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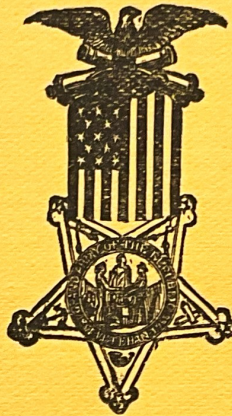
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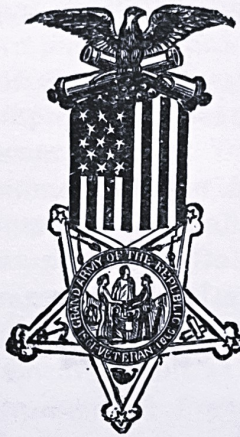
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF TEXAS.

- 1885. W. D. Wylie, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1886. O. T. Lyon, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1887. W. H. Sinclair, Encampment at Galveston.....Deceased
- 1888. J. C. DeGress, Encampment at Austin.....Deceased
- 1889. A. G. Malloy, Encampment at Fort Worth.....Deceased
- 1890. A. K. Taylor, Encampment at San Antonio.....Deceased
- 1897. M. W. Mann, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1892. O. G. Peterson, Encampment at El Paso.....Deceased
- 1893. J. W. Park, Encampment at Denison.....Dallas, Texas
- 1894. R. M. Moore, Encampment at Dublin.....Deceased
- 1895. W. W. Bostwick, Encampment at Waco.....Longmont, Colo.
- 1896. Geo. W. McCormick, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1897. Ed. N. Ketchum, Encampment at Houston.....Galveston, Texas
- 1898. W. F. Conner, Encampment at Austin.....Dallas, Texas
- 1899. Jno. Roach, Encampment at Denison.....Deceased
- 1900. Chas. B. Peck, Encampment at San Antonio.....Deceased
- 1901. P. B. Hunt, Encampment at Galveston.....Dallas, Texas
- 1902. C. C. Haskell, Encampment at Beaumont.....Deceased
- 1903. John H. Bolton, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1904. Jno. L. Boyd, Encampment at San Antonio.....Dallas, Texas
- 1905. E. A. Russell, Encampment at Dallas.....Deceased
- 1906. W. H. Harvey, Encampment at Dallas.....Belton, Texas
- 1907. L. L. Whitaker, Encampment at Dallas.....San Antonio, Texas
- 1908. T. M. Wright, Encampment at San Antonio.....Denison, Texas
- 1909. Calvin R. Hubbard, Encampment at Denison...Lampasas, Texas
- 1910. J. S. Dunlap, Encampment at Fort Worth.....Dallas, Texas
- 1911. W. O. Kretsinger, Encampment at Dallas.....Denison, Texas
- 1912. E. P. Brown, Encampment at Corpus Christi...Ft. Worth, Texas
- 1913. Sidney Tuttle, Encampment at San Antonio..San Antonio, Tex.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS OF TEXAS.

- 1892. J. C. Bigger, Jr., Vice Commander-in-Chief, Post 11, Dallas
.....Deceased
- 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
- 1912. L. L. Whitaker, Surgeon General, Post 3.....San Antonio, Texas

DEPARTMENT HONORARY MEMBERS.

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

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

1913-14

Department Commander, Sidney Tuttle, Post 3.....San Antonio, Texas
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, J. H. Rosa, Post 20....Lamparas, Texas
Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Israel Stoddard, Post 48.....
..... Jacksboro, Texas
Medical Director, Dr. Wm. P. Fleming, Post 25.....Georgetown, Texas
Dept. Chaplain, Rev. B. F. Cavens, Post 6.....Dallas, Texas
Asst. Adj. and Asst. Q. M. General, C. R. Hubbard, Post 20.....
..... Lamparas, Texas
Patriotic Instructor, C. S. Brodbent, Post 3.....San Antonio, Texas
Chief Mustering Officer, W. F. Conner, Post 6.....Dallas, Texas
Chief of Staff, August Metcalf, Post 9.....Houston, Texas
Judge Advocate, S. A. Bentley, Post 3.....San Antonio, Texas

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

W. F. Conner, W. H. Christian, W. O. Kretsinger, C. A. Cahoon,
W. S. Gardner.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Delegate at Large, C. B. Morgan; alternate, W. H. Christian.
Delegate, C. A. Cahoon; alternate, M. B. Young.

**Roll of the Twenty-Ninth Encampment, Department of
Texas, G. A. R., Fort Worth, Texas, April 14, 1914.**

Department Officers—*Sidney Tuttle, Commander; *John H. Rosa, Sr., Senior Vice Commander; *Israel Stoddard, Junior Vice Commander; Wm. P. Fleming, Medical Director; *Rev. B. F. Cavens Department Chaplain.

Staff Officers—*Calvin R. Hubbard, Asst. Adj. and Asst. Q. M. General; *C. S. Brodbent, Patriotic Instructor; *A. I. Lockwood, Department Inspector; *W. F. Conner, Chief Mustering Officer; S. A. Bentley, Judge Advocate; A. L. Metcalf, Chief of Staff.

Council of Administration—*W. F. Conner, *W. H. Christian, W. O. Kretsinger, *C. A. Cahoon, *W. S. Gardner.

McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman—*H. A. Johnson, W. A. Allen, John Brown, *Joe Rock, L. Q. Edminton, *Floyd Thomas, M. F. Bean.

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston—Ed N. Ketchum, Edward Gruise, G. H. Clawson, W. H. Boyd, N. L. Rich, *C. A. Cahoon, Marcus Cone, H. Crockett.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio—J. A. Bishop, E. H. Bacon, H. L. Brook, *C. S. Brodbent, James Bigger, L. Garza, Alvin Mosher, Nate Underwood, L. L. Whitaker, M. T. Ayers, R. B. Cowler, L. A. Heil, Patrick Kenny, Alex Ward, *A. B. Morris, Thos. Wilson, *O. W. Brown, E. I. Francois, Saul Wolfson, James Lawson, A. H. Morglein, *A. I. Lockwood.

Parmley Post No. 4, Fort Worth—*Isaac W. Rouse, *E. P. Brown, *C. B. Morgan, *Charles Baggett, *H. W. Nye, *John R. Gold, *W. E. Powell, *Manley Cox, *Milton Keyes, W. H. Baldwin.

Lyon Post No. 5, Denison—*S. E. Wortz, T. M. Wright, W. O. Kretsinger, J. H. Dunn, *Barney Daniel, Noah Harold, Charles Klein, L. B. Moore, S. W. Skipworth, *Dexter Wagner.

Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas—R. N. Shaw, *Robert McCormick, W. F. Thatcher, J. W. Galbraith, A. McWhirk, *L. W. Clark, Geo. A. Knight, *W. F. Conner, P. B. Sprague, J. P. Clark, J. W. Ayers, *E. S. Post, *J. S. Dunlap, *A. Rockhold, J. W. Park, Theo. Hitchcock, A. Y. Mullen, *R. P. hold, J. W. Park, Theo. Hitchcock, A. Y. Mullen, *R. P.

Cooper, *H. G. Niblo, *John L. Boyd, M. L. Mullen, *M. Balwig, *Granville West, F. L. Yengling, *W. S. Gardner, *Jas. M. Naylor, *J. S. Pierce, *—, Hathaway, M. Greenbaum, J. M. Proctor, W. C. Bovender, Jas. N. Clem, F. Zithrecus.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston—*Max Hart, J. J. Billow, J. J. Scholl, Sr., N. L. Mills, W. A. Rowan, Samuel Mayer, Geo. L. Smith, A. L. Metcalf, James H. Agen, John Richey, T. W. Reeves, Nathan Jessell, F. D. Stodoford.

Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso—J. M. Smith, O. D. Owen, C. S. Woodworth, J. H. Ware, F. E. Tusten, Z. E. Johpson.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas—W. H. Webber, N. W. Charles, *Calvin R. Hubbard, *John H. Rosa, Sr., *D. Doole, Henry Landrum.

Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown—J. M. Page, Dr. Wm. P. Fleming.

Wright Post No. 26, Paris—M. Davidson, Thos. O. Proctor, John Leavitt, T. U. Johnson, John Keeler, Berry Garner, T. J. Webb.

Meade Post No. 35, Decatur—G. D. Howell, Wm. J. Stokes.

Kilpatrick Post No. 40, Belton—M. F. Hiatt, W. H. Harvey.

Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford—*M. B. Young, F. J. Penland, *W. R. Lynch, J. M. Lowrey.

Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro—John Smith, *Israel Stoddard, *W. H. McConnell.

Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi—E. J. Kilmer, J. H. C. White, W. G. Holden.

Sam Houston Post No. 55, Stephenville—*W. H. Christian, T. G. Bayes, R. P. Williams.

Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham—J. F. Orrell, *P. B. Hunt.

Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont—B. R. Underhill, James N. Howland.

Garfield Post No. 83, Victoria—H. C. Adler, D. H. Regan, D. R. Moore, W. H. Graham.

*Present.

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ENCAMPMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC.**

Fort Worth, Texas, April 14 and 15, 1914.

Convenes promptly 10:30 a. m. in W. O. W. Hall and called to order by I. W. Rouse, Commander of Parmley Post No. 4, who speaks in highest terms of the city and loyal assistance of the citizens and introduces Mayor Milam, who extends a most cordial welcome of the veterans to Fort Worth. He stated that you enlisted for what was right, that the Confederates enlisted for what they thought was right, that the dove of peace now hovered over a people dwelling in brotherhood. He stated every disaster leads on to gain and that every conflict leads on to peace, that one has said, give me all the cost of war and I will clothe and school all the children, build schools, universities and libraries, yet that might not lead on to permanent peace. Now, after the long struggle we are a united and prosperous people. Our city is now open to you and to your allied organization, the W. R. C., and friends and you are most cordially welcomed.

Department Commander Tuttle was then introduced, who fully and sincerely extended thanks of the comrades to Mayor Milam for his most cordial welcome and said it was an honor to be welcomed by Mayor Milam.

The mayor was greeted with three cheers as he left the hall. Mrs. Rockhold; president of the W. R. C., then took the platform and presented the greetings of the corps to the comrades. All joined in singing "America," after which prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Rev. B. F. Caven of Dallas, and the open meeting was declared adjourned.

The business session of the encampment was called to order by Department Commander Sidney Tuttle at 11 a. m.

Comrade Morgan, Post 4, was detailed as officer of the day and Comrade Mills, Post 4, as officer of the guard.

Prayer by Department Chaplain Cavens. The roll of the encampment as approved by Credential Committee was then called and all delegates present checked. Comrade Conner moved to adopt roll as read and it is so adopted. All Past Department Commanders present are invited to seats on the platform. Senior Vice Commander Rosa is called to the chair and Commander Tuttle reads following address:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades,

I greet you first, and congratulate you next in that once more we are privileged to meet in annual encampment in this beautiful city of Fort Worth, whose chief executive, on behalf of the people, has extended to us a royal cordial welcome.

When one year ago, out of the magnanimity of your hearts you conferred upon me the highest honor it was in your power to bestow, I felt justly proud of that signal mark of your confidence and esteem, and I promised, that with your co-operation and the exercise of my best thought, to justify your confidence and merit your approbation.

It has been the desire of my heart to maintain the high standard of excellence that has always characterized this Department. I have not, however, realized my ambition, or accomplished what I hoped to. Much to my regret my health has been such as to interfere with cherished plans, which were to visit Posts and advise with comrades how best to interest comrades of the Civil War who are indifferent to their moral obligations to the Grand Army of the Republic, indifferent to the wails of suffering and want of the widows and orphans of comrades who gave their lives that the government might live to pay them a pension. Securing that seems to be the extent of their interest. Until the pension is secured their interest is intense, though it is

thought by some in the passing years, the lessons taught and the principles enunciated by the Grand Army of the Republic are receiving wider recognition and making a deeper impression upon the thought and action of the general public.

Officers' Reports.

Reports of all officers will be presented to you at this time, and I trust you will give them all your careful consideration. They will comprise matters of importance to every comrade present. They will also evidence the faithful and efficient service rendered the Department during the year. They have all made good, and I want you to know it.

On April 26th of last year I appointed Comrade Calvin R. Hubbard Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General of the Department. I feel I was especially fortunate in being able to induce Comrade Hubbard to accept the position. His former experience and his well-known active interest in the organization made him a very valuable acquisition to the staff. He has given his time and experience and has been devoted to the welfare of the Department.

The Department was also fortunate in securing the services of Comrade C. S. Brodbent as Patriotic Instructor. I venture the remark that few comrades realize the amount of labor in that field. Comrade Brodbent has been indefatigable in research and finds he has but just entered on the list of subjects properly belonging to his department. I am sure he will receive your hearty appreciation.

Sons of Veterans.

I quote: "This organization should be very dear to the heart of every old comrade, and ought to be made of great importance to the Grand Army of the Republic, so that in later years, as our successors, they may be able to wield a great patriotic influence in the affairs of the Nation, and they should now be assuming control of a large part of the Memorial Day services as becomes the patriotic sons of patriotic sires."

I quote a resolution unanimously adopted by the Forty-Fifth National Encampment held in Rochester, N. Y., in August, 1911:

“Resolved, that this National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic invite the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as their permanent official escort on all occasions, and that all Departments and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are recommended to invite them to act in a similar capacity for their organizations.” All Commanders of Posts in this Department, and all Post officers are urged to encourage the organization of the Sons of Veterans in this Department.

Woman's Relief Corps.

This great patriotic organization has demonstrated its usefulness by its continued good works, and challenges the admiration, gratitude and affectionate regard of every comrade. They have brought comfort to the home of many comrades in distress; cheered the weary and inspired hope in the hearts of many of the discouraged ones.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This splendid organization composed of the wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of the veterans of the Civil War, is deserving of our highest commendation and loving appreciation of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was observed generally throughout the Department, I believe, in a manner that showed an increasing appreciation of its purposes. The one day in all the year when our comrades and patriotic citizens resort to our cemeteries all over the land, and decorate with the first beautiful flowers of springtime the little spot of earth which covers all that was mortal of our dead comrades. All through the long years of the past we have been embalming their memories in the hearts of a grateful people, and the little ones with their bright faces and beautiful flowers will be the

weight of gratitude down the coming years and make the spot where the dead comrades rest hallowed ground.

Galveston Fund.

There was given me by my predecessor \$197.08 which still remains in my hands to be handed over to my successor.

Comrades, my duties as Commander are nearly ended. There has been no honor in my life more highly prized. If I have accomplished any good I am glad, and if I have not I am still glad you gave me the opportunity to try.

To the officers, staff and comrades I extend my most grateful and heartfelt thanks, with the hope we may meet again and again.

I am sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

SIDNEY TUTTLE,

Commander G. A. R. Department of Texas.

Moved by Comrade Conner the address as read be received with thanks. Seconded by Comrade Lockwood and adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read the following:

“New Orleans, La., April 8, 1914.—To the Twenty-Ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas: The Department of Louisiana and Mississippi sends greetings. May the spirit of loyalty in our Southern Departments never grow less. In F. C. and L.

