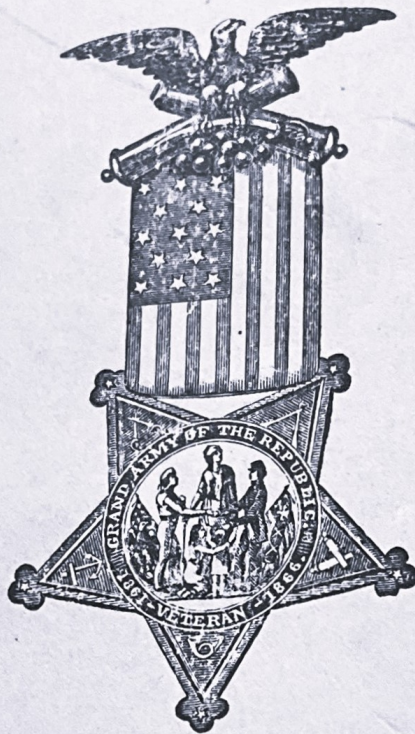


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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

General Orders No. 2, Series 1932-1933
San Antonio, Texas, March 22, 1932

To the Posts and Affiliated Organizations,
Greetings:-

Having obtained a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Texas to San Antonio for our Annual Department Encampment which will be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st of April, 1932, at the Plaza Hotel. These rates are issued on the Identification Certificate Plan and are given out from this office. Post Commanders and Presidents of affiliated organizations are requested to send to this office an estimate of the number of these Certificates required for those who are actually going. These tickets are on sale April 17th, 18th and 19th, 1932, return limit April 25th, 1932.

The Daughters of Union Veterans, 61 to 65 will give a Fathers' and Daughters' Banquet at 12:30 P. M. at Plaza Hotel, April 18th. Also at 8:30 P. M. same day, a reception in Ball Room of Hotel and on the 19th at 8:30 A. M., Breakfast for Department Officers, G. A. R.—attractive program.

Woman's Relief Corps on Wednesday, April 20th, 12:30

P. M. Luncheon, Plaza Roof Garden at 2:00 P. M. Business session of G. A. R., Thursday—report of committees and election of officers.

Luncheon at 12:30 P. M. At 2:00 P. M. meeting call to order by Department Commander—closing session—installation of officers.

JOHN SHEARER,
Department Commander.

J. S. EWING,
Ass't. Adj. General.

Open meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 A. M. on the Roof Garden of the Plaza Hotel. The Grand Army of the Republic inaugurated the Convention in due form. Comrades were presented in due form by the Commander E. O. C. Ord Post, A. W. Robbins. Department Chaplain Daggett invoked Divine blessing. The flag salute was given, all standing joined in singing America.

Commander Robbins made a few opening remarks and in a beautiful manner introduced Mayor C. M. Chambers. He gave the convention a most hearty address, expressing the thought that the welcome was sweeter than any other welcome, because the G. A. R. had kept the Nation united. He spoke of the high resolve and services rendered by the Comrades; the fact that the Nation was grateful and that they would never forget the Comrades. Said Comrades were patriots, fighting for a principle, because they were honest and unselfish. In conclusion remarked that the sweetest flowers were growing on the edge of graves. Then presented Keys of City to Commander Shearer and Celia Edwards, Department President Womans Relief Corps.

Commander Shearer thanked the Mayor, saying it was the best welcome ever given the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Twelve Comrades were present.

Department President asked Maude Green to make response to the address of welcome, in which she ably expressed the sentiments of the Ladies and Comrades.

Dr. Cowan made a few remarks as Representative of National Commander-in-Chief. In a happy manner he compared modern times to old days, age to youth.

Major Clem was introduced and made a few brief remarks.

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Next number a piano solo, which was well rendered and very much appreciated.

A poem, "Soldier Boy of the G. A. R." was effectively given by our Comrade F. J. Morgan and was especially received.

Star Spangled Banner sung by audience as the Mayor was escorted out by Officer of the Day.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Lettie Callahan, presented the Convention Flag to the Wesley Institute, a School for Mexicans, now in operation in San Antonio.

