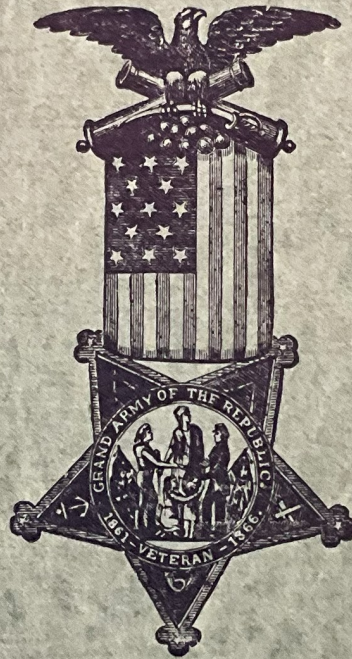


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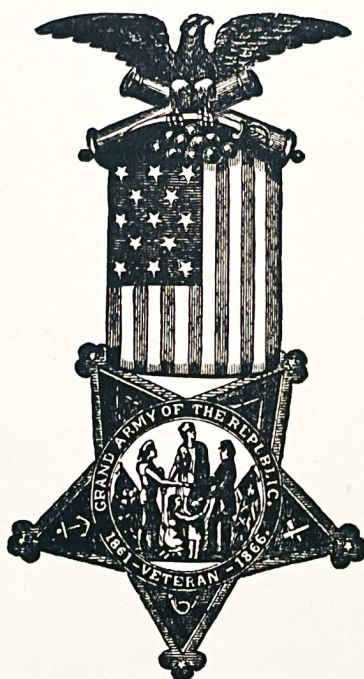
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
ENCAMPMENT AT CORPUS CHRISTI,
TEXAS, MAY 16, 17, 1912.

The comrades of the G. A. R. and ladies of the W. R. C. met in the auditorium of the Corpus Christi Commercial Club at 11 o'clock a. m., May 16, 1912. Secretary Blake of the Commercial Club announced the object of the meeting, and turned the meeting over to Department Commander W. O. Kretsinger, who acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Mr. Roy Miller, who representing the Mayor of the city, in a masterly manner delivered the address of welcome to the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander Kretsinger, who was to have responded to the welcome address, said his voice would not permit him to do so, and called upon Past Department Commander W. F. Conner, who made the response in his usual happy style, accepting the hospitality of the Corpus Christi people on account of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Several impromptu speeches were made by comrades and members of the W. R. C. The open meeting then adjourned.

Called to order at 2 p. m.

W. F. Conner was appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General, J. S. Dunlap, Adjutant, being absent.

Dallas, Texas, May 15, 1912.

To the Members of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment,
Grand Army of the Republic, Corpus Christi, Texas:

Dear Comrades: With much regret, I must say that it is impossible for me to be with you on this occasion, for the reason that I am compelled to remain in my office for the next several days to execute declarations for more than one hundred comrades under the new pension bill that has recently passed Congress. I do not mean to say that I regret the passage of the pension bill, for, in my opinion, a better bill should have been passed at the meeting of last Congress; however, this one will be a great blessing to many of our beloved comrades.

I wish you one and all a pleasant, good time, and wish to thank you for the many honors bestowed upon me in the past. Rest assured that my heart is with you.

Very truly, in F., C. and L.,

J. S. DUNLAP,
Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

W. O. Kretsinger, Commander.
 E. J. Kilmer, Senior Vice Commander.
 M. B. Young, Junior Vice Commander.
 Dr. G. Helbing, Medical Director.
 W. M. Galbraith, Department Chaplain.
 J. S. Dunlap, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.
 J. J. Billow, Department Instructor.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

W. F. CONNER	H. ALEXANDER	J. W. PARKS
I. LOCKWOOD	AUGUST METCALF	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF TEXAS.

1885.	W. D. Wylie.....	Deceased
1886.	O. T. Lyon.....	Deceased
1887.	W. H. Sinclair.....	Deceased
1888.	J. C. DeGress.....	Deceased
1889.	A. G. Malloy.....	El Paso, Texas
1890.	A. K. Taylor.....	Deceased
1891.	M. W. Mann.....	Deceased
1892.	O. G. Peterson.....	Deceased
1893.	J. W. Park.....	Dallas, Texas
1894.	R. M. Moore.....	Deceased
1894.	W. W. Bostwick.....	Longmont, Colo.
1896.	George W. McCormick.....	Deceased
1897.	Ed. N. Ketchum.....	Galveston, Texas
1898.	W. F. Conner.....	Dallas, Texas
1899.	John Roach.....	Deceased
1900.	Charles B. Peck.....	Deceased
1901.	P. B. Hunt.....	Dallas, Texas
1902.	C. C. Haskell.....	Deceased
1903.	John H. Bolton.....	San Antonio, Texas
1904.	John L. Boyd.....	Dallas, Texas
1905.	E. A. Russell.....	Paris, Texas
1906.	W. H. Harvey.....	Belton, Texas
1907.	L. L. Whitaker.....	San Antonio, Texas
1908.	T. M. Wright.....	Denison, Texas
1909.	Calvin R. Hubbard.....	Lampasas, Texas
1910.	J. S. Dunlap.....	Dallas, Texas
1911.	W. O. Kretsinger.....	Denison, Texas

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS OF TEXAS.

