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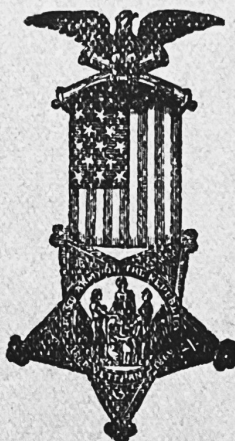
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MENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, FORT
. WORTH, TEXAS, MAY 16TH
AND 17TH, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

C. A. Cahoon, Commander; Max Hart, Sr. Vice Com-
mander; Robert McCulloch, Jr., Vice Commander; R. B.
Cowles, Chaplain; *L. L. Whitaker, Medical Director.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Edwin N. Ketchum, Asst. Adjt. and Qrmstr. General; Will
F. Conner, Chief Mustering Officer; J. S. Dunlap, Patriotic
Instructor.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Will F. Conner, A. I. Lockwood, H. W. Nye, E. J. Kil-
mer, Edward Gruis.

DELEGATES.

McPherson Post No. 1.—Jno. Brown, Commander; Past
Post Commanders, L. Q. Edminston, Joseph Rock.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2.—Edwin N. Ketchum, Post
Commander; Geo. W. Clawson, S. V. Commander; Richard
Eaton, J. V. Commander; Anson Miller, Owen Mulhern,
Representatives; George Murray, John Eve, Alternates; Past
Post Commanders, Ed. N. Ketchum, Wm. H. Boyd, C. A. Ca-
hoon, Ed. Gruis, Geo. H. Clawson.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.—Chas. Sickles, Commander;
J. C. Bumps, S. V. Commander; Robt. Brannon, J. V. Com-
mander; Representatives, R. B. Cowles, H. H. Small, Free-
gift Vandervoort, A. H. Moegline, C. H. Hartup; Alter-
nates, Samuel Wolfson, Jas. Larson, Jas. Wharton, Jerry
L. Newton, Wm. Tiemann; Past Post Commanders, Jas. A.
Bigger, Jno. A. Bishop, C. S. Brodbent, Leonardo Garza, Ed.
Loomis, Nathan Underwood, *L. L. Whitaker.

Parmley Post No. 4.—John Casey, Post Commander; J.
M. Mitchell, S. V. Commander; M. B. Young, J. V. Com-
mander; Representatives, Manly Cox, Calvin Walterman;

*Dead

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Alternates, J. N. Robbins, J. N. Kenderdine; Past Post Commanders, E. P. Brown, M. B. Young, George Algier, Dr. C. Helbing, H. W. Nye, I. W. Rouse, Jno. Gold, Chas. Baggett.

Nat Lyon Post No. 5.—Dexter Wagner, Commander; S. E. Wartz, S. V. Commander; Chas. Klein, J. V. Commander; Representatives, —; Past Post Commanders, *A. Kretzinger, L. B. Moore, S. E. Wartz, Chas. Klein, Dexter Wagner, E. Farley, J. H. Dunn.

Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6.—Walter S. Gardner, Commander; J. H. Banthausen, S. V. Commander; L. B. Morrow, J. V. Commander; Representatives, F. J. Yingling, Frederick Gethraus, B. D. Atwell, W. W. Farley; Alternates, Jno. N. Naylor, Geo. Loomis, Geo. M. Spurgeon, David M. Crossman; Past Post Commanders, Jno. L. Boyd, Robt. McCormick, A. McWhirk, W. F. Thatcher, W. F. Conner, Geo. A. Knight, J. W. Ayers, J. P. Clark, A. Rockhold, Jno. W. Parks, Pat. Y. Mullen, M. L. Mullen, R. P. Cooper, M. W. Galbraith, Martin Baldwig, E. S. Post, J. S. Dunlap, T. W. Woodcock.

George B. McClellen Post No. 9.—John Ritchey, Commander; Isaac Kline, S. V. Commander; J. H. Short, J. V. Commander; Representatives, A. M. Edison, H. M. Shingle; Alternates, J. Klein, John Taylor, Past Post Commanders; J. J. Billow, J. J. Scholl, Sr., George Smith, A. Metcalf, Max Hart, N. L. Mills, W. A. Rowan.

James H. Agen, Past Commander, Department of Wisconsin.

Emmet Crawford Post No. 19.—F. E. Tusten, Commander; T. F. Holgate, S. V. Commander; Paul Den, J. V. Commander; Representatives, C. S. Woodworth, Edgar Love; Alternates, Byron P. Drowne, A. D. Fields; Past Post Commanders, C. S. Woodworth, J. H. Ware, F. E. Tusten.

Phil. Kearney Post No. 20.—Jno. P. Curran, Commander; N. W. Charles, S. V. Commander; Past Post Commanders, Jno. H. Rosa, N. W. Charles, W. H. Webber.

*Dead

George H. Wright Post No. 26.—T. H. Whitlock, Commander; John Keeler, S. V. Commander; John Leavitt, J. V. Commander; Representative, Berry Gavner; Alternate, T. J. Webb; Past Post Commanders, T. O. Proctor, T. S. Whitlock, John Leavitt, M. Davidson, T. U. Johnson, John Keeler, T. B. Fowler.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54.—E. J. Kilmer, Commander; W. S. Pittillo, S. V. Commander; —, J. V. Commander; Representatives, —; Alternates, —; Past Post Commanders, J. H. C. White, W. G. Halden, E. J. Kilmer.

J. A. Garfield Post No. 83.—*H. C. Adler, Commander; D. H. Regan, S. V. Commander; —, J. V. Commander; Representatives, —; Alternates, —; Past Post Commanders, D. H. Regan, W. W. Gwinn.