(Signed “E. K. RUSS, Dept. Com.”)

Motion to receive with thanks, to be printed in Journal and the Assistant Adjutant General to make suitable reply to Commander Russ is duly adopted.

Encampment takes recess till 1 p. m.

Encampment called to order at 1:15 p. m. and Senior Vice Commander Rosa reads his report which, on motion, is received as read and adopted. The Assistant Adjutant General reads report of Junior Vice Commander Stoddard, which is duly adopted. Assistant Adjutant General Hub-

bard then reads his report and it is adopted. His report as Assistant Quartermaster was referred to committee of Comrades Conner, Cahoon and Christian, who approved said report and it is adopted. Report of Department Chaplain Cavens is read. Moved by Comrade Lockwood it be received and spread in Journal. Adopted.

Recess of ten minutes taken to admit L. M. Barkley, ex-postmaster, and John Hall, who extend invitations to call at Hotel Worth on Republican State Committee. Encampment called in session.

Comrade C. S. Brodbent then reads a lengthy but most excellent report as Department Patriotic Instructor. Comrade Dunlap moves to accept with thanks, but asks for a condensed report to go in Journal. Comrade Nye offers amendment asking for condensed report to be published in newspapers. Comrades Dunlap, Conner, Nye, Lockwood and Post speak to the resolution when Comrade Dunlap withdraws original resolution and moves to publish entire report in Journal, which is seconded by Comrade Conner and adopted. Lockwood offers suggestion to have printed in the Sunday papers as continued story, but no action taken.

Resolution by Comrade Conner that when we adjourn it be to 9:00 a. m. tomorrow and at 10:30 a. m. we take up election of officers. Adopted.

Escorted by committee composed of Comrades Rouse, Cavens and Conner, Mrs. Rockhold of Dallas, president of W. R. C. of Department of Texas, accompanied by Mrs. Kline Nichols, Mrs. Elma Kline, Mrs. Wingrove and Miss Maggie Davis, are received by the encampment standing. Mrs. Rockhold presents greetings and the following report of W. R. C., Department of Texas:

April 14, 1914.

Sidney Tuttle, Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

It is my great pleasure and honor to extend to you and through you to the Department Encampment of the Grand

Army of the Republic the greetings of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, in the twenty-ninth department convention assembled and submit to you the following report:

Number of Corps in good standing in Department.....	6
Amount of cash expended for relief.....	\$ 29.63
Relief other than money.....	120.00
Total number of persons assisted.....	14
Turned over to Post for other purposes than for relief	30.00
Balance in relief fund of Corps.....	62.18
Amount from Corps Department for flowers.....	70.90
Flood sufferers for Texas Corps No. 4.....	10.00
Number of members in good standing in Department	224

I have tried very hard with the help and advice of the comrades to organize at least one Corps during my year of administration, but all to no avail, but with the co-operation, advice and approval of Post Commanders and comrades, the Woman's Relief Corps can and will carry on the work of our beloved order which will always live as one of the highest and brightest monuments ever erected, for our order stands today above all others, remembering always

That you are the men whose valor
Saved our land from disgrace and shame,
And lifted her back in triumph
To her perch on the dome again.

We are pleased to report the advancement of our work along patriotic lines. All anniversaries are generally observed throughout the Department.

The Woman's Relief Corps wishes to assure you that they are always ready to help, aid and assist you in your noble work, and pledge anew our allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. And now may the great Commander

of us all shower His many blessings upon this noble work and order, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARYE N. ROCKHOLD,
Department President W. R. C.

It is unanimously received with thanks and Commander Tuttle makes due response.

Comrade Conner read the following: "Fort Worth, April 14, 1914.—To the Commander and Comrades: I beg to submit the following resolution: Resolved, That the salary of the Assistant Adjutant and Q. M. General shall be \$100.00 a year. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L. (Signed) W. F. Conner."

Remarks on this resolution were made by Comrades Conner, Cahoon, Stoddard, Nye, Lockwood and Post. Adopted.

A recess of fifteen minutes was taken to listen to address by General Felix H. Robertson.

Encampment called to order and Commander Tuttle appoints committee on resolution—Comrades E. S. Post, P. B. Hunt and W. H. Christian.

Comrade Dunlap moves to defer nominations for officers until tomorrow. Adopted.

The committee, Comrades Rouse, Cavens and Conner, report they have arranged for joint installation tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. at W. O. W. Hall to be followed by supper at St. Paul M. E. Church at 6 p. m. Adjourn till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—APRIL 15.

Encampment called to order 9:10 a. m.

Following telegrams received:

“To Sidney Tuttle, Department Commander, Metropolitan Hotel, Fort Worth: Preparing for operation on wound prevents my being with you. God bless you all.

“A. G. WEISSERT.”

Also the following:

“The Commander-in-Chief regrets that a prior engagement will prevent his being with you at your encampment. He sends to the comrades assembled in encampment his fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful and harmonious meeting.

OSCAR A. JANES,

“Adjutant General.”

Both telegrams received with thanks to be answered by wire by Commander Tuttle.

Invitations for place for holding our next encampment called for. No response. Comrade Conner moves that place and date for holding our next encampment be left to incoming administration. Adopted.

Lockwood nominates John H. Rosa, Sr., for Department Commander. Cahoon seconds nomination.

Rev. Caven nominates Robert McCormick for Department Commander. Comrades Nye and Bonnell second nomination of McCormick.

Comrades Connor, Cahoon, Nye, Lockwood, Cavens and Hunt all speak in praise of both. Morris seconds McCormick.

Nominations closed.

Lockwood nominates C. S. Brodbent for Senior Vice Commander.

Nominations closed.

Conner nominates J. M. Robins for Junior Vice Commander.

Nominations closed.

Bonnell nominates Dr. G. Helbing for Medical Director.

Nominations closed.

Connor nominates Rev. B. F. Cavens for Department Chaplain.

Nominations closed.

Nominations for delegates and alternates brought out the following: C. A. Cahoon, E. S. Post, M. B. Young, H. W. Nye, C. B. Morgan, Z. H. Owens. Nye withdraws.

The hour for election of officers, 10:30 a. m., arrived. Comrades Cahoon and Conner were appointed tellers. Vote taken and resulted: McCormick 44 and Rosa 8. Commander Tuttle declares McCormick elected. Comrade Rosa moves to make election unanimous, adopted, and Rosa escorts McCormick to platform, who thanks the comrades for honor conferred and promises faithful service for incoming year. Rules suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General casts entire vote of the encampment for C. S. Brodbent for Senior Vice Commander. Comrade Brodbent takes platform and expresses due thanks for the honor and readiness to perform all duties. Rules suspended and Assistant Adjutant General casts entire vote of the encampment for J. M. Robbins for Junior Vice Commander. He accepts the honor with thanks and promises faithful service. Rules suspended and Assistant Adjutant General casts entire vote of the encampment for Dr. G. Helbing for Medical Director. The doctor being absent, suitable thanks and remarks were made for him by Dr. E. P. Brown.

Rules suspended and Assistant Adjutant General casts entire vote of the encampment for Rev. B. F. Cavens for Department Chaplain, who offers thanks for the honor and makes most appropriate remarks in his imitable way.

The vote for delegates and alternates to National Encampment resulted as follows: E. S. Post of Post 6, delegate at large, 26; Z. Hibbard Owens, Post 4, State delegate, 22; C. A. Cahoon of Post 2, alternate at large, 21; C. B. Morgan of Post 4, alternate, 18.

The following comrades were elected by acclamation as Council of administration:

W. F. Conner of Post 6, Dallas; H. W. Nye of Post 4, Fort Worth; A. I. Lockwood of Post 3, San Antonio; Max Hart of Post 9, Houston, and Dexter Wagner of Post 5, Denison.