1892. J. C. Bigger, Jr., Vice Commander-in-Chief, Post 11,
DallasDeceased
1897. David McKay, Surgeon General, Post 11, Dallas..Deceased
1901. A. W. Acheson, Surgeon General, Post 5....Denison, Texas
1910. W. F. Conner, Inspector General, Post 6....Dallas, Texas

DEPARTMENT HONORARY MEMBERS.

- A. G. Weissert.....Milwaukee, Wis.
Leo Rassieur.....St. Louis, Mo.



DEPARTMENT ROSTER FOR 1912-1913.

- E. P. Brown, Fort Worth.....Department Commander
Sidney Tuttle, San Antonio.....Senior Vice-Commander
A. Metcalf, Houston.....Junior Vice-Commander
B. F. Caven, Dallas.....Department Chaplain
L. L. Whittaker.....Medical Director
J. A. Paddock.....Patriotic Instructor

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

- W. F. Conner, Dallas, Texas.
C. A. Cahoon, Temple, Texas.
C. B. Morgan, Fort Worth, Texas.
E. A. Russell, Paris, Texas.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

DELEGATES.

- M. B. Young, Weatherford, Texas.
William H. Young, San Antonio, Texas.

ALTERNATES.

- C. A. Cahoon, Temple, Texas.
B. F. Caven, Dallas, Texas.

ROLL OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMP-
MENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
MAY 16, 17, 1912.

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 1912.

McPHERSON POST NO. 1, SHERMAN, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

W. A. Allen.....	Commander
John Brown.....	Senior Vice-Commander
Joe Rock.....	Junior Vice-Commander
H. A. Johnson.....	Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

F. Thomas.

ALTERNATE.

M. F. Bean.

PAST COMMANDERS.

W. A. Allen, John Brewer, John Rock, H. A. Johnson.

HANCOCK POST NO. 2, GALVESTON, TEXAS.

P. W. Farrell.....	Commander
George Clawson.....	Senior Vice-Commander
Ed N. Ketchum.....	Junior Vice-Commander
George D. Douglas.....	Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

John Morrison, James Rodgers.

ALTERNATES.

Chris Homringhaus, Tony Shepard.

PAST COMMANDERS.

P. W. Farrell, Edward Gruis, W. H. Boyd, Ed N. Ketchum,
Thomas Pool, James Rodgers, Alfred Fretch, George Clawson
George D. Douglas, C. A. Cahoon.

E. O. C. ORD POST NO. 3, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Lewis Martin.....	Commander
James H. Biggar.....	Senior Vice-Commander
S. A. Bentley.....	Junior Vice-Commander
Henry Arnold.....	Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

James Larson, Pat Kenny, A. I. Lockwood, James H. Biggar,
John A. Willey.

ALTERNATES.

S. A. Bentley, J. A. Bishop, A. A. Druher, C. E. Dunham,
Alex Ward, Alvin Mosher.

PARMLEY POST NO. 4, FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Charles Baggett.....Commander
E. P. Brown.....Senior Vice-Commander
Charles Hardesty.....Junior Vice-Commander
I. W. Rouse.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. A. Paddock, G. D. Gould.

ALTERNATES.

A. D. Palmer, F. G. Bounds.

PAST COMMANDERS.

C. B. Morgan, E. P. Brown, J. S. Hardesty, I. W. Rouse.

NATHANIEL LYON POST NO. 5, DENISON, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Berry Daniel.....Commander
John McHale.....Senior Vice-Commander
E. Farley.....Junior Vice-Commander
H. Alexander.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

John McHale, Charles Kline.

ALTERNATES.

C. L. Benjamin, E. Farley.

PAST COMMANDERS.

L. B. Moore, Thomas M. Wright, J. H. Dunn, W. O. Kret-
singer, Noah Harrell, W. S. Stepworth, W. W. Bostick.

RICHARD J. OGLESBY POST NO. 6, DALLAS, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

M. L. Mullen.....Commander
W. M. Hathaway.....Senior Vice-Commander
E. S. Post.....Junior Vice-Commander
H. G. Niblo.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. W. Woodcock, B. F. Cravens, J. S. Pierce, G. W. Davis.

ALTERNATES.

M. Ballwig, R. N. Shaw, H. Krugel, J. M. Proctor.

PAST COMMANDERS.