*Dead

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. Parks	"	Denison	Dallas, Texas
1894	R. M. Moore	"	Dublin	Deceased
1895	W. W. Bostwick	"	Waco	trans'd. Dept. Colo.
1896	George W. McCormick	"	Dallas	Deceased
1897	Ed. N. Ketchum	"	Houston	Galveston, Texas
1898	W. F. Conner	"	Austin	Dallas, Texas
1899	John Roach	"	Denison	Deceased
1900	Charles B. Peck	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1901	P. B. Hunt	"	Galveston	Deceased
1902	C. C. Haskell	"	Beaumont	Deceased
1903	John H. Bolton	"	Dallas	Deceased
1904	John L. Boyd	"	San Antonio	Dallas, Texas
1905	E. A. Russell	"	Dallas	Deceased
1906	H. W. Harvey	"	Dallas	Deceased
1907	L. L. Whitaker	"	Dallas	Deceased
1908	T. M. Wright	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1909	Calvin R. Hubbard	"	Denison	Deceased
1910	J. S. Dunlap	"	Fort Worth	Dallas, Texas
1911	W. O. Cretsinger	"	Dallas	Deceased
1912	E. P. Brown	"	Corpus Christi	Fort Worth
1913	Sidney Tuttle	"	San Antonio	Deceased
1914	Robert McCormick	"	Fort Worth	Dallas
1915	C. S. Brodbent	"	Dallas	San Antonio
1916	C. A. Cahoon	"	San Antonio	Temple, Texas

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. Conner, Inspector General, Post 6, Dallas, Texas.	
1912	L. L. Whitaker, Surgeon General, Post 3, San Antonio, Texas	Deceased
1914	W. F. Conner, Past Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Post 6, Dallas, Tex.	

DEPARTMENT HONORARY MEMBERS

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

ROLL OF HONOR, TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3--Fritz Boreman, Corp. Co. B, 13th
Conn. Vols. ----- May 2, 1916

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3--W. P. Hough, 1st Lieut. and Adjt.,
5th Tenn. Cav. ----- Jan. 29, 1916

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3--Sam W. Morris, Private, Co. H, 5th
Mo. Inf. ----- April 25, 1916

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3--Sidney Tuttle, 1st Lieut. and Adjt.
15th N. Y. Cav. ----- April 25, 1916

Parmley Post No. 4--Thos. Flory, Private, Co. K, 39th Mo. Inf.-----April 22, 1916

Parmley Post No. 4--Conrad Bracewell, no record-----Feb. 6, 1916

Nat Lyon Post No. 5--Noah Herald, Private, Co. A, 20th Ind.
Vol. ----- February 16, 1916

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6--B. P. Sprague, Private, Co. B, 16th
N. Y. Vol., and Cos. G. and F, 13th N. Y. Cav.-----Feb. 3, 1916

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6--G. A. Burbank, Ord Seaman U. S.
Navy, interment in National Cemetery, Ar-
lington, Va. ----- June 15, 1916

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6--Edward M. Walker, Private, Co. D,
5th Mass. Inf., died while absent from home,
date not known.

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9--Edward Hoag, Private, Co. B,
16th N. Y. H. A. ----- March 16, 1916

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9--F. W. Stoddoford, Private, Co.
I, 33d N. J. Vol. ----- Jan. 4, 1916

Garfield Post No. 83--J. A. Hatch, Surgeon, Co. I, 36th Ill. Vol.-----Aug. 3, 1914

Garfield Post No. 83--W. S. Hough, Private, Co. K, 3d Pa. Inf.-----July 8, 1915

Garfield Post No. 83--Allan Adams, Private, Co. H, 2d Ark.
Cav. ----- Aug. 12, 1915

Garfield Post No. 83--A. J. Clark, Corp. Co. A, 172nd Ohio Vol.-----1914

ROLL OF HONOR, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1916.

McPherson Post No. 1--Balaam Lentz, Private, Co. C, 96th
Ohio Vol ----- Nov. 11, 1916

McPherson Post No. 1--H. A. Johnson, Private, Co. D, 4th
Wis. Bat. ----- Dec. 23, 1916

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3--A. A. Drescher, Private, 4th U. S. Cav.-----July 23, 1916

Nat Lyon Post No. 5--Simon Overlarf, Private, Co. B, 4th
Mo. Cav. ----- July 27, 1916

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6--Jno. H. Black, 1st Serg. 1st Ky. Cav.-----July, 1914

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6--S. E. Richardson, Private, Co. C,
11th Ind. Vol. and 1st Lieut. Co. D, 156th Ind.
Vol. at Kansas City, Mo. ----- Aug. 28, 1916

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9--R. S. McLarren, Private, Co.
F, 12th Ill. Vol. ----- Oct., 1916

Emmet Crawford Post No. 19--H. L. Kelly, Sergt. Co. H, 5th
Mo. Cav. ----- Oct. 4, 1916

Unofficial Proceedings 32nd Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 15, 1917.

The Ladies of the Parmley Woman's Relief Corps instituted a reception at the Metropolitan hotel at 8 p. m., in honor of the visiting ladies and comrades that was quite entertaining and most heartily enjoyed by all who participated therein.

Opening of the 32nd Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, at W. O. W. Hall 10 A. M., May 16th, 1917.

Song, "America," audience and choir, led by Professor Thomas Holt Hubbard.

Prayer, by Rev. H. H. Twyford.

Address of welcome, by Judge Powell, representing the Mayor of Fort Worth, which was most patriotic; embodying a hearty welcome to the city of Fort Worth, to its guests, the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R.

Responded to by Comrade Brodbent, of San Antonio.

After these addresses, the choir rendered the song, "Hail To Our Star-Gemmed Flag."

While this was being sung there appeared on the floor Comrade Ell Torrence, Past Commander-in-Chief, who while in attendance on the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., at Dallas, heard of our meeting, and came over to greet us and a right hearty greeting was his, after which was sung by choir and audience, "The Star Spangled Banner," Comrade Conner, escorting the flag to the front. The noon hour having arrived, "Fall Out for Grub" was sounded, and all hands adjourned to the dining hall, where, after grace, a bountiful lunch was served by the Fort Worth W. R. C. to its guests who showed their appreciation by leaving the cutlery and other articles of service.

Adjourned to 2 p. m., when will be taken up the regular order of business of the 32nd Encampment.

2 p. m.

Encampment called to order by Assistant Adjutant General; Comrade G. Helbing appointed officer of the day, who, after taking up the countersign, announced all present members.

On the gavel being turned over to Commander Cahoon by Comrade Nye, he immediately assumed command and delivered his address:

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

I am, as we all are, most thankful to The Grand Commander of all for this privilege of being permitted to participate in the Thirty-second Encampment of the Department of Texas, when so many of our comrades have answered their last Roll Call. Again, I must thank you for the honor conferred upon me at our Thirty-first Encampment, asking your forgiveness for my inability to visit you all, because of ill health to myself and others in my family. I was able to visit only three posts in the Department.

