

E 462
.1
.T35
v. 31
1916
Set 1

JOURNAL
OF
Thirty-First Annual Encampment



Department of Texas
Grand Army of the Republic

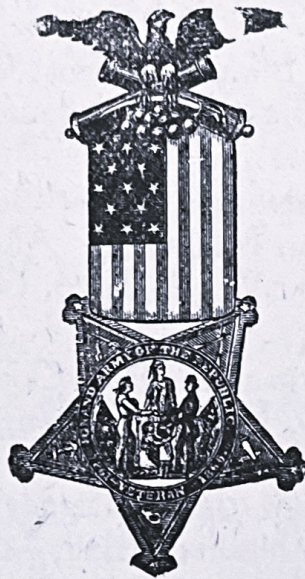
HELD AT
San Antonio, April 28 and 29,

1916

JOURNAL ✓

OF

Thirty-First Annual Encampment



Department of Texas

Grand Army of the Republic

HELD AT

San Antonio, April 28 and 29,

1916

Roll of Thirty-First Annual Encampment, G.A.R. San Antonio, Texas, April 28-29, 1916

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

C. S. Brodbent, Commander, M. E. Young, Sr. Vice Commander, A. McWhirt, Jr. Vice Commander, B. F. Cavins, Chaplain, G. Helbing, Medical Director

STAFF

Joseph S. Ewing, Asst. Adj. and Qr. General, R. B. Cowles, Patriotic Instructor, T. E. Tustin, Judge Advocate General, E. J. Kilmer, Chief Mustering Officer, F. Zithrans, Department Inspector

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

W. F. Connor, W. H. Nye, A. I. Lockwood, Max Hart, Dexter Wagner

DELEGATES

McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman—Post Commander, H. A. Johnson, Rep. C. C. Bryan, Past Post Commander, John Brown, J. H. Rock, L. Q. Edmonston

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston—Post Commander E. M. Ketchum, Rep. J. H. Morrison, Owen Mullhorn. Alternates—George Murray, John Eave, Past Post Com. W. H. Boyd, C. A. Cahoon, G. H. Clawson, Ed. Gones

Ord Post No. 3, San Antonio—Post Commander, A. W. Robbins, Rep. A. B. Cowles, J. C. Bump, F. Vandervoort, W. H. Hartup, Alternates—Thomas Wilson, M. H. Young, Pat Kenney, Thos. Dolan, Daniel Foot, Past Post Com. James Biggar, L. Garza, H. L. Brook, Nate Underwood, L. L. Whitaker, Alvin Mcsher, Edward Loomis.

Parmley Post No. 4, Fort Worth—Post Commander, G. E. Allgaier, Rep. T. M. Casen, M. B. Young. Alternates, Calvin Waterman, Past Post Com. E. P. Brown, A. D. Palmer, John Gold, W. H. Nye

Lyon Post No. 5, Denison—Post Commander, Dexter Wagner. Rep. J. H. Dunn, Wm. Perkins, H. Alexander. Alternates, Charles Eldridge, Past Post Com. L. B. Moore, E. Charles

Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas—Post Commander, T. W. Woodcock. Reps. W. Gardner, D. B. Morrow, Robt. McCullah, W. S. Gardner, J. M. Naylor. Alternates, Robt. McCormick, George Knight, J. W. Ayers, W. M. Galbreath, L. W. Clark, J. S. Dunlap, John L. Boyo, M. Balwig.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston—Post Commander, Max Hart. Rep., J. Kline. Alternate, John Taylor. Past Post Com. George E. Smith, A. Metcalf.

Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi—Post Commander, E. J. Kilmer, W. G. Holden

Past Department Commanders

1885	W. D. Wylie	Encampment	Dallas	Deceased
1886	O. T. Lyon	"	Dallas	Deceased
1887	W. H. Sinclair	"	Galveston	Deceased
1888	J. C. DeGress	"	Austin	Deceased
1889	A. G. Malloy	"	Fort Worth	Deceased
1890	A. K. Taylor	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1891	M. W. Mann	"	Dallas	Deceased
1892	O. G. Peterson	"	El Paso	Deceased
1893	J. W. Polk	"	Denison	Dallas, Texas
1894	R. M. Moore	"	Dublin	Deceased
1895	W. W. Bostwick	"	Waco	Longmont, Colo.
1896	George W. McCormick	"	Dallas	Deceased
1897	Ed. M. Ketchum	"	Houston	Galveston, Texas
1898	W. F. Gonner	"	Austin	Dallas, Texas
1899	John Roach	"	Denison	Deceased
1900	Charles B. Peck	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1901	P. B. Hunt	"	Galveston	Dallas, Texas
1902	G. C. Haskell	"	Beaumont	Deceased
1003	John H. Bolton	"	Dallas	Deceased
1904	John L. Boyd	"	San Antonio	Dallas, Texas
1905	E. A. Russell	"	Dallas	Deceased
1906	H. W. Harvey	"	Dallas	Belton, Texas
1907	L. L. Whitaker	"	Dallas	San Antonio, Texas
1908	T. M. Wright	"	San Antonio	Denison, Texas
1909	Galvin R. Hubbard	"	Denison	Deceased
1910	J. S. Dunlap	"	Fort Worth	Dallas, Texas
1911	W. O. Gretsinger	"	Dallas	Denison, Texas
1912	E. P. Brown	"	Corpus Christi	Fort Worth
1913	Sidney Tuttle	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1914	Robert McCormick	"	Fort Worth	Dallas
1915	G. S. Brodbent	"	Dallas	San Antonio