Comrade W. H. Christian submits following resolution:

Whereas, the frequent changes of administration of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., precludes the care and control of the records of this Department in proper safety and preservation; Resolved, that the Assistant Adjutant General is hereby instructed to prepare such reports of proceedings of encampment as may be in his possession and complete the files of same as far as he can from contributions from Posts and individuals, and when such files are complete as nearly as possible deposit same with some Texas historical society or public library in order that our proceedings may be handed down to posterity.

And whereas, our ranks are gradually becoming less and less and will eventually become extinct, and whereas it is our duty to lessen the expense of sustaining the order till all have passed to the beyond. Resolved that after the proceedings of this encampment are published in pamphlet form no more shall be published under two or three years, as the encampment shall direct, to save the cost. Proceedings, however, shall be carefully kept and prepared for publication at such time as the encampment may direct. These resolutions approved by the resolutions committee and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee on resolutions respectfully submit the following: That the thanks of this Twenty-Ninth Encampment of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., be hereby extended to the comrades of Parmley Post No. 4 and to the ladies of the W. R. C. of Fort Worth for their unbounded hospitality in entertaining the comrades during their meeting. Also that the thanks of this encampment be extended to Mayor Milam for his cordial welcome and to all the citizens of Fort Worth who aided to make our visit so pleasant that happy memories will be carried to our homes as we return to them. Also that the thanks of this Department be extended to Commander Tuttle for his services during the past year, also to our very efficient Assistant Adjutant General, Calvin R. Hubbard, for his untiring zeal in the interest of our order, and also to the press of Fort Worth and the Dallas News for courtesies extended in reporting our meetings.

(Signed)

E. S. POST,
P. B. HUNT,
W. H. CHRISTIAN.

Comrades Young, Conner, Nye, Stoddard, Cahoon, Rouse and others made interesting remarks on good of the order, after which recess is taken till 2:30 p. m. for joint installation.

Encampment called to order at 2:30 p. m. and following officers-elect are duly installed by Comrade W. F. Conner, installing officer:

Robert McCormick, Post 6, Department Commander.

C. S. Brodbent, Post 3, Senior Vice Department Commander.

J. M. Robins, Post 4, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Rev. B. F. Cavens, Post 6, Department Chaplain.

J. S. Dunlap, Post 6, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Q. M. General.

Dr. G. Helbing, Post 6, Medical Director-elect was absent.

Our labors completed, Commander McCormick announced the encampment adjourned.

The ladies of W. R. C., Department of Texas, then conducted their installation of officers in beautiful and interesting manner and all adjourned for home well pleased.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 14, 1914.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R.

At the last State Encampment, held in the city of San Antonio, you conferred on me the high honor of electing me (unanimously) to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year, which is now about to expire. For that honor I sincerely thank all the comrades who were members of that encampment, and I desire to let you know that I fully appreciate the confidence you had in me in electing me to this office.

During my term of office I have not been called upon to perform any particular service. This being the case, have nothing to report. It is a hard matter to make a report. When I have something to say or write, I have always been able to say it or write it, but this time, with as efficient Assistant Adjutant General as our Department has had for the last year, there are no duties but what he has attended to without calling on others.

Trusting that the twenty-ninth annual encampment will be as successful as those of the past, and with best wishes for the welfare of our grand and patriotic order and the prosperity of its members. Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOHN H. ROSA, SR.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Comrades:	
Number of Posts reporting memorial services.....	13
Number of Posts attending services.....	5
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	7
Number of sermons preached by veterans.....	1
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	2
Number of comrades present at such services.....	277
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating with Post at such services.....	10
Number of members of Woman's Relief Corps attend ing such services.....	175
Number of Posts observing memorial day services.....	12
Number of comrades participating in memorial Day services	318
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating in memorial day services.....	106
Number of members of Woman's Relief Corps par ticipating in memorial day services.....	185
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated	36
Number of graves decorated	882
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	73
Number of public schools engaging in memorial day services	3
Number of pupils participating.....	75

One by one our comrades are being summoned to join the great army of the departed. May their future be as resplendent in the world beyond as their patriotism was great in this.

Those of us who remain behind have the great duty of keeping their memories fragrant with the flowers of this human world. We will not fail to meet all the responsibilities resting upon us as long as we remain here below. May the members of our order ever remember that they will be held in the sacred memories and in the love of all people as long as this Republic shall stand. Comrades, let

us stand shoulder to shoulder in the defense of those principles that are for the best interest of the country we love, and uphold in all its beauty and glory the flag we love so well. May our loving Heavenly Father keep you all in the strength of body and mind until we shall meet again.

B. F. CAVEN.

Jacksboro, Texas.

To the Department Commander and Comrades meeting in Encampment at Fort Worth April 14, 1914:

I can only report that I have tried as well as I could to interest the comrades of Canby Post in keeping in line so that we would be able to respond to every call of duty on Memorial Day. We have tried to decorate the graves of Post comrades with Old Glory and that all school houses in Jack County honors our flag by placing it in a prominent place, and further, I want to commend Comrade Hubbard for his splendid service in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic for all Texas. Yours in F. C. and L.,

ISRAEL STODDARD,

Junior Vice Commander, Department of Texas.

REPORT OF ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Lampasas, Texas, April 14, 1914.

Sidney Tuttle, Commander Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic:

Sir—Herewith is submitted my report as Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

	Posts	Members
In good standing Dec. 31, 1912.....	21	417
Gained by muster.....	32	
Gained by transfer.....	6	
Gained by reinstatement.....	12	50
	—	—
Total	21	467

Lapse—			
By deinqent Opdyke Post No. 53.....	7	1	
By death	37		
By transfer	12		
By suspension	10		
By honorable discharge	2		68
	—	—	—
In good standing Dec. 31, 1913—total	20		399

After much writing to members of Opdyke Post No. 53 and receviing no reply, at my request Comrade Conner visited Jefferson and made vigorous efforts to bring the Post into line but without results, so I conclude the Post is lost.

All reports to and information called for from National Headquarters have gone in promptly and on time. My correspondence has been heavy, but every letter calling for an answer has received prompt reply. By your direction I mailed out letters to each member C. of A. and to Senior Vice and Junior Vice Department Commanders on March 22 asking approval of date of May 11-12 for holding our Department Encampment at Fort Worth enclosing stamped and self-addressed envelop for reply. All responded with approval of that date.

It was later found that our Fort Worth Post and the W. R. C. could not entertain on that date, but only on April 14-15, and again at your direction I mailed out letters to each member C. of A. and to the Senior Vice and Junior Vice Department Commanders on April 2 with stamped and self-addressed envelopes for reply, asking for approval of change of date to April 14-15. All approved the change.

My business and social relations with yourself, the officers of the Department and National Headquarters and all comrades has been most cordial and pleasant.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CALVIN R. HUBBARD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASST- QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Lampasas, Texas, April 14, 1914.

Sidney Tuttle, Department Commander:

Sir—I submit herewith my report as Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Receipts.

From Robt. McCormick, former A. Q. M.....	\$166.64	
From supplies sold	12.15	
From per capita tax.....	240.00	
		—————
		\$418.79

Disbursements.