As our country has at last been forced to take a hand in the great struggle now absorbing all of Europe, it behooves every American with any love of country and pride in his nationalism, to come out openly and express it to others on all occasions. And there is no better way than in the display of our National Emblem: place the American flag over your home every morning at sunrise, take it down at sunset. Let this be the daily duty of every Grand Army man, his sons and his daughters, if they head families of their own; wear the flag on the lapel of your coat, let our women show it on their dresses. Encourage the children to carry a miniature flag to and from school, that the children of others may love and admire it. **THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE AMERICAN FLAG COMES INTO ITS OWN**; therefore it behooves every Grand Army man, every American man, woman and child to uphold it, in standing behind the President of the United States with our good will, our fortunes, and, if necessary, our lives.

Congress has given the country a proper law under which the President may form our army in the future; thus doing away with the bounty and the "bounty jumper," the bane

of the recruiting service and the curse of the army. Now every citizen will be called upon to do his own share of service for the country that has afforded him a home and the right to the peaceful pursuits of happiness.

During these stirring times of awakening American patriotism, let the members of the Grand Army be very active, assisting in any way each can, the government and its agents, in putting together and perfecting our New Army. And, incidentally, gathering into our posts all Old Soldiers of 61-65 who are entitled to membership.

Since our last meeting, the Grim Reaper has not neglected our Order, for he has reduced our membership very materially, and added their names to our Roll of Honor. Among these most prominently we find the names of Comrades H. A. Johnson, Post Commander, McPherson Post 1, of Sherman; W. O. Kretsinger, of Nat Lyon Post 4, of Denison; L. L. Whitaker, of E. O. C. Ord Post 3, of San Antonio, the last two named being Past Department Commanders. With these, passed H. C. Adler, Post Commander, Garfield Post 83, of Victoria—these last three prominent in our councils passed since the first of this New Year.

These are sad reminders of Memorial Day, and its loving duties. There is nothing in our Order that brings our souls nearer together than our Memorial Day and its beautiful services. On the Sabbath preceeding and on this day let each Post act, an object lesson to rising generations and to the future Republics of Europe; so that Our Memorial Day shall become the International Sacred Day on which all Nations shall honor their noble dead.

June 14th has been named Flag-Day. Let it be a Red Letter Day in your calendar—and this year do it full justice.

Let me here thank those members of our Department who with me attended the National Encampment at Kansas City, adding some twenty units to the marching line. And as the coming National is to occur in August of this year in the city of Boston, let every one who can, make an effort, strain his purse string, and attend; for Boston never extends its hospitality and welcome by halves. Again thanking you, my comrades, for the highest honor in the

gift of the Department, and all my official family, for making a success of my poor administration, promising that while life lasts I shall endeavor to continue an active Grand Army Comrade in the ranks of our beloved Order.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

C. A. CAHOON,
Department Commander.

It was moved by Comrade Lockwood, and seconded by Comrade McCormick, that the same be spread upon the minutes and that copies thereof be furnished the local papers, the Dallas-Galveston News and San Antonio Express. So ordered.

It was moved by Comrade McCormick and seconded by Comrade Conner that all comrades present in the hall shall have the privilege of delegates; carried unanimously.

Report of Senior Vice Commander, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Houston, Tex., May 5, 1917.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-second Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas.

In handing you my report of the past year, I beg leave to inform you that I have not been called on to perform any duties pertaining to my office, though always ready and willing to do my part.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred on me, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.,
MAX HART,
Senior Vice Commander,
Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.
To Comrade C. A. Cahoon, Commander Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Sir and Comrade:

In compliance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to make herewith report on the manner in which the duties of this dual office have been performed. Before going into figures, permit me here to thank you, my Commander, for the honor conferred in my appointment to this important position of

trust and confidence; not forgetting my gratitude to the Post Adjutants and other post officers, who have so kindly assisted me in my duties by prompt responses to all communications with which I have from time to time afflicted them; asking pardon of yourself and all my comrades, for the many shortcomings that I have been found guilty of during my incumbency.

Office of the Assistant Adjutant General,
Galveston, Tex., May 14, 1917.

To Comrade C. A. Cahoon,
Department Commander.

Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following consolidated report of the posts of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1916: ,

	Posts Members	
Number remaining in good standing, as per last A. A. Gen'l's. report, Dec. 31, 1915..	11	326

GAIN.

	Post Members		Posts Members	
By muster in	12			
By transfer	8			
By reinstatement	3			
By reinstatement from delin- quent report	1	11		
Total gain	1	34	1	34
Aggregate			12	360

LOSS

	Posts Members	
By death	24	
By transfer	12	
By suspension	14	
Total loss	50	50

Number remaining in good standing.... 12 310

Most respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

EDWIN N. KETCHUM,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade Lockwood moved, seconded by Comrade Miller,

that the same be received and printed in the Journal of this Encampment. So ordered.

Report of Assistant Quartermaster General.

RECEIPTS.

Check from Joseph S. Ewing	\$238.80
Per capita tax June 30, 1916	98.70
Per capita tax Dec. 31, 1916	93.00
Sale of Quartermaster's supplies	13.15
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Total receipts	\$443.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Journal	\$ 45.00
Salary to balance (outgoing Asst. A. A. G.)	25.00
Postage	12.55
Printing and stationery	36.25
Express charges on Journal and supplies...	1.35
Per capita tax to National Headquarters..	11.20
Expenses for and at National Encampment	13.90
Quartermaster General for supplies	10.25
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	75.00
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Balance remaining on hand	\$213.15 \$443.65

Value of supplies received from J. S. Ewing	\$ 16.05
Value of supplies on hand	\$ 16.05

EDWIN N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade Conner moved that a committee of three be named by the commander to audit the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, and report its findings to this Encampment. The motion duly seconded was adopted. The commander appointed as such committee: Comrades Lockwood of E. O. C. Ord Post, Dunlap of Oglesby Post and Hart of McClellan Post

The guard having announced the presence of ladies at the outpost, the same were admitted, the receiving committee escorting them to the commander, who presented to the Encampment Mrs. Martha B. Leeds, Mrs. Emma Dunlap and Mrs. A. M. Wingrove.

Mrs. Dunlap presented and read the following report:
Headquarters Department of Texas, Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dallas, Tex., May 16, 1917.

