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VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, JUNE 17TH, 1897.

The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Auditorium, Vancouver, Washington, on the 17th day of June, 1897, and was called to order at 10 o'clock by C. T. Patterson, Department Commander, and opened in regular form, prayer being offered by Comrade A. H. Lackey, Department Chaplain, after which the regular business was taken up. On motion it was ordered that all posts having a representative present, and lacking a full delegation, be allowed to complete their delegations from members of respective posts who were present.

The Commander announced the following order of business, which on motion was adopted:

- 1st—Reports of Officers.
- 2d—Miscellaneous Business.
- 3d—Election of Officers.
- 4th—Reports of Committees.
- 5th—Unfinished Business.

The roll of Department Officers was called by the Assistant Adjutant General, and the following noted as present:

COMMANDER C. T. PATTERSON,
CHAPLAIN A. H. LACKEY.

Official Staff.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, } JACOB EMERY,
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
JUDGE ADVOCATE E. W. ELIOT.

Council of Administration.

ABRAHAM GARL, H. S. LILLAGAR,
GEORGE THORNTON, THOS. M. YOUNG.

The Commander appointed Comrade G. A. Leavitt, of Custer Post No. 6, as acting Senior Vice Commander, and Geo. W. Tibbetts, of Stevens Post No. 1, as acting Junior Vice Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report for the Committee on Credentials:

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, JUNE 17TH, 1897.

To the Fifteenth Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that it has carefully examined the list of those entitled to seats, as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and recommend that the same be adopted as the roll of the Encampment, subject to future action as to filling vacancies occasioned by absence of delegates.

A few Posts have not reported, and therefore have no credit.

Whole number entitled to vote as shown by reports:

Department Officers.....	9
Council of Administration.....	5
Past Department Commanders.....	8
Commanders, P. C. and Representatives....	493

Total 515

J. EMERY,
H. C. FUNK,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted and Commander Patterson directed the Assistant Adjutant General to call the roll of the members of the Encampment, which was as follows: Those marked with an * being present, those with a † being accounted

for elsewhere on the roll. The figures in parenthesis following the name, number and location of each Post indicate the number of members in good standing for term ending June 30th, 1896.

Department Officers.

- *DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, C. T. PATTERSON,
 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, F. M. ELLSWORTH,
 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, W. H. MOSSMAN,
 *ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL and } JACOB EMERY,
 *ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL }
 INSPECTOR, GEORGE HASKIN,
 *JUDGE ADVOCATE, E. W. ELIOT,
 CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, H. W. DOTY,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR, B. R. FREEMAN,
 *CHAPLAIN, A. H. LACKEY.

Council of Administration.

- *A. GARL, L. A. TREEN, *H. S. LILLAGAR,
 *GEORGE THORNTON, *THOS. M. YOUNG.

Past Department Commanders.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| F. W. SPARLING, | §GEO. D. HILL, |
| §H. A. MORROW, | A. M. BROOKS, |
| C. M. HOLTON, | A. P. CURRY, |
| §J. W. SPRAGUE, | *S. G. COSGROVE, |
| *M. M. HOLMES, | *DON G. LOVELL, |
| *J. S. BROWN, | §J. F. SINCLAIR, |
| J. N. SCOTT, | NORMAN BUCK. |

‡Honorably discharged. §Deceased.

POSTS.

STEVENS NO. 1, SEATTLE. (223)

- *Commander, ALBERT H. CARR.

Past Commanders.

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| *Geo. W. Tibbetts, | L. A. Treen, |
| W. H. White, | S. W. Clark, |
| H. A. Bigelow, | F. H. Hurd |
| A. P. Spaulding, | J. E. Risedorph, |
| O. B. Johnson, | *C. C. Wilson, |
| †M. M. Holmes, | *J. W. Range, |
| James Alexander, | A. O. Benjamin, |
| W. E. Wilson, | B. B. Brownson, |
| S. F. Street, | W. F. Taylor, |
| J. R. Kinnear, | C. M. Ambrust, |
| †T. M. Young, | J. M. Wiestling. |

Representatives.

