent guests present was General Jesse M. Lee, Commander of the Department of Texas, U. S. A.; Col. John Pittender, Ordnance Corps, U. S. A., and Captain Eugene O. Fechet, Signal Corps, U. S. A., all members of the G. A. R., and several other members of his official staff.



E. A. RUSSELL,
INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, 1903.

The committee on Department Commander's report submitted the following:

We, the committee appointed to report on the Commander's report and address, beg leave to state:

The thanks of the Department is due Commander Bolton for his able and interesting address, and for having met every requirement of the position during his term.

There is but one recommendation in the address that requires the action of the Encampment, which is that concerning the matter of "Historian and Custodian." At the time the place was given to Comrade E. G. Rust, and so ably filled by him, there was then more of a necessity for it, and he rendered valuable service in collecting all data that was available to date, and we recommend that all information, data, papers, etc., pertaining to the position of Historian and Custodian be turned over to the Assistant Adjutant General, and it shall be his duty to continue the records of history of the Department, which is principally covered by the annual report of the Commander each year, and that the office of Custodian and Historian be abolished.

JNO. W. PARKS,
R. M. MOORE,
ED. KETCHUM,

The report of the committee was adopted and ordered filed.

The Department Chaplain, Rev. T. K. Crowley, now submitted his report, which follows, and was received and adopted without any reference to a committee:

General John H. Bolton, Department Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.—Commander and Comrades:

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

McPherson Post No. 1, Wm. Lentz, Post Chaplain. No

Memorial Sabbath day services. Decoration Day duly observed and 44 graves decorated. W. R. C. Participated.

Hancock No. 2, Thomas Poole, Post Chaplain. No memorial Sabbath day service held. Decoration Day duly observed, 60 graves of both Blue and Gray decorated. The Woman's Relief Corps participated. Memorial Day address delivered by Rev. Father J. M. Kirwin.

Ord Post No. 3, A. T. Rollins, Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath day services at Grand Opera House. Rev. Homer T. Wilson of the Christian church delivered the sermon. W. R. C. participated, 46 Comrades present. On Decoration Day 1600 graves decorated, 100 school children assisting. Memorial day address delivered by Martin J. Arnold, son of a veteran.

Parmley Post No. 4, W. W. Gavin, Post Chaplain. Memorial day service held, sermon by Rev. J. F. Boeyes; 19 Comrades attended. On Memorial day 60 graves were decorated. Address delivered by the son of a veteran, Dr. C. P. Brewer.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5. Memorial Sabbath day services held. Sermon by Rev. D. Guy Murray. Decoration Day 25 Comrades and 25 W. R. C., assisted by school children and citizens, held services in Forest Park, after which graves of soldier dead were decorated.

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, P. W. Hudson, Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath day service. Sermon by a veteran, Rev. Marcus D. Fenney. Fifteen Comrades and 25 W. R. C. participated.

Memorial day services, 40 Union and 325 Confederate soldiers' graves decorated. Address by Col. H. W. Kimpton, a veteran.

John A. Dix, Post No. 11.—W. M. Galbraith, Post Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath day services. Sermon by Rev. V. C. Evers, 40 Comrades present. Memorial day 75 Comrades participated, 100 graves decorated. Address by Theo. Hitchcox, a veteran. The W. R. C. were on hand in force and aided in the ceremonies.

W. H. Lewis Post No. 17. No Sabbath day services. Memorial day services held and participated in by 12 Comrades; 23 graves decorated. Band, firing party and transportation furnished by Lieut. Col. Chase, Commanding Officer of Fort Clark, to whom thanks are due.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20. No memorial Sabbath day services. Memorial day services held, six graves decorated; no address.

Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26, J. A. Farmer, Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath day services. Memorial day duly observed, 11 Comrades present, 8 graves decorated.

George G. Meade Post No. 35. H. C. Barber, Post Chaplain, reported sick. No observance of Memorial day by the Post.

