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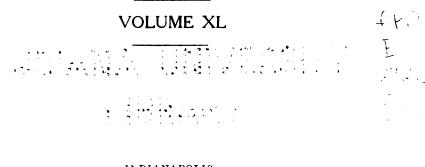
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at Elkhart, May 6, 7 and 8th, 1919.

At 7 o'clock, Tuesday, May 6th, a banquet was tendered the officials of the Grand Army and all its allied organizations, at the Hotel Bucklen. Seventy-five persons were present at this banquet. Music was furnished by the Instrument City Saxaphone Quartet and by Joseph Kies, who sang two solos.

The guests were welcomed by Comrade James S. Dodge, Past Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, who said: "Last year when I invited you to meet in Elkhart I promised you two things: First, that I would show you the most beautiful island park in Indiana; second, that I would show you some real hospitality. The first promise I can not keep, the island being under the high water from Elkhart river; the second promise I believe is being kept."

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FORTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Comrade Dodge expressed regret that the Chairman of the Encampment Committee, Judge James L. Harman, was too ill to attend the banquet. He then introduced Capt. I. H. Church, a Spanish War veteran, who told the guests in a brief address how much the city appreciated their presence. The veterans, standing, drank a toast "to the grandest flag the sun ever shone upon—the Stars and Stripes," proposed by Captain Church.

Immediately after the serving of the banquet the guests adjourned to a reception at the Orpheum Theater at which M. U. Demarest, President of the Century Club, presided as chairman, and introduced the speakers as follows:

As you will understand, this meeting is held as a reception to our guests and will be short. At the close of this meeting you are all invited to the Elk's Temple, where there will be plenty of music and dancing.

We as a city find ourselves disappointed, unfortunate, in some respects. As you know, our mayor is ill and in the hospital. The chairman, James L. Harman, who has worked so hard for the success of this meeting, had to be taken in hand today by his family physician and we are in hopes that he may recover to an extent that he may be with us tomorrow. We had arranged for our city attorney, W. E. Wider, to represent the mayor on this occasion, but he was suddenly called out of the city today. One whom we all know, who is a citizen of Elkhart and whose reputation is not confined to our corporate limits will take the place of our Mayor Foster on this occasion. He is a member of the order of Spanish-War veterans, Captain I. H. Church, of Company E, 157th Indiana Volunteers.

Captain Church. Mr. Chairman, men of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, Guests of the

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City of Elkhart: I regret very much that the Honorable H. W. Foster, Mayor of our city, is ill and can not welcome you to our city at this time. If he were here he would say "the city is yours" and for myself and on behalf of all my fellow citizens I want to say to you that the city of Elkhart is yours. If there is anything you want, just make your wants known.

Today and tomorrow will be the greatest days in the history of Elkhart. It is the first time in our municipal life we have had the honor of entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Indiana, and we highly appreciate that honor. A great many of you who came from the southern part of the state did not know there was such a place in Indiana as the St. Joseph Valley. We live in the St. Joseph Valley in the northern part of the state and we hope you will feel, as we do, that it is one of the finest spots in the State of Indiana.

It is fitting that you selected Elkhart as a place for your meeting in 1919. It is the home of one of your Past Department Commanders, the Honorable James S. Dodge; a man who was a good soldier; who is a good citizen, and I am proud to say a warm personal friend of mine. It is the home of Major Braden, well known among you for his many fine qualities. It is the home of a man whose name is familiar I dare say to all of you; the Honorable C. G. Conn, a colonel in the Civil War.

We are glad to meet with you men who, notwithstanding the pressure that was brought to bear upon every man in this country; the troubles and vicissitudes that confronted you in the days between Sumpter and Appomattox; you men who stood true and kept true, we are glad to have you in our midst. Another great service that you have performed is the spirit that emanates throughout the country from the veterans of the Civil War. I remember distinctly seeing on the street, Colonel Dodge, the man whose name I just mentioned, baring his head to the soldiers of this war as they went by, and that act helped to inspire us to live up to the duties we were expected to perform and to do the things we were expected to do in this war. It is from you that we, the younger generation, draw our inspiration. That spirit and that influence that emanates from you will go on and on and on, and it is the protecting spirit that will keep this country safe.

May Heaven's richest blessings rest upon you and yours forever. Chairman M. U. Demarest: I am not personally sufficiently familiar with the usual attendance at a department encampment of Grand Army men; I do not know whether the Grand Commander of the National Encampment is always with you or not. At this particular time you and the city of Elkhart are alike

fortunate in having with us Commander Adams, of Omaha, Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it affords me pleasure at this time to introduce Commander-in-Chief Adams.

Commander-in-Chief Adams. Mr. Chairman, Comrades of the Grand Army, Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary and Sons of Veterans: I believe I am voicing the sentiments of every person present in this room when I say tonight that the uppermost proposition in your minds is "America—one Country. one Language, one Flag." (Applause.)

I believe that I am voicing another sentiment of the people of the State of Indiana as well as of the United States when I say that the red flag of anarchy must not prevail on American soil. (Applause.) I was very much impressed with a remark of your comrade in his welcome address. I realize, as did the speaker, that he was talking, as I am tonight, to a class of men containing more patriotism in their composition than any other set of men living today-the men of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was this mighty organization you are honoring tonight that preserved the patriotism of this country; that enabled us to fight the World War. I remember that when Germany made her first attack, the Grand Army Posts all over this country passed resolutions denouncing the acts of Germany, but there had grown up in this country a sentiment for peace. They thought we would not get into the war—that all we had to do was to cry "Peace" and peace would come. It was the Grand Army of the Republic that said "The American Flag must be respected." It was you. my comrades, that passed the resolutions in your post rooms that said "That nation that attempts to destroy the lives of our people, our factories, our mills, our elevators"-it was you that said "Try them for treason and when found guilty hang them higher than Haman." We are here tonight as an organization of men who know what war is. One great mistake was that we did not get into this war sooner than we did; another great mistake was that we did not demand unconditional surrender. Had General Grant been in Europe then this nation need only have said, "Let us have peace." I have no sympathy whatever for any parleying with Germany. She is entitled to none. The American people are going to say she is entitled to none. She must pay the cost of this war in some way. I am not particular about that cost to the United States but I must say that so far as Belgium and France are concerned she should be made to pay every dollar of it. and quickly, too.

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I was glad to hear from my young comrade of the Spanish-American War. Over 20 per cent. of the men sent to Cuba were descendants of Civil War veterans. You were not too proud to fight in 1861; your sons were not too proud to fight in 1898; and 35 per cent. of the men who have gone across the water to engage in this war were descendants of those men.

There is no use to cover up this matter; we must be 100 per cent. American from start to finish. No war we have ever entered but has been worth all that it cost. This war will be worth all that it costs. We are going to demand in the settlement of this war; in all the transactions that are made, we will demand that it must be done with the full direction of American freedom and justice. An arrangement of that kind must be perfected by the best men of this nation; our greatest men, our best jurists. I can see rising from the ranks we sent across the water, and the boys that remained at home, an organization that will go farther toward keeping the peace of the world than all that has been said in the last five months in Paris.

I am proud to be with you tonight. It was said by our chairman that the official staff of this city could not be here, but I realize that Elkhart is here. I realize that the hearts of Elkhart are here. The reception we have met so far equals anything I have ever attended. Your openhanded manner of receiving us; the good will you have shown; the splendid entertainment that so far you have offered, show the true hearts of the Elkhart people. I thank you.

Chairman M. U. Demarest: We are also especially fortunate in having with us the Department Commander of the State of Indiana, Alonzo Murphy, of Greensburg, whom I have the pleasure now of introducing to you.

Department Commander. Mr. Chairman, Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen: Not being in a condition for an extended address, I will only indulge in a few short statements. First, we are very greatly pleased at being invited to hold this session of our Encampment in your city. Coming so near the great celebration now on hand in Indianapolis, I felt a little apprehensive that possibly it might affect the attendance of our comrades, and the success of this Encampment; we were somewhat embarrassed for a day or two and there seemed to be a conflict of opinion as to the best thing to be done. But we all felt that Elkhart should first be consulted and that her opinion in the matter and her decision should be final, and that was my reply when the Governor asked me as to the advisability of changing to Indianapolis. Now that the decision has been made I desire to state that up to the present time I have not heard one word of adverse criticism of the course taken. It has seemed to meet the approval of all that I have heard make any comment. At any rate we felt that we were under obligations to the people of Elkhart first, and so it has been with peculiar satisfaction, I think, that the comrades of our order have decided in favor of Elkhart.

Now as to the Grand Army of the Republic, and being a member of it or not being a member of it is concerned, I feel a little like the Irishman who was in company with an Englishman and a Frenchman; one of them said to him "Pat, we were talking of our nationality and we have come to the conclusion that if we were not English or French we would want to be Irish. Now if you were not an Irishman, what would you be?" And Pat said, "If I were not an Irishman, I'd be ashamed of myself forever." And in view of what was accomplished by the soldiers of the Civil War and the principles that were involved in that conflict, I have felt a peculiar pride in being a member of the Grand Army; being made eligible thereto by having been mustered in the service in those times. Those of you who were in the strife of course remember the responsibility, the severity of the strain upon American citizenship at that time. You remember also no doubt the adverse criticism, the unfavorable comment and the discouraging conditions confronting our attempts to put down the rebels. It was said that it could not be done. It was said we were not equal to the responsibility. But it seems that the American soldier has been on the winning side in every war; another thing that is peculiar is that he has been on the right side in every war. So the rebellion was put down and one thing that was settled was the slavery question; settled fully and completely. I don't think any one will ever propose to put a black man on the block again. I think the putting down of the rebellion was finished, and whatever else might be proposed I don't think another rebellion will ever be attempted in this country. We have set a pace not only for ourselves, but for the other nations of the earth. They seem to be filing in our wake. The same principles have been involved in all our wars. My idea is that the work will not be finished until every man in this country and in every other country is a free man. I sometimes have taken the liberty to say that I was not ready for our boys to come home until they had so settled all the matters involved in this war; until they had made the world secure for every man so that he could sleep every night in Constantinople, in Jerusalem or in Bagdad or in any other city, as safely as in Elkhart. I think when the work is finished that this will be the result. My comrades, to have been a factor, as we

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have been, in bringing about a condition like that is an honor that I consider of the very highest order. And so I say, we are glad we are Grand Army men, and glad of having a place in the hearts of the people of Elkhart.

Following the above program the chairman introduced Mrs. Carrie E. Rohmer, President of Tent No. 3, Daughters of Veterans, who on behalf of her order presented a beautiful American flag to the Girl Scouts. The flag was received by Mrs. Swanson Bishop, who passed it to Miss Dorothy Crawford, while the sixteen scouts saluted, after which they repeated the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The festivities at the Elk's Temple were well attended; part of the crowd, seated in the lodge room, enjoyed an exceptionally fine musical program while the rest, with many of the younger people of Elkhart, started to dance in the ballroom, music being furnished by the Steimrich Orchestra. A short, informal reception held in the club rooms preceded the dancing.

On Wednesday, May 7, at 2 o'clock P. M., the annual Grand Army parade formed, headed by automobiles bearing Grand Marshal M. U. Demarest and the chief officials of the Grand Army. These officials left their autos and entered the reviewing stand at the Monument Place, where they were joined by Comrades Henry B. Sparks, Department Color Bearer, and Ira Hinchman, Banner Bearer. The Knightstown Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home band, a drum corps from the National Military Home at Marion, and other bands furnished spirited music. Service men from the war with Germany and about fifty naval men were in line.

On Wednesday evening a Campfire was held at the Bucklen Theater, the principal speakers being Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams; Past Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Somers, and national and department heads of the various allied organizations.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Bucklen Theater at Elkhart, Indiana, at 8:30 A. M., Wednesday, May 7, 1919.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Murphy, after which the Chaplain invoked the divine blessing.

Comrade William H. Hickman, Department Chaplain:

"Oh God, our Father, we would first of all, in thy presence, unite in thanksgiving to Thee for the preservation of our lives through another year. We would give thanks to Thee for the blessings that have filled our homes and crowned our lives, and then we would ask Thee in the name of Jesus our Lord to let thy comforting spirit be in those homes that have been made sad. Wouldst thou, Oh God, comfort them; and in many instances there are those under the infirmities of age, held in their homes within narrow limits. They will think about us and talk about us. Lord, bring light, peace, hope and good cheer into their hearts.

We would unite in thanksgiving to Thee, Oh God, from the depths of our hearts for the achievements in the years that have gone by in the triumph of right principles. We thank Thee that the raising of armies, so far as the United States is concerned, has ceased. We pray, great God of the Nations, Ruler of the Universe, to whom we look as our Savior, our Leader and our King, wouldst thou bring about such conditions, and influence the nations at the peace table this day as to insure such wisdom and understanding that God can put his seal upon it and that will give this whole world peace. Oh thou Prince of Peace, Jesus our Lord,-wouldst Thou work through these men that need more wisdom than humans can have if left alone; may our God and our Christ have His way in the final settlement. We pray for our own country in these troubled times, when all sorts of treason and disloyalty are growing out of organized selfishness and anarchy. Oh Thou gracious God, wouldst Thou work in the hearts of this

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great people the things that shall defeat all the planning that would work sedition and break up our government.

And now we pray Thee to so direct us in our deliberations and our efforts to carry forward the order we have planned that this shall be a meeting noted for its good fellowship and the cooperation we meet on every hand to bring about the best results; that these comrades and citizens we meet shall be glad as we are glad, and the meeting be a blessing to all, we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Here Comrade James S. Dodge gave a program of the line of march in the parade, urging all comrades to take part in the parade and not be content with viewing it from the sidewalks or balconies. "If you don't get into the parade," said Comrade Dodge, "take off your uniform. I feel a little bit about it as I used to feel about Grand Army men going into a saloon. I used to tell them 'If you are bound to go into a saloon and take a drink, take off your Grand Army uniform before you go in.'"

Comrade Dodge stated that each comrade in the parade would be presented with a carnation by the Westview Floral Company.

Comrade William A. Ketcham suggested that badges be given to the boys of the Knightstown Home Band, and Comrade Dodge assured the comrades that this would be done, if possible.

Department Commander: The first thing in our order of business is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The following report of this committee was read by Assistant Adjutant-General Albert J. Ball:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

ELKHART, IND., May 7, 1919.

Comrade Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander Indiana Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Credentials report that they performed the



duties assigned to them and find the roster presented by the Assistant Adjutant-General to be a complete roll of Department Encampment G. A. R.

The Committee suggests that Commanders of Posts act with their adjutants in making full reports following December elections, of all comrades entitled to a place on the floor of the Encampment; being careful to enroll the senior and junior vicecommanders and all past post commanders, whether attained by service in their own posts or gained by transfer.

Unless this is done (and done right), names will be omitted and comrades about whom there should be no question will be embarrassed by the Credentials Committee questioning their identity.

> W. E. GORSUCH, E. B. MYERS, LAFAYETTE MARSH, WM. M. COCHRAN, GEO. D. ABRAHAM, *Committee.*

After calling the roll of the department officers, on motion duly seconded, the Encampment voted to dispense with the calling of the roll of delegates.

Here follows the roll call of the Encampment:

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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*Department Commander	Alonzo Murphy.	
*Senior Vice-Department Commander	I. N. WATKINS.	
*Junior Vice-Department Commander	VALENTINE MARKS.	
*Medical Director	S. I. BROWN.	
*Department Chaplain	WM. H. HICKMAN.	
*Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant		
Quartermaster-General	Albert J. Ball.	
*Department Inspector	A. S. CREATH.	
Patriotic Instructor	A. P. ASBURY.	
*Judge Advocate	JAMES S. DODGE.	
*Chief Mustering Officer	WM. F. KENDALL.	
*Chief of Staff	W. P. MCKINSEY.	
*Color Bearer	HENRY B. SPARKS.	
*Banner Bearer	IRA HINCHMAN.	
*Chief Bugler	A. A. Jones.	

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*LEWIS KING. *Solomon Pennington. . AUSTIN DAUGHERTY. *C. C. SCHREEDER.

*ALEXANDER HESS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*MILTON GARRIGUS.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

†Commander-in-Chief	IVAN N. WALKER.
†Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief	IRVIN ROBBINS.
<i>†Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>	WM. H. ARMSTRONG.
†Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief	ROBERT S. FOSTER.
†Chaplain-in-Chief	DANIEL R. LUCAS.
†Surgeon-General	WARREN R. KING.
Chaplain-in-Chief	DANIEL RYAN.
*Judge Advocate-General	WM. А. КЕТСНАМ.
*Commander-in-Chief	ORLANDO A. SOMERS.
*Adjutant-General	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

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†Robert S. Foster.	fivan N. walker.	†Marine D. Tackett.
†Nathan Kimball.	[†] Joseph B. Cheadle.	*Edmund R. Brown.
[†] Oliver M. Wilson.	†James T. Johnston.	*Wm. A. Ketcham.
†Louis Humphrey.	†Albert O. Marsh.	John D. Alexander.
†Sam'l. E. Armstrong.	†Harvey B. Shively.	*Orlando A. Somers.
[†] Jonathan B. Hager.	Henry M. Caylor.	Alex. P. Asbury.
†William W. Dudley.	*James S. Dodge.	Daniel Waugh.
†James R. Carnahan.	Daniel Ryan.	†Frank Swigart.
*Edwin Nicar.	†William L. Dunlap.	*Wilber E. Gorsuch.
David N. Foster.	*David E. Beem.	†Daniel W. Comstock.
†Thomas W. Bennett.	*Milton Garrigus.	*A. B. Crampton.
†Ira J. Chase.	†Benjamin Starr.	*Lewis King.
Argus D. Vanosdol.	George W. Grubbs.	V. V. Williams.
†Charles M. Travis.	†Daniel R. Lucas.	*Samuel M. Hench.
Gil R. Stormont.		

†Deceased.

- *Present.

Morton Post No. 1, Terre Haute.

Сом.—*Augustus B. Goodwin.

P. C.—*James S. Neely, *James F. Nosler, *James H. Crabb, *James F. Slade, *Edward O'Neil, *Silas Foulke.

DEL.—*George E. Farrington, *Alexander Knight.

ALT.—*Oscal Alexander.

General Canby Post No. 2, Brazil.

COM.—*Solomon Conder. J. V.-COM.—*M. V. McClure. P. C.—*Joseph E. Sherfey, *B. V. Rector, *S. C. Bishop. DEL.—*R. L. Kennedy.

John A. Logan Post No. 3, Lafayette.

Сом.—*Frank Joerns. P. C.—*Dan White, *L. S. Ross, *Sol Penrod, A. A. Jones. DEL.—*A. Bedford. ALT.—*James Davis.

John C. Fremont Post No. 4, Covington.