J. W. Ayers, Robert McCormick, J. P. Clark, John L. Boyd, John W. Parks, A. McWhirk, George A. Knight, W. M. Galbraith, P. B. Sprague, J. S. Dunlap, P. Y. Mullen, John Hunter, R. P. Cooper, J. P. Clark, A. Rockhold, W. F. Conner, E. S. Post, J. W. Ridge, Theodore Hitchcock.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 9, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Fred Church.....Commander
August Metcalf.....Senior Vice-Commander
T. W. Reeves.....Junior Vice-Commander
J. J. Scholl.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. W. Reaves, J. W. Ayers, H. Hearshness.

ALTERNATES.

O. T. Hale, George Smith, W. H. Blake.

EMMITT CRAWFORD POST NO. 19, EL PASO, TEXAS.

OFFICERS

C. S. Woodworth.....Commander

PAST COMMANDERS.

A. J. Malloy, F. E. Tustin, W. W. Mills, J. M. Smith, O. D. Owens, G. G. Griggs, J. H. Ware, C. E. Woodworth, W. T. Kitchen.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 20, LAMPASAS, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

J. H. Rosa.....Commander
W. H. Webber.....Senior Vice-Commander
N. W. Charles.....Junior Vice-Commander
C. R. Hubbard.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVES.

John H. Haley, John J. Wagle.

ALTERNATES.

A. Warts, C. C. Tounsley.

PAST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Webber, C. C. Mullady, C. R. Hubbard, N. W. Charles, H. Mitchel.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 25, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Page.....Commander
G. C. Jones.....Senior Vice-Commander
William Fleming.....Junior Vice-Commander

REPRESENTATIVE.

W. P. Fleming.

ALTERNATE.

J. M. Page.

GEORGE W. WRIGHT POST NO. 26, PARIS, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Thomas O. Proctor.....Commander
T. S. Whitlock.....Senior Vice-Commander
John Levitt.....Junior Vice-Commander
E. A. Russell.....Adjutant

REPRESENTATIVE.

Berry Garner.

ALTERNATE.

M. Davidson.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. A. Russell, John Levitt, T. U. Johnson, I. S. Whitlock,
T. O. Proctor, John Keeler.

GEORGE MEADE POST NO. 35, DECATUR, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

George D. Howell.....Commander
D. Davis.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

George D. Howell, D. F. Davis.

KILPATRICK POST NO. 40, BELTON, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

M. F. Hiatt.....Commander
O. White.....Senior Vice-Commander
W. H. Harvey.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Harvey, M. F. Hiatt.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 45, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

M. B. Young.....Commander
F. J. Pendland.....Senior Vice-Commander
J. D. Dunn.....Junior Vice-Commander
E. D. East.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

M. B. Young, E. D. East, J. F. Pendland.

E. R. S. CANBY POST NO. 48, JACKSBORO, TEXAS

OFFICERS

John Smith.....Commander
A. C. Hickman.....Senior Vice-Commander
H. W. Clingman.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

Isral Stoddard, J. M. Breach, John Smith.

OPDYKE POST NO. 53, JEFFERSON, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

M. Manning.....Commander

PAST COMMANDERS.

Thomas Smith, M. Manning, G. Wishbang, S. Greenlief.

E. J. DAVIS POST NO. 54, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

E. J. Kilmer.....Commander
George E. Edwards.....Senior Vice-Commander
W. S. Pittello.....Junior Vice-Commander

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. J. Kilmer, W. G. Holden, J. H. C. White.

GEN. SAM HOUSTON POST NO. 55, DUBLIN, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Bays.....Commander
J. M. Garrison.....Senior Vice-Commander
W. S. Christian.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Christian, H. S. Millman.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Tim Foley.

ALTERNATE.

J. J. McNanity.

ROUSSEAU POST NO. 60, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

J. F. Orrell.....Commander
J. T. Cunningham.....Adjutant

PAST COMMANDERS.

J. T. Cunningham, P. B. Hunt, J. F. Orrell.

W. H. LAWTON POST NO. 80, BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

Byron R. Underhill.....Commander
H. Smith.....Senior Vice-Commander
James N. Howland.....Adjutant

JAMES A. GARFIELD POST NO. 83, VICTORIA, TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

H. C. Adler.....Commander

REPRESENTATIVE.

D. H. Reagan.

ALTERNATE.

D. R. Moore.

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 1912.

To the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrades—One more year has passed in our history as a Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the year has gone by without any material change in comparison with other years. While as a body we have made no great advances, yet no serious calamity has befallen us; and while we have not had our anticipations realized, yet we have not been retarded to an alarming extent.

In giving an account of my stewardship to you I must ask your indulgence in condoning my failures and shortcomings, for truly in my own mind I have not been able to come up to the measure of my own expectations.

The sear and the yellow leaf period in which we as a Grand Army are now existing renders it impossible to expect anything more than to be able to keep the "line dressed" with the comparatively few who are noble and grand in the performance of their duties, and who, I know, will be faithful to the end and never die, but "fade away like a daisy" (Weisert).