U. S. Grant Post No. 45, J. S. Davis, Post Chaplain. Memorial Sabbath day services held. Sermon by a veteran, George S. Slorer. Held Memorial day services; seventeen Comrades participated and decorated 17 graves. Address by George McAndrew, son of a veteran.

Custer Post No. 32, Robert Smith, Post Chaplain. Held no Sabbath day services. Memorial day services held. Nine Comrades participated and decorated seven graves. Address by A. W. Calhoun.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54 held no memorial Sabbath day services. Memorial day observed; decorated 44 graves. Report made by E. J. Kilmer, Post Commander.

General Sam Houston Post No. 55, John Sullivan, Post Chaplain. No Sabbath day memorial service. Memorial day duly observed, 12 Comrades participating; decorated 60 graves. Address delivered by Dr. Marks, a veteran.

Burnside Post No. 56, J. C. Freyley, Post Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath services. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Tyson. Memorial day duly observed; 15 Comrades present; decorated 4 graves. Address delivered by J. D. Hutcheson, a veteran, and one by the son of a veteran.

Wainwright Post No. 72, R. H. Smith Post Chaplain. Held memorial Sabbath day service. Sermon by M. D. Collins, a

veteran. Memorial day duly observed; 17 Comrades present; decorated 4 graves. One public school, ex-Confederate soldiers and Daughters of the Confederacy participated. Address by H. Glass, a veteran.

Kit Carson Post No. 74, reports Memorial Sabbath day service. D. L. Chapman, Chaplain. Sermon by Rabbi B. Wohlberg; 20 Comrades present. Memorial day duly observed, 15 Comrades participating, 300 graves decorated.

H. W. Lawton Post No. 80, John W. Bear, Post Chaplain. Held divine service on Memorial Sabbath day. Sermon by Rev. Godby; 10 Comrades and wives and members W. R. C. present. Memorial day duly observed, 15 Comrades participating; 5 graves decorated. Twenty children took part in the ceremonies. Had an address delivered.

(Signed) :

T. K. CROWLEY,
Department Chaplain.

Dr. L. L. Whitaker, Medical Director of the Department submitted his report as follows :

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.,
SAN ANTONIO, April 1, 1904.

*General John H. Bolton, Commanding Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic, San Antonio, Texas:*

COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1903.

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders
or Adjutants,



Aprs. in F. C. & L.
J. K. Crowley
Deft. - Chaplain G. A. R.

No. of deaths during year,.....	14
No. who presumably died of wounds received in service.....	4
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in service..	4
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	9
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	16
The reasonable money value of such service	\$ 45
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	3
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$ 10
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnish- ed by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other or- ganizations or comraees.....	\$ 15
Total money value of above mentioned services, etc.....	\$70
No of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions	
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

DR. L. L. WHITAKER,
Medical Director.

The report was adopted without reference to a committee.

The receiving of committee reports was then resumed.

The committee on the Senior Vice Commander's report sub-
mitted the following :

“Your committee recommend that the report of the Senior Vice
Commander be received and adopted and made a part of the
records of the Encampment.

(Signed) :

W. H. CHRISTIAN,
W. H. HARVEY,
W. A. STONER,

The committee on the Junior Vice Department Commander's

report recommended that it be approved and made part of the records of the Encampment.

(Signed) :

C. R. HUBBARD,
W. A. ALLEN,
M. B. YOUNG.

The report of the committee on the action of J. A. Mower Post No. 10 of Austin, which is as follows, was then submitted and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Encampment:

J. H. Bolton, Commander Department of Texas:

COMMANDER: Your committee, to whom was referred the papers and correspondence touching the unfortunate action of Jos. A. Mower Post No. 10, of this Department, on the evening of January 4th, 1904, after carefully reviewing same in connection with Art. 11, R. and R. on Politics, have the honor to report the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Department Commander's action in the premises, at the time, in not calling together the Council of Administration, on account of the expense, is approved.