P. C.-*Peter Harmon.

Pap Thomas Post No. 5, Greensburg.

Сом.—*Henry C. Short.

J. V.-Com.-*H. V. Lockridge.

P. C.—*O. C. Elder, *H. C. Snell, *B. W. Vanosdol, *Brumfield Turner.

DEL.—*Watson Bostic.

James H. Emmett Post No. 6, Wabash.

Сом.—*О. W. Lamport. J. V.-Cом.—*S. J. Payne. P. C.—*Alex. Hess, *T. C. McClure, *J. P. Noftzger, *H. H. Wheeler, *O. W. Lamport, *Robert Sutton Griswold. DEL.—*Geo. P. Miller.



Auten Post No. 8, South Bend.

Сом.—*John Steele.

S. V.-Com.—*Joseph Emery.

J. V.-Com.-+Valentine Nye.

P. C.—*H. H. Ritter, *Horace Martin, *Mark Webster, *John Steele, *R. Donmoyer, *W. A. Leggett, *C. J. Taylor, *John Van Arsdale, *E. B. Row, *B. F. Yerrick, *D. W. Swevor.

DEL.—*Val Nye, *Geo. P. Morey, *Alex. Stapels.

ALT.—*Fred Flagel, *Daniel Peeley, *M. L. Steffy.

Steele Post No. 9, Rockville.

P. C.—*M. W. Marshall, *Clinton Murphy, *David Strouse. DEL.—*Jas. W. Beadle.

Greencastle Post No. 11, Greencastle.

P. C.-*S. F. Lockridge, *T. C. Grooms, *H. P. Dorsett.

Isham Keith Post No. 13, Columbus.

P. C.-*W. F. Kendall.

Logansport Post No. 14, Logansport.

Com.--*Charles E. Hale.

S. V.-Com.—*John T. Rounds.

J. V.-Com.—*Samuel Himes.

P. C.—*Dyer B. McConnell, *I. N. Watkins, *John Ensfield, *H. C. Cushman.

DEL.—*F. H. Hartel, *W. H. H. Ward.

Morgan Post No. 15, Petersburg.

P. C.-*E. J. Harris, *Geo. D. Martin.

George H. Thomas Post No. 17, Indianapolis.

Сом.—*William F. Cunningham.

S. V.-Com.—*Jacob J. Traub.

P. C.—*Albert J. Ball, *Robert W. McBride, *Edwin H. Hows, *Thomas C. Clapp, *Fletcher E. Marsh, *Garrett M. Walrod.

Dumont Post No. 18, Shelbyville.

Com.—*Thos. F. Chafee.

P. C.—*Elisha Weakley, *Samuel C. Carson, *Wm. H. Norris, *A. J. Ensminger, *Jacob Turner.

DEL.—*George Peters, *J. P. Wecker.

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Ellsworth Post No. 20, Seymour.

Сом.—*J. H. Boake. J. V.-Coм.—*Harmon Meyers.

General Shunk Post No. 23, Marion.

Com.—*Jasper Gannett. P. C.—*John A. Howard, *Albert Boley, *John D. Green. DEL.—*Geo. W. Steele.

Farragut Post No. 27, Evansville.

P. C.—*C. C. Schreeder. DEL.—*Jacob Bippus, *Byron Parsons. ALT.—*H. H. Williams.

Thos. J. Harrison Post No. 30, Kokomo.

Сом.—*Orlando A. Somers.

P. C.—*Milton Garrigus, *D. S. Shafer, *Milton Bell, *Sol A. Pennington, *H. M. Sailor, *John S. Trees, *Wm. H. Fisher, *John W. Barnes, *Sol Burkett.

DEL.—*John A. Jones, *Benj. F. McClain, *John Mitchell.. ALT.—*A. E. Curlee.

Bcothroyd Post No. 31, Delphi.

P. C.—*Hes Robison. DEL.—*Wilber F. Sharer.

Lew Dailey Post No. 33, Bluffton.

S. V.-COM.—*A. F. Cotton P. C.—*John Wisner, Jr., *Adam Foust, *John M. Kleinknecht. DEL.-*C. B. Welch.

General Lyon Post No. 34, Otwell.

P. C.—*S. W. Chappell.

Frank Baldwin Post No. 37, Elkhart.

Сом.—*А. G. Maning.

P. C.—*William Merrett, *Henry Trump, *George A. Coley, *Wm. Marker, *David Smelser, *L. D. Van Doran, *Valentine Marx, *Wm. Overly, *Wm. Mabis.

Del.-*Wm. McKahin, *Joseph Andrews.



Sedgwick Post No. 38, Union City.

P. C.—*A. Green.

Col. Asbury Steele Post No. 39 (Nat. Mil. Home), Marion.

Сом.—*J. L. Blackburn.

P. C.—*R. A. Patterson, *Wm. Nelson, *M. W. Rock, *J. A. Scott, *Geo. W. Smith.

DEL.—*E. S. Scott, *Timothy Kelley, *J. N. Minnerly. ALT.—*J. E. Baily, *F. M. Lapert.

Sion S. Bass Post No. 40, Fort Wayne.

Сом.—*Henry Kramer.

P. C.—*J. Edsall, *John Kress, *Wm. Engle, *S. M. Hench,
*Joseph Kickley, *Joseph Corlett, *Geo. H. Johnson.
DEL.—*Michael Huss, *W. C. Bidwell.

Rich Mountain Post No. 42, Lebanon.

P. C.--*T. R. Caldwell, *W. P. McKinsey.

Meade Post No. 44, Butler.

P. C.—*W. A. Craun. ALT.—*Henry Wickard.

Geo. V. Rawson Post No. 46, Michigan City.

Com.—*H. A. Root. P. C.—*M. L. Bramhall, *H. A. Root.

Dan Pratt Post No. 50, Galveston.

P. C.—*James M. Bell, *John I. Symons. DEL.—*F. M. Lawrence.

Tippecanoe Post No. 51, Monticello.

P. C.-*P. A. Holladay, *J. D. Foster.

Waterloo Post No. 52, Waterloo.

S. V.-Com.-*Isaac Speer.

Sol Meredith Post No. 55, Richmond.

Сом.—*John F. Davenport.

P. C.—*John Deets, *John Elliott, *C. C. Ogborn, *J. F. Davenport, *Lafayette Larsh.

DEL.—*Timothy Hart, *Theodore McClellan.

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William B. Reyburn Post No. 56, Peru.

Com.—*John A. Melcher.

P. C.—*James H. Hosman, *J. V. Wilhelm, *Michael Bappert,
*P. H. McGloin, *Clark Latta, *A. J. Parks. DEL.—*Wm. Sutton, *John C. Parks.

Nelson Trusler Post No. 60, Winchester.

P. C.—*George Coats, *John Flight. DEL.—*B. N. Botkin.

Elwood Post No. 61, Elwood.

P. C.—*M. E. Baylor. DEL.—*Salathiel Bowers.

Bryant Post No. 62, Williamsport.

DEL.--*Benjamin F. Booth.

Hackleman Post No. 64, Brookville.

P. C.-+*Geo. S. Golden.

Stone River Post No. 65, Frankfort.

P. C.—*David Handley, *Wm. Kemp. DEL.—*Jas. A. McQuinn.

DeLong Post No. 67, Auburn.

P. C.—*Wm. H. McIntosh. DEL.—*James Dwyer.

Martin R. Delaney Post No. 70, Indianapolis. ALT.—*Joseph Price.

U. S. Grant Post No. 72, Washington. P. C.—*J. W. Sullivan.

Remington Post No. 74, Remington. DEL.—*Jacob Easterday.

Blankenship Post No. 77, Martinsville. P. C.—*D. P. Gardner.



Williams Post No. 78, Muncie.

Сом.—*John H. Yaryan.

P. C.—*G. W. H. Kemper, *S. B. Garrott, *Jos. S. Heirrich. DEL.—*Theo. H. Johnson, *John W. Skiff, *Eli Thornburg, *Joseph P. Hooten.

Joel Wolfe Post No. 81, Rushville.

J. V.-COM.-*J. W. Davis, *J. M. Stevens.

John A. Platter Post No. 82, Aurora.

Del.-*F. W. Cassebaum.

John P. Porter Post No. 83, Geneva.

Del.-*Eli Krouse.

Rensselaer Post No. 84, Rensselaer.

S. V.-COM.—*W. M. Saylor. J. V.-COM.—*H. W. Wood. P. C.—*H. R. Grow, *D. H. Yeoman. ALT.—*Elijah Stevens.

Paul E. Slocum Post No. 85, Bloomington.

Сом.—*Chas. W. Shaw.

P. C.-*T. C. Whisenand, *Chas. W. Shaw, *Isaac N. May, *Nathan R. Matson.

Charles W. Howell Post No. 90, Goshen.

Сом.—*Reuben Lutz. S. V.-Cом.—*Geo. W. Loy. J. V.-Cом.—*Esav Bloom. P. C.--*Wm. S. Bitner, *Charles W. James, *David B. Hutchinson, *Samuel S. Whisler. DEL.—*Henry Bechtel.

Worthington Post No. 91, Worthington. DEL.-*Wm. Brewer.

Gettysburg Post No. 93, Spencer.

Com.—*David E. Beem. P. C.—*David E. Beem.

Ben North Post No. 94, Rising Sun.

P. C.-*H. B. Sparks.

McClung Post No. 95, Rochester.

Сом —*John H. Shelton.

S. V.-Com.-+Lewis M. Spotts.

P. C.--*James Gainer, *S. H. Hoffman.

J. H. Danseur Post No. 104, Lagrange.

Сом.—*Albert Preston. J. V.-Cом.—*Omer A. Kimball. P. C.—*Geo. W. Hissong, *Albert Preston, *R. J. Willard.

Van Buren Post No. 105, Pikes Peak.

Сом.—*С. Hurley. P. C.—*Cornelius Hurley, *R. A. Wilson, *A. Hancher.

Chaplain Brown Post No. 106, Valparaiso.

Сом.—*Joseph Glover. P. C.—*Aaron W. Lytle. DEL.—*Louis LaDaner, *Joseph Zea, *J. C. Bartholomew.

Warsaw Post No. 114, Warsaw.

P. C.—*E. L. Seamans, *John Peterson, *Samuel Hathaway. *John Runyan, *I. W. Sharp, *J. S. Smith, *A. Z. Fryberger, *C. W. Scott.

DEL.—*E. S. Scott, *Jacob Elginfritz, *Jonathan Tinky, *Elmer Robbins.

Masters Post No. 120, Boonville.

DEL.—*Mathew Geiser.

C. L. Guild Post No. 121, Medaryville.

COM.—*Fred Maibauer. P. C.—*M. Robinson, *W. H. H. Tilton, *Fred Maibauer. DEL.—*E. C. Hansell. ALT.—*John C. Parker.



John Murray Post No. 124, Pierceton.

Сом.—*John A. Clemans.

J. V.-Com.—*Harley Beebe.

P. C.—*Hiram Finton, *George Wolf, *Samuel Kyle, *John A. Mock.

Del.-*Albert Moore.

Stansbury Post No. 125, Ligonier.

COM.—*J. H. Hoffman. S. V.-COM.—*James A. Taylor. J. V.-COM.—*Job Sharp. P. C.—*J. L. Dunning. DEL.—*J. T. Pollock.

Wadsworth Post No. 127, Franklin.

P. C.-*Luther Short.

Houghton Post No. 128, Mishawaka.

P. C.—*E. R. Huntsinger.

DEL.--*John Fulmer, *R. E. Perkins, *J. H. Gaines.

Lafayette Gordon Post No. 132, Argos.

S. V.-Com.-*George Beeber.

P. C.—*J. S. Hussey, *William Stafford, *J. Pickerl, *Wm. White, *C. Spencer, *W. H. J. Flagg, *J. C. Gordon, *John Lowry, *Isaiah Hess.

DEL.—*George Williams.

James R. Slack Post No. 137, Huntington.

Сом.—*А. А. Bowen.

P. C.-*Robert B. Fulton, *William P. Moffett.

Del.--*Cyrus Hughs, *Isaiah Sours.

Lookout Mountain Post No. 140, Gaston.

P. C.—*Henry L. Miller, *Henry B. Trout, *John W. Slain. DEL.—*Mart Power.



Patton Post No. 147, Laporte.

COM.—*Wm. C. Weir S. V.-COM.—*Geo. Wagner. J. V.-COM.—*S. A. Bagley. P. C.—*E. L. Ephlin, *E. D. Daniels, *Peter Fisher, *W C. Weir. DEL.—*L. J. Bryant, *E. C. Clark. ALT.—*F. A. Boyd, *B. E. Bear.

George W. Lennard Post No. 148, New Castle.

Сом.—*R. H. Tyner. S. V.-Coм.—*Wm. Frazer. P. C.—*A. W. Saint.

B. J. Crosswait Post No. 150, Angola.

DEL.—*Charles Crandle.

John Wheeler Post No. 161, Crown Point. DEL.—*Hiram Barton.

William Swain Post No. 169, Ossian.

P. C.—*Abram Hoopengardner. DEL.—*John Koons.

Champion Hills Post No. 171, Brookston. Сом.—*John Hartman.

Cambridge City Post No. 179, Cambridge City. P. C.-+*W. F. Medsker.

Bennett Post No. 183, Kewanna.

Сом.—*О. J. Lamborn.

P C.—*A. Hunneshagen, *H. N. Troutman, *O. J. Lamborn. DEL.—*G. B. McKay.

W. L. Sanderson Post No. 191, New Albany.

Com.—*Louis Bir.

P. C.--*Louis Bir.

William Cuppy Post No. 195, South Whitley. P. C.—*B. F. Bates, *Frank Drake.

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P. C.—*Cyrus Seiler, *E. B. Myers, *A. C. Brown, *Wm. H. Watson, *J. L. Miller, *D. E. Long, *Wm. M. Tobias, *J. L. Wright, *Robt. M. Brininger, *J. M. Lounsberry, *David Kegerris. DEL.—*F. E. Tousley.

Gen. John A. Logan Post No. 199, N. Manchester.

COM.--*J. W. Warner.

P. C.—*Reuben Moyer, *John A. Clevenger, *F. M. McCutcheon, *W. J. Abbott.

Boone Post No. 202, Zionsville.

P. C.—*C. Newby, *I. T. Huckleberry, *Leonard Burton, *J. L. Hopkins.

James Price Post No. 203, Tipton.

DEL.—*David Stage.

Reed Post No. 206, Fulton.

Сом.—*R. B. Reed. P. C.—*James H. Bard

Cicero Post No. 207, Cicero.

P. C.-*N. B. Dewey.

Geo. H. Chapman Post No. 209, Indianapolis. P. C.—*Frank M. Hay, *James Leggett, *Daniel Rouse. DEL.—*Andrew Helm, *Ira Hinchman, *Geo. Gilchrist.

Alexander Trimble Post No. 213, Red Key. P. C.—*Theo. A. Baker.

R. M. Kelly Post No. 217, Edinburg. ALT.—*Harry Stilley.

H. D. Washburn Post No. 220, Dana. S. V.-Com.—*Albert Martin.

Jacob Stahl Post No. 227, Hartford City.

Сом.—*Benj. G. Shinn. S. V.-Cом.—*James A. E. Alfrey. P. C.—*Isaac Jones. DEL.—*James G. McColly.

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S. V.-Com.-*G. Birk.

J. V.-Com.-*I. Flickinger.

Major May Post No. 244, Anderson.

Сом.—*Jonas Stewart.

P. C.—*H. C. Durbin, *Joseph Brown, *D. F. Mustard, *Robert Dorste.

DEL.—*James Redd, *James Ginn, *Ezra Iler, *Theo. Grubb.

Lakeview Post No. 246, Syracuse.

P. C.-+John Willard.

Miles H. Tibbetts Post No. 260, Plymouth.

S. V.-Com.—*David C. Smith. DEL.—*Luther Call.

Lawton-Wayne Post No. 271, Ft. Wayne.

P. C.—*Geo. W. Aldrich, *W. A. Kelsey, *B. W. Skelton, *E. B. Smith, *S. S. Kelker, *D. L. Beaber.

Del.-*Chas. J. Parr, *A. W. Rhue.

ALT.—*Fredman Voight, *Noah Knepper.

Otterbein Post No. 277, Otterbein.

P. C.-+J. J. Foster, *G. W. Bringham, *N. A. Chamberlain.

Joseph R. Gordon Post No. 281, Indianapolis.

Com.—*William H. Heims. S. V.-Com.—*James Wright. P. C.—*Wm. D. Wilson, *Henry L. Bruce. *A. S. Crimans, *George Cutler, *A. J. Buchanan. DEL.—*C. H. Chappell, *F. C. Sturm. ALT.—*J. R. Hays.

William Landon Post No. 290, Knox.

Com.-*L. B. Cutshall.

S. V.-Com.—*Jasper Beyers.

J. V.-Сом.—*G. С. Carr.

P. C.-+*Chas. Laramore, *S. I. Brown.

Del.-+*John Giles.

Jas. B. Cartwright Post No. 358, Pennville. P. C.—*F. C. Andrews, *Wm. Eberly, *A. T. Place.

Maj. Rob't. Anderson Post No. 369, Indianapolis. P. C.—*Z. T. Landers, *Joseph Burke, *Wm. M. Cochran.

Jesse Coppock Post No. 378, Walkerton. P. C.—*Dr. R. Neville. DEL.—*Jno. Wolfram.

Leamon Griffith Post No. 387, Hamilton. P. C.—*Adam Richey, *L. T. Crane, *Henry Foutz.

Blinn Post No. 394, Prairieton. Del.—*Levi Applegate.

Simon Miller Post No. 401, Akron. Com.—*L. G. Welton. P. C.—*Joseph Hoover, *E. R. Brown, *A. Case. DEL.—*Lewis Sippy.

Berlin Post No. 402, Nappanee. Сом.—*Daniel Culp. Р. С.—*H. R. Tobias.

John Ruess Post No. 406, Upland. P. C.—*Linus Marshall, *Wm. Graves.

John H. Wilson Post No. 419, Albany. P. C.-*Lafayette Sult.

Hugh H. Willits Post No. 424, Greentown. P. C.—*A. A. Covalt, *J. G. Brown.

Reuben Masten Post No. 431, Amo. Сом.—*Sylvester Mabe.

Silvers Post No. 435, New Lebanon. P. C.--+*T. B. Springer.

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Com.---*Frank Joerns.

William H. Calkins Post No. 502, Hammond. Com.-*E. C. Weeks.

Del.-*Thos. Williamson.

C. C. Browand Post No. 505, Kendallville.

P. C.-*M. Broughton.

DEL.-*W. W. Riddle. ALT.—*A. J. Rimmel.