I very much regret the general antipathy of the many hundreds of old soldiers living among us, whose duty it is to be with us at the front, and who show evidences of patriotic life only when some new pension bill has become a law, mainly through the efforts of their old friends in the Grand Army of the Republic. We must let them sleep, for it seems that "no sound can awake them to glory again." But to you, my comrades, who by your earnestness in the cause, it will be needless to say to you, "Hold the fort;" for, though not standing like a "Stonewall," you have rushed up through fire and shot and shell to the top of Lookout Mountain, and you are there, and will be until Gabriel shall blow his trumpet.

GETTYSBURG ANNIVERSARY

It will be well to call attention to the preparation for the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, to be held in 1913, and doubtless a goodly number of our comrades were engaged in that struggle and may arrange to attend. The committee from this Department, consisting of Comrades Hubbard, Conner and Douglass, can give all necessary information.

The fraternal invitation given by Commander-in-Chief Trimble to the Confederate Veterans at the Macon (Georgia) Reunion, and so enthusiastically accepted by them, warrants a gathering of former foes, but now friends, such as the world never knew.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Our Woman's Relief Corps, without which we would be lonesome and weary, I am happy to say, are in a flourishing condition. Their work this year has been manifest of many good results, redounding to their credit and honoring the Grand Army. Too much praise cannot be accorded this patriotic body of women, who are ever on the alert to relieve suffering and ready

to give encouragement to the old soldier in his age and needs. And by their special efforts they revive in our memories the past association with our departed comrades, with the tenderness of tears and flowers above the graves of our sacred dead.

Their constancy in upholding the principles of their order should encourage us to greater appreciation of their labor of love.

SONS OF VETERANS.

I would have to say something regarding the order of an organization of the Sons of Veterans of the Grand Army in our Department. I have during the year been importuned from various departments of Sons of Veterans to assist and encourage a like organization in Texas. When we step off the stage no one can take our place in face, but it should be that a patriotic order of Sons of Veterans could keep alive the memories of their fathers, who bore their breasts to the storm, in order that their sons might enjoy the blessings of a free country forever.

G. A. R. DAYS AT FAIRS.

It has become a happy custom to accept from the management of the State and International Fairs of Texas an invitation to meet on a day set apart, at which time we can meet and enjoy the occasion by program and precept, the sentiments of love of country and loyalty which have so far governed our lives.

It has been my cheerful experience to attend during the year the G. A. R. days at Dallas and San Antonio, and on each occasion I received a royal welcome.

There was placed in my hands the sum of \$303.80 by my predecessor, which was known as the Galveston Fund, of which \$46 was expended under sanction of the Council of Administration, there remaining \$257.08 to be handed to my successor.

I wish to say that I cheerfully verify your wisdom in the selection of the subordinate officers of the Department. Each one has done his duty, and especially Comrades J. S. Dunlap, Assistant Adjutant General, upon whom devolved an excess of care on account of the injury I received on the 19th of January; and I cannot close this report without thanking all my comrades for their distinguished kindness and consideration toward me personally. And these fond recollections will remain with me always, and I hope that the silent decline into the sunset of life will be made restful and contented by the thought that they have done what they could for God, our country and our flag.

W. O. KRETSINGER,

Commander Department of Texas.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

HEADQUARTERS E. J. DAVIS POST, NO. 54,

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, G. A. R.:

My Dear Comrades—At the meeting of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, at Dallas, a little more than one year ago, you saw fit to honor me by electing me to the office of Senior Vice-Commander of this Department. For the honor thus conferred I at the time assured you of my gratitude and appreciation.

I have the honor to report that during my term of office there have been no duties assigned me or falling within my province, except such as have arisen in making preparations for the entertainment of this Encampment. These duties I have performed as well as my knowledge and circumstances would permit; and how well I have acquitted myself the present Encampment may answer.

Again thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I now return to your hands the office and retire again to the ranks.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

E. J. KILMER,
Senior Vice-Commander,
Department of Texas, G. A. R.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Weatherford, Texas, May 14, 1912.

To Department Commander and Comrades:

The Department Commander has not burdened me with any duties as Junior Vice-Commander of this Department, so I can only thank you for the honor conferred on me.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

M. B. YOUNG,
Junior Vice-Commander,
Department of Texas, G. A. R.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Houston, Texas, May 15, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the G. A. R., Department of Texas:

Sirs—As I am employed in the United States Postoffice at this place and I cannot get a leave of absence to attend the En-

campment, which is a great disappointment to me. I therefore send you my report as Department Patriotic Instructor, hoping that it is satisfactory.

Wishing you a pleasant time, and that you will make a good selection of officers for the ensuing year, I remain, yours in F., C. and L.

J. J. BILLOW,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

1608 Capitol Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Headquarters Department of Patriotic Instruction.

Houston, Texas, May 16, 1912.

*To the Officers and Members of the Department Encampment
of the G. A. R. of Texas:*

As Patriotic Instructor for the term ending May 17, 1912, I make the following report:

During my administration the number of public schools in the State of Texas, as far as reported, was about 450; number of private schools, about 245; sectarian, 110. Number of pupils in all schools reported, about 165,000. Some few schools are supplied with United States flags by the G. A. R., W. R. C. and individuals, which are raised and lowered, but none supplied by the State. There are about twenty schools which give military instruction, some of the instructors in them being United States Army officers.