Theo. Mahler, President of the School, accepted in a gracious way, comparing this flag with the flag of his native land, Old Mexico.

Piano solo rendered by a pupil.

Beautiful benediction was offered by our Department Chaplain Sister Wilbert.

Adjournment for banquet.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 2, the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, met for the Forty-Seventh Annual Encampment in San Antonio, Texas.

The first regular business session was held in Commander John Shearer's Headquarters, Room 519, Plaza Hotel, and convened at 2:00 P. M., Wednesday, April 20, 1932.

Commander John Shearer presiding and opened in regular form. Commander Robbins, E. O. C. Ord Post, welcomed to San Antonio this Encampment, in his happy, genial manner and made each Comrade feel the ties of comradeship.

Comrade Robbins was appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade Morgan appointed Officer of the Guard.

The Officer of the Day reported all Comrades present entitled to a seat in this Encampment, each having given the counter sign and credentials.

Department Commander Shearer officially opened this Encampment for such business as shall regularly come before it.

Department Chaplain Daggett, in his fervent, impressive manner, invoked the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon members here assembled and upon those of our Comrades unable to be with us.

Asking the Supreme Commander for guidance throughout this Encampment.

Past Department Commander Robbins presided while our

Department Commander Shearer read his most excellent Annual Report.

Comrades: One year ago, in the City of Houston, you again conferred upon me the honor of being the Department Commander of Texas Grand Army of the Republic, and I have as heretofore, done the best I could to represent our State.

At the Convention in Des Moines, I was again the only representative of our Order from the State of Texas. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans were well represented. I was surely proud of them.

There were about eight hundred of the Boys in Blue in the parade.

To those noble women, the Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the Grand Army and Daughters of Union Veterans, we owe our existence as an order today. They will carry on when we are gone.

When I look back and think of the Comrades that have passed on, and miss those familiar faces, I realize that we are the vanishing army. But we will close up our ranks, and will endeavor, with the aid of our Auxiliaries, to carry on a little longer.

In F. C. & L.,

(Signed) JOHN SHEARER,

Department Commander.

A motion properly seconded and carried, that this excellent report be approved, accepted and placed on record.

Roll call the following officers and members present. Commander, John Shearer, Houston; Chaplain, L. D. Daggett, San Antonio; Quartermaster and Assistant Adjutant General, J. S. Ewing, San Antonio; F. J. Yingling, Dallas; E. W. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Indiana, National Representative; A. W. Robbins, F. J. Morgan, Adolph Jones, Geo. Lough, San Antonio.

Report of Quartermaster and Assistant Adjutant General read by our very efficient and revered officer:

To John Shearer,
Department Commander.

Sir:

I have the honor to report to you the numerical status of this Department, to-wit:

On the 31st day of December, 1932, date of last official re-

port there were five posts in good standing, namely E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, fifteen members; Parmley Post No. 4, four members; N. Lyon Post No. 5, five members; R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6, eight members; George B. McClellan Post No. 7, seven members. Total 39 members.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) J. S. EWING,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Quartermaster Report.

To John Shearer,
 Department Commander,
 Grand Army of the Republic of Texas.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the financial standing of this Department to this date, in a condensed form, from the items appearing in the book of original entry now in the hands of your Auditing Committee.

Balance on hand, last report.....	\$73.88
Donation from Daughters U. V.....	30.00
Dues	37.00
Interest on Liberty Bond.....	4.25
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Total	\$145.13
Total Disbursements	112.39
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Cash on Hand, to Balance.....	\$ 32.74
One Liberty Bond	100.00

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) J. S. EWING,
 Assistant Quartermaster General, G. A. R.,
 Department of Texas.

Department Commander reported he had gone over these reports, examined them carefully and found everything accounted for—the books in fine shape and in balance. A vote of thanks and confidence was given our efficient officer for his untiring energy and valuable contribution to this Department.