For stamps and postage.....	\$ 14.55	
For stationery and ribbon for badges.....	8.90	
For printing G. Orders and Ribbon badges	10.75	
For printing Journals of 28th Dept. Enc...	40.00	
For supplies from Nat. Hd. Q. M.....	7.60	
For per capita tax to Nat. Hd.....	14.01	
For carrying horns and banners at Chatta- nooga	2.00	
For drayage and express charges.....	3.05	
For salary	125.00	
Balance	192.93	
		—————
		\$418.79

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CALVIN R. HUBBARD,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Sidney Tuttle, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.,
and Comrades:

I have the honor to make the following report:

On my appointment as Patriotic Instructor, Department of Texas, having no data from my predecessors for guidance, I cast about for ways in which I could endeavor to

make my efforts useful to the Department, and especially to the children of our State.

The newspapers of our city kindly published the following notice calling for the observance of Flag Day June 14, which met with some response, that will probably grow with passing years:

Flag Day—June 14—Patriotic Plea for Proper Observance of the Day.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
That never to himself hath said:
"This is my own, my native land?"

We need to be patriotic; we need to teach patriotism to the children; we ought to read Washington's farewell address and the Declaration of Independence once a year.

Flag Day and Independence Day are appropriate to this duty and privilege. We do not display our flag often enough; nor proclaim its meaning earnestly enough to excite patriotism in our people as it should be excited. If we did, there would be no flaunting of the red flag.

In the mad rush for wealth and pleasure we are in danger of drifting away from the ideals of the fathers, and inspiring patriotism in the young may become a lost virtue. If we fail to display our flag; if we neglect to warm the hearts of the young by patriotic endeavor; 'twil be like teaching morality and religion in our public schools by shutting out the Bible, the main foundation of morals and religion; or by inspiring poetic feeling in children by locking up the Book of Psalms.

The mere sight of the National Ensign creates a feeling of patriotism much more so when accompanied by instructive lectures and honest orations on our flag and what it stands for.

A brighter day is dawning, a day when wholesale murder will not be accounted glorious; a day when arbitration will displace machine gun carnage; a day when the lovely doctrines of the Prince of Peace will be practiced by even so-

called Christian nations, and when the Golden Rule shall be kept by nations no less than by individuals.

For the ushering in of such a day, make Flag Day one of the chief instruments.

I want to recognize patriotic utterance wherever I find it, and deem it a duty as well as pleasure to embody in my report the heart-stirring appeal of Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, to the members of the federation numbering about 12,000 of the flower of Texas women which also was widely circulated through the papers, on rationally celebrating Flag Day and Fourth of July:

"How many of you are going to observe Flag Day, June 14? The club women of every community should consider it their duty to see that Flag Day is properly celebrated in the towns where they reside.

"Suitable exercises should be carried out on this day, the object being to instill in our young people the love for these Stars and Stripes, the banner unsurpassed—our American flag; and in connection with this love for our flag, teach them that it is the emblem of a nation that is striving for world peace.

"To woman, the world looks for peace.

"Justice Brewer, in his address on the mission of the United States in the cause of peace, said: 'There never was a time since the beginning of the days that woman longed for bloodshed or the carnage of war, and the more fully she realizes its waste and destruction the more earnest will become her opposition. Nowhere in the world is she so potent a force in public life as in this country, and you may be sure that that force will be ere long concentrated in steadfast opposition to war and in favor of the settlement of international disputes by arbitration. She cannot be sneered or laughed out of her faith, and he who looks for public recognition in this country will do well to take note of this fact.'

"This strong statement coming from Justice Brewer

means much, and so, dear friends, I would ask that you use your influence in having Flag Day observed, and in connection with it present the subject of peace.

“In the Western States of our Union a pretty custom prevails. The American flag is always in evidence, especially in the rural districts, floating over the school houses. Why not in dear old Texas?”

“Soon again the famous Fourth of July will be here, and none can do more towards making this a sane celebration than can the club women of the State.

“John Adams, in a letter to Mrs. Adams, said of the Fourth of July: ‘This day ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade from one end of this continent to the other.’”

“He did not intend that it should be a celebration with such sacrifice of human life as invariably attends the observance of the day.

“By all means, let us have the pomp and parade; the bells and the fireworks; the bonfires and illuminations. But let us devise means by which all may be safeguarded; let us plan the celebration to be held at some central point, a celebration for all the people, rich and poor alike—a celebration so conducted as to endanger no precious life.

“Will not the good club women all over the State use their influence in bringing about a sane and safe Fourth of July?”

“Parents can do much in making this possible. Do not permit the children to go to the store and purchase toy pistols, firecrackers—especially the cannon cracker—and, in fact, fireworks of all kinds.

“If the parent will be strict in this matter, much loss of limb and life can be averted, and the day can indeed be made as was intended—a celebration by American citizens in gratitude to God for the land where all men may enjoy what they call liberty.”

July 4th was a real National Natal day in San Antonio.

A general committee was organized with membership composed of Red Men, G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of G. A. R., Confederates, Daughters of the Confederacy, Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliaries, and others, who all worked in complete harmony. The parade was pronounced the best Fourth of July parade ever seen here. The declaration was read. Speaking and games followed. All attended by large crowds.

The proceedings of the closing meeting of the joint Fourth of July Committee may be of interest as showing the spirit of San Antonio.

"At a meeting of the Fourth of July celebration committee yesterday in Red Men's Hall on Soledad street, all matters pertaining to the 1913 event were adjusted and permanent organization effected for the 1914 celebration. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing term. They are Mrs. E. G. LeSturgeon, president; A. B. Hillan, vice president; Mrs. Emma C. Norris, secretary, and C. B. Treuter, treasurer.

Reports made by the officers and members of the central and general committees relating to the street parade in the morning and exercises held at Exposition Park in the afternoon of the fourth declared that the celebration was the best ever held in San Antonio, and all present were urged to lend a helping hand and make the 1914 event bigger and better.

A. B. Hillan, vice president of the central committee, addressed the gathering and advocated a permanent organization for the proper observance of the national holiday and that it should be known as the San Antonio Fourth of July Celebration Association. He suggested that with the proper spirit shown, all fraternal organizations in the city might be induced to join the movement and that the head of each fraternal society in San Antonio be made a vice president of the association. He pointed out a way in which, with the hearty co-operation of all the societies, a float from each organization might be added to the immense street pageant. He suggested that each float be arranged to repre-

sent some historical event of the United States dating back to 1776.

Following election of officers, C. B. Treuter, treasurer of the central committee, read the financial report and it was approved. It was then announced that a complimentary Mexican dinner in honor of the central and general committees would be given to members next Monday at noon at the La Palma, or Car Cafe, on Avenue E, near the postoffice.

Before adjourning, Mrs. LeSturgeon announced that the next meeting of the association would be held in the near future and at that time steps would be taken looking to the 1914 celebration. The last order of business before the meeting was the adoption of the following resolution of thanks:

“Resolved, That the central and general committees of the recent Fourth of July celebration hereby extend to the citizens and business men of San Antonio their heartfelt thanks; also the San Antonio papers and Colonel Charles G. Treat, commanding Fort Sam Houston, for many courtesies and support to the various functions outlined in the program in making the day a notable one in the annals of our fair city. And we recommend that on all national holidays our citizens rival those of El Paso, Los Angeles and other progressive communities by converting San Antonio into a billowy sea of flags and bunting; thus helping to create in the hearts of our children a fervor of patriotism that will make our city celebrated throughout the land and put it in the front ranks of the world’s greatest tourist resorts.”

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. E. G. LeSturgeon, Ladies’ Auxiliary Spanish War Veterans; A. B. Hillan, John L. Bullis, Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. Emma C. Norris, Ladies’ Auxiliary Grand Army of the Republic; C. B. Treuter, Natchez Tribe No. 2, Improved Order of Red Men; Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, Ladies’ Auxiliary Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. K. Scharfenberg, Ladies’ Auxiliary Grand Army of the Republic; Godfrey Peterson, Confederate Veterans; C. S. Brodbent, Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Cora Shaffer, Woman’s Relief Corps, Grand Army of the

Republic; Mrs. O. A. Balcom, Pocahontas Degree, Order of Red Men; Mrs. Hettie Hill, Ladies' Auxiliary Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. W. A. Smith, Pocahontas Degree, Order of Red Men; Mrs. Mabel Bates, president Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Revolution; Mrs. L. P. Baugh, Daughters of the Confederacy.