Wm. McLaughlin Post No. 508, Milford.

P. C.-+J. C. McLaughlin. DEL.-+*H. Duckwiler.

Samuel Stewart Post No. 557, Flora.

Сом.—*J. В. Clark.

P. C.-+R. C. Menaugh.

Norman Eddy Post No. 579, South Bend.

Сом.—*E. P. Chapin.

S. V.-Com.—*Elmer Crockett.

J. V.-Com.-*J. M. Caulfield.

P. C.-*W. E. Gorsuch, *Elmer Crockett, *E. P. Stanfield, *E. P. Chapin, *Wm. H. Conner, *C. King, *A. Anderson, *Chas. Steele, *O. W. Williams, *John J. Mayer.

Jasper Packard Post No. 589, State Soldiers' Home, Lafayette.

P. C.-+John H. Tyson. Del.-*S. Duncan.

RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, Elkhart, May 7, 1919.

The Council of Administration recommends that the order of business for the government of Encampment be as follows:

1. Opening of the Encampment.

- 2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 3. Calling Roll of Department Officers and Posts.

- 4. Commander's Address.
- 5. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, etc.
- 6. Reception and Reference of Resolutions and Communications.
- 7. Reports of Officers.
- 8. Miscellaneous Business, including meeting place of next Encampment.
- 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Encampment, Council of Administration, etc.
- 10. Reports of Committees.
- 11. Election of Delegate and Alternate-at-Large.

Election of Department Officers as follows:

- (a) Council of Administration.
- (b) Chaplain.
- (c) Medical Director.
- (d) Junior Vice-Department Commander.
- (e) Senior Vice-Department Commander.
- (f) Commander.

12. Installation of Officers.

The business of the Encampment shall be conducted under the "Rules of Order" of the National Encampment so far as they are applicable.

All speeches shall be limited to five minutes, except by unanimous consent.

All resolutions offered shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate, on the first day of the Encampment. And no resolution shall be considered that has not been presented to the Encampment on the first day and signed by the party presenting it, except by two-thirds vote.

In nominations for Department Officers the roll will be called by Congressional Districts, and only the name, location and Post of the Comrade shall be given.

After the miscellaneous business is disposed of the Comrades from each Congressional District will assemble in district meeting on Wednesday morning in the hall and organize by selecting a chairman, first and second vice-chairmen and two tellers, who shall serve until the next Encampment or until their successors are elected. These names shall be reported to the Assistant Adjutant-General at once. They shall at the same time select delegates and alternates to the National Encampment and shall also name one Comrade to be placed on the ticket for Council of Administration. A member of the Committee on Resolutions will also be named and reported to the Assistant Adjutant-General. They shall at the same time recommend for appointment by the

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Department Commander the name of one suitable Comrade for District Recruiting Officer.

The names selected for Council of Administration by each district shall be printed and distributed to the various districts, and the five receiving the highest vote shall be declared elected. Ballots having less or more than five names shall not be counted.

In balloting for Department Officers in the Encampment, the same Tellers shall collect the ballots of their respective Districts, count the same, and when the Districts are called, the Chairman of such District will announce the result of such ballot for each candidate, and send the same in writing to the Assistant Adjutant-General, signed by the Chairman and Tellers. The Assistant Adjutant-General shall then tabulate the vote and announce the result for each candidate.

If there be any controversy in any District over the result of any ballot before it is announced, the Commander shall, upon the request of two Comrades, order the roll of said District called for verification.

Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected in the same manner as Department Officers, and apportioned to each Congressional District according to the numerical strength of the District; one Representative and one Alternate for each three hundred Comrades in good standing, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a major fraction of more than one-half of that number, apportioned as follows:

One Representative and one Alternate-at-Large. First District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Second District—One Representative and one Alternate. Third District—One Representative and one Alternate. Fourth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Fifth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Sixth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Seventh District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Eighth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Ninth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Ninth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Tenth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Eleventh District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Twelfth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates. Twelfth District—One Representative and one Alternate. Thirteenth District—Two Representatives and two Alternates.

In balloting no proxies will be allowed, and no votes will be counted unless cast by Comrades present in the hall at the time the vote is taken, either by Districts or in open Encampment.

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After the second ballot for any office, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on each successive ballot.

First District—Gibson, Vanderburg, Warrick, Spencer, Pike and Posey.

Second District—Daviess, Green, Knox, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan.

Third District—Dubois, Perry, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Clark, Scott, Washington, Orange, Lawrence.

Fourth District—Bartholomew, Brown, Dearborn, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland, Decatur.

Fifth District—Hendricks, Putnam, Clay, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo.

Sixth District—Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Henry, Rush, Shelby, Union, Wayne.

Seventh District-Marion.

Eighth District—Adams, Wells, Jay, Randolph, Delaware, Madison.

Ninth District—Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Clinton, Carroll, Tipton, Hamilton, Howard.

Tenth District—Benton, Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter, Tippecanoe, Warren, White.

Eleventh District—Blackford, Cass, Grant, Huntington, Miami, Pulaski, Wabash.

Twelfth District—Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Whitley.

Thirtcenth District-Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Laporte, Marshall, Starke, St. Joseph.

Department Commander: If our Commander-in-Chief is in the room we would be pleased to have him come to the platform.

The Commander-in-Chief was not present. Senior Vice-Department Commander I. N. Watkins took the gavel while the Department Commander delivered his address.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

ELKHART, INDIANA, May 7, 1919.

THE FOREWORD.

Comrades of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic:

This Encampment marks another milestone in the onward march of this Department. That so many of us survive, and are able to

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be present at this annual gathering is proof, not only of good health and a fine physical constitution, but is proof also of sober and conservative living upon the part of all you happy old veterans.

Had we not thus lived, this reunion in this Encampment would not have been possible. Our average age, no doubt, is the greatest of that of any organization. Upon actual inquiry as to the ages of the comrades of my own home Post, Pap Thomas Post No. 5, it was ascertained that their average age was 76 years. This figure, without doubt, would be a fair estimate of the ages of our comrades throughout the entire membership of the Grand Army. The showing is not only a high compliment to you comrades, but it is likewise a credit to our country, and to the generation in which you have lived.

To have survived the four years war period, as we did, and now after more than half a century of civil life since the war, to still be alive and "clothed and in our right mind", as we are, is certainly marvelous in our own eyes.

To be present here today and to have a seat and a voice in this Encampment is good and sufficient cause for congratulation upon the part of every comrade. Therefore, as an appropriate, if not an essential part of this annual report, I desire to congratulate every comrade present, and, in addition, to salute you all as members in good standing in what, by many is considered the most honorable and therefore the most honored organization in all the world. (Applause.) Those who have known the Grand Army of the Republic longest and best know that it has always been a most patriotic, and never a political organization.

THE RETROSPECT.

The past, in many respects has been the most eventful in all history. At the time of our last annual Encampment, not only our own nation, but the whole of Europe was in the midst of the final struggle of the world's greatest war. Our own nation, along with the allied nations of England, France and Italy, was engaged in a most deadly conflict. A war that held in suspense and mortal agony the nations of the whole world.

The issue, as all are aware, was simple and plain. None need be mistaken as to what was involved, or who was involved.

The old imperialism that had cursed Egypt and Assyria, Babylonia and Greece, and many other countries, like a great pall had lowered its blight upon the more modern nations, including our own beloved land. The lust of pomp, and pillage, and power, as exemplified in the lives of the Pharaohs and the Cæsars found its climax in the lives of Von Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor" and William, the German Emperor.

Autocracy threw the gauntlet down to Democracy and fired the first gun at the Serbians. They expected to fire the last one at the Americans; but instead, among the last guns to be fired, as has been the case with us in all former wars, our guns were fired upon the enemy to their utter discomfiture and defeat.

The antipode to the late European infamy, is what we are pleased to call the "World-Democracy", backed up and made good by its Allied Armies.

As soldiers and survivors of a former war period, in this our day of national and international retrospection, while we would not unduly boast of our national achievement, we do claim the right to felicitate ourselves on account of a few things that are peculiar to the history of the American soldier.

First, he has been on the right side in every fight. (Applause.) He was on the right side in the Revolutionary struggle. He was on the right side in 1812. He was on the right side in 1846-48; and as soldiers fighting for the perpetuation of the American Union, during the Civil War, every historian now acknowledges the integrity of our cause and unhesitatingly concedes that we were on the right side then. (Applause.)

Our sons and grandsons just now in the flush of their great world-victory, find their chief joy in the consciousness of the fact that they, too, were on the right side. These brave boys being the lineal descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic, entitles them to special recognition in Grand Army circles; as well as to furnish us with the warrant for a peculiar pride which we all indulge on account of the great honor of their distinguished and historic service in the recent war.

While we consider that they never can qualify for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, as their forbears forever, we feel like saying that we will never be jealous towards them in any organization of their own which they may see fit to establish; but on the other hand we will wish them God speed in any order they may institute; and we would bespeak for them that they may get the same good from their organization that we have from ours, and that their motto, like our own, may point in the direction of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" for all future time.

Second, the American soldier always being on the right side, without a single exception up to the present time, has placed him on the winning side.

"Old Glory" always has, and still continues to float at the masthead on the American Ship of State. (Applause.)



OUB AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

As has been true from the beginning, the auxiliary organizaaions of the Grand Army have demonstrated their right to live, and to be recognized by us in all our annual Encampments. Their ever present help and hearty cooperation in our fraternal and patriotic work entitles them to a large place in the memory of every Grand Army comrade.

Among these auxiliaries should be mentioned first.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This organization, from its incipiency down to the present time, has proven itself to be the Hand-maid of the Grand Army. How we could ever have gotten along without the support of these noble women is impossible of determination. Surely they have been the "Good Angel" to the comrades of this department throughout all the passing years. Their deeds of kindness, their works of charity, and their ceaseless toil in all the whitening fields of human endeavor have been clearly manifest in all the communities where this organization has been established.

The multiplied thousands of rarest and most beautiful flowers, wreathed and garlanded by the hands of these loving and devoted women, and the kind and loving words of cheer spoken by them to sick and dying comrades, have not only served as so many bright lights in the midst of the deepening gloom, as the comrades go down to meet their evening time of life in its last forced march, but it at the same time is to be regarded by all us comrades as but the outward expression of woman's undying love to suffering man.

One thing more should be mentioned, and not forgotten, and that is, the constitution of the Woman's Relief Corps admits of the possibility for the perpetuation of their organization. They can recruit their ranks from generation to generation, so that the good work they have been doing can go on to the end of time.

We think that every county seat town in the nation should have a Woman's Relief Corps in it, and that all good women, and patriotic, should belong to the order.

Alongside of the Woman's Relief Corps is to be found the companion organization of

THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Like the Corps, it is an auxiliary of this Department; and like them has always stood four-square against all opposition; and today is a strong and growing society, out for the defense of the Grand Army. Like the Corps women, the Ladies of the G. A. R. have had their Pentecost and are baptized with the genuine spirit of American patriotism. Their zeal and devotion to charitable and patriotic work is manifest everywhere. This organization therefore is again most cheerfully recognized, and most cordially welcomed into the family of the Grand Army auxiliaries and helpers.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The history and traditions of the Grand Army having been transmitted to our children, and they having imbibed the spirit of their sires, as they have done, it is but natural that they should organize. This they have done, and that, too, very much after the fashion of the parent body. Now after the lapse of years, the Sons of Veterans have become a fixture among patriotic orders.

That these sons should inherit the mantle of their fathers and continue to carry on the work of their noble order is eminently befitting.

Their organized effort along patriotic lines, together with their sisters, The Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary and The Daughters of Veterans, is both prophecy and proof that the future of our country is secure.

THE SONS OF VETERANS' AUXILIARY.

These ladies are organized for the benefit of the Grand Army, and the Sons of Veterans. No doubt their labors have already proven them to be, indeed and in truth, a veritable auxiliary, as their name indicates, to all the other organizations of the Grand Army. All such worthy and benevolent undertakings richly merits the respect and cooperation of all the members of this department; and as the first beneficiaries of their good works, we congratulate them most sincerely upon both their organization and their labors.

THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

The Daughters of Veterans, also, as a society, has been projected and is now in active operation for a noble purpose. Their sole object being the promotion of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty in their respective communities, entitles them also to the warmest and heartiest commendation upon the part of the Grand Army and all the other auxiliary organizations. We bid them welcome among us, and Godspeed in their benevolent and altruistic work throughout the entire bounds of this Department.

U. S. MILITARY HOME AT MARION, INDIANA.

In keeping with the great magnanimity of our national government, congress provided a magnificent Home at Marion, Indiana, for veterans throughout the entire country. Col. A. B. Crampton, a Past Commander of this Department, is the governor of this institution. The comrades in this home have achieved quite a little notoriety of late on account of their fine liberality in subscribing money to the Liberty and Victory loans recently projected by the national government.

They are said to have oversubscribed their quota by a liberal margin. This is certainly a high compliment to those veterans of the Marion Home.

Since the World War, no doubt this Home will be greatly enlarged in its scope, and will be perpetuated for many years to come.

INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME

This Home is one of our most interesting and delightful State institutions. It is located at Knightstown, Indiana. The officers are: Luther Short, Superintendent; Ferdinand F. Boltz, Steward; Mrs. L. A. W. Cumback, Superintendent of Instruction; Mrs. Ella Woodward, Matron; O. E. Holloway, M. D., Physician. Board Trustees: David Strouse, President, Rockville; Daniel F. Mustard, Treasurer, Anderson; Mrs. Ida S. McBride, Secretary, Indianapolis.

In addition to the 18 beautiful brick and 15 wooden buildings. this Home consists of 242 acres of valuable and fertile land, the products of which prove each year a valuable asset to the Home. A conservative estimate of the value of this Home puts the value at \$318,993.79. The sanitary conditions in the Home is well looked after by the management, and the health of the children has been excellent. The enrollment at the end of the year was 400-227 boys and 173 girls. During the lifetime of this institution nearly 5,000 children have been taken into the Home and given the full benefit of its fostering care.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of living, the financial management has had a difficult time recently to make ends meet and to live within the limits of the appropriation. But we are pleased to hear the Superintendent say: "I am happy to report that such was accomplished without detriment to the children, or discomfort to the employes." This certainly is a highly creditable showing, and is due largely to the wise and efficient management of Capt. F. F. Boltz, the Steward of the Institution.

In addition to the regularly graded schools of the Home, under the able and successful supervision of Mrs. Cumback, who has been at the head of the educational work of the Home for so many years, there is also established a vocational department. This department has been in successful operation since 1888, and many of the children have, through their training in different trades, been enabled to go out and secure good positions in their respective arts.

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According to the official reports, about 95 per cent of the children going out from this Home have made good in the world, and thus have become living exemplifications of the high character and great value of the work done in this fine institution.

The Officers, the Trustees, and the Teachers of this Home deserve unstinted praise for their excellent work during the long years of their incumbency in these difficult and responsible positions. Like the other institutions of the Grand Army, the recent world war no doubt will give this Home a new lease of life and will result in a greatly enlarged field of activity and usefulness.

OUR STATE SOLDIERS' HOME AT LAFAYETTE.

Many years ago the legislature of Indiana made an appropriation for the founding of State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette. It was built in part on what might be called the cottage plan. It provides for the wives and widows of the veterans, as well as for the veterans themselves. Many of our comrades and their wives are spending the evening time of life together in this institution.

Colonel D. B. Kehler is the Commander of this Home and is assisted by Adjutant H. R. Canfield. I had the pleasure of visiting this Home in January. I also had the honor of installing the officers of Jasper Packard Post No. 589, which post is located within the Home. The visit was a most pleasant one indeed.

The management is an efficient and successful one, and the institution is a standing monument to the greatness and gratitude of our Hoosier State.

In closing this feature of our report, we are indeed glad to say that as comrades of the Grand Army, and as citizens of Indiana, we are justly proud of all our great fraternal institutions.

RECENT LOCAL LEGISLATION.

At the late session of our state legislature three bills were introduced and two of them passed. These bills were especially in the interest of the Old Soldier. One was the Memorial Day Bill, which failed to pass the Senate. Another was a Tax Exemption Bill, which provides an exemption of \$1,000 from taxation where the taxable property of the soldier, or his widow, is under \$5,000.

The third bill was one appropriating \$2,000 annually for the benefit of this Department of the Grand Army. This bill was passed in response to a resolution of our encampment at its late session, and a special appeal in General Orders No. 4, issued in October from our department headquarters. This general order was followed up immediately by personal work upon the part of the Department officers and other comrades who were friendly to the bill. The first appropriation will become available in October next. The Department is to be congratulated, we think, over the enactment of this particular bit of legislation.

Two of our worthy comrades deserve special credit for the part they took in securing the above valuable legislation. They are Judge R. W. McBride, who, upon request, drew up both the Memorial Day Bill and the Appropriation Bill. The other comrade is our honored and much esteemed Past Commander-in-Chief, Orlando A. Somers, who drew up the Tax Exemption Bill. This legislation will prove timely and greatly beneficial to us as comrades in the years to come.

The Memorial Day Bill was a meritorious bill, and should, by all means, have been passed at the recent session of the legislature, but being pigeon holed in the senate, it never had a fair chance. Our comrades who may be living at the next session of the general assembly should see to it that this bill, or a similar one, is put upon the statute books of our state.

CONDITION OF DEPARTMENT AND PERSONAL REFERENCES.

The statistics showing the comparative gains and losses in membership during the past year will be shown in the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General. Suffice it to say, that while our net loss, which is due almost entirely to death among the comrades, is not so large as might have been expected. However, advancing age, and increasing infirmity incident thereto, has resulted in over 500 of our comrades being mustered out since our last meeting.

The commander has done everything possible to fill these vacancies, and there has been some measure of success in this effort. We have attended reunions—and campfires—and public installations—and receptions—and banquets—and chautauquas, besides local post meetings, and on all such occasions he has advocated with all possible emphasis the importance of all Union soldiers being identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. Some have responded, but many have not.

The year has been a delightful one in most respects. There has been perfect harmony and good will among the Department officers, as well as among our comrades in general. As our years are advancing, our love and fraternal feeling for each other seems to be deepening and growing in all our hearts. This sentiment is exactly as it should be, and is eminently befitting in old men, especially old soldiers in their demobolizing camps, waiting to be mustered out.

On the 15th of November, owing to failing health and advanc-

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA G. A. R.

ing age, our Assistant Adjutant-General, the highly esteemed and beloved comrade, John R. Fesler, handed in his resignation, and asked to be released from further duty as an official of this Department. The services of Colonel Fesler, as all the comrades know, have been long and faithful. Besides this, Colonel Fesler, by his great amiability and goodness of heart, has very greatly endeared himself to all his comrades during these past years. His resignation from office was accepted with sorrow and regret. For about 13 years he served in the capacity of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General in this Department. That his remaining days among us may be happy and long, is the unanimous wish of all his comrades. (Applause.)