Resolved, further, That for the flagrant violation of Art. 11, R. and R. of the G. A. R., the Charter of J. A. Mower Post No. 10 of the Department of Texas, is hereby suspended until it shall purge itself of the offense and prove to this Order its contrition. And that it shall be the duty of the incoming Commander to notify said Post of this action. And that all papers in the case be submitted to National Headquarters, with any additional correspondence for its information and action thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. KETCHUM,
W. F. CONNER,
R. M. MOORE,
JNO. W. PARKS.



DR. L. L. WHITAKER,
Medical Director Department of Texas, 1903.

The hour having arrived for the nomination and election of officers Commander Bolton declared nominations in order, and Post No. 1 being called, Comrade H. A. Johnson, in a brief and manly address placed Comrade E. A. Russell of Paris in nomination for Department Commander.

Past Commander Parks, in an eloquent speech, then placed Comrade John L. Boyd of Dallas in nomination for Department Commander for the ensuing year. The nomination of Colonel Boyd was seconded by Comrades W. F. Conner and W. A. Stoner and others.

Comrade Russell then arose and withdrew his name as a candidate and moved that the election of Comrade Boyd be made unanimous and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade John L. Boyd for Department Commander for the ensuing year, which was thereupon carried out as ordered and Colonel Boyd declared duly elected by Commander Bolton.

Comrade Ketchum, of Galveston, in a brief but telling speech, placed Comrade Dan G. Gillette, of Ord Post of San Antonio in nomination for Senior Vice Commander, which was duly seconded by Commander L. L. Whitaker of Ord Post. There being no further nominations, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Gillette for Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade W. H. Christian, of Sam Houston Post, Dublin, Texas, was placed in nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander, and there being no other nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Christian for Junior Vice Department Commander, for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comrade Ketchum, Comrade Crowley was continued in office as Department Chaplain.

Comrade W. F. Connor, of Dallas, moved that Comrade L. L.

Whitaker, of Ord Post, San Antonio, be continued in office as Medical Director, which was unanimously adopted.

The Council of Administration was then unanimously elected as follows :

W. A. Allen, Post No. 1, Sherman.

E. O. Eastbrook, Post No. 26, Paris.

A Rockhold, Post No. 6, Dallas.

J. W. Ridge, Post No. 6, Dallas.

E. F. Watts, Post No. 5, Denison.

Appointment of Committee on Transportation left to the Department Commander and Adjutant General.

For Delegate at Large Comrade T. M. Wright, Post No. 5, Denison, was elected, and for Alternate at Large Byron R. Underhill of Post 80, of Beaumont.

For Delegate, James H. Pratt, of Post 17, Bracketsville, and for Alternate W. H. Harvey, Post No. 40, Belton, were elected.

The Committee on Pensions to be appointed by the Department Commander-elect at his leisure.

A committee was then appointed to notify the ladies of the W. R. C. that the Encampment of the G. A. R. was ready for the Installation of officers, and would like to have a joint Installation on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the rooms of the Relief Corps, if agreeable. The committee reported that the W. R. C. would be ready for a joint Installation at the time and place selected.

The selection of the place to hold the next annual Encampment was left to the Council of Administration.

The Encampment was adjourned until time for Installation of officers, Saturday, April 23, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On the night of the 22nd of April a Mexican supper and ball was given to the officers and delegates and invited guests at Turner Hall, at which there was a large gathering, and all enjoyed the dancing and participated in the excellent supper served.

THIRD DAY.

At the appointed hour, 10 o'clock a. m., April 23rd, the Encampment met at the headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, the K. of P. Hall, and was called to order by Commander Bolton, who thanked the Comrades, one and all, for their assistance during the year of his administration, and also the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. He bespoke the same aid and support for his successor.

The Installing Officer, Past Department Commander C. C. Haskell, was then presented by Past Department Commander W. F. Conner, of Dallas, who, as Officer of the Day, presented Department Commander-elect John L. Boyd, of Dallas, who was duly installed as Department Commander of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, for the ensuing year.