C. A. Cahoon,
Commander Department of Texas.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

A report giving statistics of membership, relief work, and the financial conditions of the Department of Texas, Woman's Relief Corps, is herewith presented to you:

Number of Corps	6	
Number of members in good standing	239	
Cash expended from Corps Relief funds		\$87.00
Amount turned over to Posts		99.00
Value of relief other than money.....		98.00
Expended for flowers for sick and deceased comrades		49.40
Total number of persons assisted	7	
Balance in the relief fund		\$ 76.97
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Balance in general fund		\$590.70

We are pleased to report the advancement of our work along all patriotic lines. The Woman's Relief Corps renew their pledge of allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic, and stand ever ready to aid and assist them at all times.

Most respectfully submitted,
ROSA ROTH,
Department President.

The same was enthusiastically received by the Encampment, and ordered spread upon the minutes as a part of the proceedings of the Encampment.

Mrs. A. M. Wingrove asked the assistance of this Department, at the Fifty-first National Encampment, by its endorsement for W. R. C. National honors, of Mrs. Lizzie Durham as Junior Vice President of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

A motion duly seconded was adopted, that the request be complied with.

Comrade Conner, in behalf of the Encampment, thanked the ladies for their greetings and presence.

The Encampment rose and stood while the ladies retired from the hall.

Chaplain's Report.

The commander appointed a committee consisting of Conner, Brodbent and C. P. Brown to visit the Woman's Relief Corps, and return greetings.

On account of the death of the medical director, no report was rendered.

Comrade Lockwood presented the following:

"Taps have sounded.

Lights are out.

The soldier is at rest."

Death, the Grim Destroyer, has again invaded our ranks, and stricken from our rolls a worthy comrade; he has gone to his Eternal Home, and has joined that Grand Army above, whose serried columns are ever silently, invisibly, but irresistibly marching on.

No more will we see his portly form, or hear his resonant voice in our councils or at our social meetings; the genial smile has faded, the sparkling eyes are closed and the ready tongue is stilled forever, the seal of Death is upon them.

Comrade Whitaker was born in Morgan County, Ohio, on March 18, 1835, and he died in San Antonio, Texas, on April 16, 1917.

In his youthful days he moved to the state of Illinois, and soon became quite prominent in the politics of that state, and was elected a delegate to the Charleston Democratic Convention, held in 1860.

In 1862 he enlisted in Company F of the 126th Illinois Infantry, and served his full term of three years, being discharged in 1865 by reason of expiration of service.

Coming to Texas in 1872, he engaged in the practice of his profession of medicine, which he followed for thirty years or more.

He was mustered into Ord Post, Grand Army of the Republic, on March 23, 1900, and for a number of years was an active and valuable member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

His comrades honored him by electing him Department Commander in 1907, he having previously been elected Post Commander by his comrades of Ord Post.

At the National Encampment, held at Los Angeles in 1913, he was further honored by being elected Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Full of years and honors, he has answered the Summons, which sooner or later will come to us all.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Whitaker the Grand Army of the Republic has lost a valued member, our state and country a loyal citizen, and his family an indulgent and loving parent.

And further, That these lines be spread upon the minutes of the 32nd Department Encampment, and a copy furnished the family of our departed comrade.

A. I. LOCKWOOD,
C. S. BRODBENT,
EDWARD LOOMIS,
Committee.

On motion of Comrade Hartrup, seconded by Comrade Nye, the Encampment ordered that the resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy of same transmitted to the San Antonio Express for publication; also a copy be furnished the family of deceased.

On motion of Comrade Nye, seconded by Comrade Conner, Comrades Ketchum and Dunlap were constituted a committee to properly express the thanks of this Encampment to all who have so kindly contributed to our entertainment during our sojourn within the gates of the fair city of Fort Worth.

The committee appointed by the Commander to audit the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General submitted the following:

Fort Worth, Tex., May 16, 1917.

Comrade C. A. Cahoon, Commander:

Your committee appointed to audit the report of the As-

Assistant Quartermaster General most respectfully report, that they have carefully examined same with vouchers and find it correct, and recommend that same be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

A. I. LOCKWOOD,
J. S. DUNLAP,
MAX HART.

On motion duly seconded the report of the committee was adopted.

Report of Patriotic Instructor.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 16, 1917.

Comrade C. A. Cahoon, Commander Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

I was not informed of my appointment as Patriotic Instructor of this department until after the 15th of June, 1916, the date for Past Patriotic Instructor to make their reports, and received only the report of Comrade W. F. Conner of Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6. This report was received about July the 4th, and is as follows:

Many school buildings supplied with American flags by The Woman's Relief Corps."

Observance of Special Patriotic days by the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Sunday and Flag Days.

I have unofficial reports from all posts and our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, that the duties required by rules and regulations in regard to Memorial Sunday, Memorial and Flag Days have been faithfully performed, and that many flags have been presented to schools.

It is with much regret that I am unable to give further information concerning patriotic duties performed by the posts and corps of this Department, and believe this is the result of confusion or the inappropriate date for post patriotic instructors to make reports to the Department.

Rules and Regulations, Art. II, Sec. 7, says: "That the Patriotic Instructor of each post shall through the Post Commander make a report upon forms obtained from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department within thirty

days after receiving notice from Department Commander and forward same direct to Patriotic Instructor of the Department, who shall in turn make a report to the National Patriotic Instructor thirty days prior to the meeting of the National Encampment."

Now the blank forms above referred to have printed instructions, saying: "this report must be made not later than June 15th of the current year."

If this date is to be strictly observed no Department Patriotic Instructor will have such information as to enable him to make an intelligent and comprehensive report, either to the Department or the National Encampment. Therefore, I believe if we are to keep a record of our patriotic work, a change should be made as to time of making reports or a later date (some time subsequent to June 15th) named for holding the State Encampment. Comrade C. S. Broadbent, in his last report as Department Patriotic Instructor, made this same suggestion, but no action was taken thereon.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

J. S. DUNLAP,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

The logical suggestions in this report were not taken up or acted on, but it is hoped that the incoming administration will convey the substance of Comrade Dunlap's report to National Headquarters for its information, so that new regulations governing in the premises may obtain.

Comrade Conner, of committee to visit Ladies of W. R. C. here reported that the ladies of that organization had appointed a Flag Committee to make and present a flag to each Texas Regiment leaving for the war.

This announcement was received with applause.

Encampment adjourned to 9 a. m., 17th.

May 17.

Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment, when it was announced on the floor that Comrade S. E. Crowder of Parmley Post 4, late resident of Burleson, Tex., had that morning passed to his reward.

The announcement was quite a shock to all present, because the deceased had been for many years a member of the local post, and because he was long and favorably known to many visiting members now present. A committee, appointed to take immediate cognizance and formulate resolutions expressive of regret and condolence, presented the following:

32nd Department Encampment, G. A. R.,
Fort Worth, Tex., May 17, 1917.

On the announcement in the 32nd Department Encampment of the death this morning of Comrade S. E. Crowder of Burleson, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It Has Pleas'd our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our comrade, S. E. Crowder, of Parmley Post; and

WHEREAS, Our hearts are burdened with grief over the loss of our valued comrade, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this 32nd Encampment, representing the Department of Texas, be extended to his bereaved family and to the members of Parmley Post 4 of Fort Worth, of which he was a member; and that the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department transmit to his family and the Burleson News, copies of these resolutions.

Adopted by rising vote.

A copy of the same with the accompanying letter, were immediately mailed:

Fort Worth, May 17, 1917.

Mrs. S. E. Crowder,
Burleson, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Crowder:

By the instructions of the 32nd Encampment of the Grand Army now convened in the city of Fort Worth, I transmit herewith its feeble efforts to express its condolence and sympathy for you and yours, in these moments of your sad bereavement.

Praying that our Heavenly Father shall ever extend His Fatherly care and protection over you.

This in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

EDW. N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 17, 1917.

Comrade C. A. Cahoon,
Department Commander.

Your Committee to whom was assigned the pleasant duty of formulating and presenting to this Encampment for adoption, fitting words and phrases through which to express its gratitude to the City of Fort Worth and others for all that we have enjoyed while sojourning within its gates: Have the honor to report that our poor command of words is such that we can do but minor justice to our task; hoping that the following will be accepted by you to prove our inability to do more ample justice and a better equipped committee be appointed while we may be discharged: WHEREAS:

This Encampment has been most hospitably entertained by and through the efforts of the Members of Parmley Post No. 4 and their Noble Auxiliary, the Ladies of the Womans' Relief Corps—Therefore be it RESOLVED:

That this Encampment hereby tenders to Parmley Post No. 4 and the Womans' Relief Corps, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the magnificent manner in which they have entertained the 32nd Encampment of The Grand Army of the Republic of Texas. And be it further RESOLVED:: : ::

That the thanks of our order be and are hereby extended to the Hotels and Railroads for concessions, to the Fort Worth Record, The Star Telegram and The Dallas News for kindly things they have said for and of us; to Judge Powell representing the Mayor for the Loyal and Patriotic sentiments expressed in his whole-souled welcome to this fair city, to whose every citizen we feel most grateful for their smiles and words of welcome and lastly, though by no means least, to the Choir Master, Mr. T. Holt Hubbard, his good wife and his splendid choir, assisted by Professor Cahoon and Mrs. Helen Fouts Cahoon and those dear little tots, Miss Vivian and Master Minor, Mr. Rob Roy Price his Boy Scouts and Mrs. Alice McEwen, who so royally entertained us at St. Pauls M. E. Church last evening.

Asking that this poor but honest effort be accepted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

EDWIN N. KETCHUM.

J. S. DUNLAP.

On the call for "New Business," Comrade H. W. Nye moved that the Encampment do now elect officers for the ensuing year. This motion duly seconded was adopted.

The Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Comrade Nye of Parmley Post put in nomination the name of Comrade M. B. Young for Commander, seconded by Comrade Max Hart of McClellan Post and Comrade McCormick of Oglesby Post.

On motion of Comrade Conner, duly seconded, nominations were closed.

The question of election of Comrade Young as Department Commander being put to a rising vote, he was unanimously elected, and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment in accordance therewith. The Assistant Adjutant General—I find by the unanimous voice of this Encampment that it has elected Comrade M. B. Young of Parmley Post 4, Commander of this Department for the ensuing year.

The Chair—Nominations for Senior Vice Commander are now in order.

Commander Brodbent—I place before this Encampment the name of Comrade Edward Loomis, of E. O. C. Ord Post, for Senior Vice Commander.

Seconded by Comrades Conner and McCormick of Oglesby Post.

Comrade Nye moved that nominations do now close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Loomis, as Senior Vice Commander, seconded by McCormick.

The motion was put and duly carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I find by the unanimous vote of this Encampment, Comrade Edward Loomis has been elected Senior Vice Commander of this Department for the ensuing year.

The Chair—Nominations for Junior Vice Commander are now in order.

Comrade McCormick—I nominate Comrade Charles Baggett of Parmley Post for the office of Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Nye—Parmley Post does not crave all the honors, but the same would not be in existence today but for Uncle Charlie. Herein I second that nomination.

Comrade Lockwood moved that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade Charles Baggett as Junior Vice Commander, seconded by Comrade Helbing.

The motion being put by the chair, carried unanimously.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I find by the voice of this Encampment that it has elected Comrade Charles Baggett of Parmley Post, Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

The Chair—Nominations for Department Chaplain are now in order.

Comrade Ketchum put in nomination for Department Chaplain the name of Comrade Anson Miller, of Anahuac, Chambers County, member of W. S. Hancock Post of Galveston.

Seconded by Comrades Conner and McCormick.

Comrade Conner moved that Comrade Miller be elected by acclamation, seconded by Comrade Lockwood, which prevailed, making Comrade Anson Miller, Department Chaplain for the ensuing year..

The Chair—This Encampment will now name its Medical Director.

Comrade McCormick—I nominate Comrade Dr. G. Helbing of Parmley Post of Fort Worth for the office of Medical Director, seconded by Comrade Ketchum.

Comrade Conner moved that nominations do now close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade Helbing.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I find, comrades, that you have elected Comrade Helbing of Parmley Post, Medical Director of this Department for the ensuing year.

The Chair—Comrades, you will now name your Delegate-at-Large.

Comrade Conner—As Comrade Nye will spend his summer in Maine this year, it will be but a short step for him to cross the state line into Massachusetts and represent us at Boston during the 51st Encampment, hence I will name Comrade H. W. Nye of Parmley Post for Delegate-at-Large.

Seconded by Comrades McCormick, Ketchum, and others.

Comrade Lockwood moved that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade Nye for Delegate-at-Large to the 51st National Encampment. Upon its being duly seconded and put it was unanimously adopted and the Assistant Adjutant General made his announcement accordingly.