Past National Officers of Texas

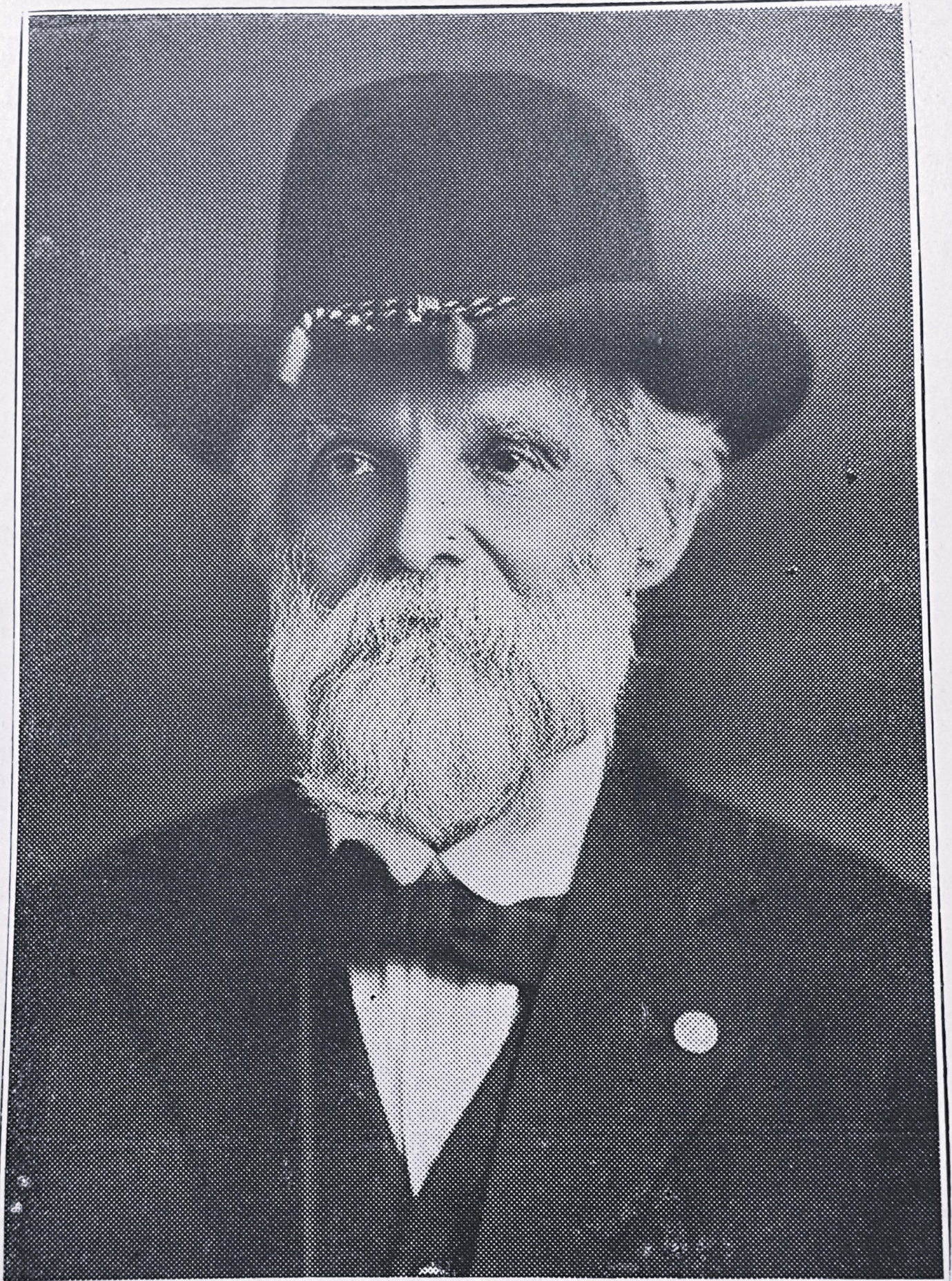
1892	J. C. Bigger, Jr.	Vice Commander in Chief, Post 11, Dallas	Deceased
1897	David McKay	Surgeon General, Post 11, Dallas	Deceased
1901	A. W. Ackerman	Surgeon General, Post 5, Denison, Texas	
1910	W. F. Gonner	Inspector General, Post 6, Dallas, Texas	
1912	L. L. Whitaker	Surgeon General, Post 3, San Antonio, Texas	
1914	W. F. Gonner, Sr.	Vice Commander in Chief, Post 6, Dallas, Texas	

DEPARTMENT HONORARY MEMBERS

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

Roll of Honor for 1915

Post No. 2	W. A. Allen, Corp. U. S. Marines	Nov. 11, 1915
Post No. 2	W. L. Rich, Private 3d U. S. Art	Jan. 19, 1915
Post No. 2	Sam Harris, Private 3d U.S. Cav	April 12, 1915
Post No. 3	Wm. Carley, Private F137 Ohio Inf	Nov. 15, 1915
Post No. 3	Wm. Holt, Private E 7th U. S. Inf	Dec. 15, 1915
Post No. 6	Wm. Burr, Capt. 12th N. Y. Cav	Jan. 3, 1915
Post No. 6	G. A. Green, Private C 1st N.Y. Art	Mar. 28, 1915
Post No. 6	D.B. Horn, Private I 5th Pa. Inf	Feb. 28, 1915
Post No. 6	H.A. Burnett, Private I 34th Ky Inf	June 15, 1915
Post No. 9	Albert Radzel, Private F 12th Ill Inf	Feb. 2, 1915
Post No. 9	W.H. Aldrich, Private A 20th U.S. Inf	Feb. 8, 1915
Post No. 20	C. R. Hubbard, Private 60 Wis Inf	April 28, 1915



Comrade C. S. BRODBENT

San Antonio, Texas

Past Commander Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic 1915-1816

JOURNAL

The 31st Annual Encampment G. A. R., Dept. of Texas convened in I. O. O. F. Hall on Crockett St., April 28th, 1916, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Post opened in due form by Post Commander Robbins. And the gavel was turned over to Department Commander, C. S. Brodbent.

Rev. Dr. Leonard opened the Encampment with prayer.

Mayor Brown, of San Antonio then made the welcoming address to the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic present, which met with hearty applause.

The Department Commander responded in a touching short address, reminding the comrades that we are now in the last days of this great organization which stands in a class by itself.