Comrade Dan G. Gillette, of Ord Post No. 3 of San Antonio, was then duly installed as Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade W. H. Christian, of Dublin, Texas, Post No. 55, had been previously duly installed as Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Rev. T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain, succeeded himself, as also Doctor L. L. Whitaker, of Ord Post No. 3, as Medical Director, and neither were required to present themselves for installation.

Department Commander John L. Boyd then announced Comrade James S. Dunlap as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department for the ensuing year, and he was duly installed into office.

This concluded the Installation ceremonies of the G. A. R.

Upon assuming the chair, Department Commander John L. Boyd made a short address, stating that he was "more a man of action than of words, which he hoped to be able to demonstrate during his term of office." This was responded to by retiring Department Commander Bolton, and Medical Director Whitaker in a happy and congratulatory manner.

The Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, held their Fifteenth Annual Encampment at San Antonio upon the same dates as the G. A. R., and the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year, and upon the conclusion of the installation ceremonies by the G. A. R. were duly installed into their respective offices in a most impressive manner, by Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President of the W. R. C.:

President,	Delia B. Boothroyd,	San Antonio.
Senior Vice-Pres.,	Sue R. Nash,	Dallas.
Junior Vice-Pres.,	Lizzie Durham,	Denison
Treasurer,	Susie Underwood,	San Antonio.
Chaplain,	Sallie Bray,	Dallas.

Staff Officers Appointed.

Secretary,	Cordelia S. Rogers,	San Antonio.
Counselor,	Julia Tabor,	Dallas.
Inspector,	Hannah E. Rush,	Denison.
I. and I. Officer,	Mary Scott Underhill,	Beaumont.

Executive Board.

Jennie Adair,	Dallas.	Emma Dunlap,	Beaumont.
Dora Norton,	San Antonio.	Julia Harned,	Austin.
Mira Patterson,	Galveston.		

Press Correspondent,	Annetta Van Horn,	Houston.
Patriotic Instructor,	Mary Sherman Allen,	Dallas.
Chief of Staff,	Rosalie Lacy,	Corsicana.

Representatives to National Convention.

Delegate-at-Large,	Ella Barnes Elliott,	Beaumont.
Alternate,	Mina Metcalf,	Houston.
Delegate,	Susan Roach,	San Antonio.
Alternate,	Rosalie Lacy,	Corsicana.

After the conclusion of the Installation Ceremonies, the ladies of the W. R. C. tendered a lunch to all present, which was partaken of and fully enjoyed after the labors of the morning.

The Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, now closed and was declared adjourned *sine die*. All left well pleased, promising to meet again at the next annual Encampment in 1905.

The following is the "Greetings" of the W. R. C. to the G. A. R., as delivered by Mrs. Delia B. Boothroyd, Chairman of the Committee on "Greeting" of the W. R. C.:

Mr. Commander and Comrades:

I have had the great honor and the pleasure of being appointed to bring you the greetings of the fifteenth Department convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of Texas, and to give you a hearty welcome to the beautiful and historic Alamo City.

It is indeed a pleasure that thrills one through and through to be able to gaze upon such a noble army of faces—indeed a Grand Army—and feel that these are the boys in blue who fought our battles, won our victories and helped form the mighty Republic of which we are *all* members. The Woman's Relief Corps are proud to be called an auxiliary to such a body. We are called a Relief Corps, and we glory in the mission that will permit us to relieve the wants of the poor soldier, make his path brighter and his bed more restful, as he journeys through life. Many were the expressions of appreciation of a woman's tender care heard on the battle fields during the four years of strife, and Comrades we are here today to extend to you that same sympathy, that same tenderness and that same helpfulness that we may still receive the appreciation and affection which we know you bear for our Corps.