Our deepest gratitude is tendered to the officers and enlisted men of Fort Sam Houston for their willing assistance in all public functions. They are on hand whenever requested, at funerals, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and other occasions.

E. O. C. Ord Post is favored above all its sister posts in having the military band, chaplain and other accessories of the army as our staunch friends and aids.

Memorial Day exercises are attended by a large concourse of citizens and troops. Children decorate some two thousand graves of departed comrades in our national and other cemeteries. The Sunday previous we have special services in some church, always deeply patriotic, and on Memorial Night an appropriate program in our hall.

At our school flag raisings we always have a large attendance and are most cordially welcomed. Teachers, pupils, citizens, G. A. R.'s and faithful auxiliaries and some of our Confederate friends turn out in force and make a gala afternoon.

We have had three public school flag presentations here during my incumbency the past year. June 13th Alamo Heights School, just outside the city, an up-to-date school, having its own band and mechanical and domestic science departments; principal, Mrs. R. C. Howland, six teachers, 140 pupils. A Texas flag was also presented to this school. December 12th Crockett School, Prospect Hill, Prof. Hirsch, principal, seventeen teachers, six hundred pupils. This is the most modern and complete school building in the city. February 7th Ruiz School, Miss Nelson, principal, six teachers, two hundred and thirty pupils.

At all these meetings children showed unbounded enthusiasm and, as is fitting, filled most of the program.

I was not appointed until after Memorial Day and therefore cannot give as full a report as the exercises merit.

They are held in our National Cemetery, where the G. A. R. ritual is rehearsed, prayer, address, Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, military band, battery, numbers of United States officers and troops and probably one thousand citizens, and at night appropriate exercises in our hall.

Under the auspices of G. A. R., W. R. C., and Ladies of G. A. R., a joint Washington and Lincoln birth anniversary was held February 12th at Gunter Hotel ball room. Eloquent addresses were made on Lincoln by Hon. Nat M. Washer; on Washington by Rev. Garfield Johnson. Music by Third Artillery Band. A goodly number of Confederate comrades attended, and our newspapers gave quite a full and complimentary account of the meeting. The hall was appropriately decorated and the fires of patriotism replenished.

I have tried to keep in touch with all Post Patriotic Instructors in the Department by sending them blank reports to be filled and returned. Some have responded and some have not.

Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford—Four school buildings. Post small and members scattered. No flags; no observances; no auxiliary.

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston—Nine public schools supplied with flags. Pupils take interest in raising and lowering. Washington's Birthday observed. Teachers show little interest in patriotic observances. No auxiliary. Flag raised at Protestant Orphans' Home, Comrade Ketchum officiating.

Lyon Post No. 5, Denison—Ten school buildings; all have flags. Teachers and pupils take lively interest. Washington's, Lincoln's McKinley's, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, all observed. Have W. R. C. and Ladies G.

A. R. Auxiliaries. Cost of carrying on the work \$1.35.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio—Patriotic Instructor not installed until July 4th. Thirty school buildings in city, seventy in county. Not near all have flags. Some teachers show lively interest. Six schools supplied during the year with flags. Have W. R. C. and Ladies of G. A. R. Two public playgrounds.

Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas—One hundred and seventy school buildings, city and county. Some have flags. Observe Washinton's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day, Flag Day. On Memorial Day flags are half masted. Cost of carrying on the work about \$20.00. One or two flags supplied during the year. Some teachers show lively interest.

Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi—Six schools, all supplied with flags. Pupils and teachers take interest. No new flags, as all have them. Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, observed. Have W. R. C. Auxiliary.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston—Fifty-two public, 21 private schools; no flags. Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day observed, but not in schools. Pupils and teachers take little interest. Have W. R. C. Auxiliary.

Considering that there are twenty posts in the Department, I regret the paucity of reports. Most of the Posts are weak and find it hard to keep up their organization, but surely in our leading cities there are enough patriotic people to give strong support to patriotic effort if they can only be aroused. Most of the reports have a vein of discouragement running through them, but, comrades, let us set our faces to the east, gird up our loins and take courage. We know there are thousands of men in these cities who, if need be, would die in defence of the flag, hence it is not a lack of patriotism but merely the lack of exhibition of patriotic sentiment. Texans are intensely patriotic when the war bugle rings out its call to arms, but they are not so

demonstrative as some other people in piping times of peace.

Ever bear in mind that God and one man constitute a majority. In the early days of the Christian era when St. Crysostom was Bishop of Constantinople, steeped as that city was in vice and crime, he grandly exclaimed, "One man filled with holy zeal can change a city." Some of our American cities have respectively felt the touch of a righteous man's power. Denver, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, have been greatly purified and lifted up by a few earnest men, and is it too much to say that our Texas cities are devoid of them?

Early in my term an idea struck me that an address to children could be formulated, both interesting and instructive, on the flags that have floated over the territory now comprising our country, beginning with the flags of Columbus and Spain, giving each a brief historical sketch in chronological order, and showing duplicates of the flags, true to design and color, and telling what part of our country they represented.

I opened correspondence with State Superintendents of Schools, libraries, our members of congress, patriotic associations, the National Tribune, and from whatever other source I hoped could aid. I soon found the more I investigated the wider the field spread, and that I had undertaken a contract beyond my ability to perform.

The following letters or excerpts therefrom show the paucity of information on the history and designs of flags that have existed in our country:

"Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.—I regret that I cannot send you any literature bearing upon the flags of the different countries.—Nathan C. Schaeffer, Supt. of Public Instruction."

I expected help and encouragement from the National Association of Patriotic Instructors, John B. Lewis, president, who answered me:

"I think I am in position to give you what information you want, but I do not want to go to that trouble if this is a circular letter you were sending out to many people, and I have already seen other matter reading just the same as this letter. I am writing this not that I do not wish to do the work for you, but it costs me money for time, stamps and clerical work."

The National Association of Patriotic Instructors, however, sent me a blank application for membership, asking me to enclose a dollar. I did not respond, though perhaps a membership would be of value.

I answered President Lewis thus:

"The thought struck me if I could get a series of flags from 1492 to date I could get up an interesting talk to schools. When I read in the National Tribune that you had sent out 50,000 pieces of literature or matter, I thought your association was just what I needed and I wrote Levi Longfellow and several others for information. I get no money recompense for 'time, stamps and clerical work,' and supposed your association was organized for patriotism and not for pay, and I thank you for setting me right. I am sure I can find data and prints to suit my purpose, but it may entail some labor, and writing is hard work at my age. I enclose stamp to repay the one on your letter to me."

He then wrote me the following nice letter, which is duly appreciated:

"I am very glad to get your letter of the 30th ult., and the two-cent stamp you sent me I am putting on this letter.

"Permit me to say that it is possible I should not have written the letter, but should have complied with your request, and had your letter all ready to act upon when I received letters from others sending to me letters written just like mine from you, which showed me you were simply writing a circular letter.

“Were I to respond to all circular letters that come to my office I would not have time to attend to the affairs of my own society; hence, my letter to you; and as some of the boys you wrote to have undoubtedly given you the information you want, I will simply say that if you do not find what you want, write me again if it be your pleasure. It costs you nothing but the stamp and time, and I will be very glad as one comrade to another, to give you the information you are seeking, but to do it I will pick up that information from several sources, which will take me a few days.—Cordially yours in F. C. and L., J. B. Lewis, President.”