Comrade Conner nominated Comrade Wagner of Nat Lyon Post 5 for Alternate-at-Large. Comrade Miller seconded and moved that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Encampment for Comrade Wagner. The motion carrying in the affirmative, the Adjutant General pronounced Comrade Wagner duly elected as Alternate-at-Large.

Comrade A. Rockhold placed in nomination Comrade E. Farley of Nat Lyon Post for Delegate. Comrade McCormick moved that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade Farley, the same being duly seconded it was so ordered.

Comrade McCormick placed in nomination the name of Comrade A. Rockhold of Oglesby Post for Alternate. On motion of Comrade Conner, duly seconded, nominations were closed, and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade Rockhold, and it was so ordered.

Comrade Conner moved that a committee to consist of three members be appointed by the chair to select and present for election the names of five members to constitute the Council of Administration. Motion adopted.

The Commander—I appoint as such committee, Comrades Dunlap, McCormick and Nye

The committee appointed to present the names of comrades as members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year made the following report:

Commander, We, your Committee appointed to select names for Council of Administration for the ensuing year, present for the action of this Encampment the following: Comrades Will F. Conner of Oglesby Post, A. I. Lockwood

of Ord Post, A. McWhirk of Oglesby Post, Max Hart of McClellan Post and H. Alexander of Lyon Post.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DUNLAP,

H. W. NYE,

ROBT. McCORMICK.

Committee.

The Commander—Comrades, you have heard the report of the committee.

Comrade Miller moved that the comrades named by the committee be elected as the Council of Administration for the ensuing year, the same receiving a second was duly adopted.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Encampment recessed for lunch to reconvene at 2 p. m.

Two o'clock p. m. having arrived, the ladies of the W. R. C. with their officers elect being in the hall, the floor being arranged for the joint installation ceremonies, the Commander rapped the Encampment to order, calling Comrade McCormick of Oglesby Post to the chair, who, on assuming the gavel, instructed the Officer of the Day to repair to the outpost there to receive and escort the installing officer to the chair. Comrade Conner, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, being the Installing Officer, assumed the gavel, assigning Comrade Robert McCormick to the duties of Officer of the Day, who presented for installation Comrade M. B. Young of Parmley Post, Department Commander Elect; Comrade Edward Loomis, of E. O. C. Ord Post, Senior Vice Commander Elect; Comrade Chas. Baggett, of Parmley Post, Junior Vice Commander Elect; Comrade Dr. G. H. Helbing, of Parmley Post, Medical Director Elect; Comrade Anson Miller, of W. S. Hancock Post, Department Chaplain Elect.

Comrade Conner proceeded to obligate the several officers, and the Officer of the Day escorting them to their several stations.

The installing officer requested the Commander to name his Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General. Comrade Young naming, and the Officer of the Day presenting for installation Comrade J. S. Dunlap, of Oglesby Post, who was thereupon obligated and escorted to his station, after the Installing Officer had scrutinized his bond and pronounced it acceptable. Then with a comrade's admonition to all comrades

to support and assist the officers of their choice, he placed the gavel in the hand of Commander Young, receiving the salute and thanks of the Encampment retired.

W. R. C. INSTALLATION.

W. of W. Hall, Fort Worth, Tex., May 17, 1917.

At the Joint Installation of the Officers of the 32nd Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the 28th Convention of the woman's Relief Corps:

After the installation and induction into office of the officers elected by the 32nd Encampment, Mrs. Alice McEwen assumed the duties of Installing Officer for the W. R. C., and with the assistance of Mrs. Minnie Krugel, Conductor, and her most efficient corps of flag bearers, proceeded to exemplify the beautiful installation ceremony of that Order, by calling for obligating and clothing with the authority of their several offices the following named officers elect, viz.: Nora Zeulow of Fort Worth, Department President; Lilly Comstock of San Antonio, Senior Vice President; Sophia Hopper of Houston, Junior Vice Prseident; Malinda Rainey of Denison, Chaplain; Francis Manchester of Fort Worth, Secretary; Alice McEwen of Fort Worth, Treasurer.

After the flag bearers had conducted these to their proper stations, the following appointive officers were named by the President:

Lizzie Durham of Dallas, Inspector; Vera S. Irvin of Denison, Patriotic Instructor.

The Installing Officer's duties closed with the charge to all officers.

The W. R. C. never considers the duties performed on occasions of this kind without some substantial remembrance to its outgoing president. Hence, Mrs. Roth, the retiring officer, will cherish in her memory the names of those who retired from the duties of the offices with her for the kindly manner in which they remembered her. The presentation was by Marie J. Lamarbaux of Dallas. Following this, Mrs. Lizzie Durham, in behalf of the Corps, presented Fort Worth souvenirs in silver to other officers. While none were of vast

intrinsic value, all were loaded to the sinking point with fraternal affection.

When this recorder looked up from his minutes, the hall was empty. Another year of the two loved orders had passed and he repeated to himself:

"I feel like one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted.

Whose fires are dead, whose lights are fled,

And all but he departed."

EDWIN N. KETCHUM,
Past Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GENERAL ORDER

No. 1

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Temple, Texas, May 1, 1916.

I. Having been elected Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, at the 31st Annual Encampment thereof, at San Antonio, Texas, April 29th, 1916, I hereby assume command, relying most heartily upon the comrades of this Department for co-operation and assistance, to the end that we may hold on yet a little longer.

II. Headquarters of this Department are hereby established at 704 South Seventh Street, Temple, Texas.

III. Comrade Edwin N. Ketchum of Hancock Post 2, Galveston, having been appointed and installed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General for this Department, all reports and official communications should be addressed to him at No. 1605 Thirty-third Street, Galveston, Texas.

IV. At the 31st Encampment the following comrades were elected and installed:

Max Hart, 309 Travis Street, Houston, Senior Vice Commander.

Robert McCulloch, 303 LaFitte Street, San Antonio, Junior Vice Commander.

L. L. Whitaker, M. D., 602 Denver Boulevard, San Antonio, Medical Director.

R. B. Cowles, 301 S. Nueces Street, San Antonio, Texas, Department Chaplain.

Council of Administration: W. F. Conner, 204 Flateau

Building, Dallas; A. I. Lockwood, 905 Avenue D, San Antonio; H. W. Nye, Fort Worth; Edward Gruis, 3723 Avenue H, Galveston, and E. J. Kilmer, 1404 Water Street, Corpus Christi.