A motion prevailed that we accept these reports and place them on file.

In arranging for expenses with which to carry on this Department, a motion by Comrade Robbins, seconded by Comrade

Daggett and carried that the Quartermaster General be empowered to dispose of one Liberty Bond, now in his possession, to best possible advantage.

Comrades Hart, Robbins and Yingling appointed Committee on Resolutions, asked to draft and present at morning session Resolutions for this Encampment.

Adjutant General Ewing was empowered to arrange and get out General Orders at conclusion of this Encampment.

A Committee of Ladies of G. A. R. was announced. Officer of the Day, assisted by our National Representative, escorted in Stella M. Loomis, Irene Hazen and Hettie Hill, Past Presidents and Sisters Fannie Mathews and Josephine Dugosh of Stanley Circle No. 3, Ladies of G. A. R., who brought greetings and flowers.

Sister Loomis, whose husband was a member of this Department, pledged continued loyalty to the Grand Army.

Comrade Daggett responded, "as a knight of old, life would be a blank and not worth living without you good sisters, who help hold this Department together. Come to see us often please, we love you for your loyalty."

Ladies escorted out with honors.

Invitation of newly instituted Corps, given in open meeting of morning, to meet with them in Dallas for 1933, was thoroughly discussed from every angle.

Communications from Oglesby Post and Corps, read by Secretary.

To Convention Assembled:

Greetings and best wishes for a happy, successful Encampment. We are indeed sorry to be unable to invite the Encampment to Dallas in 1933. Owing to the depression and other conditions over which we have no control, we decided, after conference with our Auxiliary, the Richard J. Oglesby W. R. C., that it would be impossible for us to entertain the G. A. R. and its affiliated organizations next year.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6.

J. S. DUNLAP, Adjt. & Q. M.

F. J. YINGLING, Commander

J. W. AYERS

A. ROCKHOLD

GEO. W. LOOMIS

To J. S. Ewing,
Past Department Adjutant General.
Dear Comrade:

As President of Richard J. Ogelsby Corps No. 4, Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic, request that there be no conference Committee conferred with the Comrades of the G. A. R. and decided it for the best for several reasons.

The City has been drained in regard to taking care of her unemployed and suffering.

With best wishes for a happy and harmonious convention.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) Barbara Ellison, President
R. J. Oglesby Corps No. 6.

Moved by Comrade Robbins, seconded by Comrade Morgan and carried, that no invitation from Dallas be accepted or considered until properly presented.

Officer of the Guard reported a delegation of Daughters bringing greetings. Comrades Robbins and Cowan escorted them in with honors.

Sister Millet said "Comrades of the Grand Army, our Fathers, we, your Daughters and Daughters of your Comrades, come today to bring you greetings—to offer again our love and devotion and service and pledge anew our allegiance to you. We are only a few of the vast army of Daughters, who stand by, waiting and willing to serve you. Lean on us. With love and affection from every Daughter in this Department, we bring you this love gift of gold, \$20.00."

Sister Palmer in her charming manner brought greetings from her home Tent as well as from Department—also inviting Encampment to come to Ft. Worth.

Sister Fox, the newly elected Department President brought greetings and was given an ovation. Sister Fox's father was a member of this Department.

Sister Dailey brought greetings from Houston Tent, of which our Commander Shearer's four daughters are enthusiastic members.

Comrade Ewing in his eloquent, soldierly style accepted the gold love gift and said, "oh, yes, we will lean on our Daughters,

we live again in you—you are our blood, and blood tells. This shining gold speaks of your fidelity and purity of purpose—you are our Daughters in need and deed; we can depend on every one of you. Without you and our other allied organizations we would have ceased to exist long ago. We are depending on you to carry on when the Great Commander calls us."

Department Commander Shearer said, "the Ft. Worth Tent actions speak louder than words. We can always depend on our Daughters, our own blood, the blood of our Comrades who made this Department what it is today, to meet every emergency to carry on, to keep ever in mind the sacred ties that bind us in a common cause."