Do you know that you are really noble examples of manhood: you are brave and fearless, and we are satisfied that you could still render a good account of yourselves, were you called upon

to do so. But you never will be, for our sons are here to sustain the reputation you have made, and will do it faithfully. When we think of all the trials, perils, dangers and hardships that it has been your lot to pass through, our grateful thanks are due to Almighty God for having so well preserved you. As a member of the E. O. C. Ord W. R. C. No. 5, I can say we are glad to have you in our city. It is thrown open to you. Wherever you go you will be welcomed and your visit will be made pleasant.

I would suggest that you do not fail to visit the sacred Alamo, that spot so dear to us Texans, and which the Daughters of the Republic are striving so earnestly to preserve. I might here exclaim the watchword, "Remember the Alamo!" The visit will doubtless bring back to you many stirring scenes and episodes in your own careers, and possibly many escapades, too, for I cannot believe that you are all just so innocent and demure as you appear to be. Just now I could recapitulate many humorous stories of you and of the pranks you have played; but not to transgress on your time, I will only mention one little incident. When the last convention was held here in 1900, a lady friend of mine, a wife of one of the "Johnnies," called upon me a few days afterwards and said that she had seen the parade of the "Yanks," and she wondered whether some of those "boys" were not the same ones that had annexed hams and other toothsome morsels from their smokehouse, and taken an everlasting fancy to some of her choicest chickens. I said, "Maybe so," but then I know you never, *never* did anything like that, did you? Oh, no; you wouldn't do it!

Well, those times are all gone, tho' never to be forgotten. This city is much further south than many of those which the majority of you Comrades hail from, and consequently you are liable to meet more of the "Johnnies." They will, I know, make you welcome and treat you kindly. It is only a few short years since our sons and their sons were called upon to stand side by side and defend our country's cause, and right nobly they did so. North and South fought shoulder to shoulder to uphold our country's honor, and may God bless them and imbue them with the

spirit that predominates in their fathers—yourselves. And just here let me say that I do think that we ought to have a camp of the "Sons of Veterans" in San Antonio. It is to our sons we have to look for the future holding of our laurels. And let it be a dutiful mission to instil in them the spirit of the poet, Longfellow, when he wrote

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

We commend you to our Divine Commander's protecting care, and trust that we may all be spared to meet together again in another year. Comrades, God bless you.

MRS. DELIA BOOTHROYD,
Chairman of Committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted on the last day of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Texas, in convention assembled at San Antonio, Texas:

Whereas, We, the delegates to the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, assembled at San Antonio, Texas, have been most royally and hospitably entertained during our sojourn in this city; and

Whereas, We desire to express our appreciation and gratitude for the efforts made to make our stay in this glorious and historic old city one of pleasure and patriotic instruction in connection with the "Alamo" and the celebration of the Battle of San Jacinto, by the grand and beautiful display made in the Battle of Flowers on that memorial day, April the 21st; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby tendered to all the good people of San Antonio, who seemed to vie with one another in the effort to make us feel at home in the "Alamo City."

Second. That we thank, the mayor and city council, who through their representative, the Hon. Vories P. Brown, welcomed us within the gates of the city, and we especially thank the honorable gentleman, whose warm words of welcome will never be effaced from our memory.

Third. To those who contributed to aid our comrades of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, of this city, in entertaining their comrades from all over the State of Texas, we feel under special obligations.

Fourth. This Encampment would be derelict in its duty did it not mention here the courtesy extended to its members by the President of the San Antonio Traction Company, the Hon. Reagan Houston, who, by placing at our disposal a number of his cars, afforded the delegates and the ladies of the W. R. C. an opportunity to visit a few of the many points of interest in San Antonio.

Fifth. That to the Hon. Thos. F. Brady, the proprietor of the Empire Opera House, who, though small of stature, is big of heart, we tender our thanks for the free use of his beautiful little theater for our formal opening on the 21st inst.