E. C. Kilburn,
 James Price,
 Geo. W. Lincoln,
 J. H. McLaughlin,
 A. C. Thompson,
 *John Taylor,
 *Charles F. Deibert,
 *William Fox,
 I. J. Lichtenberg,
 F. S. Berry,
 E. C. Benedict.

Alternates.

Thos. C. Hopkins,
 *A. Barney,
 Michael Bronson,
 Thomas Clark,
 M. V. Mills,
 W. C. Hawthorne,
 W. G. Hubbard,
 J. F. Addleman,
 Henry Sheehan,
 O. C. McGray,
 Albro Gardner.

ELLSWORTH NO. 2, VANCOUVER. (25)

*Commander, J. T. Goss.

Past Commanders.

*R. W. Downing,
 *R. W. Davis,
 *D. B. Baker,
 *N. F. Bolton,
 *David Stamp,

*W. H. Brewster,
 Wm. Smiley,
 Wm. H. Nash,
 *David F. Reid,
 *J. A. Snodgrass.

Representative.

*Thomas M. Anderson,

Alternate.

*Hugh Lamont.

A. SULLY NO. 3, DAYTON. (54)

Commander, CONRAD KNOBLOCK.

Past Commanders.

Dennis Guernsey,
 *H. H. Wolfe,
 J. H. Gough,
 J. W. Holman,
 *D. B. Kimball,

W. C. Bishop,
 Homer Hayden,
 J. W. Sayres,
 A. H. Kribs,
 *Peter Lemley.

Representatives.

E. W. Burk,
 J. O. Davis,
 John H. Atwood.

Alternates.

*J. F. Martin,
 R. G. Large,
 J. F. Atwood.

A. LINCOLN NO. 4, WALLA WALLA. (64)

Commander, L. M. LAMBERT.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Carnes,
 *J. F. McLean,
 J. H. Paul.

S. M. White,
 †E. W. Eliot,
 W. H. Embree.

Representatives.

*L. W. Spencer,
 *B. C. Bedell,

Alternates.

W. T. Dodd,
 John Braden,

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

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A. S. Gear, Wm. Ellingsworth,
*E. H. Nixon, seated by Encampment.

GEO. H. THOMAS NO. 5, OLYMPIA. (46)

Commander, J. S. DOBBINS.

Past Commanders.

T. J. McKenney,	Wm. McMicken,
N. H. Owens,	A. D. Rogers,
J. R. Hayden,	J. W. Bomer,
R. G. O'Brien,	A. B. Coles,
R. B. Crandall,	W. H. Roberts,
A. H. Adams,	*Geo. B. Lane.

Representatives.

Frank Taylor,	<i>Alternates.</i>
Chas. S. Wilcox,	H. F. Young,
*F. J. Lamont, seated by Encampment.	James H. Levee.

CUSTER NO. 6, TACOMA. (178)

*Commander, G. A. Leavitt.

Past Commanders.

Wm. Peel,	Thos. Mattison,
M. M. Ruhl,	L. B. Strayer,
R. Hessey,	W. H. Jennings,
Wm. Lind,	Fred T. Taylor,
Thos. Carroll,	C. H. Holmes,
†D. G. Lovell,	†George Thornton,
Phineas Foster,	A. Woodworth.

Representatives.

O. B. Hayden,	*P. H. Carney,
*B. N. Bradfield,	*Geo. H. Boardman,
J. B. Hoit,	J. B. McArthur,
C. H. Wilson,	John N. Conna,
*C. W. Snyder,	R. G. Hoge,
*L. B. McCoy,	G. M. Kuhn,
Edwin Sharpe,	C. H. Blanchard,
Jasper Howe,	A. M. Chesney,
J. E. Noel,	C. S. Gifford,

*Wm. E. Hanna, seated by Encampment.

*H. C. Bostwick, seated by Encampment.

PHIL. KEARNEY NO. 7, TOLEDO. (19)

*Commander, H. D. GIFFORD.

Past Commanders.

T. B. Mitchell,	J. H. Duncan,
E. P. McClure,	Peter Koontz.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. H. Spangler,	G. W. Martin.
*Fred Schlitter, seated by Encampment.	

SEDGWICK NO. 8, SPOKANE. (91)

*Commander, J. N. KOONTZ.