On the 16th of November we were fortunate enough to be able to secure the services of a competent and worthy successor to Colonel Fesler. So, on the above date, Comrade Albert J. Ball, Adjutant of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 17, of Indianapolis, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General of this Department. He at once entered upon the arduous and responsible duties of his office. Comrade Ball has proven himself a true comrade, a capable and efficient officer, and is in every way worthy of the full confidence and support of all his comrades.

As a final word in laying down the duties and turning over the honors of my office as the commander of this Department, permit me to indulge in a few closing remarks. As I hand over the gavel, the official badge, and the office itself, I do so with a feeling of the deepest and sincerest gratitude to all the comrades of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic. I desire, therefore, to again thank you, first, for the confidence shown by you in elevating me to this honorable position. I beg to assure you that as long as my life continues here, I shall esteem and cherish this honor as the crown jewel upon the badge of memory forever. I thank you in the second place, for this universal kindness and courtesy shown me during the past year.

In the third place, I desire to thank you. Like the Dutch Squire, I am thankful that there was little opposition when I went into office, and none whatever when I went out.

Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

ALONZO MURPHY.

Department Commander.

Senior Vice-Commander: Comrades, you have heard the report of the Department Commander. What is your wish in regard to it?

By motion of Department Chaplain William H. Hickman, duly seconded, the Commander's Address was approved and referred to the following committee:

Committee on Comander's Address.—Comrades A. B. Crampton, Lewis King, John M. Stevens, C. C. Schreeder, Wm. A. Kelsey.

Committee on Officers' Reports.—Comrades Byron Parsons, A. N. Grant and W. D. Wilson.

Greetings to Woman's Relief Corps.—Comrades Robt. W. McBride, Charles Hale, G. M. Walrod.

To Ladies of the Grand Army.—Comrades Samuel M. Hench, Edwin Nicar, Alfred B. Whitney.

Sons of Veterans.—Comrade O. A. Somers, Byron Russell.

Daughters of Veterans.—Comrades David E. Beem, T. C. Grooms.

Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.—Comrades Milton Garrigus, Gil Stormont.

Legislative Committee. — Comrades William A. Ketcham, O. A. Somers, James Dodge, David E. Beem, Robt. W. McBride, J. H. Hoffman, H. A. Miller.

The Department Commander stated that the chairman of each greetings committee should be spokesman for that committee and that the other members would not be expected to make addresses.

Junior Vice-Department Commander Valentine Marx. Commander and Comrades: I have just a few remarks to make in regard to this registration business. I would like for every comrade that comes to this town to send us his name or come individually to the committee and register. We want your name, your age and residence. At present we have something over 400 registered. The oldest is 86 years of age and the youngest registered is 69 years of age. It will make good reading.

In this connection I wish to state that your Department Commander's birthday is today.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 1, 1919.

Comrade Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this Department for the year closing December 31, 1918:

Total	number	of	members	in	good	standing	December	
31,	1917							7,250

Gained during the year 1918:

By muster in100	
By transfer 63	
By reinstatement235	398

7,648

Loss during year 1918:

By death519	
By honorable discharge 9	
By transfer 40	
By suspension429	
By surrender of charter 31	1,028
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Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1918	6,620
Number remaining suspended	429
Total number on rolls	7,049
Number of comrades and families relieved	75
Expended for relief	\$413.91

The following posts were reinstated during the year: Post No. 307, Sullivan. Post No. 476, Pleasantville. Post No. 552, Bicknell.

The following posts surrendered and took transfers or were disbanded during the year:

Surrendered and took transfers:

Post No. 208, Chesterton.	Post No. 391, Butlerville.			
Post No. 273, Ladoga.	Post No. 499, Lizton.			
Dropped for non-paymen	t of dues:			
Post No. 10, Bloomingdale.	Post No. 241, Mt. Etna.			
Post No. 35, Oxford.	Post No. 333, Gosport.			
Post No. 41, Winamac.	Post No. 370. Hillsdale.			
Post No. 87, Salem.	Post No. 489, Culver.			
Number of Posts in good standing	ng December 31, 1917 249			
Gained during the year 1918				
Aggregate	252			
Loss during the year 1918	12			
Number remaining in good sta	anding, December 31, 1918 240			
Respectfully submitted,				
ALBEI	RT J. BALL,			

Assistant Adjutant-General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 1, 1919.

Comrade Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this Department for the year closing April 30, 1919:

RECEIPTS.			
Cash subject to check May 1, 1918		_\$	499.82
Per capita tax	\$1,392.55		
Principal from the U. N. S. & L. Assn.	500.00		
Interest on above	8.67		
Loan from Colonel Daniel Mustard	500.00		
Refunds-			
Money advanced to Southern Mem. Fund	13.50		
Hotel Barnett, Logansport	2.00		
On bond of J. R. Fesler, A. A. G.	4.00		
Sale of supplies	110.22		
Southern Memorial Fund	49.75		
S. & S. O. Christmas Fund	58.50	2,	639.19
Total receipts		\$3	,139.01

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Sentinel Printing Company\$	383.45	
H. J. Martin, printing Dept. Rosters, 1918	28.00	
Chronicle Printing Co., Logansport, hallots	1.75	
Postage	113.27	
C. D. R. Stowits, P. C. tax	242.73	
A. P. Craft, badge for Past. Dept. Com. S. M.		
Hench	103.00	
A. P. Craft, class pins S. S. O. Home	20.60	
Expense National Encampment, Poraland, Ore.	171.49	
Expense Department Encampment, Logansport	77.43	
Expense account, Dept. Commander Murphy	150.00	
Expense account, A. AGen. J. R. Fesler	10.15	
Expense account A. AGen. A. J. Ball	13.93	
Salary A. AGen. J. R. Fesler\$325.00		
Salary A. AGen. A. J. Ball 225.00	550.00	
Salary M. Adams, stenographer	600.00	
Supplies, C. D. R. Stowits	89.25	
Supplies Standard Uniform Co	1.80	
Supplies Geo. J. Mayer Co.	2.50	
Supplies Wm. Burford	.25	
Telehone, Indianapolis Telephone Co.	18.18	
Central Union Telephone Co.	41.09	
Hensley Flower Shop, floral emblem Col. R. M.	•	
Smock	5.00	
Hensley Flower Shop, floral emblem S. V. Dept.		
Comdr. Pickerill	5.00	
Papers—		
Indianapolis Morning Star	5.50	
The National Tribune	1.00	
Premium on bond of J. R. Fesler, A. AG	7.50	
Premium on bond of A. J. Ball, A. AG.	7.50	
Express	6.09	
Miscellaneous	1.45	
Telegrams	3.69	
Southern Memorial Fund, C. D. R. Stowits	49.75	
Dr. Mabel Teague, Dept. Treas. W. R. C.,		
Christmas Fund I. S. S. O. Home	58.50	
Returned, excess P. C. tax, etc.	5.45	
American Linen Supply	2.75	2,778.05
		\$360.96

ASSETS.

Cash balance on hand May 1, 1919\$	360.96
Supplies on hand	127.22
Office furniture, flags and fixtures	550.00

\$1,038.18

CHRISTMAS FUND.

The following posts contributed the amounts set forth for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Christmas Fund:

Bessie M. James, Treas. Marsh B. Taylor W. R. C.,	
Lafayette\$	4.00
Morton Post No. 1, Terre Haute	3.00
John C. Fremont Post No. 4, Covington	2.00
Jas. H. Emmett Post No. 6, Wabash	3.00
Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 17, Indianapolis	10.00
Dumont Post No. 18, Shelbyville	2.00
Sol Meredith Post No. 55, Richmond	5.00
Howell Post No. 90, Goshen	5.00
Wm. Smith Post No. 103, Sheridan	2.00
Wadsworth Post No. 127, Franklin	5.00
Henry C. Coulter Post No. 131, Russiaville	1.00
Put Evans Post No. 146, Sharpsville	1.00
Custer Post No. 232, Wakarusa	3.50
E. C. Newland Post No. 247, Bedford	5.00
Lawton-Wayne Post No. 271, Fort Wayne	5.00
Maj. Robert Anderson Post No. 369, Indianapolis	2.00

\$ 58.50

January 15, 1919, check to Mrs. Mabel Teauge, Department Treasurer Woman's Relief Corps......\$ 58.50

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

The following amounts were received for the Southern Memorial Fund after the close of the fiscal year, April 30, 1918:

Мау	1	Marsh B. Taylor Post No. 475\$	1.10
May	2	Samuel M. Hench, Department Commander	6.00
Мау	2	Sedgwick Post No. 38, Union City	2.00
Мау	2	Shiloh Field Post No. 198, Elkhart	1.00
May	3	John Murray Post No. 124, Pierceton	1.00

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May 3	Stansbury Post No. 125, Ligonier	1.00
May 4	Put Evans Post No. 146, Sharpsville	1.00
May 6	Jos. R. Gordon Post No. 281, Indianapolis	2.00
May 6	Fort Wagner Post No. 581, Evansville	1.25
May 6	Lew Daily Post No. 33, Bluffton	5.00
May 7	Maj. Robt. Anderson Post No. 369, Indianapolis	2.00
May 11	Elwood Post No. 61, Elwood	1.25
May 14	J. W. Thornburg Post No. 474, Odon	1.00
May 15	Meade Post No. 44, Butler	1.15
May 16	Lawton-Wayne Post No. 271, Ft. Wayne	5.00
May 20	Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 17, Indianapolis	5.00
April 9	Remington Post No. 74, Remington	1.00
April 14	Huff Post No. 89, Lawrenceburg	5.00
April 29	Thos. J. Harrison Post No. 30, Kokomo	3.00
April 29	Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 17, Indianapolis	4.00

\$ 49.75

By check to C. D. R. Stowits, May 2 to May		
20, 1918\$	23.25	
Reimbursed Department for money advanced_	13.50	
April 30, 1919, by check to C. D. R. Stowits	13.00	49.75

It became evident during the month of March, 1919, that the monies on hand and receivable at that time would not be sufficient to meet the bills contracted by the department during the year past, some of which bills had run over a period of six months. As the \$1,000 appropriated by the legislature of 1919 for the purpose of paying a part of the expenses of the department would not be available until the first of October, 1919, it was deemed best to float a loan for the sum of \$500.00 to meet these bills and current expenses. The Department Commander and Council of Administration were consulted regarding this matter and they unanimously agreed that a loan for the above sum should be floated.

The money was borrowed from Comrade Daniel Mustard, a member of Major May Post No. 244, of Anderson, Indiana, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, for a period of 120 days, the note being signed by Department Commander Alonzo Murphy and Assistant Adjutant-General Albert J. Ball.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. BALL,

Assistant Q. M.-General.



REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 3, 1919.

Alonzo Murphy, Esq., Department Commander.

COMRADE: We the undersigned appointed auditing committee to audit the books and papers of the department will say, that we have checked the books, vouchers and papers of the department and find the same correct.

> WM. D. WILSON, H. L. TRUEBLOOD, A. S. CRIMANS, Committee.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Office of Department Chaplain, May 1, 1918, to May 1, 1919.

To Comrade Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain:

Number of Posts in Department	 240
Number of Posts reporting Memorial services	115

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number	of	Posts attending services	112
Number	of	sermons preached to Posts	112
Number	of	sermons preached by Veterans, very few, perhaps	10
Number	of	Comrades present at such services	3,500

The Grand Army Posts throughout the state were loyally assisted in their Memorial Day services, also their Memorial Sabbath services, by the following organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Sons of Veterans and the Boy Scouts.

Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services 1,500Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated _____ 150Number of graves decorated, 2 Confederate and ______15,700Number of graves unmarked by headstones ______ 210Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services 50Number of Posts having burial plots, about ______ 100

I attended as delegate at large from Indiana the Grand Encampment in August at Portland, Oregon. It was a great success. The spirit and hearty greeting of 1861-65 were there to meet us.

I want to make the following suggestions and recommendations:

SUGGESTIONS.

It is evident that there are certain things we ought to do as Comrades of the Department of Indiana:

1. We ought to eliminate a great many of the questions that now stand in the reports, particularly for the Chaplain's report and others. I had such regulations passed at the National Encampment at Portland, but they seem not to have come into the new reports.

2. The Commander and also the Patriotic Instructor ought to have their expenses paid, and I think also, the Organizer—and have these men make a tour of the state during the year in the interest of the various posts, quickening the interests and also increasing the membership. There are many Civil War veterans who could be brought into the posts if matters were presented to them.

3. I do not believe it wise to spend a thousand dollars in supplementing the funds of any city where we are entertained. The cities, especially cities like Logansport, Richmond, Elkhart, Vincennes, Evansville, and others in these classes, will take care of the Grand Army gladly when the Encampment is called to meet in any one of these and like cities. If the matter was presented at our next Encampment and this cause taken before the city that invites us, there would be no doubt but what the city would gladly release its claims upon this fund in order that it might be spent for the betterment of the organization in other ways.

4. I attended the Legislature and sought to have a law protecting Memorial Day from the gamester and other abuses that have been a scandal in the past. I also had an interview with the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriation. I found a kindly spirit everywhere toward the Grand Army. I would recommend that the next State Encampment have a committee appointed to follow up legislation to protect Memorial Day. I am quite sure the soldiers from the World War organizing after our plans and having the same spirit and purposes we have had, will join us in this effort to protect Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HICKMAN,

Chaplain for the Department of Indiana,

A monument was erected by the U. S. Government at Greenlawn Cemetery, Indianapolis, in memory of Confederate prisoners who died at Camp Morton, Indianapolis. Memorial services are held each year at this monument by the G. A. R., its allied and associate organizations, and the Southern Society.

ALBERT J. BALL,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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	Peter Hostler			155th Ind. InfFeb	
	Samuel Frick			21st Ind. BatApr	
8	Albert D. Jaquett	Lieut		48th Ind. Inf Feb	
	Geo. W. Thornburg73			71st IndMag	
	Charles Stickins77		 い	22d Ind. VolApp	. 28
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	Perry J. Ross77			1st W. V. Vol. Inf.Aug	
	John Bishop73			14th Ky. CavSep	
	George Romine78			22d Ind. Vol. Inf.Dec	
13	Gustavas A. Miller77	Private		33d Ind. Vol. InfDec	
	Augustus Bruner78			67th Ind. Vol. Inf.Dec	
14	George P. McKee	1st Sgt	C	U. S. InfJan	. 1 8
14	Morgan J. Morgan	Private	\mathbf{F}	151st Ind. InfFeb	0.12
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14	William H. Brandt	Private		5th Ind. CavApi	
	William H. Carter			44th Ind. InfMa	
	John R. Moore			9th Ind. InfJur	-
	Alva C. Walters			11th Ind. CavJur	
	Robert Green			9th Ill. Lt. ArtJul	
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	Alexander Reed			Api	
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17	Jacob Boyd76	Private		75th Ind. VolJan	
	Conrad H. Shellhouse79			26th Ind VolJan	ı. 12
17	Charles L. Wilson87	Surgeon		75th Ohio	. 40
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REPORT OF JUDGE-ADVOCATE.

OFFICE OF JUDGE-ADVOCATE, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, G. A. B.

ELKHART, IND., MAY 5, 1919.

Gen. Alonzo Murphy, Commander of Dept. of Indiana, G. A. R.

COMMANDER:—Having heretofore received at your hands, the appointment as Judge-Advocate of the Department of Indiana, G. A. R., and having entered upon the discharge of the duties of my office and completed the same to the best of my ability, I beg to report as follows:—

On June 29, 1918, there was referred to this office through the proper channels, a matter concerning the Charter of Morton Post No. 1, of this department. From the records it was shown that Morton Post No. 1 was originally instituted by the Department of Illinois at Terre Haute, Indiana, and remained affiliated with the Department of Illinois until October 31, 1879, at which time it assisted in the formation, and became Morton Post No. 1, Department of Indiana, but that no Charter had ever been issued to said Post from this Department.

From the above facts as obtained from the records, I advised that the Department Commander of Indiana cause to be issued to Morton Post No. 1 a Charter as of date of October 31, 1879, and cause the proper records to be made thereof.

On December 17, 1918, there was referred to this office through the proper channels, the following question, viz.:—"Can a comrade who is a resident of Indiana, and a Past Post Commander of a Post in the Department of Michigan, by virtue of his former official standing, lawfully install the officers of a post in this department?"

To this inquiry, this office submitted the opinion, that a Past Post Commander in another Department of the G. A. R., on his removal therefrom and location in another department, has no official standing in the department to which he removes.

On December 24, 1918, there was referred to this office through the proper channels, the statement that one S. S. Simms was mustered into Company A, 108th Indiana (M. M.) in July 10, 1863, and mustered out July 17, 1863, and inquiring whether or not he was eligible to become a member of the G. A. R. That on the above facts this office submitted the following, viz.: that the said regiment must have been called into active service and subject to the orders of the U. S. General Officers, at some time between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, and that the said Simms must have been *honorably discharged* from said regiment, and that as it appeared from the records that the said Simms had been regularly mustered into the G. A. R. with full knowledge of all of the facts upon the part of the Post mustering him, that he could not be summarily dismissed.

On March 4, 1919, there was referred to this office through the proper channels, a complaint made by John P. Baird Post No. 592, Terre Haute, Indiana, alleging that a controversy had arisen between that Post and another fraternal society of the same city, as to the rights of the Post of the Grand Army to conduct the funeral of a deceased comrade, a member of the Post, and also a member of the other fraternal society, and a summary of the opinion submitted is as follows, viz.:—It is the duty of the Posts of the G. A. R. to conduct the funeral services of a deceased comrade when requested to do so by the family, but that the Department of Indiana has no jurisdiction over the subject matter of settling disputes between a Post of the Grand Army in this Department and another fraternal organization.

Such matters as conducting the funeral services, rests entirely with the relatives and friends of the deceased, and that a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic would not be justified in entering into a controversy over the question of conducting the funeral services of a comrade.

> Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L., JAMES B. DODGE, Indep Advect

Judge-Advocate.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

ELKHART, IND., MAY 6, 1919.

The Department Council of Administration met at 3:30 Tuesday, May 6, at Department Headquarters, Room 203, Bucklen Hotel, the following members being present: C. C. Schreeder, Alexander Hess, Department Commander Alonzo Murphy, Senior Vice-Commander I. N. Watkins, Junior Vice-Commander Valentine Marks, and Assistant Adjutant-General Albert J. Ball.

The Rules of Order of Business were read by the Assistant Adjutant-General and, on motion of Comrade Schreeder, duly seconded, were adopted as read.

There being no other business, the Council adjourned.



ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATROITIC INSTRUCTOR.

FARMERSBURG, May 2, 1919.

To Department Commander, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to make the following report for the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic:

Have Post Patriotic Instructors been appointed and installed? In part only.

Number of school buildings in your Department. Eight thonsand two hnudred sixty-six.

Are the school buildings supplied with flags? In part.

Number of pupils in the schools, 774,642.

Do pupils generally take an interest in the raising and lowering of the flag at opening and closing of school sessions? In many schools, yes.

Is there a State law making it obligatory to fly the flag on schools when in session? Flags must be furnished schools upon request of patrons.

Is the salute to the flag a part of school exercises? Yes.

Number of schools giving Military instruction? Do not know. Number of schools having retired Army officers as instructors? Do not know.

Is there observance of patriotic days in schools? Birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14th), Patriots' Day (April 19th). Cross out those not observed.

Do Comrades visit the schools to assist in the work? Not often now.

Do teachers show a lively interest in patriotic observances? Most of them.

Name the patriotic organizations co-operating with you during the year. Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and all Allied Organizations of G. A. R. Sons of Veterans.

Describe in a few lines the observance of Memorial Day in the schools. Not general. Most of schools not in session at that time.

How many flags have been supplied to schools the past year? Most schools.

Has Lincoln's Gettysburg Address been placed prominently in school buildings? In part.

Are prizes given to pupils of High Schools for patriotic essays? Not general.

Was Memorial Sunday observed in churches with patriotic exercises? Will be.

Did the Governor of the State recognize Flag Day by Proclamation? Yes.

Estimated cost of carrying on the work this year. Don't know. Has the State Superintendent of Public Instruction been requested to furnish flags and Manuals of Patriotism to schools? Not by me.

> Respectfully submitted, ALEX A. ASBURY, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Cyrus Seiler. Officers and Members of the Indiana Department Grand Army of the Republic: It was my privilege to spend the winter at the historic town of Citronelle, Alabama. At this town the last surrender of the Confederate army was made, May 4, 1865, the terms of surrender being drawn up April 29, 1865. This is where General Taylor surrendered to General Canby.

In 1906 the great oak under which the final surrender was made was blown down and the Business Men's Association of Citronelle secured from the owner the privilege of cutting up the tree for souvenirs. I have made from that wood, a gavel, made under direction of Dr. Norris while I was lying in bed. This gavel I wish to present to the Department of Indiana in the name of the Grand Army, of Elkhart.

The following certificate accompanied the gavel which Comrade Seiler presented to the department:

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the wood of which this article is made was given into my charge as the wood of the "Surrender Oak"; that the same is kept under lock and key and that every article sent out is from the original wood placed under my care.

P. S.—I further certify that a piece of this within described tree, marked "Surrender Oak," Citronelle, Alabama, was given to Comrade Cyrus Seiler, February 28, 1919, to take with him to his home in Elkhart, Indiana.

JOHN A. BARR, Citronelle, Ala.



Department Commander: Comrade, on behalf of the Department we accept this gavel with thanks and a feeling of a high sense of appreciation. This is a good gavel.

The Assistant Adjutant-General read the following communication from Past Department Commander, A. D. Vanosdol:

MADISON, IND., MAY 5, 1919.

DEAB COMBADE MURPHY:—I am not able to be with you at Elkhart this week. I want one of the delegate's badges of the Encampment. Please send me one. I regret my inability to attend the Encampment.

Wishing you and all the comrades a successful meeting, I am, Yours in F. C. & L.,

A. D. VANOSDOL.

The Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to send Comrade Vanosdol a badge, together with a letter expressing regret that he could not be present at the Encampment.

Motion was made by Comrade Wm. A. Ketcham that all resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate. This motion, seconded by Comrade Wm. P. McKinsey, was approved by the Encampment.

Department Commander. Comrades, under the heading of miscellaneous business it is provided that we select a place for the meeting of our next encampment.

Comrade Charles Shaw, Commander Post No. 85, Bloomington: Commander, we respectfully ask for the next encampment at Bloomington, Indiana, where we have the State University. We will try and entertain you well.

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Comrade E. C. Weeks, Commander Post No. 502, Hammond: Commander, I want to place in nomination, the city of Hammond.

Since there were no official invitations from the mayors or civic bodies of the above cities it was decided to postpone the selection of a meeting place for the next encampment. On motion of Comrade Ketcham it was made a special order of business to be taken up the first thing on re-convening the following morning.

A recess was taken for the election of delegates and alternates to the National Encampment and the following comrades were reported elected:

DELEGATES.

C. C. Schreeder, Post No. 27, Evansville. H. H. Williams, Post No 27, Evansville. Charles W Shaw, Post No. 85, Bloomington. Louis Bir, Post No. 191, New Albany. W. F. Kendall, Post No. 13, Columbus. H. F. Short, Post No 5, Greensburg. James W. Beadle, Post No. 9, Rockville. C. J. Limpus, Post No. 18, Shelbyville. R. H. Tyner, Post No. 148, Newcastle. F. M. Hay, Post No. 209, Indianapolis. W. D. Wilson, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. G. W. H. Kemper, Post No. 78, Muncie. A. T. Place, Post No. 358, Pennville. T. R. Caldwell, Post No. 42, Lebanon. William Kemp, Post No. 65,, Frankfort. W. C. Wells, Post No. 106, Valparaiso. L. C. Ross, Post No. 3, LaFayette. Alexander Hess, Post No. 6, Wabash. Adam Foust, Post No. 33, Warren. Joseph Corlett, Post No. 40, Fort Wayne. W. C. Weir, Post No. 147, La Porte. Cyrus Seiler, Post No. 198, Elkhart. A. B. Goodwin, Post No. 1, Terre Haute.

ALTERNATES.

George D. Martin, Post No. 15, Petersburg. E. J. Harris, Post No. 15, Petersburg.

William Brewer, Post No. 91, Worthington. Edmond Caye, Post No. 191, New Albany. Watson Bostic, Post No. 5, Greensburg. C. Hurley, Post No. 105, Columbus. W. M. Hess, Post No. 164, Danville. J. P. Wicker, Post No. 18, Shelbyville. Theo. McClellan, Post No. 55, Richmond. A. S. Crimans, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. C. W. Chappell, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. A. Green, Post No. 38, Union City. D. F. Mustard, Post No. 244, Anderson. A. A. Covalt, Post No. 424, Greentown. D. Shafer, Post No. 30, Kokomo. Louis Ladauer, Post No. 106, Valparaiso. George Bringham, Post No. 277, Otterbein. Jasper D. Gannett, Post No. 23, Marion. John Q. Symons, Post No. 50, Galveston. D. L. Beaber, Post No. 271, Ft. Wayne. J. S. Hussey, Post No. 132, Argos. Henry Graham, Post No. 114. Warsaw. R. F. Knotts, Post No. 307, Sullivan.

The following Comrades were named by their respective districts for Council of Administration:

First District—C. C. Schreeder, Post No. 27, Evansville.
Second District—William S. Mead, Post No. 93, Spencer.
Third District—W. R. Atkins, Post No. 191, New Albany.
Fourth District—Lewis King, Post No. 127, residence, Vernon.
Fifth District—J. E. Sherfey, Post No. 2, Brazil.
Sixth District—R. H. Tyner, Post No. 148, Newcastle.
Seventh District—Henry C. Durbin, Post No. 281, Indianapolis.
Eighth District—W. P. McKinsey, Post No. 42, Lebanon.
Tenth District—O. W. Lamport, Post No. 6, Wabash.
Twelfth District—W. A. Kelsey, Post No. 271, Ft. Wayne.
Thirteenth District—J. C. Gordon, Post No. 132, Argos.

RECRUITING OFFICERS.

First District—Matthew Geiser, Post No. 120, Boonville. Second District—T. B. Springer, Post No. 435, residence Sullivan. Third District—A. H. McQuiddy, Post No. 191, New Albany. Fourth District—Lewis King, Post No. 127, residence Vernon. Fifth District—George W. Searce, Post No. 164, Danville.

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Sixth District—A. J. Ensminger, Post No. 18, Shelbyville. Seventh District—T. C. Clapp, Post No. 17, Indianapolis. Eighth District—M. M. Justus, Post No. 33, Bluffton. Ninth District—A. N. Grant, Post No. 30, Kokomo. Tenth District—Daniel White, Post No. 3, LaFayette. Eleventh District—E. C. Hansel, Post No. 121, Medaryville. Twelfth District—Isaac Speer, Post No. 57, Waterloo. Thirteenth District—V. Marx, Post No. 37, Elkhart.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

First District—Byron Parsons, Post No. 27, Evansville.
Second District—Davie E. Beem, Post No. 93, Spencer.
Third District—Louis Bir, Post No. 191, New Albany.
Fourth District—W. S. Kendall, Post No. 13, Columbus.
Fifth District—R. L. Kennedy, Post No. 2, Brazil.
Sixth District—LaFayette Larsh, Post No. 55, Richmond.
Seventh District—W. A. Ketcham, Post No. 358, Montpelier.
Ninth District—David Handley, Post No. 65, Frankfort.
Tenth District—George Bringham, Post No. 277, Otterbein.
Eleventh District—Charles E. Hale, Post No. 14, Logansport.
Twelfth District—Samuel M. Hench, Post No. 37, Elkhart.

Comrade O. A. Somers: Commander, the soldiers of the World War are assembling in Indianapolis today. Duty and honor calls that we must send them greetings. I move that a resolution of greetings be addressed to the Governor, and through the Governor to the returning sons of the citizens of Indiana, in Indianapolis at this time.

The above motion, duly seconded, was unanimously approved by the Encampment and the following telegram was sent to Governor Goodrich:

ELKHART, IND., MAY 7, 1919.

Governor Goodrich, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bear to our homecoming sons and daughters now gathering in Indianapolis, our greetings.

We hail you as the embodiment of our ideals, our patriotism and our sacrifices. You have in us the pride and joy of fathers and mothers. We give you our watchwards and signals. Our ranks

are thinning, but our camp fires burn bright. We face the future with hope and good cheer, as your conduct and achievements guarantee to us the perpetuity of the principles that have cost so much. The hearty invitation given us a year ago and the elaborate and costly preparations for our receiving and entertaining in this city forestall any plans on our part to change this program. No honors are too great to bestow upon you. Our country is ready to treat you as it treated us. "Honor to whom honor is due." Place and office to those who are found worthy.

Headquarters of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic now assembled in Elkhart, May 7, 1919.

ALONZO MURPHY,

Department Commander.

Albert J. Ball,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

Department Commander Murphy here introduced Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams, referring to his election at Portland, Oregon.

The Commander-in-Chief spoke as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army: It was indeed a fine Encampment over at Portland. I presume many of you were there and understand the splendid manner in which we were treated there. I want to say to you that the State of Indiana had one of the best Commanders-in-Chief that the Grand Army has ever had. (Applause.) I want to say to you that throughout my visits so far I have heard no administration more highly commended than that of Comrade Somers. I want to say to you that no administration is entitled to more credit than Comrade Somers'. By his splendid conduct, his solicitude for you, has lowered the age of the Grand Army in their appearance more than ten years. I am satisfied of that fact. I never saw the Grand Army brighten up as they did at Portland. It was on account of the legislation that Comrade Somers brought about.

Another thing he did was to secure the reduced railroad rates. Notwithstanding now I have got that rate this year, I want to say to you the credit is due to Comrade Somers, because he laid the bottom plank on which I was able to take my stand and say, "We want the same rate that was secured by Comrade Somers last year." The Director-General hesitated a little. I Said, "I want you to consider it." He held up his hand and said, "We will give you the same rate you had last year." That is the rate you

are enjoying, my friends. I trust the time will never come when they will vary that rate unless it is to lower it.

I was very much impressed with the splendid resolution you just passed to send to your Governor. I have had something to do with two or three of the contingents that came back over in Iowa. We have found them a splendid set of men. Undoubtedly you have found the same conditions here. I know the hearts of you men are there as well as here. You had your duty to perform here and you performed that duty by sending those splendid resolutions. I know this country feels now what she has not realized for a number of years. They are beginning to realize that you men who offered your services in 1861, that the age in which you lived in this nation was one of the mightiest this country has ever known. Your lives, both from the beginning and the time of your enlistment was at a period in American history when it was one of the greatest. It was a period of national giants; of moral heroes; of intrepid, brave men. When you answered the call of Abraham Lincoln you answered a call that had been brought about by such men as Webster and Clay. It was a period of our greatest martial men; it was a period of the greatest agitators for freedom, and that was Garrison and Lovejoy; and beyond it all, it was the period in history of the mighty Abraham Lincoln. I want to emphasize this fact. The great American nation—I will say the world itself, can well afford to pause long enough each day to raise their eyes to heaven and thank God for the day that Abraham Lincoln was made President of the United States. The resolutions you sent down to Indianapolis today told me of service done. They told me of the days when you men were on the battle line 2,800 miles in extent, commencing at the Ohio and extending to the Gulf; of the great war when you saved us a stronger Union than we ever had before.

When I contemplate that service I can not do it without a feeling that this country today in its development, its resources, in everything that is grand and glorious, is attached to your history and belong to you and to no other race of men. I am reminded and was reminded when those resolutions were read and you talked of your descendants that are coming home—I remembered that at Chattanooga in 1863 General Grant had taken command; Grant, Sherman and Thomas were on the front. General Grant had sent Sherman to hold the right flank of the Confederate army and Sherman performed that duty in his distinctive manner. General Thomas was directed to hold the center of the line and to capture the rifle pits at the foot of Mission Ridge, but the men did not stop at the foot of the Ridge but continued up the Ridge, drove the

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enemy back and captured the headquarters of the Confederate army. General Grant asked General Thomas, "Who ordered that charge?" and he said, "I did not. I don't know who did." General Granger was asked "Who ordered that charge?" and he said, "I don't know who did, but all hell could not have stopped them." That's the kind of men you sent across the water; the German army and all hell could not stop them.

I served for two years on the staff of Gen. Pershing. The American nation does not appreciate the character of that man. He is not a man that talks of what he is going to do. He does the job and you hear of it and read of it after he has done it. Jack Pershing is as tender and true and as reliable in his judgments as General Grant, Sherman, Lee or Jackson. He is as intrepid and brave as Logan or Custer. His generalship is as superb as Mc-Pherson or Hancock. While Pershing was about headquarters one day I said to him, "Lieutenant, you seem to be somewhat dejected. Has anything gone wrong?" "Oh, no," he said, "there is nothing under the heavens that I have been wronged about," I said, "You are too sober." And he said, "I can explain that. I brought a set of Blackstone down here and have been sitting up and studying." Think of that! Studying Blackstone at night, and without ever attending law school he passed the best examination that had ever been passed before that court.

Now then, my comrades, there is another thing that runs in my mind. I know we sent one of the best armies across the water that was ever raised. We know they made good over there. They went across the water and they made good. Heavens, yes, they made 10,000 times good. I want to encourage the boys that are coming home and I am pleased to say to you that I have been consulted in the matter of the organization that is being formed from the ranks of these boys; I have submitted to them the plan under which you were organized; they are adopting your rules and regulations, and I believe when that army is formed it will be an army that will march shoulder to shoulder with you.

Now my comrades I am going to say there is nothing that will please me better than to meet you at Columbus; we expect to hold at Columbus one of the greatest meetings the Grand Army has ever had. They are preparing to take care of from 500,000 to 600,000 people. There is nothing so far that has been asked the people of Columbus that they have not granted.

I want to say to you that so far I have visited 27 encampments and I have found spirited, energetic men everywhere. I have found, too. that the fires of patriotism are burning upon the home altars. I know the Grand Army is watching the great reconstruction period that is going on today. You are giving it deeper consideration than our members of Congress are giving it.

Comrade Orlando A. Somers. Commander, Comrades: I feel highly complimented by the remarks that have been made by the Commander-in-Chief and my heart has been very warm under the applause they have received, but this is no time for Somers to commence talking. It is dinner time and we all want to eat some between now and time for the parade. If there comes a time in the encampment when I may say a few words, I want to do it.

Encampment adjourned to meet Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

May 8, 1919.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Murphy at 8:30 A. M.

The following telegram was received from Governor James P. Goodrich:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 8, 1919.

Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander Grand Army of the Republic, Elkhart, Ind.

In behalf of the returning Indiana soldiers of the World War I desire to thank the Civil War veterans of Indiana assembled at Elkhart for their generous words of greeting, and to extend to them a message of veneration and good will. That Indiana sons performed so nobly in the World War is because they are sons in flesh and spirit of the Hoosier heroes of 1861. So long as a Hoosier heart beats true to the music of the Union the veterans of the Civil War will never be forgotten and the memory of their heroic conduct will serve as an inspiration of patriotism and achievement for the generations to follow.

> JAMES P. GOODBICH, Governor.

Department Commander: Comrades, the first thing

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this morning will be fixing the place of our next Encampment.

The following telegram was presented by Comrade E. C. Weeks, Commander of Post No. 502, Hammond.

HAMMOND, IND., MAY 7, 1919.

Ed Weeks, Post Commander, Elkhart, Ind.:

You are authorized to secure for Hammond the Nineteen Twenty Encampment. DANIEL BROWN, Mayor.

Telegrams received by Department Commander Murphy are given below:

BLOOMINGTON, IND., MAY 8, 1919.

Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander, Hotel Bucklen, Elkhart. Bloomington will be pleased to have the Grand Army Encampment in 1920. W. W. WEAVER, Mayor.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., MAY 8, 1919.

Alonzo Murphy, Dept. Commander G. A. R., Hotel Bucklen, Elkhart, Ind.

Bloomington will welcome G. A. R. Encampment May, 1920. BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

After some discussion as to the city that would be more convenient for the greatest number of comrades in the department, a rising vote was taken on the meeting place of the next encampment and the Assistant Adjutant-General announced the vote as follows:

Bloomington	158
Hammond	

Department Commander: Comrades, Bloomington is the place for our next Department Encampment.

Department Commander Murphy turned over the gavel to Senior Vice-Department Commander I. N. Watkins, who called for the report of the Committee on the Commander's Address. Comrade Wm. A. Ketcham: Commander, in view of the fact that the members of this committee are not all present, I move that the Department Commander's address be in all things approved by this encampment.

Motion duly seconded.

Senior Vice-Commander: Comrades, you heard the motion, that we approve the Department Commander's address. All in favor, signify it by saying "aye".

The encampment was unanimous in its approval of the address of the Department Commander.

The report of the Committee on Officers' Reports was next called for and the report of that committee was read by Comrade A. N. Grant, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Delegates of the Fortieth Session of the Department of Indiana.