Comrades Daggett and Robbins paid beautiful tribute to Sister Fox, saying she had done more than any one in San Antonio for the Grand Army. Whenever they needed money or anything, they could depend on Sister Fox, she was a real Daughter.

After a real Fathers and Daughters feast, this delegation was escorted out with honors singing "Let Us Call You Sweethearts, Dear Old Boys in Blue."

A reporter for afternoon paper admitted, given account of Encampment and arrangements made for a photographer to come at 10:30 A. M. tomorrow to make pictures of Comrades in Encampment.

There being no further business, Encampment adjourned to meet at 10:30 tomorrow. Many of Comrades called on Comrade Sissons, who is ill in the home of his daughter, who is our Sister Hazel Green.

Tena M. Duncan, Secretary.

An early call Thursday morning informed us of the death of our beloved Comrade Sisson, member of Council of Administration and delegate to National Encampment.

Comrades Cowan, Shearer, Ewing and Yingling accompanied by Sister Millet and Secretary called at home of Sister Green to pay our respects. Arrangements were made for funeral at 10:00 A. M. Friday with military rites.

The body of our beloved Comrade to lie in state at Porter Loring Funeral Home, where the last sad rites will be said.

His last official act, last signature, was the invitation to meet with his Post in Ft. Worth, next year.

The passing of our Comrade is sad and especially so when

Comrade Sisson had looked forward with so much anticipation to entertaining the Comrades in his home during the Encampment.

Love, sympathy and condolence is hereby extended the bereaved family.

“Step by step the ranks are thinning,
One by one they pass away,
And the solemn bells are tolling
Dust to dust and clay to clay.”

TENA M. DUNCAN,
Convention Secretary.

While waiting for the photographer to arrive the Encampment was not in session.

A committee (not the Greetings Committee as appointed by Department President) composed of Lila Nicholds, Maude Green, Alice McEwen, Norah Buelow and Anna McCullough, came in and plead with Comrades that in face of the fact Dallas Post and Corps refuses to entertain us, to accept invitation of independent Corps to go to Dallas. Maude Green came to the rescue and offered to finance the Encampment if they would come to Houston.

Comrade Ewing made a motion, seconded by Robbins that for the sake of peace, we consider going to Houston for 1933. Motion carried.

About this time the photographer arrived and two pictures were taken. Quite a bit of time was consumed in giving the newspaper men who had arrived, more information about happenings in Encampment.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 10:45 A. M.

Morning session of Encampment called to order, Commander Shearer presiding and opened in regular form.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Roll call and nine Comrades answered here.

Election of officers, next order of business.

Comrade Robbins: “Comrades, I place in nomination our present Commander to succeed himself. He is our best choice—the one everyone of us wish; the man for the place; he repre-

sents us so well on every occasion. He is so well posted on all Grand Army matters and will make us a fine presiding officer always.

This nomination was heartily seconded by each Comrade, and Comrade Shearer was unanimously elected to succeed himself.

Other officers elected were Senior Vice Commander, W. A. Meckerson, Denison; Junior Vice Commander, Geo. Loomis, Dallas; Chaplain, L. D. Daggett, San Antonio; Surgeon, Dr. A. W. Atcheson, Denison; Delegate-at-Large, A. W. Robbins, San Antonio; Delegate, F. J. Morgan, San Antonio.

Council of Administration: J. S. Dunlap, Dallas; George Lough, San Antonio; F. J. Yingling, Dallas; Max Hart, Houston and F. J. Morgan, San Antonio.

Appointments: Adjutant and Quartermaster General, J. S. Ewing. Headquarters are hereby established at 121 Haynes Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report, which was accepted and ordered filed and published in next Journal.

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

Whereas: The E. O. C. Ord Post has arranged and given us the finest Encampment.

Whereas: The Mayor of your City has given us the heartiest and best welcome ever received in any city, ever.

Whereas: The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of G. A. R. and Daughters have ministered to our comforts and anticipated our every wish.