Past Commanders.

A. P. Curry,	J. M. Comstock,
E. R. Childs,	Norman Buck,
Chas. R. Conner,	*W. K. Maloney,
L. H. Prather,	Fred Saling,
E. P. Galbraith.	

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
John Newell,	M. M. Casey,
Walter France,	J. E. Gandy,
J. S. Graves,	Peter Weeks,
J. Hosford,	J. W. Stewart,
C. B. Downing	L. Gilpatrick.

MEADE NO. 9, NORTH YAKIMA. (40)

Commander, R. S. MORGAN.

Past Commanders.

J. G. Boyle,	B. B. Coombs,
J. K. Ward,	N. H. Yeats,
W. M. Badger.	

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Moses Ward,	L. C. Lovell,
R. S. Morgan,	A. P. Oliver.

MORTON NO. 10, SNOHOMISH. (40)

Commander, JOHN R. KING.

Past Commanders.

H. G. York,	L. H. Coon,
D. F. Sexton,	Ferdinand Turner,
Geo. C. Ruff,	H. J. Andrews,
M. W. Packard,	W. F. Eddy.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
W. C. Merritt,	Burton Smith,
J. Z. Rae.	Ira B. Hewitt.

JAMES PARSONS NO. 11, ELLENSBURG. (20)

No election report. Tax paid.

MCPHERSON NO. 12, KALAMA. (20)

Commander, W. B. CHAPMAN.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Smith,	*M. E. Billings,
Jesse Hockett,	A. J. A. Taylor,
C. Kalahan.	

No further report.

GARFIELD NO. 13, MONTESANO. (33)

Commander, C. P. L. ROBERTS.

Past Commanders.

A. K. Bush,	A. A. Brown,
H. M. Sutton,	Silas Smith,
T. M. Bryan,	E. L. Wade.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
John Carothers,	F. Smith,
L. L. Trask.	J. Chalmers.

PHILO BUCKMAN NO. 14, SPRAGUE. (20)

No report. Delinquent one term.

FARRAGUT NO. 15, PORT TOWNSEND. (43)

Commander, JAMES McMILLAN.

Past Commanders.

David M. Littlefield,	Thad. S. Smith,
Edward Rose,	Thos. M. Fisher,
Moses M. Smith.	
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Anthony Nash,	W. B. West,
Henry E. Wylie.	W. W. Swing.

JOHN A. LOGAN NO. 16, GARFIELD. (19)

Commander, E. M. GILES.

No further election report. Tax paid.

L. C. LADD NO. 17, PUYALLUP. (21)

Commander, J. H. COFFMAN.

Past Commanders.

E. N. Little,	J. W. Soles,
C. C. Field,	C. A. Green,
A. Clark,	C. W. Stewart.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
R. Lyman.	A. H. Barry.

LARRABEE NO. 18, LA CONNER. (19)

Commander, J. F. DWELLEY.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Dwelley,	E. Bristow,
R. H. Ball,	A. W. Parker,
Robert Moore,	O. C. Currier,
J. L. Wallace.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
James Calahan,	None reported.

N. LYON NO. 19, COLFAX. (36)

Commander, L. A. DUBOIS.

Past Commanders.

F. M. Ellsworth,	C. B. Anderson,
W. A. Inman,	Clark Colvin,
F. W. Becker,	J. S. Buck,
J. Ewart,	Chas. Von Soehnen,
Thos. E. Ross.	

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
W. A. Inman,	E. Canutt,
L. T. Bragg,	F. W. Becker.

BAKER NO. 20, GOLDENDALE. (25)

Commander, W. R. DUNBAR.

Past Commanders.

W. R. Dunbar,	Sol Smith,
D. W. Pierce,	F. B. Stinson,
E. W. Pike.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. R. Dunbar.	D. W. Pierce.

MCDOWELL NO. 22, POMEROY. (30)

Commander, JOHN THOMPSON.

Past Commanders.

†S. G. Cosgrove,	John Thompson,
S. K. Hull,	H. E. Farnsworth,
John W. Hardin.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. C. Thompson.	H. E. Farnsworth.