Nothing of its character and magnitude ever having preceded it, and its duration of necessity limited to the longevity of the Veterans of the Civil War.

Colonel Waltz, Commander of Ft. Sam Houston gave the comrades a very stirring and patriotic address, which met an appreciative response from the audience; paying a high tribute to the veterans and giving assurance that as long as he was in command the Grand Army should always have due recognition.

The Military Band from Ft. Sam Houston rendering splendid music the while.

General Clem, a retired United States Army officer, then made a short address.

A Committee of General David S. Stanley Circle; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, viz: President, Mrs. Jennie Green; Secretary, Mrs. Lula Crosby; Treasurer, Mrs. Louise T. Ewing; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Ida Martin, were ushered into the Hall to give greeting. The President said; "Comrades: Veterans, and Ladies of the W. R. C.! I suppose you are wondering who we are and what we are doing here: This lady is my Secretary, Mrs. Lula Crosby. The next is my Treasurer, Mrs. Louise T. Ewing. The next is Mrs. Ida Martin our Patriotic Instructor; all of General David Stanley Circle No. 3 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and I am its President, Mrs. Jennie A. Green, at your service.

A telegram from Col. Bingham, U. S. A. in remembrance of Past Department Commander, Sidney Tuttle was received.

Recess.

Convened in Executive Session.

Motion by Comrade Conner that all present members of the Department be made members of the Encampment with voting privilege, carried 37 to 15.

Department Commander Brodbent then delivered his address to the Encampment, as follows :

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

COMRADES.—We welcome you to the Thirty-First Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas.

These yearly reunions are pleasant and profitable and grow more precious as time thins our ranks and our physical strength wanes. Like all my late predecessors I deplore the fact that results for the year have not been satisfactory. From the columns of The National Tribune and other sources I have learned of comrades locating in Texas from other Departments and have given them notice, not only by personal letters, but in Orders and through the press that all eligibles outside of Bexar County, could join us by the payment of one dollar per year. The response has been negligible. Few Comrades are now under 70 years of age, which they may deem sufficient cause for declining to take an active part in affairs outside their domestic circle. The past however, is secure and in our National annals the history of the Grand Army of the Republic has and can have no duplicate.

The Pension Department informs me that there are about 3000 pensioners in this Department. How many are veterans of the Civil War can be learned only by an examination of the rolls. A list of such with their addresses can be obtained from the Pension office. Whether the results would warrant the expense is questionable. My own experience in trying to win members would compel a negative answer.

FLAG LEGISLATION.

Measures have been taken with good promise of success to have a School Flag law and an anti-desecration Flag law enacted by our next legislature. Doubtless my successor and all other Comrades and our Auxiliaries will help push this worthy object to an early triumph. No greater patriotic work has been given us to do. Let us do it with a will.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Full, and I opine, satisfactory reports will be rendered you by the several Department officers, to which I invite your careful attention. We have been favored with the services of a conscientious, intelligent Staff. Asst. Adjt. and Q. M. Gen. Ewing has been indefatigable in the discharge of his duties, and like acknowledgment must be accorded Dept. Patriotic Instructor Cowles. Much of their work has come under my personal notice and I am proud to testify to its merit.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This beneficent auxiliary organization under the strong leadership of President Verna S. Irvin, has lived up to the high standard of the past. It challenges our admiration and has ever been ready with good works and noble deeds to minister to the comfort and needs of the veterans, to care for the widows and orphans, to decorate the graves of the noble dead, and to keep alive their virtues. No call for aid has been unheeded and no hand withheld from tender ministry.

GEN. DAVID S. STANLEY CIRCLE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Like its sister association, it has been fruitful in the field of mercy, care and loving kindness. In visiting the sick, comforting the afflicted, inspiring hope in the depressed, it has exemplified the highest type of American womanhood and has made its name beloved in the home of distress and in the banquet halls as well. Both these associations have shown commendable zeal in patriotic work. They have presented flags, visited schools, attended meetings, and have neglected no opportunity to teach lessons of patriotism, especially to the children. Yea, they have created opportunities.

SONS OF VETERANS.

A tentative effort was made by Ord Post to organize a Sons of Veterans Post, but it was pronounced impracticable. A canvas

of the members disclosed that few of their sons retained residence here, and the sons who are domiciled here from other Departments are disinclined to become active in this line, being generally occupied in duties to themselves and families that will not brook neglect. No one questions the desirability of having our sons succeed us in this work but they have the requirements of the present to meet and the problems that are before our boys may demand as strenuous action as was demanded of their progenitors.

MEMORIAL DAY.

There is no diminution of interest in the sacred observance of Memorial Day. The remembrance of the departed Comrades is kept green in the hearts of all by the strewing of fragrant flowers on their graves and the eloquent recital of their deathless deeds. From end to end of our country Memorial Day proclaims that the saviors of our Union are embalmed in the heart of the Nation and that the Nation is their glorious, imperishable monument, and thus shall Memorial Day be kept from generation to generation as long as the Star Spangled Banner kisses the breezes of heaven.

DEFUNCT POSTS.

It will be seen from the Asst. Adjt. General's report, and greatly to my sorrow, that several Posts have surrendered their Charters. This was not willingly done but of necessity, through death reducing membership below requirement of Regulations. This result is inevitable,—is beyond human control, and has been foreseen for years, yet like the long expected death of a friend, when the stroke does fall it gives one a painful shock.

THE GALVESTON FUND.

I received from my predecessor \$197.08, the amount of the Galveston Fund. In August a disastrous storm visited Galveston, Houston and vicinity, causing greivous loss and privation. A call for aid came from Comrades and on Sept. 16th, by authority of the Council of Administration, I remitted to Comrade Max Hart, Commander McClellan Post No. 9, at Houston, the amount of \$197.08 plus \$2.13 interest, a total of \$199.21 for distribution to needy Comrades. A list of the names of recipients and the several amounts paid was sent by Commander Hart to the Adjt. General of the Department. Thus closes the beneficent record of the Galveston Fund.