Some few teachers are teaching patriotic principles, but they give no prizes for patriotic essays. President Lincoln's famous Gettysburg address is not read in any of the schools, but Jefferson Davis' portrait is displayed in some of the public schools. Flags have been presented to some of the schools by the G. A. R. and the W. R. C.. The Governor does not recognize Flag Day, nevertheless, quite a number of individuals display the flag. About \$75 was used for patriotic work last year, though I received reports from only eight Posts in the Department. Some state that patriotic principles are at very low tide. I sent some literature to the Posts in this Department.

I would recommend that the Department take some action in regard to instructing the members of the G. A. R. in patriotic work, and have it instilled into the minds of the rising generation, for we are a great Nation for patriotism; and the principles of the United States flag should be taught in our public schools, as the sun never sets on its broad stripes and bright stars.

Hoping that my successor may continue the great work of patriotism so that it may be proclaimed through this free land of ours, and thanking the different G. A. R. Posts for their assistance in this great patriotic work of ours, I remain

Yours in F. C. & L.,

J. J. BILLOW,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT AS ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

December 31, 1911.

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 1912.

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith submit my report as Assistant adjutant and Quartermaster General of this Department for the term ending December 31, 1911:

Number of posts in good standing Dec. 31, 1910.....	21
Number of posts in good standing Dec. 31, 1911.....	21
Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1910.....	476
Gain by muster.....	13
Gain by transfer.....	12
Gain by reinstatement.....	13
Total.....	514
Loss—	
By death.....	34
By honorable discharge.....	1
By transfer.....	7
By Suspension.....	21
Total loss.....	63
Remaining in good standing December 31, 1911.....	451
Amount received from W. F. Conner, former Quartermaster General.....	\$118.35
Amount from all other sources.....	277.35
Total receipts.....	\$395.70
Disbursements.....	236.30
Balance now on hand.....	\$159.40
DISBURSEMENTS IN DETAIL.	
For supplies from National headquarters.....	\$ 6.50
For per capita tax, National headquarters.....	16.60
For printing Department Journal, Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment.....	40.00
For printing Det. Gen. orders.....	12.00
For printing stationery.....	14.50
For expenses National headquarters, Rochester.....	4.50
For postage.....	9.50
For drayage.....	2.70
For stenographer preparing typewritten reports.....	5.00
For salary as Assistant Adjutant General.....	125.00
	\$236.30

Total receipts shown above.....	\$395.70
Incidental, \$3.00	239.30
Cash on hand.....	\$156.40

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred and the many courtesies extended. It has been a great pleasure to be associated with you in this official capacity.

Many comrades have assisted in the duties incumbent, and I heartily thank them therefor.

Our expenditures have been \$48.15 less than receipts, which leaves our finances in good condition.

A check for the amount of \$156.40 for the balance in my hands will be handed my successor by Comrade Robert McCormick.

Very respectfully in F. C. and L.,

J. S. DUNLAP,

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

MAY 16—2 P. M.

The Twenty-seventh Encampment at Corpus Christi, May 16, 1912, called to order at 2 p. m.

W. F. Conner appointed acting Adjutant in place of J. S. Dunlap.

W. F. Conner calls roll.

J. A. Paddock seated as delegate from Parmley Post No. 4, by motion of A. I. Lockwood.

Committee on Credentials appointed by Commander, consisting of W. F. Conner, Sidney Tuttle, A. Metcalf and E. P. Brown. Report of committee adopted.

W. F. Conner presented gavel made by John L. Boyd, with suitable remarks. Accepted with vote of thanks.

Commander Kretsinger read his report, after calling L. L. Whitaker to the chair. Adopted by Encampment.

The reports of the Senior Vice-Commander and Junior Vice-Commander were also adopted by the Encampment.

Reports of Chaplain and Medical Director were not received, but will be placed in records, if received.

Report of J. J. Billow, Patriotic Instructor, received and read by W. F. Conner.

Report of J. J. Billow, Patriotic Instructor, with revision by the Adjutant, adopted by the Encampment.

Report of J. S. Dunlap, Adjutant, read by W. F. Conner, also Quartermaster General's report. Motion made by A. I. Lockwood to adopt these reports. Adopted.

Adjutant's report of Roll of the Dead read by W. F. Conner, comrades standing.

A. I. Lockwood asks for and receives permission to read resolution referring to Comrade John L. Clem being made Brigadier General. Adopted by rising vote.

W. F. Conner reads resolution to erect monument in Dallas

for Union soldiers. Comrades W. F. Conner, C. A. Cahoon and A. I. Lockwood spoke in favor of the resolution. Adopted unanimously.

A. I. Lockwood reads resolution of sympathy at loss of General Joseph W. Duncan. Comrades Lockwood and Whitaker spoke favorably. Adopted unanimously.