GEO. WRIGHT NO. 23, CHENEY. (13)

Commander, P. McDOWELL.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Harris,	J. C. Tyler,
S. G. Grubb,	W. H. Jordan,
W. K. Griffith.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
R. H. Manier.	L. Buchanan.

J. B. STEADMAN NO. 24, NEW WHATCOM. (53)

Commander, J. C. MUSGRAVE.

Past Commanders.

H. B. Williams,	A. A. Rogers,
A. S. Cole,	J. P. Lewis,
E. Sturgeon.	

Representatives.

C. L. Harris,
A. M. Wolaver,
W. H. Penfield.

Alternates.

Wm. Flannery,
G. Patterson,
W. I. Graham.

JOE HOOKER NO. 25, CHEHALIS. (23)

Commander, H. C. STINSON.

Past Commanders.

R. A. Ashmore,	H. C. Stinson,
H. P. Hurn,	*M. W. Forrest,
W. H. Mossman,	E. G. Wagley,
H. L. Brown.	

Representative.

John A. Taylor,
*J. W. Barnett, seated by Encampment.

Alternate.

None reported.

CANBY NO. 27, ILWACO. (20)

No report. Delinquent one term.

MAJOR ANDERSON NO. 29, PALOUSE. (18)

Commander, ROBERT BRUCE.

Past Commanders.

Art Colburn,	M. T. Merrill,
J. C. Poe,	Robert Bruce.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. T. Merrill.	J. C. Poe.

O. M. MITCHELL NO. 30, COMAS. (18)

*Commander, GRANT S. HADLEY.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Thomas,	*Grant S. Hadley.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Eli Walker,	W. E. Thomas.

JOHN F. MILLER NO. 31, SEATTLE. (176)

Commander, AMOS BROWN.

Past Commanders.

A. M. Brooks,	Byron Phelps,
W. G. Latimer,	Geo. Kinnear,

Richard Osborne,	W. S. Harlan,
J. N. Alexander,	E. M. Shrack,
J. W. Langley,	James H. Wilson.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
A. H. Foote,	F. T. Pearl,
L. T. Dodge,	W. V. Rinehart,
Richard Bradley,	G. C. Case,
W. A. Bailey,	Fred Gasch,
Ben. C. Levy,	R. S. Gardener,
D. C. Brown,	Hiram Cure,
Geo. Hooker,	James Buchanan,
Joseph Dickerson,	A. A. Ellsworth,
Lyman Knapp,	Martin Kile.

REYNOLDS NO. 32, BLAINE. (8)

Commander, I. M. SCOTT.

Past Commanders.

S. P. Hughes,	A. J. Loomis,
I. M. Scott,	L. Schaffner,
O. D. McDonald,	Samuel Wade.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. W. Wiffler.	None reported.

LINDSAY NO. 34, ROSALIA. (12).

Commander, JOHN STWAN.

Past Commanders.

D. F. Anderson.	No others reported.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
D. F. Anderson.	W. P. Ward.

D. A. RUSSELL NO. 35, MOUNT VERNON. (41)

Commander, W. H. H. CRESSEY.

Past Commanders.

Jasper Gates,	J. Newman,
C. D. Kimball,	†A. Garl.
D. F. Decatur,	J. T. Mason,
R. W. Williams.	
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
B. R. Sumner,	David Koch,
O. N. Babcock.	Joseph Chaplain.

W. H. SEWARD NO. 36, JUNEAU, ALASKA. (12)

Commander, SILAS GIBSON.

Past Commanders.

J. C. Howard,	Alois Meier,
J. W. Thompson,	Silas Gibson.

Representative.

Charles W. Morse.

Alternate.

George Shannon.

J. J. LEWIS NO. 37, ASOTIN. (26)

Commander, B. F. OMSTOTT.

Past Commanders.

D. T. Welch,

J. W. Green,

H. E. Benedict,

D. F. West,

J. W. King.

Representative.

Hi Kelly.

Alternate.

W. H. Smith.

R. L. MCCOOK NO. 39, WILBUR. (39)

Commander, L. SABIN.

Past Commanders.

J. E. Williams,

H. Wynhoff,

Wm. McQuarie,

J. L. Stewart,

H. F. Warren.

Representatives.

Geo. James,

Alternates.