So much has been told of the 49th National Encampment at Washington that further expression is unnecessary, only to repeat it was a magnificent outpouring of patriotic sentiment in a magnificent setting, worthy of our magnificent Nation, and marks a glorious page in our history.

In handing the gavel of authority to my successor I can assure you my heart has been in the work, and words fail to express my gratitude for the honors conferred on me and mine. I sincerely thank all officers, comrades and auxiliaries for their unstinted aid and loyalty. In the hope and trust that the labor of our generation has proven to be, and will continue to be, a rich blessing to our race, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. S. BRODBENT,
Commander Department of Texas G. A. R.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

San Antonio, Tex.; April 28, 1916.

To COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—

While I have always been ready for any duty I might be called on to perform I can only thank you for your kindness and good will in electing me Senior Vice Commander.

M. B. YOUNG.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Dallas, Texas, April 24th, 1916,

To THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ENCAMPMENT:—

I beg leave to submit my report as Junior Vice Commander for the past year.

I have not been called upon to perform any duties pertaining to the office, but I hope that the officers elected for the coming year will make a better report than I am making by visiting the Posts over the State and encouraging the members in increasing their membership. My health has not been very good the past month, is the reason I am not with you at this Encampment.

I wish you all a prosperous year.

A. McWHIRK.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT and QM. GENL.

To Comrade C. S. Brodbent, Commander Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas:—

San Antonio, Texas, April 28th, 1916.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my stewardship in the high trust you have reposed in me, when you appointed me to the position of Asst. Adjt. Gen'l and Asst. Qm. Gen'l of your Department.

I confess to some trepidation when first confronted with the responsibilities entailed, in view of the illustrious names of my numerous predecessors who have filled this position with a dignity and ability, I could not even hope to approach, with my untried prentice hand.

But remembering the generous spirit which prompted your action, I resolved to devote my time and best efforts in acknowledgement thereof.

And here I wish to thank the Officers and Comrades of this Department for the unvarying courtesy received at their hands in the past year, and if at any time in my anxiety to expedite the business in hand, I have seemed to forget the amenities due, I ask pardon. Recurring to the year's activities, I have to say:

Numerically we have decreased, as may have been expected, both in number of Posts and membership. As to the fiscal aspect, we take some satisfaction in reporting a larger balance on hand than shown in the last annual report, notwithstanding our depleted ranks and some extraordinary demands met by your Quartermaster General, to-wit:

(Report.)

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT
ADJUTANT-GENERAL.**

Headquarters Department of Texas, G. A. R.
Office of Assistant Adjutant General.

San Antonio, April 1916.

To the Department Commander.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to present the following Consolidated Report of the Posts of this Department for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1915.

	POSTS	MEMBERS
Number remaining in good standing last A. A. Gen'l Report	16	347
	MEMBERS	
GAIN		
By muster-in	15	
“ transfer	10	
“ re-instatement	10	
“ “ from delinquent reports	8	
	<u>43</u>	
Total gain		43
Aggregate		<u>390</u>
	<u>16</u>	
	MEMBERS	
LOSS		
By death	12	
“ honorable discharge	2	
“ transfer	10	
“ suspension	15	
“ dishonorable discharge		
“ delinquent reports	3	15
“ surrender of Charter	2	10
	<u>5</u>	<u>64</u>
Total Loss	5	64
	11	
Number remaining in good standing	11	<u>326</u>

Very respectfully, in F., C and L.

J. S. EWING.
Assistant Adjutant-General.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

J. S. Dunlap. Check	\$165.40	
J. S. Dunlap, receipt for money retained to publish Journal of 1915	40.00	
Per-capita Tax from Posts.	198.60	
Sale of Quartermasters Supplies	7.70	411.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Journal 1915.	40.00	
Postage	14.84	
Badges National Encampment.	3.90	
Express	3.40	
Printing.	21.00	
Per-capita tax to National Headquarters	11.80	
Expense National Encampment.	16.00	
Salary for the year	50.00	
Quartermaster General for supplies	9.86	
Stationery	3.50	
Balance remaining on hand	238.80	411.70

JOSEPH S. EWING.

Assistant Quartermaster General.

On motion of W. F. Conner, the report was approved.

The Council of Administration reports this account, correct and recommends that an invoice of all property on hand be taken up and the invoice be shown in all future reports.

(Signed)

W. F. CONNER,
DEXTER WAGNER,
H. W. NYE,
A. I. LOCKWOOD,
Council of Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Headquarters 31st Dept. Encampment,
San Antonio, Texas, April 28, 1916.

To Dept. Commander, C. S. Brodbent and Members of
Encampment.

COMRADES:—I beg leave to submit my report as Chief Mustering Officer of this Dept. for the year now just ended.

I regret to announce that I have not during my term been called upon to muster a Post.

The only duties in the way of mustering Officers that I have performed, consist in having mustered in a single recruit in E. J. Davis Post, No. 54 of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

E. J. KILMER,
Chief Mustering Officer.

Adjourned 12 o'clock a. m. to meet at 2 p. m.

REPORT OF THE DEPT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

C. S. Brodbent,

Com. Dept. of Texas, G. A. R.

In making my annual report I can add but little to what has transpired in the vicinity of E. O. C. Ord Post. I sent blank reports to all the Patriotic Instructors of the different Posts in this Department. I have received reports from but few of them. It is very evident a great many of our Posts are so reduced in membership as not to be able to hold meetings at all. Others only occasionally and that at the home of some of the comrades.

Post No. 2, of Galveston reports having placed a flag at one school at the Commander's own expense, the Post having no funds for that purpose.

Post No. 9, at Houston reports the placing of three flags in as many schools, and that nearly all schools are now supplied with flags.

They report a decided increase in patriotism during the past year owing to their patriotic Mayor taking a very active part in the work.

Post No. 54, of Corpus Christi reports the presenting of a flag to one school by the Women's Relief Corps.

I am glad to say E. O. C. Ord Post has still sufficient membership to keep in good working condition and have done a little work in the cause of patriotism.

The Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army and the Post have presented flags to four different schools.