W. F. Conner reads resolution for primary election of officers. Spoken for by W. F. Conner and John W. Parks; against, by L. L. Whitaker and C. R. Hubbard.

W. F. Conner, A. I. Lockwood and L. L. Whitaker were appointed a committee to escort ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps—Mrs. Capt. Jack, Fort Worth; Mrs. Underwood, San Antonio; Mrs. Metcalf, Houston. They conveyed "consolations" in proper manner to our comrades.

Commander Kretsinger returned thanks to the ladies.

W. F. Conner moved to adjourn till 9 a. m., May 17.

MAY 17—9 A. M.

Primary resolution taken up. Original question lost.

W. F. Conner reports having sent telegram (Colonel Clem). Department pays expenses by adoption (\$2.70).

A. I. Lockwood reads resolution. Adopted.

John W. Parks moves to elect officers at 10:30 a. m. Adopted.

W. F. Conner moves thanks to Blake and Miller, and moves for a committee to draft proper resolutions. Adopted. John W. Parks, A. I. Lockwood and C. A. Cahoon were named as the committee.

Commander appointed a visiting committee to meet the ladies, composed of W. F. Conner, L. L. Whitaker and A. Metcalf.

Commander Kretsinger reads notice of death of Whitman (Ed Lawrence), of Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry.

Resolution of courtesy read by W. F. Conner. Adopted unanimously.

A. I. Lockwood moves to pay expenses of attendant to _____ to get him to Leavenworth Home. Resolution gotten up by W. F. Conner to pay sufficient sum from Galveston Fund, not to exceed \$60. Adopted. Lockwood moves: "Or so much as may be necessary."

Election of Officers—Nominations for Commander: W. F. Conner nominates A. Metcalf; C. R. Hubbard nominates E. P. Brown; John W. Parks seconds A. Metcalf; E. J. Kilmer seconds A. Metcalf; L. L. Whitaker seconds C. R. Hubbard. Nominations were then closed.

C. A. Cahoon and R. McCormick were appointed tellers.

The results of the election were: Metcalf, 12; Brown, 18. Metcalf then moved that the Adjutant cast the entire vote in favor of Brown, and he does so.

L. L. Whitaker nominates S. Tuttle for Senior Vice-Commander; W. F. Conner seconds nomination. Adjutant casts entire vote in favor of S. Tuttle.

W. F. Conner nominates A. Metcalf for Junior Vice-Commander. Nominations closed. Elected by acclamation.

Adjutant casts entire vote for Dr. L. L. Whitaker for Medical Director.

T. W. Woodcock nominates B. F. Cavens for Chaplain; W. F. Conner seconds nomination. Nominations closed, and Adjutant casts entire vote for B. F. Cavens for Chaplain.

Members of Council of Administration: W. F. Conner, C. A. Cahoon, C. R. Hubbard, C. B. Morgan and E. A. Russell were nominated, and Adjutant cast entire vote for these comrades.

R. McCormick nominates M. B. Young for delegate; A. I. Lockwood nominates William H. Young. Nominations closed; vote by ballot. M. B. Young, 18; William H. Young, 12.

T. W. Woodcock nominates B. F. Cavens for Alternate; W. F. Conner nominates C. A. Cahoon. Vote was by ballot; result: C. A. Cahoon, 23; B. F. Cavens, 3.

Remarks were made by E. P. Brown, W. O. Kretsinger, Woodcock, Lockwood and M. B. Young. Dr. Brown lead in singing "Tramp, Tramp."

Commander-elect, Dr. E. P. Brown; Senior Vice-Commander, Sidney Tuttle; Junior Vice-Commander, August Metcalf.

Meeting then adjourned to meet at Odd Fellows' Hall at 3 p. m. for joint installation.

RESOLUTIONS.

*Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, Commander of Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic:*

Sir—Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to offer the following:

Commander—We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined all papers before us, would recommend that the roll of the Encampment as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General be the roll of this Encampment, and the comrades whose names are therein be recognized as the representatives.

W. F. CONNER,

E. P. BROWN,

S. TUTTLE,

A. L. METCALFE,

Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, This, the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment of this Department, were most cordially invited and welcomed in this city of Corpus Christi by the Honorable Mayor, the Commercial Club and the citizens, as well as Post. No. 54, and the Woman's Relief Corps; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincerest thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to all those who contributed by their words and deeds in making our Encampment a success and a most

enjoyable occasion. Mr. Roy Miller, by his noble, patriotic words of welcome, warmed our hearts and made us indeed feel we were in the hands of friends. The Post, commanded by our grand Comrade E. J. Kilmer, and the Woman's Relief Corps, headed by their President, Mrs. B. A. Fillmer, our thanks are especially due for their untiring work and efforts in their entertainment of us. And as we go to our homes we take with us grateful remembrance of their kindness and the genuine pleasure they gave us, and the fact that our visit and Encampment were made by Corpus Christi as pleasant and successful an occasion as we have ever experienced.