We, your Committee on Officers' Reports, beg leave to submit the following report on such as have been submitted to us:

We have carefully examined the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, the Judge-Advocate, and the Patriotic Instructor, and find all of said reports interesting and full of patriotic suggestions.

The A. A.-General and A. Q. M.-General's reports are necessarily mostly statistical and show the number of Posts in good standing December 31, 1918, 240. Number of members in good standing December 31, 6,620, and the committee suggests and insists the number ought to be and can be materially increased if persistent effort is made therefor.

It is shown the cash on h	nand May 1, 1918,	was\$ 499.82
Received during the year	, mostly dues	2,639.19

Total	\$3,139.01
Disbursements	2,778.05

Balance	on	hand	 360.96
Durance	011	nanu	 000.00

The Quartermaster-General's report shows further that out of 240 Posts in good standing, only 15 Posts contributed anything to the Christmas Fund for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home,

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Knightstown, Ind. This is a bad showing and the Committee urges all Posts to make some donation to this most worthy cause. Even if a Post can only contribute fifty cents or one dollar, let this be done. These carefully prepared statistical reports of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Albert J. Ball, have been examined by an Auditing Committee and found correct in every particular, and we add our word of commendation.

The Patriotic Instructor, Past Department Commander Alexander P. Asbury, shows that much more determined effort should be made in that line of work. For the important work he did he deserves the unqualified approval of this Encampment.

Last but not least, we want to say of the work of the Judge Advocate, Past Department Commander James S. Dodge of Elkhart, that it shows the most careful attention and detail to everything that came before him as Judge-Advocate, and like everything undertaken by the good and loyal citizens of Elkhart, has been magnificently done and for the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. N. GRANT, W. D. WILSON, BYRON PARSONS, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Comrade William A. Ketcham, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions:

If the Comrades will bear with me for a moment until I can get my voice filed down a little I will undertake to make them hear what I am about to report, but with a serious cold on hand I will have to have your indulgence.

The first resolution comes to us from Geo. H. Thomas Post, and is a resolution recommending a change in the ritual.

This resolution was approved by committee and adopted by Encampment with instructions to forward to National Headquarters.

The next is a resolution from Farragut Post providing for a modification of the law in regard to pensioning soldiers, not on account of service, but on account ot wounds and disability. The committee was not sufficiently advised of the details of the law on that point and we therefore recommend that the resolution be transmitted to the National Encampment with the recommendation that it be referred there to the proper committee for action by the Encampment, without any further action by this encampment. I move the adoption of the report.

Below is a copy of the resolution.

HEADQUARTERS FARRAGUT POST NO. 27, G. A. R. EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

We, the members of Farragut Post No. 27, G. A. R., of Evansville, Indiana, fully recognizing the fact that the pension law enacted by Congress on June 10th, 1918, and known as the "Smoot Bill" is not only the most liberal but the most equitable pension law ever passed in the interest of the veterans, and we hereby express our thanks and great appreciation for same. Nevertheless we believe that said law should be so amended as to extend its benefits to veterans under certain stipulated conditions. Therefore Be It,

Resolved, That we, the members of Farragut Post No. 27, G. A. R. of Evansville, Indiana, hereby respectfully and urgently petition the members of the Sixty-sixth Congress to amend the pension act of June 10th, 1918, so as to extend its benefits to soldiers, sailors or marines who at the time of the passage of said act were receiving a pension of twenty-four dollars (\$24) or more per month on account of wounds or disabilities incurred in the line of duty and who have served for a period of less than two years, so as to entitle him to the same rate of pension that he would receive had he served two years or longer in the army, navy or marine service of the United States.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our representatives in Congress and to the editor of the National Tribune, Washington, D. C., with a request that same be published in the columns of that paper.

BYRON PARSONS,

C. C. SCHREEDER,

JAS. W. CRISWELL,

Pension Committee.

Evansville, Indiana, March 23, 1919.

Report of committee on above resolution adopted by the Encampment.

The Chairman next read the following resolutions, offered by Comrade James S. Dodge:

Resolved, That we, the ex-soldiers of the War for the Union

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will in the future, as in the past, unswervingly devote ourselves to the support of the government of the United States of America as exemplified in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That we will in the future as in past deprecate and discourage any attempt upon the part of our government or our citizenship to enter into any "entangling alliances" with any other government or people.

Resolved, That in common with the citizenship of our beloved country we will heartily support all lawful measures which may be taken looking to a just termination of the World War, and to the establishment of a permanent World Peace.

Resolved, That in our judgment it is contrary to the principles of our government, and tends to destroy the independence of our citizenship for any society organized in America to federate with a similar society organized in any other country.

Resolved, That in our judgment it is the duty of our citizenship to at all times maintain the absolute independence of the Government of the United States of America, wholly uninfluenced by the designs or desires of any other country or people.

As to the fourth of these resolutions Comrade Hickman, a member of the committee, desires to amend by inserting after the words "any society" the words "not imbued with one hundred per cent. Americanism." I am directed by the committee to move the adoption of the resolutions, which were approved by the committee, and I would therefore move the adoption of the resolutions and in that connection to lay on the table the proposed amendment.

The above resolution was the subject of considerable discussion, but on being put to a rising vote by the Department Commander, the report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted by a vote of 119 to 97.

The following resolutions of sympathy were read by the Chairman, and unanimously adopted by the Encampment:

RESOLUTIONS OF BROTHERLY SYMPATHY.

On the 14th day of last April, Elizabeth J. Murphy, wife of our Department Commander, Alonzo Murphy, died in their home in Greensburg.

Mrs. Murphy was a woman of beautiful Christian character. She was the mother of four children and known for those loving



and gentle traits and manners which endear wife and mother to husband and children.

We deeply sympathize with our retiring Commander and sincerely trust he may find that comfort and peace of mind in our Lord he has so faithfully recommended to others in sorrow.

Department Commander: Comrade Hench, a member of the Committee on Resolutions, will now present the resolution of thanks to the citizens of Elkhart:

Comrade Samuel M. Hench:

Resolved, That the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department, tender the comrades and citizens of Elkhart who in any manner assisted in the preparations necessary to be made, in order to entertain and welcome us to this prosperous, hospitable and loyal city, our generous and sincere thanks.

We will always remember the royal manner in which we were received and entertained by this people during this Encampment.

We tender to the newspapers of this city our gratitude and thanks for the very able and invaluable assistance they gave to our comrades of the Grand Army of this county, in making this Encampment a grand success; and we desire to assure them that we appreciate what they did for us in this instance.

The several committees that were appointed to arrange for the Encampment were well organized, officered, and did the part allotted to them with patriotic fervor and ability. Their aim seemed to be that this Encampment should be one of the greatest ever held by the Grand Army of the Republic of this state.

We must congratulate the Committee on Badges for the very beautiful, elegant and artistic delegate badges furnished our Comrades.

We tender our thanks to and commend the Boy Scouts of Elkhart for the many acts of kindness they have shown our Comrades during this Encampment.

Which resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

Mrs. Ida S. McBride, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was presented by the Department Commander and spoke as follows:

Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army: Again it is my happy privilege to come to you to bring the greet-

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ings of the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana. I regret fully as much as you, and I think a little more, that we must take a minute of your time. I have here a report which I will hand to your Commander and not take time to read it.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Comrade Albert J. Ball, Asst. Adjt.-General and Asst. Q. M. General, G. A. R.:

I hereby submit a report of the relief work done by the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps for the year, and other items of interest:

With a membership of 6,798
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Number of veterans assisted during the year 110
Number of veterans' families receiving assist-
ance 376
36 Corps reported Memorial for unknown dead.
Number of Veterans' graves decorated 15,344
Amount contributed for Memorial Day in the
South \$73.50
Gifts to the children at Soldiers' and Sailors'
Orphans' Home at Christmas—
To 408 children, amounting to\$313.34

We are very grateful for the assistance toward this gift from the Department of the Grand Army.

Respectfully submitted,

In F., C. & L., Sallie C. Sawyer,

Department President W. R. C.

Mrs. McBride also presented a beautiful silk flag to the Department Commander, speaking as follows:

The Department of Indiana Relief Corps presents to you this emblem. I had a toast that I was going to read if I had time; but no word of mine, nor a thousand words, could increase the loyalty of any man here to this glorious flag. Keep it and look upon it and think of the W. R. C. women of Indiana and all over the world, and may it bring love, inspiration and joy.

Now Commander, I want to introduce our National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Eliza Brown Daggett, of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Brown-Daggett. Commander, and all these splendid men before me: It is my pleasure to look into the faces of the Grand Army of the Republic of Indiana, and to meet, as I go from state to state, the same loyal, splendid men that sit in session, doing the things they have done in 'peace as they have done in war, heart and soul for the good of this country. I bring to you greetings of 165,000 members of the Woman's Relief Corps. We are with you in your joys and sorrows. We are ready—all that you need to do is to speak the word and we will respond at once. I bid you God speed in your work; may you meet many times in this beautiful city of Elkhart.

I wish you joy and happiness all the remaining days of your lives.

Department Commander: Comrades, we are greatly pleased to receive these ladies; we appreciate their greetings, and especially do we appreciate the presentation of this flag. It is an appropriate token and one that will be appreciated more highly as time advances. We are very grateful to them for their words of greeting.

The Encampment rose as the ladies retired from the hall.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary was escorted to the platform by the Officer of the Day. Commander, the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

Department Commander: I now have the pleasure of presenting to you Miss Wallace, Chairman of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, who will now speak a few words.

Miss Addie Wallace. Department Commander Murphy and Members of the Grand Army, Department of Indiana: I have come to you many times before to bring greetings and I come again to bring greetings of your loyal girls, your daughters of Indiana. We again adopted resolutions pledging allegiance to you; we have stood by you year by year; we have sat at your feet and learned of you the things that have kept you so young, and in your souls the fires of patriotism, and we only hope that you have kindled in the hearts of the sons the fires that will keep them young.

Miss Wallace presented a large boquet of flowers to the Department Commander, after which she introduced Mrs. Margaret Carney, National President of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carney. Department Commander, and Members of the



Indiana Department Grand Army of the Republic: I can see that your time is very limited, but I did not want to come to Indiana without coming to this Encampment and bringing greetings of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. This is the first time I have seen an Encampment of the Grand Army of your state. I think you are just fine; I watched your parade and was much impressed with it. I don't think we make quite such a showing as you did. I am glad to be here and look into your faces. We are loving you, working for you and respecting you as you deserve to be respected. I bring you loving greetings from the National Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

Department Commander: Ladies, we feel flattered, always, when these greetings come to us through these societies, and I trust that as long as you can find a corporal's guard of these old veterans your annual visits will continue to be made to us.

The members of the Encampment were called to their feet as the committee retired from the hall.

A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was escorted to the platform by the Officer of the Day and the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Breuner, of Marion, Ind., was introduced by the Department Commander.

Mrs. Breuner: Commander, for the first time it is my proud privilege to come before this grand organization with greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We, the Ladies of the G. A. R. feel the tie of blood that binds us to a grateful country—the mothers, wives, daughters, granddaughters and neices of you and your comrades, relating us all and making us one great big family. I am proud to stand up here today and say that I am a daughter of a loyal soldier of Indiana. More proud I am to say that I have a daughter who has seventy-six of the grandest and the best and bravest comrades that fought in the Civil War, she being the adopted daughter of Col. Steele Post of Marion, Indiana. That makes me very proud to think that she has seventy-six such fathers.

When our department president told me that the chairman of our committee to bring greetings to the Grand Army was unable to appear and asked me if I would take her place, I assure you it was with pleasure that I accepted. I had a nice little flowery speech made up, for it has been the custom to bring flowers, but this year instead of flowers we present you with this flag.

That flag is composed of the most beautiful natural colors ever known since the beginning of time. The red in that flag is redder than the rising sun when it appears above the eastern horizon; it is redder than the flush of joy that mantles the cheek of the young mother when she feels for the first time her first born's breath. It typifies the blood that flowed at Valley Forge, at Gettysburg and Appomattox. The white in that flag is whiter than the snow when it falls from the matchless hand of God; whiter than the purest flower that blossoms. It typifies the patriotism that sustained the American soldiers on a hundred blood bought fields. The blue in that flag is bluer than the arched dome of Heaven; bluer than the modest violet that blossoms in the wooded glen; bluer than the radiance that flashes from a woman's eye. It typifies the sacrifice of the mother who places her first born on the altar of her country, then kneeling by the side of his vacant chair, prays that he may come safely back to her.

So we, the Ladies of the G. A. R., take great pleasure in presenting to you this flag. I thank you.

Department Commander: I think, comrades, if we could possibly do so we would like to continue this form of exercise the balance of the session. We thank the ladies for their greetings and for this flag.

The members of the Encampment were called to their feet as the committee left the hall.

Committees from the Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans were next conducted to the platform by the Officer of the Day.

Department Commander: I am pleased to present to you, comrades, the past department president of the Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Elsie Dreibelbiss.

Mrs. Elsie Dreibelbiss. Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: I want to say that I esteem it a great honor that I am here this morning to bring you greetings from every Daughter of Veterans of Indiana. We are proud

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to be the daughters and granddaughters of such noble comrades, who fought in the war of '61 to '65. I am not going to take up any of your time and I wish our national president, Sister Estella Moore, to make a few remarks. I thank you.

Mrs. Moore. Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army: I am going to be brief and just add the greetings of the national organizations of the Daughters of Veterans. We are rather new in your department and you don't know just who we are. My father was one of the boys who fought with you.

Department Commander: If you would find, or see and possibly appreciate better the esteem in which your order is held by the Department of Indiana, please examine the Commander's report. I am glad to have you with us this morning in person, and reciprocate your greetings.

Now comrades, we have with us the committee from the Sons of Veterans and they will be represented by the past department commander of the organization, Comrade Faught, who will now speak.

Comrade Faught. Mr. Chairman, Comrades: We bring greetings from the Sons of Veterans of Indiana. We are proud of our fathers; we are proud because they preserved that flag and made it what it is today among the nations of the world. It is the foremost flag of the world today. You are all proud of it and your children are proud of it. We are proud of it for the colors it contains. We are proud of the field of blue; we are proud of the stars that glow therein; we are proud of the red therein. And like you, your sons will always uphold that flag. In our blood flows the same patriotism that flowed in your veins. We do not propose for that flag ever to be dipped. It comes to us unstained, and unstained we will carry it to our graves. We are with you, comrades, now and forever, and we will always stand by you and by this flag. I thank you.

Department Commander: Inasmuch as the boys seem to be flattered that they are the sons of their fathers, we are likewise proud of our sons. I say in my report to the department that, seeing the character and spirit and devotion of our sons, the Sons of Veterans and those who have been in the present World War, we have both proof and prophecy that our country and our institutions are secure.

We are glad to have you with us this morning.

Comrade W. A. Ketcham: Commander, if you will indulge me for a few moments I want to make a motion.

A great many years ago, after Comrade Smock had served for some years as Assistant Adjutant-General, this department presented him with a badge. The retiring Assistant Adjutant-General, Col. Fesler, has served us with dignity and efficiency for many years, and I want to move, Commander, that the Council of Administration causes to be prepared and presented to Col. Fesler a suitable badge, in recognition of his many services to the Grand Army, and if I can have three minutes I would like to have another word in that connection.

Comrade W. P. McKinsey: I want to second that motion with great heartiness, and hope that it will pass.

Comrade Ketcham: Now comrades, any man can be honest if he is not tempted. Any man can be truthful if no temptation is placed in his path. 'But the man that is subjected to temptation as to his truth and his honor and is then truthful and honest is the one that has the high standard. A third of a century ago I was engaged in a very sharp litigation. Colonel Fesler was on the other There were a great many defendants and they one side. after another took the witness stand and testified; when the lawyers thought they had sufficiently posted Col. Fesler he was put upon the stand, and in spite of his interest, and the fact that they had made the path plain for him and all he had to do was to say, "I do not recollect", he walked up and told the truth; and for a third of a century since that time it has been my delight to regard Col. Fesler as one of my esteemed friends. He stood for honor and truth when it was to his interest to face the other way.

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Department Commander: Comrades, you have heard the motion. As many as favor its adoption, signify it by rising to your feet.

By rising vote the encampment approved the motion to present a badge to Comrade Fesler and the Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to secure the same for presentation.

Department Commander: Comrades, we are ready for the election of Delegate-at-Large to the National Encampment.

Comrade O. A. Somers: Commander, I rise to place in nomination for that honorable position, Comrade J. R. Fesler.

The Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for J. R. Fesler, Post No. 281, Indianapolis, for Delegate-at-Large and he was declared elected.

By the same means Comrade James Leggett, Post No. 209, Indianapolis, nominated by Comrade Frank M. Hay, was elected Alternate-at-Large.

The names of the thirteen comrades previously nominated were submitted to the Encampment and the following comrades were selected for Council of Administration:

C. C. Schreeder, Post No. 27, Evansville.
H. C. Durbin, Post No. 244, Anderson.
Lewis King, Post No. 127, residence Vernon.
W. P. McKinsey, Post No. 42, Lebanon.
O. W. Lamport, Post No. 6, Wabash.

For Department Chaplain, Comrade E. S. Scott, Post No. 39, National Military Home, and Comrade S. Heininger, Post No. 271, Fort Wayne were nominated. Com-

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rade Heininger withdrew his name and by motion of Comrade W. A. Ketcham, duly seconded, the Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Scott for Department Chaplain, and he was declared elected.

For Department Medical Director, Comrade S. I. Brown, of Post No. 290, Knox, was nominated by Comrade W. P. McKinsey. There being no other nominations Comrade McKinsey moved that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant-General instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Brown, which was done and he was declared elected.

For Junior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Z. T. Landers, Post No. 281, Indianapolis, was nominated. Comrade A. J. Buchanan moved that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant-General instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Landers, which was done and he was declared elected Junior Vice-Department Commander.

For Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Lorenzo Van Dorn, Post No. 37, Elkhart, and Comrade Frank E. Tousley, Post No. 198, Elkhart were nominated. Comrade Van Dorn withdrew his name and the Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Tousley, which was done, and he was declared elected.

Nominations for Department Commander were next called for. Comrade William F. Medsker, Post No. 179, Cambridge City, was nominated by Comrade C. C. Schreeder, of the First District, seconded by the Sixth District and Comrade W. A. Ketcham, of the Seventh District. Comrade Robert W. McBride, Post No. 17, Indianapolis, was placed in nomination by Comrade

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David Strouse; nominations seconded by Comrades Garrett Walrod, of the Seventh District, and W. P. McKinsey, of the Ninth District.

The name of Comrade I. N. Watkins, Post No. 14, Logansport, was also placed in nomination and duly seconded.