On Sept. 13th under the generosity of Officials of Fort Sam Houston we were furnished a large motor truck which, filled with ladies and comrades. we proceeded to Pleasanton, Atascosa Connty, and presented a flag to the High School of that town. This school has 8 teachers and 270 pupils.

Oct. 18, we presented a flag to the High School of San Antonio which has 35 teachers and 1300 pupils.

Jan. 26, we presented a flag to Robt. E. Green Memorial School which has 5 teachers and 130 pupils.

Also presented flag to Crockett School for having the best flag drill.

In all schools where we have placed flags the teachers and pupils have shown great interest in the occasions by flag drills, patriotic songs, etc.

I wish to state we are working now for a law to prohibit the desecration in any manner of our flag, and we have the assurance from our State Senator from this district that he will endeavor to have such a law enacted at the next session of our Legislature.

On last Memorial Sunday accompanied by our lady auxiliaries we attended the Trinity M. E. church and listened to a powerful sermon by Bishop W. P. Threlkeld, of New Orleans.

On Memorial Day we assembled at the National Cemetery and held the usual exercises. Fort Sam Houston furnished us a band, a battery of artillery and a firing squad.

A committee of the ladies decorated the 2,000 graves of our departed comrades.

Flag Day, June 14, I not only requested the city papers to ask our people to display flags, but called upon Gen'l Manager Tuttle of the Traction Co., and through his generosity each conductor and motorman of the line wore a miniature flag on their coats.

July 4th the different patriotic societies held a grand parade, after which we repaired to San Pedro Park and held exercises suitable of the day.

Nov. 19 the Liberty Bell was on exhibition for a few hours in San Antonio. All schools closed and thousands witnessed the old relic.

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by the Post and ladies, in the ball room of the Gunter Hotel and attracted a large number of people.

Washington's birthday was well observed by our whole people. All public schools had exercises in honor of the event. Flags were displayed from public and private buildings and business generally suspended.

Ord Post and the Women's Relief Corps held exercises in the Post hall.

In conclusion I wish to say the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. have ever been ready to lend us aid in all our patriotic exercises and in many cases have taken the lead and carried them through to successful issues, for which we owe them our grateful appreciation.

Submitted in F. C. and L.

R. B. COWLES.

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Adjourned at 12 m., to meet at 2 p. m.

Convened and called to order at 2 o'clock p. m.

GALVESTON FLOOD FUND.

The subject of the Galveston Flood Fund was then taken up and the Council of Administration reported as follows:

We, the members of the committee to report on the distribution of said fund find there was \$197 in the hands of the Department Commander who being appealed to by comrades in distress in the stricken district of 1915 and by advice of a majority of the Council of Administration he turned this money over to a committee of Comrades of Houston and Galveston for the relief of such Comrades as were most needy in consequence of such storm and thereby disposing of this fund in the manner it was intended.

We, the committee, approve of the Department Commander's action in this matter.

(Signed)

W. F. CONNER,
DEXTER WAGNER,
H. W. NYE,
A. I. LOCKWOOD.

Committee

RESOLUTION ON PREPAREDNESS

Whereas, we may assume as per the trite old maxim that self-preservation is the first law of nature, and being in receipt of a timely reminder from my friend, Lieutenant General S. M. B. Young, President of an Association for Equal National Service; and in view of the staggering facts as they are daily revealed to us through the public press, of fifteen civilized Nations in deadly conflict, hurling the best of their young manhood to death each day by the thousands, and for which crime no better excuse has been invented than self-preservation, which might well serve for the invaded countries who are compelled to fight for home and country; but for the invader it stands forth as a palpable subterfuge. Therefore, be it

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, here assembled, that Congress should at once adopt a comprehensive and

energetic system of adequate preparedness, both of Army and Navy, to the end that when the fateful hour strikes, we may be found ready to do valiant and successful battle, as always for the preservation of this Government of the people, for the people and by the people, that it may not perish from the earth.

Signed,

C. S. BRODBENT,
Department Commander

On motion of Comrade Ketchum, and seconded by Comrade Allgaier that it be adopted, was unanimously carried.

A committee consisting of Comrades Hart and Robbins was appointed to notify the Womans Relief Corps that the Encampment was ready to receive their communication.

The Asst. Adj. Gen'l then read a letter from T. O. Proctor, Adjutant of Geo. W. Wright Post No. 26, at Paris, stating they had lost everything by fire.

On motion of Comrade Conner that an amount be contributed to help the Comrades of Paris to start again, was carried.

The amount so raised being \$15.50, which was turned over to the Adjt and Quartermaster General for delivery.

On motion the Encampment gave its unanimous endorsement to the following bill now pending in the U.S. Senate:

A BILL

Authorizing the promotion of an officer on the retired list of the Army who served in the Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint and place him on the retired list of the Army with the rank of major general any officer who served not less than one year in the Regular or Volunteer forces of the United States during the Civil War prior to April ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and who was honorably discharged therefrom, who shall since

have served not less than forty years as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army, and who was the last Civil War Veteran on the active list for over two years before retirement and had ranked every general officer on the active list in length of service when he retired.

Comrade W. F. Conner then offered the following resolution which was seconded by Comrades Ewing and Nye. Carried.