Our sincere thanks are also due and tendered to the press for the kind and patriotic mention of our proceedings.

JNO. W. PARKS,
Chairman,

A. I. LOCKWOOD,

C. A. CAHOON,

Dallas, Texas, December 3, 1911.

Comrades:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Adjutant was instructed to send copies of same to all Posts in this Department requesting them to instruct their representatives to the 1912 Department Encampment to be held at Corpus Christi to pass this resolution, or one similar, instructing the Department representatives to the National Encampment to be held in Los Angeles in 1912 to introduce and support the adoption of this resolution.

W. N. HATHAWAY,
Acting Post Commander.

Attest:

W. F. CONNER,
Adjutant.

Resolved, That the representatives of this Post to the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Corpus Christi in 1912, be and are hereby instructed to introduce amendments to the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, both Department and National, making the election of all elective officers by the primary voting system, giving to every Post and comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic the right and privilege of voting for their choice of officers.

The sections and articles to be amended are as follows:

Section 1, Article 6, Chapter 2.

Section 1, Article 5, Chapter 3.

Section 1, Article 5, Chapter 4.

Rejected by Encampment.

ON DEATH OF BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH W. DUNCAN.

Whereas, The death of General Joseph W. Duncan, commanding the Department of Texas, has recently become known to the members of this Encampment; and

Whereas, The sudden and untimely death of this distinguished soldier, whose father served his country well and faithfully during the Civil War, and whose grandfather fought in the War of the Revolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brigadier General Joseph W. Duncan the country has lost one of its ablest and bravest defenders. Born on Texas soil and claiming this as his native State, all Texas mourns the loss of so distinguished a citizen.

And be it further resolved, That to the widow and family of the deceased we extend our deepest sympathy, and we can only say, "God's will be done," and bow in deepest sorrow to this, His mysterious mandate, that has stricken down in the prime of life a most able and useful citizen, whose death will create a void, deplored and mourned by us all.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy furnished the family of the deceased.

Be it resolved by the Grand Army of the State of Texas, in Encampment assembled at Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 17, 1912, That hereafter at all State Encampments held under the jurisdiction of this Department, all Past Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders and all Past Assistant Adjutants and Quartermaster General and all Past Senior and Junior Vice-Post Commanders be and are hereby given all the rights and privileges or regularly elected delegates to said Encampments.

A. I. LOCKWOOD,

Delegate Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, Texas.

Adopted.

Copy of papers concerning monument to be erected in Dallas by Richard J. Oglesby Post and Woman's Relief Corps:

Dallas, Texas, April 7, 1912.

*Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, Commander Department of Texas,
G. A. R., Denison, Texas:*

*Dear Sir and Comrade—*At a regular meeting of Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Department of Texas, G. A. R., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Monuments have been erected in every city of importance throughout the Southern States, honoring the Confederate soldiers; and

Whereas, Few, if any, monuments have been erected in any

of these States in honor of the Union soldiers, who fought and voluntarily gave their lives for the preservation and unity of the United States—those brave men whose remains lie buried in thousands and thousands of Southern graves in soil dedicated with their loyal blood; therefore be it

Resolved, That Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas, Department of Texas, G. A. R., deem it right and proper that a monument to the memory of the loyal Union soldiers of 1861-5 should be erected in the city of Dallas, Texas, by this Post, with the assistance of our faithful Auxiliary, Richard J. Oglesby Woman's Relief Corps No. 4;

And be it further resolved, That this resolution be presented to the Department Commander for his endorsement, and through him to the Department Encampment that meets in the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, May 16, 17, 1912.

(Letter attached.)

The records of the Encampment show the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The committee appointed to carry out these resolutions is as follows: George H. Green, W. F. Conner, P. B. Hunt, Robert McCormick, J. S. Dunlap, T. W. Woodcock, H. G. Niblo.

COMMENDING COL. JOHN L. CLEM, U. S. A., FOR PROMOTION TO
BRIGADIER GENERAL.

Resolved, That the Texas Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session, representing over a score of Grand Army Posts, enthusiastically and unanimously appeal to the President to appoint our distinguished comrade, Colonel John L. Clem, to a Brigadier Generalcy, to one of the existing vacancies, in recognition of his most heroic services in the Civil War.

Resolved, That his promotion would delight every living old soldier who wore the blue, and be most gratifying to the people of Texas and other States, and would redound to the credit of the Administration and an honor to the country, as a well-earned reward to a modest and capable hero.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be wired to President Taft, as a spontaneous appeal from this Encampment, and this without the slightest knowledge of Colonel Clem.

A. I. LOCKWOOD,

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R., Department of Texas. . .

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a joint installation of officers with those of the Woman's Relief Corps was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall. The installation was public, and many visitors witnessed the exercises, which were deeply impressive.

PRESENT FLAG TO CITY.