Whereas: The E. O. C. Ord Corps have served us two bounteous banquets, with enjoyable programs and tables decorated to please the eye and gladden the heart.

Whereas: The Ladies of G. A. R. Presidents Club, served us a lovely luncheon.

Whereas: The Daughters gave us a Fathers' and Daughters' banquet and breakfast.

Whereas: The National Grand Army have again sent to our Encampment our genial and dearly beloved Dr. Cowan, to inspire us.

Whereas: The newspapers have given us unusual favorable publicity.

Whereas: The Majestic Theatre complimented us with a good show.

Whereas: The Plaza Hotel have given us reduced rates and our Allied Organizations as well as our own courtesy headquarters and marvelous service from management to bell boy.

Whereas: The Army bands and other musicians have given us enjoyable, inspirational programs to please the ear and gladden the heart.

Whereas: The Chamber of Commerce have extended us marked courtesies.

Be it Resolved: To every one who has given of his time and energy to make this Encampment a marked success, we are profoundly grateful.

Be it further Resolved: That these resolutions would be incomplete without thanks to our dear Heavenly Father, for health, happiness, sunshine and the blessings of life and the great, strong enduring ties that bind us, the "Vanishing Host" of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In F. C. & L.,

(Signed) Hart, Robbins and Yingling.

At this time Commander Shearer invited the next Encampment, that of 1933, to meet in Houston. The Post assisted by Allied Organizations to entertain and promised each and all a real good Houston Encampment.

This was accepted, owing to the death of Commander of Ft. Worth Post and plans were changed.

Our National Representative, Dr. Cowan installed the officers. Each officer is looking to the future, doing his duty as a soldier and gentleman.

Adjutant General was instructed to publish the Journal and money was voted from treasury to pay for same.

Adjutant General Ewing would not accept this year the salary of \$50.00. By vote of Encampment the amounts was ordered paid to the Secretary. Secretary accepted the compliment and placed the money back in treasury, saying it was a pleasure to be able to serve the Comrades of her father and all the pay she

wanted was their love and good will and expressed her appreciation of appointment for another year.

There being no other business, after a love feast of fellowship as only Comrades of the Grand Army enjoy, Encampment was declared closed and each felt a bit the strain of Encampment and the four or five days away from, and the joys of being home.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.,

TENA M. DUNCAN, Convention Secretary.

Roll of Honor

Firmly imbedded in the hearts of their Comrades and honorably recorded are these names of members who have answered the call by the Supreme Commander of the Universe. To their memory and in condolence to those left behind, we pause in silent respect and in contemplation of their good lives, guided by faith in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, for that voyage into the vast domain of eternity. Peace be with them!

C. S. BRODBENT

Sergeant, Company C, 137th Illinois Infantry
Deceased April 23, 1931

JAMES DeMERRETT

Private, Company G, 2nd Louisiana Infantry
Deceased May 15, 1931

NATHAN UNDERWOOD

Corporal, Company C, 37th Indiana Infantry
Deceased May 9, 1931

JAMES C. McWHIRTER

Private, Company C, 5th Ohio Cavalry
Deceased February 15, 1931

ALBERT M. SEWELL

Corporal, Company D, 6th Missouri Cavalry
Deceased June 24, 1931

H. W. NYE

Sergant, Company C, 19th Maine Infantry
Deceased June 24, 1931

JOHN W. BARNES

Private, Company K, 15th Illinois Infantry
Deceased December 31, 1931

JOHN TAYLOR

Engineer, U. S. Navy
Deceased October 15, 1931

REPORT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

Following is a report of work done under my administration:
Expended for Relief \$171.24. Child Welfare Work \$300.00.
Patriotic Work \$300.00. Gain in Membership 40. G. A. R.
Opportunity \$47.45. Americanization Work \$5.00. Flowers
\$100.99.

Relief other than money—food, clothes, etc. \$1673.60.
Organized the Robert McCormick Corps No. 6 in Dallas on
March 23rd.

CELIA PULVER EDWARDS,

Department President.