Whereas: In the call of President Lincoln for volunteers to defend the Union, it was promised that all volunteers should receive the same treatment as the officers and soldiers of the regular Army; and,

Whereas: Placing full credence in said promises, the young manhood of the nation rallied to its defense; and,

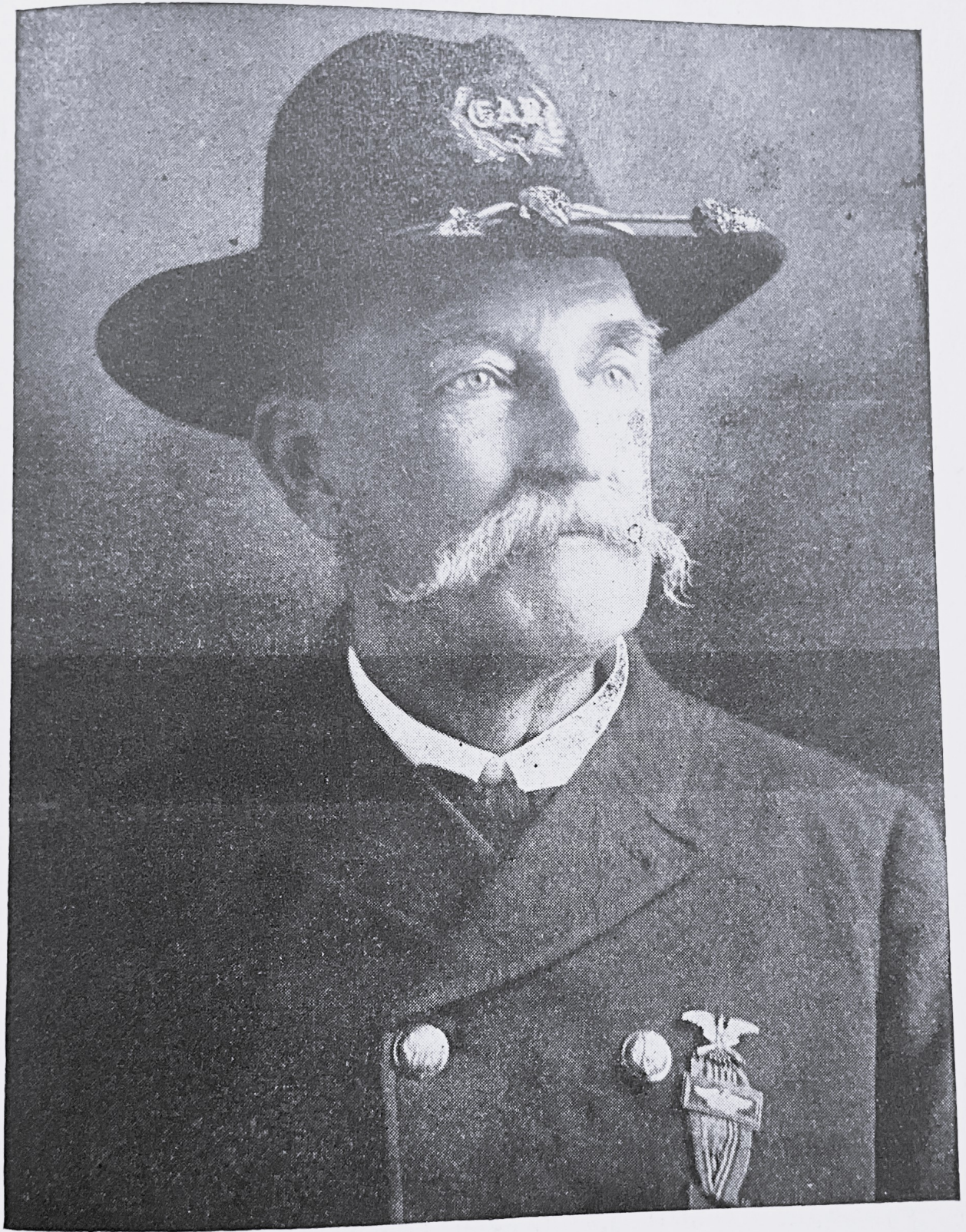
Whereas: After a lapse of more than fifty years, those promises in regard to the men who by capacity, merit and bravery earned promotion but have not received the treatment promised and abundantly earned;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic, in annual encampment assembled, respectfully ask the Congress of the United States to recognize the just claim of the officers who led and cared for us during the dark days of the Civil War, by placing the remaining survivors on the Retired List with all the benefits accruing to officers of the Regular Army of like rank; and,

Be it further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, be forwarded by the Adjutant General at Cincinnati, Ohio, to all the members of Congress and Senators from the State of Texas, and to the Assistant Adjutants General of the various Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the request that it may receive their favorable consideration and support.

C. S. BRODBENT,
Department Commander.

J. S. EWING,
Assistant Adjutant General.



Comrade A. I. LOCKWOOD

San Antonio, Texas

**Past Insp. Gen'l Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Re-
public, 1915-1916**

Comrade McCormick moved a vote of thanks be given the King Candy Co. for their contribution of a drum, which was awarded to A. D. Palmer after a contest of efficiency as a drummer, by Ketchum, McCormick and Palmer. The motion carried.

Past Department Commander Whitaker made a short address.

Comrades Lockwood and Ney were designated to escort the delegation of Womans Relief Corps into the Hall, who were presented by Mrs. Loring, of this city, and Mrs. Windgrove of Denison.

Comrade Lockwood moved the report be received and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment. Carried.

Mrs. Loring delivered an interesting address.

Mrs. Wingrove spoke in the interest of Mrs. Dunham's election as National Vice President of their order at the next National Encampment, and on motion of Comrade Conner the Department gave pledge of unanimous support.

The President, Mrs. Verna S. Irvin, then submitted the following report:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT OF TEXAS WOMANS RELIEF CORPS.

Denison, Texas, April 26, 1916.

C. S. Brodbent,
Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to submit to you and to the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Greetings of your Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, in Twenty-seventh Department Convention assembled and to submit to you the following report:

Number of Corps	6
Number of members	223
Amount of cash expended for relief	\$32.90
Relief other than money	87.00

Turned over to Post	51.00
Soldiers assisted	2
Soldiers' families assisted	9

The Woman's Relief Corps owes their pledge of allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic and stand ready to aid and assist them at any and all time.

I extend to you and official staff my grateful thanks for many courtesies received and kindness shown me during my term of office.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.

VERNA S. IRVIN,

Department President.

Comrade Naylor moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m., April 29th. Carried.

Encampment met as per adjournment 9 o'clock a. m., April 29th, 1916.

The Adjutant read to the Encampment a letter he had just written to the Adjutant of Wright Post enclosing check for the money contributed by the Encampment for their relief.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Comrade Ed. Ketchum nominated for Department Commander, Comrade C. A. Cahoon. Ord Post seconded the motion.