A vote was taken with the following result:

Total number of votes cast24	0
Necessary to a choice12	1
Comrade Medsker received10	6
Comrade McBride received 8	2
Comrade Watkins received 5	2

Comrade Watkins withdrew his name. A second ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast214	
Necessary to a choice108	
Comrade Medsker received128	
Comrade McBride received 86	

Comrade McBride: Commander, I move that, the election of Comrade Medsker be made unanimous. He is my Commander, as he is of the Department of Indiana.

This was done and Department Commander Murphy declared Comrade Medsker unanimously elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade S. M. Hench: Commander, your committee appointed to carry greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have performed that pleasant duty. We found that order in a flourishing condition and were loyally and graciously received.

Calls for Medsker.

Department Commander : Comrades, this is the newly elected Commander for this department.

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Comrade Medsker. Commander, Comrades: This is no time to make a speech. You will not get any speech from me today; you just simply have my thanks and gratitude for what you have done. If there is anything that I can do for the good of the Grand Army in the ensuing year, I want to do it.

I heard my friend, William Ketcham, tell the truth once. (By the way, that is characteristic of the man.) He said, "brevity is the soul of wit". I agree with him, boys.

Comrade James S. Dodge, acting as Installing Officer, installed the following newly elected officers:

Department Commander, William F. Medsker; Senior Vice-Department Commander, Frank E. Tousley; Junior Vice-Department Commander, Z. T. Landers.

The newly elected Department Chaplain and Medical Director not being present, their installation was post-poned.

Comrade Somers: Comrades, it becomes my pleasant duty to have a parting word with the retiring Department Commander, Comrade Murphy.

Comrades, it has been the custom of the Grand Army of the Republic I think in all of its departments to pay some tribute of respect to the outgoing Commander; to place upon him a badge of honor, of service, or oury well performed. It gives me pleasure now in behalf of the Department of Indiana to place that kind of a memorial upon the breast of my comrade.

This is a beautiful badge. It ought to last through all the ages, and as long as the blood of a Murphy flows in the veins of the Murphys it ought to be a sacred heritage; not only that, but it ought to be an inspiration to so conduct themselves that they will honor. an ancestor who has honored a position in the most honorable organization that exists among the citizens of this republic.

Past Department Commander Murphy: Now Comrades, I will not detain you except to say this much: My election to the office of Department Commander a year ago appealed to the best there was in my heart and in my mind. I have done the best I could, with the handicaps that have been upon me, to discharge the responsible duties and obligations of the office of Department Commander. I am proud, and shall continue to feel like that, of my relation, not as Commander, so much as I am to be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in general. There is not another organization in this country like the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. There is just one class of citizens in this world that is eligible and that can furnish credentials for membership in this order, and that man is a man who bore arms during the Civil War in defense and for the protection of the union of the states of this nation. And I feel that there is no class of men in this nation that has greater reason to be proud than the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Again I thank you for your confidence and I thank you for this badge.

All business being completed, Department Commander Medsker declared the Encampment closed.

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GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUABTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, GBAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 19, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1.

I. Having been elected and installed Commander of this Department at the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, held at Logansport, June 5, 6 and 7, 1918, I hereby assume command, and have appointed J. R. Fesler, Post No. 281, Indianapolis, as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster-General. All official communications should be addressed to him at Room 25, State House. Personal communications to the Department Commander should be addressed to Greensburg, Indiana.

Elected Officers.

II. The following Comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Department Commander.

Alonzo Murphy, Post No. 5, Greensburg.

Senior Vice-Department Commander.

I. N. Watkins, Post No. 14, Logansport.

Junior Vice-Department Commander.

Valentine Marks, Post No. 37, Elkhart.

Medical Director.

S. I. Brown, Post No. 290, Knox.

Department Chaplain.

Wm. H. Hickman, Post No. 358, Pennville.

Council of Administration.

Lewis King, Post No. 127, residence Vernon. C. C. Schreeder, Post No. 27, Evansville. Austin Daugherty, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. Solomon Pennington, Post No. 30, Kokomo. Alexander Hess, Post No. 6, Wabash.

Representatives and Alternates elected to the Fifty-second National Encampment:

Representatives.

Delegate-at-Large, W. H. Hickman, Post No. 358, Pennville.
William Warren, Post No. 27, Evansville.
Morris Ford, Post No. 415, New Harmony.
J. W. Sullivan, Post No. 72, Washington.
Louis Bir, Post No. 191, New Albany.
A. S. Creath, Post No. 5, Greensburg.
W. F. Kendall, Post No. 13, Columbus.
H. P. Dorsett, Post No. 11, Greencastle.
Luther Downey, Post No. 81, Rushville.
Solomon Smith, Post No. 456, Milroy.
Albert J. Ball, Post No. 17, Indianapolis.
Thomas C. Clapp, Post No. 244, Anderson.

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S. B. Garrett, Post No. 78, Muncie.
George W. Newkirk, Post No. 124, Greentown.
T. R. Caldwell, Post No. 42, Lebanon.
John W. Barnes, Post No. 30, Kokomo.
P. A. Holliday, Post No. 51, Monticello.
Jacob Fisher, Post No. 171, Brookston.
Frederick H. Hartel, Post No. 14, Logansport.
J. A. Clevenger, Post No. 199, North Manchester.
Cornelius Gearin, Post No. 271, Ft. Wayne.
Wm. H. McIntosh, Post No. 37, Elkhart.
Benjamin Bear, Post No. 147, LaPorte.

Alternates.

Alternate-at-Large, William L. Heiskell, Post No. 17, Indianapolis.

George D. Martin, Post No. 15, Petersburg. Matthew Geiser, Post No. 120, Boonville. W. F. Wirts, Post No. 72, Washington. W. J. Hauger, Post No. 87, Salem. H. C. Snell, Post No. 5, Greensburg. W. Bostic, Post No. 5, Greensburg. Albert Martin, Post No. 220, Dana. G. S. Golden, Post No. 64, Brookville. Lafayette Larsh, Post No. 55, Richmond. C. W. Chappell, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. Z. T. Landers, Post No. 369, Indianapolis. W. H. Hickman, Post No. 358, Pennville. A. Green, Post No. 38, Union City. Gilbert Gray, Post No. 133, Noblesville. W. Kemp, Post No. 65, Frankfort. D. C. Smith, Post No. 7, Crawfordsville. Dan White, Post No. 3, Lafayette. W. D. Saylor, Post No. 84, Rensselaer. Adam Foust, Post No. 33, residence Warren. G. W. Smith, Post No. 39, National Military Home. John N. Kress, Post No. 40, Fort Wayne. D. L. Beaber, Post No. 271, Fort Wayne. A. Hunneshagen, Post No. 183, Kewanna. Jonathan Tinkey, Post No. 114, residence Claypool, R. R. 1.

III. The following appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced :

Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General.

J. R. Fesler, Post No. 281, Indianapolis.

Department Inspector.

A. S. Creath, Post No. 5, Greensburg.

Judge-Advocate.

James S. Dodge, Post No. 37, Elkhart.

Chief Mustering Officer.

Wm. F. Kendall, Post No. 13, Columbus.

Patriotic Instructor.

A. P. Asbury, Post No. 564, Farmersburg.



W. P. McKinsey, Post No. 42, Lebanon.

Color Bearer.

H. B. Sparks, Post No. 94, Rising Sun.

Banner Bearer.

Ira Hinchman, Post No. 209, Indianapolis.

Chief Bugler.

A. A. Jones, Post No. 3, residence Battle Ground.

IV. The Comrades named below, on recommendation of their Delegates to the State Encampment, are hereby appointed Recruiting Officers for their respective congressional districts for the ensuing year:

Recruiting Officers.

First District—Matthew Geiser, Post No. 120, Boonville. Second District—George D. Abraham, Post No. 474, residence Indianapolis.

Third District—J. M. Weathers, Post No. 231, Marengo. Fourth District—Lewis King, Post No. 127, residence Vernon. Fifth District—S. F. Lockridge, Post No. 11, Greencastle. Sixth District—

Seventh District—David H. Olive, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. Eighth District—I. P. Watts, Post No. 60, Winchester.

Ninth District-Dan Waugh, Post No. 203, Tipton.

Tenth District-J. B. Roach, Post No. 51, Monticello.

Eleventh District—I. N. Watkins, Post No. 14, Logansport. Twelfth District—Joseph Kickley, Post No. 40, Ft. Wayne.

Thirteenth District-John G. Kratli, Post No. 290, Knox.

V. The following Comrades have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of Department Commander Murphy:

W. H. Aikin, Post No. 469, Hope.

E. B. Myers, Post No. 198, Elkhart.

John M. Stevens, Post No. 81, residence Marion.

Each Post Commander should forward the name of at least one Comrade for this position. Upon receipt of these names at Department Headquarters the Assistant Adjutant-General will forward commissions to those recommended.

VI. Once more we call attention to the following changes in the Rules and Regulations, made by the Fifty-first National Encampment.

Instead of making their reports *semi-annually* as in the past Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters shall forward their reports *annually*, on the first day of January in each year.

The per capita tax shall be forwarded *semi-annually*, on the first days of January and July, as heretofore, the amount of the semi-annual installments due from each Post to be determined by the number of members in good standing therein on December 31st last past.

These changes were announced in General Orders No. 3, from National Headquarters, which were mailed to the Posts last fall, but many of the Comrades have written to us to ascertain why they have not received blanks for their June reports. Blanks were mailed with General Orders No. 6, for Post Chaplains' Memorial Day reports, and these blanks should be filled out and mailed at once to Comrade William H. Hickman, Department Chaplain, Pennville, Ind.

VII. The Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Oregon, the week beginning August 18th. The Director General of Railroads has authorized a rate of one cent a mile for members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps. National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, and to members of their families.

It has been decided that no tickets will be sold at the above rates except on presentation of a certificate countersigned by the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General. These certificates will be issued to the Assistant Adjutant-General of each Department about July 1st and will be distributed by him to the various Posts of his Department. All who are entitled to the reduced rates must secure their certificates from the Adjutant of their respective Posts.

VIII. The Department Roster for 1918 will be found enclosed herewith.

By command of ALONZO MURPHY, Department Commander.

Official: J. R. .Fesler,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25. STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 19, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.

I. As announced in General Orders No. 1. the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Oregon, during the week beginning August 18.

II. Certificates have been received at this office which, filled out and signed by the proper Post officials, will entitle the holders to the rate of one cent a mile, plus the war tax of 8 per cent, and the cost of sleeping car berth. The following will be entitled to this rate:

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Woman's Relief Corps. Ladies of the G. A. R. Daughters of Veterans.

Sons of Veterans.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

And members of the families of the above organizations, accompanying them to the National Encampment.

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Those entitled to the reduced rate can only secure it by making application to the Commander of the nearest Grand Army *Post.* This official or his Adjutant will make application to this office for the number of Identification Certificates needed by members of the different orders in his locality, and may, in turn, allot the needed supply to the chief local officials of the several organizations. These certificates are numbered and a strict record will be kept at this office of all that are issued. Each local official should keep a list of the names of passengers to whom the certificates are assigned by him. Remember that they positively must not be issued to any one who is not a member in good standing of one of the organizations named, or a member of their family accompanying them. To violate this ruling would be to invite serious trouble. All certificates not used are to be returned to this office as soon as it is known that they will not be needed.

III. The Department Headquarters train will leave Chicago at 9:45 P. M. on Wednesday, August 14th, over the Burlington and Great Northern railroad. Before purchasing tickets you are to decide on the routes desired, both going and returning; through tickets can then be secured at the reduced rate at your home towns, for the round trip. Choice of routes from Chicago will be found in Paragraph XXI of General Orders No. 5 from National Headquarters, copy of which will be found enclosed herewith.

ROUTES.

	TTTO.			
1	2	3	4	5
Elkhart, Indc\$46.02	c\$49.02	\$48.95	\$54.90	\$59.05
Elkhart, Inds 51.79				·
Evansville, Indc 49.74	l c 52.74	48.90	52.72	56.87
Evansville, Inds 48.00) s 54.20			
Ft. Wayne, Indc 46.98	3 c 49.98	49.30	55.55	59.70
Ft. Wayne, Inds 51.53	5 s 57.75			
Indianapolis, Ind 47.68	8 c 50.68	48.60	56.25	60.40
Indianapolis, Ind.				
Lafayette, Indc 46.40) c 49.40	47.90	55.00	59.15
Lafayette, Inds 49.37				
Logansport, Indc 46.36	3 c 49.36	48.25	54.95	59.10
Logansport, Inds 50.09) s 56.29			
Muncie, Ind 47.68	3 c 50.68	49.15	56.25	60.40
Muncie, Ind.	s 53.88			
Richmond, Ind 48.40) c 51.40	49.70	57.00	61.15
Richmond, Ind.				
South Bend, Indc 45.72	2 c 48.72	48.60	54.90	59.05
South Bend, Inds 51.4				
Terre Haute, Ind 47.50	6 c 50.56	47.85	55.55	59.70
Terre Haute, Ind				

c—Applies for tickets routed via Chicago in both directions.
s—Applies for tickets routed via St. Louis in both directions.
Route No. 1 Direct routes not via Seattle or California.

Route No. 2 Direct routes both ways via Seattle.

Route No. 3 Direct routes one way via Chicago and the other way via St. Louis.

Route No. 4 One way via Portland, the other way via California (not via Seattle or Los Angeles).

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Route No. 5 One way via Portland, the other way via Los Angeles (not via Seattle).

To take in Seattle in one direction only tickets will be sold going via Seattle and returning via routes 1, 3, 4, 5, or vice versa at fares made \$1.50 higher than those shown for routes 1, 3, 4 or 5 as the case may be.

In addition to the above tickets will also be sold one way via Chicago or St. Louis (not via Seattle) and the other way via Los Angeles and New Orleans, from Indianapolis for \$65.00.

If desired to take in Seattle also fare will be \$1.50 higher.

Tickets will be sold and good, going, August 1 to August 17, inclusive, and will be good returning to reach original starting point within two months from date of sale.

Stopovers will be allowed at all points en route within final limit of tickets on both going and return trip.

IV. Temporary headquarters of the Department of Indiana will be established at Room 239, Multnomah Hotel, Portland. For headquarters of other organizations we refer you to paragraph XIX of National General Order No. 5, mentioned above.

V. The attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters is once more called to the amendments to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Fifty-first National Encampment, by which reports of post adjutants and quartermasters are to be sent in annually instead of semi-annually, although the per capita tax is to be sent in semi-annually as in the past. Please note, also, that the amount paid is to be determined by the number reported in good standing in December last past. This will explain why you have not received Forms A and B for the June reports. so do not delay sending your per capita tax any longer on that account.

General Orders No. 3 from National Headquarters gave the above mentioned amendments in full, and in Department General Orders No. 1 we called attention to the changes again, but we are still receiving requests daily for blanks on which to make reports. Post Commanders should see that the Orders are read in post meetings, that all may be informed in matters of this kind.

VI. The following additional Aids-de-Camp to Department Commander Murphy have been appointed :

Jonathan McCoy, Post No. 4, Covington.
Mahlon D. Butler, Post No. 17, Indianapolis.
James Ransom, Post No. 85, Bloomington.
L. S. Myer, Post No. 557, Flora.
A. G. Maning, Post No. 37, Elkhart.
George Coley, Post No. 37, Elkhart.
William M. Hess, Post No. 164, Danville.
H. C. Grooms, Post No. 164, Danville.
G. W. Brown, Post No. 65, Frankfort.
James R. Maupin, Post No. 461, residence Sellersburg.
J. K. Baxter, Post No. 146, Sharpsville.
J. H. Sawyer, Post No. 589, Lafayette.
Aaron W. Lytle, Post No. 106, Valparaiso.
R. A. Drummond, Post No. 63, Decatur.
Michael Babbert, Post No. 31, Delphi.

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VII. Delegates who can not attend the National Encampment should notify this office as soon as possible.

VIII. General Orders Nos. 5 and 6 from National Headquarters will be found enclosed herewith. We would suggest that you read these orders carefully before writing us for any further information. The time for the National Encampment is drawing near, and what you desire to know may be found in these orders, thus saving time and correspondence.

By command of

ALONZO MURPHY, Department Commander.

Official:

Assistant Adjutant-General. J. R. FESLER,

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, AUGUST 6, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 3.

I. As announced in previous, orders, the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Portland, Oregon, the week beginning August 18.

II. The Department of Indiana Headquarters train will leave Indianapolis for Chicago at 11:40 a. m., Wednesday, August 14, over the Pennsylvania line, leaving Chicago from the Union Station, South Canal and West Adams street, at 9:45. Tickets should be purchased over the C., B. & Q. and Great Northern Railroad.

III. Those who have not already made their sleeping car reservations for the trip should make them of their local ticket agents. The following rates are given:

Pullman sleeper, Chicago to Portland, lower berth__\$14.30 Pullman sleeper, Chicago to Portland, upper berth__ 11.04 Pullman sleeper, Chicago to Spokane, lower berth__ 12.10 Pullman sleeper, Chicago to Spokane, upper berth__ 9.68 Tourist sleeper, Chicago to Portland, lower berth___ 7.43 Tourist sleeper, Chicago to Portland, upper berth___ 5.94 The above prices include the war tax.

IV. The following additional names have been placed on the staff of the Department Commander as Aids-de-Camp:

James P. Ross, Post No. 6, Wabash.

John A. Kellar, Post No. 11, Greencastle.

R. L. Kennedy, Post No. 2, residence Center Point.

V. Visiting Committee to the State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette:

E. R. Bladen, Post No. 93, residence Indianapolis. Mahlon D. Butler ,Post No. 17, Indianapolis.

I. N. Watkins, Post No. 14, Logansport.

G. W. H. Kemper, Post No. 78, Muncie.

C. I. Ainsworth, Post No. 5, Greensburg.

J. W. Rinear, Post No. 33, residence Liberty Center.

VI. Visiting Committee to the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown:

T. C. Grooms, Post No. 11, Greencastle.

John M. Stevens, Post No. 81, residence Marion.

Lee L. Martz, Post No. 33, Bluffton.

F. M. Huckleberry, Post No. 127, Franklin.

VII. Quite a number of Posts have neglected to send in their per capita tax for the term closing June 30. The Department of Indiana, to avoid being suspended, has already sent to National Headquarters its tax, based on the membership reported in good standing December 31, 1917. POST COMMANDERS and QUAR TERMASTERS should attend to this without further delay. Remember your reports are not required until the close of the December term, but your per capita tax must be sent in if you do not want to be dropped from our rolls.

VIII. Department Headquarters will be closed from August 14th to September 3rd. Those wishing supplies should send their orders in time to reach us on or before the 14th.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Comrade Amos R. Walter, Past Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Indiana.