Sixth. That we feel under many obligations to Captain D. E. Grove, a gallant ex-Confederate of Dallas, who so generously placed his room in the Menger Hotel at the disposal of our committees, and we highly appreciate his manly and patriotic talk at our formal opening at the Empire Opera House.

Seventh. That we thank the press of the city, and also the Dallas News of Dallas, for kind notices and courtesies extended.

Eighth. That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to General Jesse M. Lee, commanding the Department of Texas, for his presence at our reception and for the kind and encouraging remarks that he made upon that occasion. Also to Colonel F. R. Ward, First U. S. Cavalry, post commander, and Captain J. F. Preston, Adjutant Twenty-sixth Infantry, U. S. A., for many courtesies extended, and for the band furnished to lead us

in our march from the Menger Hotel to the Empire Opera House on the day of the opening of the Encampment.

Ninth. To Department Commander John L. Bolton, Past Commander L. L. Whitaker and Assistant Adjutant General A. I. Lockwood, and all the comrades of Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R., and the comrades of Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, C. S. V., for their untiring and ceaseless efforts to promote our comfort and add to our enjoyment, we rest under obligations that can only be repaid by reciprocity when the occasion offers us opportunity.

By the Committee on Resolutions.

Approved: JOHN L. BOYD,
Department Commander, G. A. R.

Official:

JAMES L. DUNLAP, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l Dept.

IN MEMORIAM.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 18, 1903.

Once more the All Conquerer has invaded our ranks and taken thence Past Department Commander A. K. Taylor, of Houston.

Comrade Taylor was born in Lansingburg, New York, sixty-two years ago. He enlisted April 19th, 1861, as a private in Company E, Third Ohio Infantry, and was mustered out as Captain, Company I of the same regiment. He immediately re-entered the service and was an officer in the Signal Corps, U. S. A., under General George H. Thomas; discharged therefrom May 1st, 1866, at Houston, Texas.

He was a charter member and organized the George B. McClellan Post, No. 9, Department of Texas, G. A. R., December 10th, 1885. He was Post Commander from 1885 to 1887, and Adjutant of the Post from 1887 to 1890, and was Department Commander of Texas for the year 1890.

He has been a resident of Houston for more than thirty years, was beloved by those who knew him, and respected by all for his fine business qualities and his sterling integrity.

Some years ago he confided to his comrades that the flag, presented by the women of the town in which his company was raised, was in his possession, and he desired that it be buried with him, which request was duly complied with, and his mortal remains enshrouded in the flag he followed repose in Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Texas.

Comrade Taylor, vale and farewell.

By command of

JOHN H. BOLTON,
Department Commander.

Official: A. I. Lockwood, Asst. Adj. Gen'l.

IN MEMORIAM.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS, March 30, 1904.

Again the Department of Texas is called upon to mourn the loss of a valued comrade, Comrade Dr. David Mackay, Past Assistant Surgeon General of this Department, and Past Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home, Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, March 23, 1904.

We mourn his loss, but he is enshrined in the hearts of his comrades. Fraternal, benevolent, loveable, honest and true, he possessed what he so richly deserved, the perfect trust, esteem and love of all who knew him; his face the index of his soul, showed him free from any unworthy or selfish motive or aim in life, and his grand character and frank fraternal manner endeared him to us all. He was the pure and staunch patriot, the light of the camp fire, the life of the Post room, and the joy of the Encampment; his light has gone out, but he will ever hold the warmest place in our hearts and will ever be to us the endeared and cherished comrade.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, seventy-one years ago. In 1855 he enlisted in the English navy as surgeon on a war ship that saw service in the Crimean war. After the close of the war he came to America, receiving his M. D. from the Hyæo-Thera-peutical College in 1861. When the war between the States commenced he was commissioned Surgeon of the Seventy-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry (Highlanders), and served with that organization until the close of the war, when he was honorably mustered out at Brownsville, Texas. He settled in New Orleans and was Surgeon of the Marine Hospital, and later city physician, and did noble service during the yellow fever scourge. Removing to Dallas he was given supervision of

the free schools in Dallas and sixteen other counties. Under President Harrison he was made a member of the Board of Pension Examiners, and has been a member ever since.