Comrade H. W. Ney nominated Comrade M. B. Young who arose and withdrew from the contest, asking the unanimous vote for Comrade Cahoon.

The Asst. Adjutant Genl. was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade C. A. Cahoon for Department Commander. The vote was so cast:

Comrade Conner put in nomination Max Hart of Houston, for Vice Dept. Commander second by Comrade Allgaier of Parmley, Port.

The Asst. Adj. Gen'l was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Hart. The vote was so cast

Comrade McCormick nominated Comrade McCollough of Dallas for Jr. Vice Department Commander. The Asst. Adjt. Genl. was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade McCullough for Vice Commander of the Department. The vote was so cast.

Comrade W. F. Conner put in nomination L. L. Whitaker for Medical Director; moved that the nomination close and Comrade Ketchum cast the entire vote for Whitaker. So cast.

Comrade A. W. Robbins nominated Comrade R. B. Cowles for Department Chaplain, moved and seconded the Adjt. Gen'l cast the unanimous vote for Comrade R. B. Cowles for Department Chaplain, the vote was so cast.

Comrade Ketchum moved a committee be appointed to select a Council of Administration, and it was so ordered as follows: Comrades C. A. Cahoon, Robert McCormick, A. I. Lockwood were named as such committee.

Comrade Conner then nominated Comrade M. B. Young for delegate-at-large to the National Encampment, seconded by Comrade A. W. Robbins. The Asst. Adjt. Genl. was instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Comrade M. B. Young, and it was so cast.

Comrade Ed Loomis was nominated for delegate to the National Encampment, with Comrade F. Vandervoort as alternate. The Assistant Adjt. General casting the unanimous vote, they were declared elected.

Comrade A. I. Lockwood was nominated for Alternate-at-large by Comrade Conner and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the unanimous vote for his election. So cast.

Report of Committee to select Council of Administration reported the following Comrades as their selection: A. I. Lockwood, H. W. Nye and Edward Grewis.

The Asst. Adjt. Genl. was directed to cast the unanimous vote for their election, and it was so cast.

Comrade W. F. Conner moved that the compensation for services of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General be \$75.00 per annum and that \$25.00 be allowed Comrade J. S. Ewing additional for his services the past year; second by Comrade H. W. Nye. Carried.

On motion the following committee on resolutions of Courtesy Comrades H. W. Nye, E. J. Kilmer and Ed N. Ketchum, were appointed, and to report their resolutions to the Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

RESOLUTIONS.

San Antonio, Tex., April 29th, 1916.

C. A. Cahoon, Dept. Commander.

Sir and Comrade:—Your committee appointed to formulate acknowledgements of this Encampment to the City of San Antonio for its Hospitality and to others for courtesies extended; have the honor to present the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are hereby extended to the Hotels and Railroads for concessions in rates.

To Military Commander Col. W. F. Waltz of Fort Sam Houston for his presence among us and his generous remarks.

The E. O. C. Ord Post and its glorious Auxiliaries for the "outside latch string" and timely Luncheon.

The Newspapers of San Antonio for their treatment of our order in the past and on the present occasion.

The gentlemanly "Ask Me" Boy Scouts for their constant attention and indefatigable assistance rendered where ever needed.

The general Citizenship of San Antonio, not forgetting its young Mayor for all of their generosity and kindness to us. And to all others not specifically named who have contributed to the pleasures enjoyed by our membership during our sojourn in Oasis San Antonio.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

E. J. KILMER,
ED. N. KETCHUM,
H. W. NYE.

TUTTLE RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by W. F. Conner a committee be appointed to draft suitable Resolutions in memory of Past Department Commander Sidney Tuttle, deceased, and the following Comrades were appointed: A. I. Lockwood, E. N. Ketchum, W. F. Conner, and the Asst. Adj. General was instructed to send copies of said resolutions to surviving members of the deceased's family, The National Tribune and to National Headquarters and to the local Newspapers and published in the Journal of this Encampment, seconded by Comrade A. I. Lockwood. Carried unanimously.

In Memoriam.

The following Preamble and Resolution was unanimously adopted by the 31st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic Department of Texas, upon the death of Past Department Commander, SIDNEY TUTTLE, which occurred April 25th, 1916.

SIDNEY TUTTLE was born in Bolton, on Lake George, Warren County, New York, September 3d, 1834.

At the age of eighteen he engaged in the mercantile business in Chestertown and Albany, New York.

At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion he assisted in organizing the 15th New York Cavalry, and was Commissioned as First Lieut. and Adjutant of that regiment. He served under Sheridan and Custer in the Shenandoah Valley, until the close of the war, with valor and distinction.

He came to Texas in 1872 and at once became connected with the railroad interests, serving with ability in many official capacities for many years with the International & Great Northern and San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroads, living the greater part of the time in San Antonio, where he was well known socially and in a business capacity.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Fuchs, of San Antonio, and a son, Sidney W. Tuttle of New York City, and sisters, Miss Roxie G. Tuttle, Mrs. George Gonkhite, of Lake George, New York, and Mrs. William K. Bixby, of St. Louis, Mo., and a brother, Jay Tuttle, of Lake George, New York.

As a Comrade of the Grand Army, he has been a tower of strength in his Post, E. O. G. Ord No. 3, for many years, and has filled many offices with honor to himself and credit to the Post.

In 1913 he was elected Department Commander and filled that position ably and well to the satisfaction of all his Comrades.

His warm, generous heart ever throbbed with sympathy for the old soldiers of '61-'65, and none ever appealed to him in vain.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Sidney Tuttle our country has lost a valliant defender, the State of his adoption a loyal and law-abiding citizen, the Grand Army a loved and highly respected Comrade, his family a kind and indulgent father, his Comrades of Ord Post mourn his loss and will ever miss his kindly smile and genial greeting.