Comrade Walters was born June 29, 1845, near Orrville, Ohio, and died June 16, 1918, at his home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He served during the Civil War in the 85th O. V. I., 118th I. V. I., and the 5th Ohio Light Artillery. He was Department Color Bearer in 1885. He was a member of Lawton-Wayne Post at the time of his death and was an active member so long as his health would permit.

> By command of ALONZO MURPHY, Department Commander.

Official: J. R. FESLER,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA G. A. R., Room 25, State House, INDIANAPOLIS, October 22, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.

I. General Orders No. 3 announced the approaching National Encampment to be held in Portland, Oregon, beginning August 18, 1918. With peculiar satisfaction and pride I announce the holding of this great Encampment.

Without disparagement to other encampments, it is universally conceded by the comrades that our Portland meeting was never excelled. There have been larger delegations sometimes, but never a better meeting.

The Indiana department, as it always does, made a good showing. This was evinced by the number of Indiana comrades that marched in the parade. By actual count we had 200 men in the ranks, and no stragglers. In addition, when it is remembered that Orlando A. Somers, our Commander-in-Chief, was an Indiana comrade, and that by common consent his administration was pronounced as good as the very best in the history of the Grand Army, the Indiana department feels most highly gratified.

II. As commander of this department, and the personal friend of every comrade, I desire to call attention to five things, each one of which should prove to be of a deep and abiding interest to every good and loyal Grand Army man.

1. A greater personal interest, and a more regular attendance upon the regular meetings of the individual post. Nearly all our posts now meet in the daytime. So it will be easier for comrades to attend; and each comrade should remember that nothing is more vital to the life of the post than his presence at all post meetings.

2. Every comrade should consider himself a specially appointed recruiting officer; and out this year to bring in new recruits for his post. Everywhere he goes let him be on the lookout for some comrade on the outside who should be on the inside of a post.

3. This is the season for reunions. The regimental and brigade meetings are being held over the state. These reunions are always well worth while. But there should be at least one meeting a year comprising a whole congressional district. It is therefore recommended that where such meeting has not already been held, if possible at all to hold such meeting, that it be done. Such a meeting well planned, and the plans well executed, always result in great good to our comrades in the district.

4. Memorial Day should have better legislative protection in our state. The growing laxity and indifference so manifest in these later years, bodes ill fortune to our country and her institutions. Memorial Day should be as sacredly observed and as jealously guarded as the Sabbath. Without ceasing, the best blood of the nation is crying out from the ground against an increasing sacrilege.

Now-a-days this same ground is rapidly receiving "new treasures to its trust", so there should be a renewed interest in Memorial Day rites.

Therefore, it is recommended that every post in this department pass suitable resolutions asking our next Indiana legislature to enact such law, or laws, as will insure a more appropriate observance of the day; and that all public or private diversions such as are calculated to desecrate the day, or in anywise interfere with its proper observance, shall be prohibited by law.

5. The rapidly increasing death rate in the ranks of our comrades, and the inexorable havoc that it is working to our noble Order, not only saddens the heart and deepens the loneliness of our Post halls, but it is embarrassing our Department Treasury. The small pittance of our per capita tax no longer is sufficient

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to meet the demands that are upon us financially. It is only a question of a short time when something extra will have to be done. Meanwhile every comrade should be prompt in the payment of his annual dues, and the Quartermasters equally prompt in the payment of the per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant-General, for promptness is the essential prerequisite of a good soldier.

Other departments in other states are becoming the recipients of legislative appropriations, and as a department, I feel that Indiana would be entirely willing, were its attention called to our situation, to make a liberal appropriation for her veteran organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. It is recommended then, that each post of the department petition the coming legislature to make an annual allowance of at least \$2,500.00 for the maintenance of the Department of our state.

III. Comrade Edward O'Neil, Post No. 1, Terre Haute, has been appointed as Aid-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander.

IV. The following comrades have been added to the Visiting Committee to the State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette:

Wallace Foster, Post No. 17, Indianapolis.

George D. Abraham, Post No. 474, Odon.

V. Additions to the Visiting Committee to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown:

W. F. Medsker, Post No. 179, Cambridge City.

H. Trueblood, Post No. 209, Indianapolis.

John A. Kellar, Post No. 11, Greencastle.

VI. Enclosed with these orders will be found the following: General Orders No. 2 and Circular Letter No. 2 from National Headquarters; Certificates of Election (2); blank for report of Post Patriotic Instructor; mortuary report blank; blank requisition for supplies, giving the new prices.

Blanks for reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermaster will be sent out within two or three weeks.

By command of ALONZO MURPHY, Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. FESLER, Assistant Adjutant-General.

> HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 26, 1918.

GENERAL OBDERS No. 5.

I. Notice is hereby given to the Posts of the Department that on the 14th of November Comrade Albert J. Ball, the esteemed adjutant of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 17, of Indianapolis, was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartemaster General of this Department. The occasion for this appointment

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was the vacancy made by the resignation of Col. John R. Fesler.

The comrades, no doubt, will be greatly pained to be informed of the failing health of our beloved Col. Fesler. For many years he has filled the office of Assistant Adjutant General of this Department with efficiency and great fidelity.

In his resignation he says, "The condition of my health is such that it is no longer possible for me to continue the work of this office." He assures us, however, that his retirement from the office so long held by him will in nowise lessen his love for the comrades, nor abate, in the least degree, his interest in the welfare of the Department of the Grand Army. I am sure that I voice the sentiment of the Department when I say that Col. Fesler holds a large place in the esteem of all the comrades. We wish for him a peaceful and contented mind in this the evening time of his days.

I desire to bespeak for his successor, Comrade Albert J. Ball, the full confidence and support of the Department in his arduous and responsible work. He is a true comrade and one well qualified for the position to which he has been called.

II. The attention of the Comrades is called to the proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor of Indiana regarding the observance of Thanksgiving Day. We trust that the comrades will observe this day of Thanksgiving, as it will in future commemorate the surender of the German army to the entente forces and to the United States.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

III. Posts and comrades desiring to aid in the purchase of Christmas presents for the children of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home should send in their contributions to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, who will turn the same over to the committee appointed to purchase the gifts.

IV. In sending remittances, send to the Assistant Quartermaster-General either by check or money order. Do not enclose cash in ordinary letters, as there is danger of loss.

V. Several Posts are still delinquent in their per capita tax for the term ending June 30. The Commanders of these posts have been notified and will kindly have their Quartermasters remit without further delay.

VI. Post Patriotic Instructors will please mail their yearly reports direct to Past Department Commander A. P. Asbury, of Farmersburg, who is now Department Patriotic Instructor.

VII. We wish to call the attention of the comrades to sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of General Orders No. 4, and ask that these sections be re-read at the Post meetings, as we deem the suggestions contained therein to be of vital importance to the best interests of the Department.

By command of

Alonzo Murphy, Department Commander.

OFFICIAL :

Albert J. Ball, Assistant Adjutant-General.

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IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Richard M. Smock, formerly Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General of this department, died October 12, 1918.

Comrade Smock was born April 2, 1841. He was a member of the Seventieth Indiana Regiment. He enlisted with the organization of that regiment, July 19, 1862, and served until it was mustered out June 30, 1865, at the close of the war, his term of service being nearly three years. He participated in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged up to and including New Hope Church, where he was severely wounded. His services after that were at the headquarters of General Warren.

Comrade William N. Pickerill, Past Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Indiana for the year 1917-18, died November 5, 1918.

Comrade Pickerill was born October 13, 1838. He enlisted in August, 1861, and was discharged September 7, 1864, on account of the expiration of his term of enlistment. He served in the Battalion of the Third Indiana Cavalry and saw service with the Army of the Potomac, participating in all of the engagements of the cavalry division of General Pleasanton and General Buford. It was the cavalry division of General Buford that checked the rebels on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg. The battalion to which Comrade Pickerill belonged was in the forefront at this battle.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, February 14, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 6

1. The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Elkhart, Indiana, May 6, 7 and 8, 1919. Announcements will be made later of the hotels where temporary headquarters of the various organizations will be established, and the halls where business sessions will be held.

II. Delinquent Reports. A few Posts have not sent in their reports and per capita tax for the term closing December 31, 1918; unless these are received at Department Headquarters soon, these Posts will not be entitled to representation at the Encampment.

Some Posts that have sent their Quartermaster's reports and per capita tax have not yet sent their Certificates of Election, giving names of delegates elected to the Encampment. Unless these reports are received, our Roll Call for the Encampment will be incomplete, and confusion is bound to result in the distribution of delegate badges. Post Commanders

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will please see that all reports are made out and forwarded to these headquarters.

III. Price of Supplies. We wish to call attention to the advance in price of supplies. Copies of our latest requisition blanks have been mailed to all Posts in the Department, but we are still receiving orders for supplies with remittances at the old prices. If you do not have a copy of the new requisition blank, write to us and we will furnish you another copy.

IV. The circular letter of our National Patriotic Instructor in regard to the proper observance of the following patriotic anniversaries is just now received:

> McKinley Day, January 29th. Lincoln Day, February 12th. Washington's Birthday, February 22d. General Surrender Day, April 9th. Grant's Birthday, April 27th. Memorial Sunday. the Sunday before Memorial Day. Memorial Day, May 30th. Flag Day, June 14th. Independence Day, July 4th. Thanksgiving Day, last Thursday in November. Christmas Day, December 25th. Armistice Day, November 11th, ought to be added.

His suggestion that the observance of these days should not be neglected is a good one, and should be heeded as far as possible by all Posts and their auxiliaries within the bounds of this Department He suggests that where it is impossible to observe all these days separately, two or three may be grouped and observed, by a proper reference to each, at the same time.

V. The following additional Aids-de-Camp have been appointed on the staff of the Department Commander:

> E. B. Smith, Post No. 1, Terre Haute. David H. Olive, Post No. 281, Indianapolis. J. E. Bickel, Post No. 592, Terre Haute.

VI. Consolidation of Posts and Change of Names. John A. Logan Post No. 3, of Lafayette, and Marsh B. Taylor Post No. 475, of West Lafayette, have consolidated under the name of Logan-Taylor Post No. 3. The name of Elmer Post No. 37, Elkhart, has been changed to Frank Baldwin Post.

VII. General Orders from National Headquarters are promulgated herewith.

By command of ALONZO MURPHY,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL: ALBERT J. BALL,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, GBAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE. INDIANAPOLIS, MARCH 29, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 7.

I. As announced in General Orders No. 6, the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Elkhart, Indiana, May 6, 7 and 8th, 1919. Temporary headquarters of the Department will be established at the Bucklen Hotel. The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary and the Daughters of Veterans will also establish their headquarters at this hotel.

Business sessions of the various organizations will be held at the following places:

Grand Army of the Republic, at the Bucklen Theater.

Woman's Relief Corps, First Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. R. C. degree work in I. O. O. F. Hall.

Ladies of the G. A. R., Lodge Room of B. P. O. E. (Elks). Sons of Veterans. The Armory.

Sons of Veterans, The Armory. Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Presbyterian Church.

Daughters of Veterans, Moose Hall.

II. Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams will arrive in Elkhart on Tuesday, May 6th. A banquet will be given at Hotel Bucklen at 6 P. M. for the Commander-in-Chief and staff, and National and Department officials of all organizations.

At 8 P. M. a public reception will be held at the Orpheum Theater.

At 9 P. M. a dance under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, at the Armory.

III. Decorated automobiles will meet all trains. Boy Scouts. will be stationed at railway depots and in business sections, and will be at the service of the visitors.

IV. The Encampment will convene at 8:30. Wednesday, May 7th, at the Bucklen Theater. Members of the Committee on Credentials and other committees will be announced in a later order.

V. The annual parade will form at 2 P. M., Wednesday, May 7, and will be followed by an industrial parade. Sight-seeing auto trips for officers, delegates, and others, will follow this parade.

Campfires will be held at 8 P. M., at Bucklen Theater and the Armory.

VI. Regimental reunions. Heads of regimental organizations should write to Hon. J. L. Harman, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Elkhart, Indiana, stating date and hour on which they desire to hold their reunions.

VII. Reduced railroad rate. We are authorized to announce a rate of two cents per mile each way; the distance from Indianapolis to Elkhart being slightly over 156 miles, the round trip rate from Indianapolis will be about \$6.27.

VIII. Hotel rates. The following hotel rates are announced:

American Plan— Hotel Bucklen, European Plan—	\$3.00 to \$3.50 per day.
Hotel Truex, Hotel Golden	\$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. .50 to 1.50 per day.
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Private homes, when	e any charge is made— kfast, 75c per person per day.

IX. Written reports will be prepared by all department officers, committees and district recruiting officers, and mailed to Assistant Adjutant-General Albert J. Ball not later than Thursday, May 1, or handed to him at the Encampment not later than Tuesday, May 6.

X. The following tax bill, which was passed by the legislature of 1919 and is now a law, was introduced by Comrade J. H. Hoffman, of Post No. 125, Ligonier, at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief O. A. Somers, and had the unanimous support of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That any soldier or sailor who served three (3) months or more in the armies or navies of the United States during the Civil or Mexican wars, as evidenced by a pension certificate, and who shall have reached the age of seventy (70) years or more; or the widow of any such soldier or sailor, as evidenced by a pension certificate, who shall have reached the age of sixty years or more, may have the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) deducted from the assessed valuation of his or her taxable property upon the first day of April of each year, wherein the amount of taxables as shown by the duplicate does not exceed \$5,000, and the balance after such deduction shall have been made shall constitute the basis for the assessment and taxation of the property of the soldier, sailor or widow herein mentioned.

"Section 2. Any person desiring to avail himself or herself of the provisions of this act shall, between the first day of March and the first day of May inclusive of each year, file with the auditor of the county, wherein he or she is a resident, a sworn statement of his or her age and place of residence, and as further evidence of identification, submit for the auditor's inspection his or her pension certificate."

XI. The Department Commander calls attention to the 9th of April, known as Surrender Day, or Appomatox Day. The Posts will join with other patriot ic organizations in their communities for the proper observance of this day.

XII. The time has arrived when posts should make their contributions to the Southern Memorial Fund. Such donations should be sent to Albert J. Ball, A. Q. M. G., Room 25, State House, and will be forwarded by him to National Headquarters.

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XIII. General Orders from National Headquarters are enclosed herewith.

By command of ALONZO MURPHY, Department Commander.

Official:

ALBERT J. BALL, Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROOM 25, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, April 14, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS,

No. 8.

I. As previously announced, the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in Elkhart May 6 and continue in session during the 7th and 8th.

II. The Committee on Credentials and Distribution of Badges will report at department headquarters, Room 203 Bucklen Hotel, at 2:15 P. M., Tuesday, May 6th.

Badges will be distributed on the first floor of the First Trust and Savings Bank Building, No. 214 South Main street, one and one-half blocks south of the Bucklen Hotel. This Committee will consist of the following comrades: W. E. Gorsuch, Post No. 579; E. B. Myers, Post No. 198; George D. Abraham, Post No. 474; William M. Cochran, Post No. 369, and Lafayette Larsh, Post No. 55.

III. The Council of Administration will meet at Room 203 Bucklen Hotel, at 3:00 P. M., Tuesday, May 6th.

IV. Comrade Lorenzo Van Doren, Post No. 37, has been appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade Wilson M. Tobias, Post No. 198, Officer of the Guard. Guards—J. M. Lounsberry, A. C. Rogers, S. E. Stafford, Henry Fisher, Thomas Dyer, John Sailor, Henry Trump and John W. Slear.

V. The Encampment will convene in Bucklen Theater at 8:30 A. M., Wednesday. The following Order of Business will govern the session unless changed by vote of the Encampment:

1. Opening of the Encampment.

- 2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 3. Calling Roll of Department Officers and Posts.
- 4. Commander's Address.
- 5. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, etc.
- 6. Reception and Reference of Resolutions, and Communications.
- 7. Reports of Officers.
- 8. Miscellaneous Business, including meeting place of next Encampment.

- 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Encampment and nomination of candidates for Council of Administration, etc.
- 10. **Reports of Committees.**
- 11. Election of Delegate and Alternate at Large. Election of Department Officers as follows: (a) Council of Administration.
 - Chaplain. (b)
 - (c)
 - Medical Director. Junior Vice-Department Commander. (d)
 - Senior Vice-Department Commander. (e)
 - (f) Commander.
- 12. Installation of Officers.

VI. The parade, which will begin promptly at 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 7th, will be in charge of Comrade James S. Dodge, as Chief Marshal. The line of march will be about one mile in length, over paved streets, and provision will be made for automobiles for all who care to ride.

VII. The reduced rate of two cents a mile will be granted under the following conditions:

Two cents per mile in each direction, with minimum of \$1.00 for the round trip from points in Indiana going and returning via same route only; tickets to be sold and good going May 4, 5 and 6th, and good returning to reach original starting point not later than May 10, 1919.

This fare will be applicable only to members of the Grand Army and affiliated organizations and their families, and only on presentation and surrender of Identification Certificates similar to those furnished for the trip to Portland, Oregon, in 1918. Application for these certificates must be made to Post Commanders or Adjutants, who should at once notify Albert J. Ball, Assistant Adjutant-General G. A. R., Room 25, State House, of the number of certificates required for the use of their posts. Certificates not used must be returned to this office.

VIII. The following rates to the National Encampment to be held at Columbus, Ohio, September 7-12, will apply from the points named below to Columbus:

New York\$12.60	Cleveland\$2.76
Philadelphia 10.80	Toledo 2.46
Baltimore 10.22	Detroit 3.62
Washington 9.42	Cincinnati 2.32
Boston 16,34	Louisville 5.10
Buffalo 6.40	Indianapolis 3.76
Pittsburgh 3.82	Chicago 6,32
St. Louis	\$8.58

IX. Prices of Supplies. Once more we must ask that all old requisition blanks be destroyed and that orders for supplies be sent in only on the new blanks furnished you for that purpose, with enclosure of the full price of supplies ordered. We have called attention to this several times and have sent the new blanks

to all posts, but we are still receiving orders for supplies at the old prices.

X. The Delegates' Credential Certificates which were sent out from this office a short time ago should not be returned to us, but should be filled out and signed by Post Commanders and Adjutants and given to the delegates themselves, to be presented by them to the Committee on Credentials and Distribution of Badges, at Elkhart, at the time of the Encampment.

XI. General Orders Nos. 7 and 8 from National Headquarters are enclosed herewith and should be carefully read at Post meetings.

XII. This office will be closed from Tuesday, May 6, until Friday, May 9. Department Headquarters will leave Indianapolis Tuesday morning, May 6, at 7 o'clock, via C., C. & St. L., arriving at Elkhart at 1:10 P. M.

By command of

Official :

ALBERT J. BALL,

Department Commander.

ALONZO MURPHY,

Assistant Adjutant-General.





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