At 4 p. m. the veterans and ladies of the Relief Corps presented to the city a handsome silk flag, which will be hoisted on the flag pole of the new city hall when that structure is completed. The flag was presented on behalf of the Department by Past Commander W. F. Conner of Dallas, and accepted by Mayor Pease.

The presentation was made fronting the old Market Hall, and more than two hundred visiting delegates and citizens were present. Mayor Pease in his remarks accepting the flag on behalf of the city expressed his keen pleasure in receiving the gift, and assured the veterans and ladies of the Corps that the flag would always be highly treasured by the citizens of Corpus Christi.

At 5 o'clock the veterans and ladies were taken for a two hours' auto ride over the city. Fifteen autos were in line, and the visitors had a chance of seeing all points of interest in and around Corpus Christi.

The day's program came to a close with a banquet at night at the Bidwell Hotel.

At the first day's session of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Texas Mrs. Cora C. Fillmer, a member of the Corpus Christi lodge of that order, was elected Junior Vice-Commander of the Department.

Other officers elected, all of whom will serve for the ensuing year, were:

Department President—Mrs. A. L. Metcalfe of Houston.

Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Hattie Jacks of Fort Worth.

Mrs. A. M. Hooper of Houston was appointed Department Treasurer.

A Secretary will be named later by the President, that office being appointive.

At 3 o'clock the Corps met with the veterans of the Grand Army and a joint installation of officers followed.

Business sessions of the order were held both during the morning and early in the afternoon. One of the resolutions adopted at the morning session was that thanking Corpus Christi for the manner of entertaining the delegates to the annual convention, and special mention was made in the resolution of Secretary Blake of the Commercial Club, Roy Miller and the local press.

The delegates to the convention joined with the Grand Army Veterans in the banquet given at the Bidwell.

Although the convention formally closed May 17, a brief meeting of the Administration Council was held the following morning at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the Pavilion Hotel.

ROLL OF THE DEAD.

Name.	Company and Post.	Date of Death.
McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman, Texas.		
Liebelt, August.....	Co. A, 9th Ill. Inf.....	July 9, 1911.
W. T. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston, Texas.		
Tretch, Alfred.....	Able Seaman, U. S. S. Essex.....	
E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio, Texas.		
Goldenberg, Ben.....	Landsman U. S. Navy.....	Jan. 26, 1911.
Howe, William.....	Co. B, 186th N. Y. Inf.....	Mar. 10, 1911.
Taliford, Robert T.....	Co. I, 4th Md., 6th U. S. Cav.....	Mar. 31, 1911.
Crumurine, Ben F.....	Co. G, 52d Ind. Inf.....	May 14, 1911.
Johnson, George.....	Co. C, 19th Iowa Inf.....	May 26, 1911.
Bullis, John L.....	Capt. 118th U. S. C. T.....	May 26, 1911.
Miller, N. L.....	Bat. M, 16th N. Y. Art.....	July 9, 1911.
Locke, William J.....	Co. B, 2d Tex. Cav.....	Oct. 13, 1911.
McCullough, Irvin C.....	Co. L, 5th Ind. Cav.....	Dec. 30, 1911.
Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.		
Bucklen, J. B.....	Co. B, 13th Mo. Cav.....	Jan. 12, 1911.
Lallaman, John.....	Co. B, Mo. H. G.....	
Glover, W. P.....	Co. D, 7th Tenn. Cav.....	Jan. 27, 1911.
Balderson, S. T.....	Co. D, 36th Ind. Inf.....	Nov. 6, 1911.
Harvey, W. F.....	Co. G, 14th Pa. Inf.....	July 13, 1911.
Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas.		
Gale, Eugene L.....	Co. C, — Mich. Cav.....	Nov. 19, 1911.
George B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.		
Brandes, Otto.....	Co. K, 5th Md. Cav.....	Mar. 13, 1911.
Wilson, Alexander.....	Co. A, 11th Maine Inf.....	Nov. 23, 1911.
Ormarose, J.....	Co. K, 45th U.S.C.T.-13th N. M. Inf.....	Nov. 14, 1911.
Eastland, William.....	Co. E, 19th Iowa Inf.....	Dec. 31, 1911.
Robertson, John.....	Co. H, 116th Ill. Inf.....	Jan. 21, 1911.
Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas.		
Wilson, Henry S.....	2d Cal. Cav.....	April 6, 1911.
U. S. Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford.		
Foster, G. S.....	Co. E, 12th Mich. Inf.....	
E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi.		
Kanipe, Z. B.....	Co. B, 13th Tenn. Cav.....	Oct. 30, 1911.
Sam Houston Post No. 55, Dublin.		
Andrew, H. H.....	Co. K, 36th Iowa Inf.....	May 14, 1911.
Millman, H. S.....	Co. D, Neb. Cav.....	Sept. 28, 1911.
Roach, Edward.....	Co. B, 1st Frontier Cav.....	Nov. 5, 1911.
Emmett Crawford Post No. 17.		
Malloy, A. G.....	Past Dept. Commander.....	