Delegate-at-Large, M. B. Young, Weatherford, Texas.

Alternate-at-Large, A. I. Lockwood, San Antonio, Texas.

Delegate, Edward Loomis, 610 Crockett Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Alternate, F. Vandervoort, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

For whose assistance I bespeak the assistance and indulgence of all comrades.

V. Comrade J. S. Dunlap of Richard J. Oglesby Post 6 of Dallas, 197 Grand Avenue, Dallas, is hereby appointed Patriotic Instructor for this Department, and I ask for him the full co-operation of all Post Commanders and comrades in the furthering of his duties.

C. A. CAHOON,
Commander.

ED. N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GENERAL ORDER

No. 2

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Temple, Texas, May 15, 1916.

Memorial Day

I. The attention of all comrades of this Department, through the Post Commander, is directed to Paragraphs II, III and IV of General Order No. 4 from National Headquarters, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 18th, 1916, touching this sacred day.

Do not fail to mark the known grave of every departed comrade and place a flower thereon as a token of remembrance.

As Sunday, May 28th, is Memorial Sunday, let every comrade join with his post so that it may attend in a body some one church on this day to hear the words of the Great Commander expounded, joining your prayers for the repose and happiness of comrades "gone before."

Blanks for Memorial Day reports accompany this order

to posts, whose chaplains will fill them out and promptly forward same to Comrade R. B. Cowles, Department Chaplain, 301 South Nueces Street, San Antonio, Texas.

II. Paragraph V of the above cited order in relation to June 14th, Flag Day, is called to the attention of all comrades for their obedience,

By order,

C. A. CAHOON,

Department Commander.

EDWIN N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GENERAL ORDER

No. 3

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Assistant Adjutant General's Office,
Galveston, Texas, August 8, 1916.

I. The Fiftieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Kansas City, Mo., on Monday, August 28th, 1916.

II. Headquarters of the Department of Texas will, during encampment week, be established at Hotel Baltimore, where all comrades of the Order will be welcome. A meeting of the representatives, alternates and others entitled to a vote in the Encampment from the Department of Texas will be held on Tuesday, 9:30 a. m., August 29th, at these headquarters. A full attendance is desired.

All members of this Department attending the Encampment are requested to meet the Assistant Adjutant General at these Headquarters daily during encampment week at 9 a. m., to learn the course of action of each day, to share in distribution of tickets for entertainments, if any, and to take part in any duty devolving on this Department.

III. Members are requested to register at these Headquarters, and also to register at the Headquarters of the Department from which each served in the army, giving local and home address to enable comrades desirous of meeting you to do so with least inconvenience.

IV. The Department Commander will leave Temple, Texas, over G. C. & S. F. Ry. train No. 6 at 3:30 p. m., Saturday, August 26th, 1916.

Comrades from Houston may take this train at 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 26th; comrades from San Antonio can connect with this train at Milano at 1:42 p. m., over I. & G. N., or via M. K. & T. "Texas Special," leaving San Antonio at 9:30 a. m., reaching Temple at 2:03 p. m.; comrades from Dallas, Sherman, Denison and Paris may make this train at Fort Worth to leave there 8:25 p. m., August 26th. This train leaves Fort Worth 8:25 p. m., Gainesville 10:55 p. m., arriving at Kansas City 7:00 p. m. Sunday, 27th.

For information concerning fares, comrades will consult their local passenger agents, as no special rates have been announced to date by any of the railroads.

V. The Assistant Adjutant General will leave Galveston Friday, August 25th, 7:45 p. m., via G. C. & S. F. Ry., to Fort Worth, thence via Frisco through Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Kansas City, arriving there at 7:25 a. m. Monday, August 28th.

By order,

C. A. CAHOON,
Department Commander.

ED. N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Temple, Texas, Nov....., 1916.

I. The Department Commander desires to thank the members of this Department who were present in Kansas City during the meeting of the 50th National Encampment, for their presence on that occasion and their assistance in making up the grand parade and performing other duties devolving upon this department.

II. In compliance with R. & R. the Annual Election of Post Officers must be held at the first regular meeting in December. Officers so elected shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1917. The Senior Post Com-

mander present, not elected to fill an office of the Post, will act as installing officer in the absence of Department Officer designated for that duty.

III. The installing officer will, before installation, require that all reports and dues shall have been forwarded to Department Headquarters. Also that Post Quartermaster places with the Post Commander a good and sufficient bond for custoday of the post's funds.

IV. Blanks for semi-annual reports will accompany this order.

V. The Assistant Adjutant General desires the names and addresses of all comrades residing detached from their posts to enable him to mail them copies of General Orders and other information to keep them properly informed.

VI. The attention of comrades is called to the Act of Congress increasing the pension of certain widows of our late comrades and pensioning those widows who married the soldier or sailor prior to June 27th, 1905. See that all such communicate with the Bureau of Pension in following form:

.....1916.
Widow's Certificate Number
Name of Soldier (or Sailor)
Service of Soldier (or Sailor)
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier (or sailor) named.

I was (or was not) his wife, during the Civil War, having married him on the.....day of.....

(prior to June 17, 1905). at.....

I am.....years of age, having been born.....18.....

(Signature of Widow).....

(Postoffice Address).....

VII. The Department Countersign will follow this order.....

By order of

C. A. CAHOON,
Department Commander.

Official:

ED. N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER No. 5

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Temple, Texas, March 15, 1917.

I. The Thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, on Wednesday, the 16th day of May, 1917. The hour of opening will conform to program that will be prepared and promulgated by the Committee on Arrangements of the Local Post. The railroad fare from your station to Fort Worth will be 80 per cent of the round trip rate. Consult your local ticket agent.

II. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Metropolitan Hotel, corner of Ninth and Commerce streets, where the comrades of Fort Worth and the ladies of their W. R. C. will hold a reception on the evening of the 15th in honor of the Department and visiting ladies and comrades.

III. The Committee on Credentials, consisting of Comrades J. S. Dunlap of Oglesby Post 6, C. S. Brodbent of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, and the Assistant Adjutant General will meet at Headquarters at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, 15th, to verify the roll of the 32nd Encampment.

IV. The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters at 8 p. m., Wednesday, 16th, to transact such business as may properly be brought before it.