Second, That this preamble and resolution be entered on the Minutes of the Encampment and published in the Journal and a copy be furnished the family of our deceased Comrade, the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, the papers of our city and the National Tribune of Washington, D. C.

A. I. LOCKWOOD,
W. F. CONNER,
W. H. NYE, Committee

ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL.

On motion it was then ordered that \$45.00 be appropriated for getting out the Journal of this Encampment and that the incoming Asst. Adjt. Gen'l send copies to Headquarters, National and Departmental, as well as to the Posts of this Department. And copies of all orders be sent to Picket Posts including Phil. M. Wagner, No. 631 E. Queen St., Tyler, Texas.

Comrade McCormack moved adjournment until 2:30 o'clock p. m. to luncheon, and to take auto ride over the city.
Adjourned.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Convened 2:30 p. m. as per adjournment. Comrade E. N. Ketchum was appointed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and made bond for installation.

The Woman's Relief Corps then entered the hall for joint installation.

The installing officer was then conducted into the hall by officer of the Day, Comrade Garza, and the following Department Officers were duly installed.

Department Commander, C. A. Cahoon, Senior Vice Dept. Commander, Max Hart; Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Robert McCullah; Medical Director, L. L. Whitaker; Chaplain, R. B. Cowles; Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General, Ed. N. Ketchum.

The new Department Commander then taking charge, made a few remarks in grateful acknowledgement.

W. R. C. INSTALLATION.

The Woman's Relief Corps then presented Mrs. Verna Irvin; Past Department President, Installing Officer. And the following ladies were duly installed:

Department President, Mrs. Rosa Roth, of Dallas.

Department Senior Vice President, Mrs. Lillie Comstock, San Antonio.

Department Junior Vice President, Mrs. Bessie Dale, Corpus Christi.

Department Chaplain, Mrs. Lucy Nichoson, Houston.

Treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Martindale, Dallas.

UNOFFICIAL.

The Woman's Relief Corps by its Past Department President, Mrs. McEwing, presented a beautiful United States flag to Rev. Dr. H. C. Leonard for Trinity Church, San Antonio, in token of gratitude for the ever open door of that church and the ever helpful efforts of its Pastor on all patriotic occasions.

PRESENTATION OF U. S. FLAG TO TRINITY
METHODIST CHURCH, BY THE W. R. C.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Womans Relief Corps, and friends. The Womens Relief Corps of the Department of Texas, feel highly honored, being privileged to present this our country's Flag to Trinity Methodist Church, we feel that in this glad act we in part liquidate some of our many obligations to that Church, which has ever stood by our efforts to keep this banner aloft as our National emblem. In this City of many Flags,—Mexican Flag, Texas Flag, and Confederate Flag. If we do not keep the record straight, there is liable to be confusion.

The Mexican Flag stood for barbarous Mexico. The Texas Flag stood for struggling freedom. The Confederate Flag stood for human slavery.

While this starry banner stands for Freedom, Justice and Equal Rights.

Always and Ever. Long may it Wave,—(applause).

The Churches while receiving their inspiration from the common source, the written word of God have displayed such amazing ingenuity in its interpretation, as to be almost bewildering. But we have ever found Trinity and its Pastors marching to the music of the Union, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men. With the prayer of the Patriot not only in their hearts but exemplified in their daily life, towit:

O Thou whose equal purpose runs
In drops of rain or streams or suns,
And with a soft compulsion rolls,
The green earth on her snowy polls;

O Thou who keepest in thy ken
The times of flowers the dooms of men,
Stretch out Thy mighty wing above
Be tender to the land we love.

When in the dark eternal tower,
The Star-clock strikes the trial hour,
When for her no more avail,
Her sea-blue shield and mountain mail,
But sweeping wide from Gulf to Lakes,
The battle on her forehead breaks,
Throw Thy victorious wing above,
Be Lightning for the Land we Love.

REPLY OF REV. H. C. LEONARD.

“Ladies of the W. R. C. and Comrades of the G. A. R. in behalf of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church I accept this flag with thanks. Such a gift to a church is most befitting. The church could not exist without the protection of the flag nor could the nation stand without the foundations laid in the church. The flag of our Country and the banner of the Cross most fittingly drape together. The one has stood for civil liberty—the right to life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness; the other has stood for the freedom of man himself from ignorance, superstition and moral slavery. Both are drenched with red blood of sacrifice. The truth of the Cross has made the Flag. Wherever they have gone dull minds have opened and slavery’s chains have fallen.”

“As a nation our mission has broadened. When this flag was first unfurled we were in a struggle to free ourselves from foreign domination; after the course of time when realizing that a nation dedicated to freedom could not exist half slave and half free you men threw yourselves into the battle front to rid our land of human slavery; and in these last days we have heard the cry of nations far removed by alien clime and tongue and have brought to them the truth held in the folds of this flag. A broader mission still rests with the church and the nation—to free ourselves of selfishness and greed.”

“In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy let us die to make men free.”

“How full of meaning are these colors! Here we have the red of sacrifice gathered from the battle fields of Freedom’s slain—the blood of those who gave the last “full measure of devotion.” In this red the blood of heroes speak calling men of today to consecrate their lives for their country’s high advancement. In this white we see the purity to which we are striving—the hopes of those who dreamed and wrought. Truth is symbolized in the blue. The truth of civil liberty are here, the truth that began to form at Runnymede and for which men fought in the days of Cromwell and Washington and Lincoln. In this truth are set the stars of the several states and speaking to them always and saying—“in the field of truth are you resting and by the truth are you held as one and only in this blue sky of truth shall you abide forever.”

“The protection of this flag reaches around the world and it is time that those who are the spokesmen of this country should be saying to the nations of the earth that all who bear this name and sign are beneath its protection in every land and on every sea. We have forgotten the richness of our heritage when we fail to support the truth of this sacred banner with adequate armies and navies.”

Again I wish to thank you on behalf of the children who will see this flag in the House of God. Into their minds must be wrought a sterling love for our country. Your organizations have done much in creating an atmosphere of patriotism but there is yet work to be done. I thank you.