My letters, however, were not circular, but individual letters. Please note further along in this report how greatly he was mistaken in saying he was in position to give me what information I wanted, and how greatly I was mistaken in saying “I am sure I can find data and prints to suit my purpose.” No man in America possessed the information, and only one woman, and she says she is not sure she has yet found all the flags after thirty years’ work.

Our estimable Mrs. Adele B. Looscan of Houston wrote me regarding flags of Texas, and I found her excellent article in Scarff’s Comprehensive History of Texas in our Carnegie Library, but this covered only one State of our Union.

Mr. David Sneddin, Commissioner Massachusetts Board of Education, referred my letter to C. F. Belden, State Librarian, who wrote me:

“I regret that it is impossible to send you much information in addition to what you now have.”

Mr. William Beer, Librarian of Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, writing from London, England, says:

“On my return to New Orleans I shall be delighted to give you all the assistance possible.”

But the Howard Memorial does not contain what I sought.

Chester Harrison, secretary to Congressman Slayden, writes:

"I am unable to find any data with reference to the early flags of the nations you mentioned." (He had all the libraries in Washington to drawn on.

Mr. Alfred Sanner, French Vice Consul in San Antonio, wrote his superiors in New York, who replied:

"We beg to inform you that the flag carried by the French at the time of La Salle's landing in this country was a white flag with three fleur-de-lis in gold set two above and one below to form a triangle."

So after all this laborious correspondence, a part only of which I have read, the only knowledge I actually gained on early flags was through French channels.

The following from the most accomplished flag authority I have cognizance of is the answer to my letter to the National Tribune:

"You have given Col. McElroy much more of a task than he or anybody else on this paper is able to comply with. It would be impossible to secure any of the flags that you ask for excepting somebody sat down and made them and I don't believe you want to pay \$5 a flag and that is about what it would cost to have the designs drawn and flags made.

"Col. McElroy has turned your letter over to me to answer, and I speak with knowledge, as I have made a large number of these flags myself, being unable to buy them and I use them in a talk which I give on the origin and history of the flag.

"You cannot get the flags that you speak of in any size, and there are today none of them in print in colors, so far as I have been able to ascertain. I think it would be easy to obtain in printed silk about a dozen of these flags, but I am not sure. The very best thing for you to do if you could get prints of them is to have them made of the oil boiled calico, as I have. But you asked about some flags that I do not

possess and I do not know where you could get a model for them.

“If at any time I can help you you have but to call upon me.—Yours fraternally, Isabelle Worrell Ball, National Sen. Vice President, W. R. C.”

A few months after this I read in the National Tribune of September 25th a lucid account of Mrs. Ball's eloquent speech at St. Cloud, Fla., on “The Flag,” from which I quote as follows:

“The flags which Mrs. Ball displayed while she was telling the ‘Story of the Flag’ are unique in every way. She explained that for more than 30 years she had been working to bring the set of flags to perfection. She stated that she had found descriptions of the flags in old histories, in out of date books, and recently, through the favor of a friend who had picked up an almost priceless book abroad, had been able to find colors for flags of which she had long known the designs in black and white.

“The first flags displayed were the ‘discovery’ flags—that of Spain, the lions and castles of Castile and Leon; the red cross of St. George; the lilies and cross of France, the blue and black ‘five spot’ of Portugal and the flag of Henry Hudson.

“Mrs. Ball then showed the varied, but crude, attempts of the colonists to design a flag of their own. She spoke of the repugnance of the Puritans for a cross on the flag, and of Mr. Endicott of Boston coming to grief through insulting England by taking off an arm of St. George's cross. This flag was always known as ‘the mutilated cross of St. George.’ He was tried for this offense and found guilty. Oddly enough, she was told after the talk that a great-great-granddaughter of this same Mr. Endicott was in the audience.

“She showed various pine-tree flags, rattlesnake flags, quarter-moon flags and flags with all colors and conditions of crosses on them. She sketched graphically the story of each, displaying some 45 in all, that floated over the country

before Old Glory was born, there being flags of the militia companies and of the several colonies, each getting a little farther away from the King's colors of old England. Then she dramatically threw out the great silk flag, declaring that it had neither father nor mother, but sprang full-fledged into existence on June 14, 1777, and all that history shows is that on that date, in Congress, the flag was born. Mrs. Ball proved to the satisfaction of many that Washington had nothing to do with the model for the flag, and that his coat-of-arms could not possibly have been the model for the flag, as Washington confessed nearly 20 years later that he knew very little about the coat-of-arms of the Washingtons. She then showed a picture of the coat-of-arms and explained that the supposed three stars on it were simply mallets, or the rowel spurs of heraldry. * * *

“Mrs. Ball also showed about 35 special flags that are used by the various arms of the Government on land and on sea. * * * These flags shown were made by herself, and more than 100 yards of material are used in them. After showing the flags she made an appeal for a clean flag, free from humiliating uses.”

If you know how a man feels when a home-threatening mortgage has been cancelled, or a parent when the doctor says the child will come through the fever safely, or a maiden when she ropes her first beau, then roll all these ecstasies into one and you will have a fair idea of my pleasure and relief when I read this article. Thirty years of work taken off my young shoulders and done immeasurably better than I could have done it! You will not be shocked if I let out a Comanche yell and struck the Tango.

I wrote Mrs. Ball, congratulating her on and thanking her for her great historical work, and suggested a duplicate set of these flags be put in a safe place, for if her originals were lost it would be irreparable. She answered as follows:

“Thank you for your very complimentary words. I am afraid that you got only a fragmentary idea of my story

in the newspapers. If you would like a full set of seven reports which I have made to National Convention, you can secure them from the national treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps. Just address a letter to Abbie Lynch, 1432 Sheffield St., N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa., National Treasurer of the W. R. C., and tell her that you want the seven journals concerning reports that I have made. I think they will cost you about 25 cents a piece, not over that. Of course, the Journal for 1913 has not yet been issued, but I have just read proof on my last report and returned to the Past National President, and that Journal will be out shortly.

“You would indeed find it a labor of years to secure the names and descriptions of the nearly 100 flags that have floated over this country before Old Glory was born. I have been working on it myself for nearly 30 years and I am not sure that I have found them all yet. I have no duplicates of the flags that I have made, but I am quite sure that all of them are very vividly printed in colors in my brain. It would no doubt surprise you to learn that there is over 100 yards of material in the flags that I have made.

“No, I do not take up the acquisition of territory or anything of that kind in my flag talk. Sometimes in speaking to public schools and to children elsewhere for Fourth of July I have told them by decades, the changes in the United States territory and the addition of the stars to the flag, and it proved very interesting.”

“My flag talk is so long anyhow that I find I must confine myself almost entirely to the flag itself, without giving any of the history of the country that may have been made while that particular flag was floating.

“I have often thought that it would be a good plan to divide my talk into series of three, for it takes an hour and a half at best to give it and then I have to rush it at lightning speed.

“I thank you very much indeed for the interest you have

taken in my flag work.—Sincerely yours, Isabel Worrell Ball.”

My individual personal work perforce has been restricted to my own county. I have not visited any Posts outside.

I went to the National Encampment at Chattanooga mainly to attend the meeting of Department Patriotic Instructors, but owing to a change in time and place of their conference and through my failure in getting a morning paper, I missed this meeting. It was a bitter disappointment, but I listened to some good speeches and viewed the sanguinary battle fields in the vicinity, which well repaid me. The people of Chattanooga were most patriotic, hospitable and fraternal.