His name has been transferred to the "Roll of the Dead," but his lofty patriotism, his good deeds and splendid services as soldier, citizen, official and comrade will ever live and be kept green in our hearts and memories while life shall last.

To his widow and family we tender our sincere sympathy and condolence, and may He who doeth all things well, give them consolation in this hour of affliction and bereavement.

By order of

JOHN H. BOLTON,
Department Commander.

Official: A. L. Lockwood, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.



CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 29, 1904.

Gen. John H. Bolton, Department Commander, G. A. R., San Antonio, Texas:

MY DEAR COMMANDER: Your esteemed favor of the 26th inst. inviting me to attend your encampment at San Antonio on the 21st to the 23d prox., came to hand this morning. I know of no Encampment that would give me greater pleasure than yours if I could attend, but inasmuch as I am engaged in work which will make it impossible for me to be away from home at that time, I hope you will excuse me from attending, and give my sincere greetings to all the Comrades, with my best wishes for a successful and harmonious Encampment.

The pleasure which I received on my former visit still remains with me, and is called to mind when I inspect the beautiful medal which the Department gave me.

Remember me kindly to all inquiring Comrades, and tell them that notwithstanding the disaster which befell Galveston, I would still be willing to meet at that place and take the risks incident thereto in order to have the pleasures connected therewith.

Yours sincerely in F. C. and L.,

LEO RASSIEUR.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 8, 1904.

John H. Bolton, Commander Department of Texas, San Antonio, Texas:

DEAR COMRADE: I thank you sincerely for your kind invitation to attend the Encampment of the Department of Texas, to be held at San Antonio April 21-23. My duties here are of a double nature, as I am not alone Adjutant General of the Grand Army

of the Republic, but Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Illinois. Our Illinois Encampment is to be held at Springfield April 26-7-8, and it will be manifestly impossible for me to be absent during the week immediately preceding our annual gathering.

My latest word from the Commander-in-Chief indicates that while he is improving in health, he still makes the hospital his home, going to his office for four or five hours daily. I doubt very much if the condition of his health will permit him to undertake the long trip from Washington to San Antonio. He has expressed to me his very great disappointment at being unable to visit all of the Southern Departments. That was his purpose when he was elected Commander-in-Chief, but the persistency with which inflammatory rheumatism has followed him since last October has compelled him to cancel or decline nearly all engagements up to the present time.

I trust that your Encampment may be a most enjoyable gathering of the Veterans of the Great War, and may result in good to all the survivors of that mighty struggle.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE LAKES,

CHICAGO, ILL., March 19, 1904.

Colonel John H. Bolton, San Antonio, Texas:

MY DEAR SIR: I have just received your communication of the 14th instant, informing me of the State Encampment to be held in San Antonio on the 21st, 22d and 23d of April, next, and requesting my attendance at the same. I regret exceedingly that

my military duties will prevent my attending the Encampment this year.

I had planned while commanding the Department of Texas to extend to my father's old comrades living in the distant Southern State of Texas, a most cordial welcome to Fort Sam Houston upon the occasion of their Annual Encampment. My intentions were to give you a review and salute, and also to entertain you at my house with a luncheon for all the comrades and their wives and daughters. Now that I have left the Department, of course I will be unable to do myself this honor, but I shall think of you on the days of your Encampment and wish you a happy and prosperous reunion.

Please present my warmest and most affectionate regards to each of the old comrades, and assure them that the happiness and prosperity of those who accompanied my father in the dark but patriotic days of '61-'65 is the constant solicitude and prayerful wish of

Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK D. GRANT.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 20, 1904.

John H. Bolton, Department Commander Texas, San Antonio, Texas:

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Best wishes and God speed to my Texas Comrades. Illness forbids accepting invitation.

A. G. WEISERT.