V. The Post Commander of Parmley Post 4 of Fort Worth will assign a competent officer to act as Officer of the Day, with sufficient detail of comrades to guard the approaches to the encampment during business sessions.

VI. Accompanying this order will be found circulars from the National Association of the Vicksburg Veterans, calling attention to the National Memorial Reunion and Peace Jubilee of the Union and Confederate survivors, to be holden in Vicksburg National Military Park, October 16th, 17th, 28th and 19th, 1917. Comrades when purchasing tickets to the National Encampment at Boston, if wishing to take part in

this Peace Jubilee, should see that their tickets are routed home via Vicksburg, with the time limit considered.

VII. By reason of the lateness of this Encampment in May, the incoming Administration will not be afforded the time necessary for preparing and promulgating its Memorial Day order; the Department Commander therefore takes the liberty of calling the attention of all comrades to our sacred duty on that day and the Sabbath day preceding: As each succeeding year decreases our Roll-Call and increases our Roll of Honor, let each Post assemble at some house of worship on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day, May 27th, and there listen to and participate in the sacred service; each offering his silent prayer for the peaceful rest of comrades gone before and for the preservation of our National Unity and Honor.

On Memorial Day, Wednesday 30th, place the Flag that he loved and followed during life on the mound where sleeps a comrade and scatter your choicest flowers over his resting place, not forgetting your prayer for his repose.

And the Angel Sandalphon will

“Gather your prayers as He stands,
They will change into flowers in his hands,
Into garlands of purple and red.

Then beneath the great Arch of the Portal
Through the streets of the City Immortal
Shall be wafted the fragrance they shed.”

Let us not forget the reading of the order of Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, instituting Memorial Day, followed by the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

These Headquarters are just in receipt of “Circular Letter No. 4” from Headquarters Department of South Dakota, dated at Hurley, S. D., Feb. 22nd, 1917, from which a few extracts are incorporated in this General Order on account of the Simon Pure ring of the words:

“THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY.”

“Let every day be Flag Day!”

This is the hour that patriots are needed; and if you are a patriot, if you love your country, if you are willing that

your neighbors know just where you stand, show it by wearing or flying the Flag.

This should be the motto throughout the State, if we are to get in line with the rest of the United States, for more patriotism and more loyalty to the Stars and Stripes.

Every home, every place of business, should own a flag, and fling it to the breeze; wear a small American Flag on the lapel of your coat, ladies on their dress.

Let every person as a loyal citizen of this great nation instill into the minds and hearts of the future generations a profound reverence for the Flag; teach them that it stands a pre-eminent symbol for those principles of religious and political liberty embodied in the Constitution of the United States of America.

By this means we can show President Wilson and all the people of the world, that the Americans to a man are behind the President in his stand, and that all will rally around him to protect the Flag from any enemy who dares to insult it.

Let every member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps do all in their power to promote this patriotic movement."

By Command,
C. A. CAHOON,
Department Commander.

ED. N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Temple, Texas, May 25, 1916.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, at their 31st Annual Encampment, held in San Antonio, Texas, April 28-29, 1916:

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 they 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 Adjutant 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. A. CAHOON,
Department Commander.

EDWIN N. KETCHUM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Authentic:

Adjutant General.

The following correspondence will inform the comrades why there was no distribution to the several Posts of this Department of money from the Southern Memorial Fund, to assist in the decoration of graves this year:

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 9, 1917.

Comrade C. A. Cahoon,
Department Commander, G. A. R.,
Temple, Texas.

My Dear Commander:

By direction of the Commander-in-Chief, the enclosed voucher check is sent you, to be distributed by you, as De-

partment Commander, to Posts where National Cemeteries are located. This appropriation is from the Southern Memorial Fund, and is to be used in decorating graves in National Cemeteries only, and is not to be used for other cemeteries.

You, or your successor, will send to these Headquarters by June 20, a detailed report as to what expenditures are for, by what Post expended and in what cemetery.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. H. BENGOUGH,

Adjutant-General.

Enclosure.

Galveston, Tex., May 18, 1917.

Comrade Wm. Kelly,
Brownsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade Kelly:

Have you a National Cemetery at Brownsville; if so could you use a small amount from the Southern Memorial Fund that has been sent this Department for Memorial purposes in National Cemeteries only? If so, will gladly transmit to you on receiving your affirmative reply.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ED. N. KETCHUM,

Past Assistant Adjutant General.

Brownsville, Tex., May 19, 1917.

Col. Ed. N. Ketchum,
Galveston, Texas.

My Dear Sir and Comrade:

Your appreciated letter of 18th is just at hand. When the War Department abandoned Fort Brown as a military post some years ago, the National Cemetery, which had been in existence here for over thirty-six years, was also abandoned; and the bodies interred therein were removed

to the National Cemetery at New Orleans, La. Therefore we have no National Cemetery here, nor any burying place to decorate on Memorial Day. Many thanks for thinking of me in connection with our solemn anniversary. The graves of the few Union dead who are buried here will be decorated on Memorial Day by the families or personal friends of the deceased or by their surviving comrades. It is a duty I see performed each year.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
William Kelly,
Past Post Commander.

San Antonio, Tex., May 18, 1917.

Fort Worth, Tex.,
May 17, 1917.

Received of Edwin N. Ketchum, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, the sum of forty-five (\$45.00) dollars from Southern Memorial Fund of the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial Day, May 30, 1917.

(Signed) A. I. LOCKWOOD,
Quartermaster Ord Post No. 3,
G. A. R., San Antonio, Tex.

Galveston, Tex., June 6, 1917.

Comrade H. H. Bengough,
Adjutant General G. A. R.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

Enclosed herewith please find money order for \$5.00, same being balance left over from \$50.00 from Southern Memorial Fund sent this Department for memorial purposes, "to be used in decorating graves in National Cemeteries only, and is not to be used for other cemeteries."

As there could be found but one National Cemetery in this Department, after providing therefor out of the fund, am returning herewith the balance. In compliance with instructions in your letter of May 9, 1917, I inclose re-

ceipt from Post Quartermaster Lockwood, of E. O. C. Ord Post of San Antonio, with program, also letter from Comrade William Kelly of Brownsville, which will explain to you why remainder of the fund could not be expended in this Department.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

Ed. N. Ketchum,
Past Assistant Adjutant General.