I have just mailed printed slips to Post Instructors urging the observance of the 19th of April, the Battle of Lexington, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Centennial Anniversary of “The Star Spangled Banner” September 13th, Centennial of Treaty of Ghent, and one hundred years of peace among English-speaking people December 24th, asking the Post Instructors to have the same printed in their home papers. Without publicity our work must be circumscribed.

In my desire to recognize all patriotic movements in this Department, permit me to cite the great annual celebration of Washington’s Birthday at the progressive city of Laredo, where I opine 20,000 people gather for a fete lasting several days; and of the week’s San Jacinto Festival every year in San Antonio, in which Battle of Flowers Day is the culminating glory. This pageant is April 21st, and witnessed, I suppose, by 50,000 to 75,000 people in celebration of the victory of San Jacinto.

I trust our organizations will cultivate the most cordial relations with the Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliaries and also with the Sons of Veterans, our natural successors. In times of stress we defended the same flag, and it is only natural that we should be closely allied. The Span-

ish War Veterans are veterans of our whole country, North, South, East and West.

I am glad to speak of the fraternity existing between the G. A. R. and Confederate Veterans in this Department. At the last gathering of the Fourth of July Committee one of the most prominent Confederate veterans expressed the sentiment that Old Glory was good enough for all and we wanted no other flag.

I am not an alarmist, but I want to give this warning—that the sinister aggression of ecclesiastical propoganda on the one hand and the insolence of emboldened anarchy on the other against that palladium of liberty, our public school system, is going to test the patriotism of the American people and bring vividly, and it may be suddenly, to mind that “eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

From information kindly furnished me by our State Superintendent, W. F. Doughty, I learn there were in 1911-12 10,985 common schools in our State, and 910 schools in towns, cities and villages; total 11,895. Teachers 22,380; pupils attending 830,642. This is exclusive of private, church and orphan schools.

The number of daily and weekly newspapers in Texas is 1,021, being exceeded only by New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois (vide New York World Almanac, A. D. 1913).

The above two facts must be considered together. How to get close to this army of children is the problem, so that patriotic instruction will be a part of the curriculum and made a daily lesson running through the plastic years of youth. Flag presentations are but a small part. There are few families that do not take a paper, and we all know the power of the press. Cannot a way be blazed through which notices of historic days can be sent to the papers for publication? I do not know conditions in other parts of the State, but am glad to state from personal knowledge that San Antonio papers cordially grant such requests. If this could

be made general it would not be long methinks until our school laws would be amended so that each school would be supplied with a flag and patriotic instruction from public funds. This great subject has naught to do with the partisanship of the unhappy Civil War. That is of the dead past, and the few who cling to that dark period and nurse its bitterness are a negligible quantity.

We want the children to be taught true and only true history, unbiased and non-sectional, so that they can go out into the world knowing why, how and by whom our country first won independence and was later happily saved from disruption, and to fill their hearts with the sentiment of "malice toward none and charity toward all."

It is unfair to deny our children useful privileges and pleasures granted children of other States in patriotic observances from Oregon to Florida, from Texas to Maine, and in all our possessions, and we want to see them develop into enthusiastic, devoted, loyal American men and women. The holding up before our boys and girls of high ideals of citizenship is the most important duty of every patriotic society and individual.

Acknowledgment is due New York State Education Department for receipt of its public school book, "The American Flag," and to Wisconsin State School Department for "Memorial Day Annual," both splendid compilations for use of schools, and I also extend hearty thanks to all comrades of the Department and Auxiliaries, to Commander Tuttle, to Assistant Adjutant General Hubbard and National Patriotic Instructor Longfellow for their loyal support, advice, counsel and encouragement.

Finally, comrades, let us make the most of life and its opportunities as they come to us, "leave some foot prints on

the sands of time," and at the end speak as the magnificent apostle to the Gentiles spoke: "I have fought a **good** fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the **faith**."

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. S. BRODBENT,

Patriotic Instructor, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

San Antonio, Texas, April 14, 1914.

Roll of the Dead

Post 2—Thomas Poole.....	Seaman U. S. S. Kennebec..	Apr. 12, 1913
Post 2—Patrick Farrell	Serg't. A. 23 Ills. Inf.....	May 21, 1913
Post 2—Thomas C. West.....	Mechanic Eng. Corps.....	July 10, 1912
Post 3—Henry Arnold	Pvt. H. 17 Ky. Inf.....	March 13, 1913
Post 3—Frederick J. Dose....	Pvt. 31 N. Y. Inf.....	March 15, 1913
Post 3—D. J. Gillet.....	Pvt. G. 176 N. Y. Inf.....	June 2, 1913
Post 3—L. A. Martin.....	Pvt. L. 7 W. Va. Cav.....	Jan. 29, 1913
Post 3—M. J. Riddle.....	Pvt. E. 3 Ia. Inf.....	Feb. 1, 1913
Post 3—J. N. Shafter.....	Serg't. Maj. 19 Mich. Inf..	Apr. 12, 1913
Post 4—J. A. Paddock.....	Pvt. E. 10 Wis. Inf.....	Jan. 3, 1913
Post 4—Webb Fuller	Jan. 25, 1913
Post 4—A. N. Jack.....	Pvt. H. 51 Ills. Inf.....	May 5, 1913
Post 5—J. S. Ourand.....	Pvt. G. 1 Calif. Cav.....	June 22, 1913
Post 5—Samuel Hamilton	Pvt. B. 22 Ohio Inf.....	July 3, 1913
Post 6—Wm. Fitzgerald	Pvt. B. 5 Ills. Cav.....	Feb. 25, 1913
Post 6—John Hunter	Pvt. C. 23 N. Y. Inf.....	March 21, 1913
Post 9—Philip W. Hudson.....	Capt. B. 10 Conn. Inf.....	Jan. 1913
Post 9—C. C. Jerrell.....	Pvt. H. 24 Ind. Inf.....	Feb. 15, 1913
Post 9—Wm. Eastland	Pt. H. 9 Ind. Inf.....	Dec. 23, 1912
Post 9—S. R. Johnson.....	Oct. 6, 1912
Post 9—J. H. Lynch.....	Pvt. C. 3 Ills. Cav.....	May 12, 1913
Post 20—John J. Nagle.....	Pvt. C. 39 Ills. Inf.....	June 19, 1913
Post 35—Name and record not given.
Post 54—Wm. H. Donovan....	Pvt. B. 3 R. I. Cav.....	Jan. 18, 1913
Post 2—Geo. D. Douglas.....	Pvt. C. 90 N. Y. Inf.....	Oct. 29, 1913
Post 3—Geo. Bennack	Bugler D. 2 Ills. Cav.....	July 22, 1913
Post 3—John Sonnan	Pvt. C. 1 Tex. Cav.....	Aug. 1, 1913
Post 3—Thomas Whittett	Seaman U. S. Navy.....	Aug. 2, 1913
Post 4—Waldo Goff	Serg't. H. 84 Ohio Inf.....	Aug. 2, 1913
Post 5—C. L. Benjamin.....	Pvt. F. 164 Ohio Inf.....	Dec. 2, 1913
Post 5—A. Sherlitz	Pvt. H. 16 Wis. Inf.....	July 22, 1913
Post 6—T. Deewester.....	Pvt. G. 2 Ky. Inf.....	July 30, 1913
Post 6—Thomas W. Hayes....	Corp. H. 2 Ills. Cav.....	Sept. 14, 1913
Post 6—A. S. Exline.....	Pvt. K. 4 Ills. Cav.....	Sept. 1913
Post 9—A. M. Engle.....	Pvt. H. 31 Ohio Inf.....	Dec. 23, 1913