S. C. Hyde,

L. Morgan.

H. J. Weitz.

J. B. WYMAN NO. 41, ROCKFORD. (12)

Commander, J. R. CREIGHTON.

Past Commanders.

C. W. Anderson,

J. R. Creighton.

Representative.

Alternate.

S. D. Smith.

H. H. Brockman.

LYNCH NO. 42, LYNDEN. (10)

Commander, W. W. PALMER.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Rusco,

Charles Vinup.

Representative.

Alternate.

G. N. Odell.

J. C. Spaulding.

PHIL SHERIDAN NO. 44, TACOMA. (25)

Commander, R. A. WAKEFIELD.

Past Commanders.

Thad Huston,

M. D. Woolf,

J. J. Lemon.

Representative.

Alternate.

A. S. Johnson.

William Wourlds.

H. A. MILES NO. 45, WATERVILLE. (12)

Commander, HARMON HILSHER.

Past Commanders.

Wm. Domrese,	M. I. Young,
H. C. Keeler,	J. J. Garrett.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. E. Rogers.	J. T. Stankey.

W. B. HAZEN NO. 46, RITZVILLE. (15)

No election report. Tax paid.

GEN. J. L. RENO NO. 47, SPOKANE. (64)

*Commander, THOMAS LAVERY.

Past Commanders.

E. B. Dean,	F. P. Weymouth,
J. S. Watson,	E. Morrison,
D. K. Oliver,	*Thomas Lavery,
	W. H. Wiscombe.

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
W. H. McNamar,	W. A. Forney,
H. A. Pans,	Gideon Howell,
J. H. Foster.	E. S. P. Bolton.

PACIFIC NO. 48, PORT ANGELES. (37)

Commander, THOMAS H. BRADLEY.

Past Commanders.

L. D. Stewart,	H. M. Guptill,
P. W. Gallup,	H. W. Doty,
W. C. Ellsworth,	R. R. Harding,
D. P. Quinn,	J. W. Stewart.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
W. H. Mock,	T. Boland,
E. S. Derickson.	R. Fowler.

KIT CARSON NO. 49, KELSO. (15)

Commander, SAMUEL GARFIELD.

Past Commanders.

O. Hinson,	Wm. Davolt,
J. W. Moon,	Samuel Garfield.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. H. Handy.	*R. Ward.

GEN. GROVER NO. 51, AUBURN. (20)

Commander, J. H. WARNOCK.

Past Commanders.

Daniel Winters,	Ed. Richmond,
George Hart,	D. N. Kinkade.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*W. M. Rogers.	W. H. White.

WASHINGTON NO. 52, HOQUIAM. (21)

Commander, PETER ERICKSON.

Past Commanders.

None reported.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*C. D. Spencer.	None reported.

WHITMAN NO. 53, PULLMAN. (16)

Commander, K. P. ALLEN.

Past Commanders.

R. Lanning,	I. V. Farnsworth,
M. F. Taylor,	W. H. Lacy,
C. S. Mason,	K. P. Allen.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. R. Moys.	David Gifford.

C. M. REED NO. 54, ORTING. (16)

Commander, W. L. C. ATKINSON.

Past Commanders.

†H. S. Lillagar,	W. F. Neemeyer,
A. Martin,	W. L. C. Atkinson.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*S. R. Witten.	James Bradley.

T. T. MINOR, NO. 55, WINLOCK.

No report. Delinquent one year.

LIEUT. CUSHING NO. 56, BALLARD. (23)

*Commander, SPENCER HAWLEY.

Past Commanders.

C. T. Comer,	B. Steinauer,
S. E. Pells.	
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*John P. Draper.	I. H. Sprague.

H. G. SICKLES NO. 57, VASHON. (20)

Commander, E. E. VAN OLINDA.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Barton,	M. H. Snow,
S. D. Sherman,	A. S. Christman,
Isaac Rees.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
James Pruit.	Geo. E. Lindley.

C. M. KELLOGG NO. 58, WEST FERNDALE. (12)

Commander, A. W. TIFFANY.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Chamberlain,	P. M. Butler,
Jas. M. Bearse.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Jas. M. Bearse.	J. B. Carpenter.

C. R. APPERSON NO. 59, FAIRHAVEN. (20)

Commander, W. M. TOLES.

Past Commanders.

D. L. Hopkins,	S. P. Tapping,
T. W. Gillette,	C. T. Lathrop,
*D. Alverson,	H. B. Bateman.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. D. Allison.	Alfred Marshall.

C. W. H. BENTLEY NO. 60, CRESCENT. (16)

Commander, SAMUEL HAMILTON.

Past Commanders.

None reported.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Samuel Hamilton.	None reported.

GEN. MILROY NO. 62, LATAH. (19)

Commander, J. P. CAMPBELL.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Coplin,	J. M. Nelson,
W. B. Ramsay,	J. P. Campbell,
G. W. Hendricks.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. M. Pool.	N. B. Witton.

GEORGE CROOK NO. 63, ABERDEEN. (19)

Commander, C. RIX ROBINSON.

Past Commanders.

Fred Nye,	J. M. Bennigham,
N. S. Arnold,	A. Payette,
Max Sandford.	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. W. Toklass.	†A. H. Lackey.

WALLACE NO. 64, SPRINGDALE. (18)

Commander, A. E. BIDGOOD.

Past Commanders.

M. P. Shaffer, James Ferguson,
Carroll Morgan.

Representative. *Alternate.*
James Ferguson. Jacob Keller.

ADMIRAL PORTER NO. 66, MOSSY ROCK. (14)

Commander, DANIEL SHANER.

Past Commanders.

Pliny D. Hopkinson. No others reported.

Representative. *Alternate.*
Pliny D. Hopkinson. H. C. Mayfield.

B. F. STEPHENSON, NO. 67, SUMAS CITY. (13)

Commander, EUGENE FADDEN.

Past Commanders.

E. R. Hopkins, A. Harper,
G. D. Smith, A. G. Hopkins,
A. H. Wright.

Representative. *Alternate.*
A. H. Wright. A. G. Hopkins.

GEO. EMERY NO. 68, ANACORTES. (20)

Commander, C. R. HENDERSON.

Past Commanders.

John J. See, C. R. Henderson.
Representative. *Alternate.*
A. B. Curtis. George Hudson.

J. C. FREMONT NO. 69, SOUTH BEND.

No report. Delinquent.

UNION NO. 70, CHEWELAH. (20)

Commander, C. T. RIGG.

Past Commanders.

Fred Keiling, C. T. Rigg,
D. Y. Lucas, E. A. Kyes.
Representative. *Alternate.*

C. S. Bondurant. D. C. Ely.

J. A. REYNOLDS NO. 71, BUCKLEY. (17)

No report. Delinquent one term.

A. J. SMITH NO. 72, WAYSIDE. (27)

Commander, A. EICKMEYER.

Past Commanders.

H. G. Stratton,	W. H. Ellsworth,
Jesse Howell.	
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Allison Allen.	Levi Anderson.

EVERETT NO. 73, SUMNER. (18)

Commander, Geo. T. MYERS.

Past Commanders.

J. R. Moore,	J. F. Thompson,
F. McFarland,	J. B. Kraus,
	R. A. Guffy.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*E. M. Hulse.	John Tuel.

SILAS CASEY NO. 74, FRIDAY HARBOR. (7)

Commander, W. H. THACKER.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Blair.	No further report.
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E. J. HOUGHTON NO. 75, HARVEY. (19)

Commander, H. L. CHILDS.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Sykes,	W. H. Spencer,
Wm. Overman,	James O. Gifford.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. J. Galbraith.	E. W. Weston.

COL. H. BURNHAM NO. 76, KENT. (17)

Commander, GEORGE R. SEESE.

Past Commanders.

N. H. Joy,	George R. Seese.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
S. C. Nicholson.	J. P. Campbell.

H. R. LOOMIS NO. 80, GIG HARBOR. (16)

Commander, M. B. HUNT.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Brown,	M. B. Hunt.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. F. Allen.	A. W. Young.

WORTHINGTON NO. 81, ELMA. (14)

Commander, W. W. LEATHAM.

Past Commanders.

*M. A. Holcomb,	H. Kramer,
I. N. Harding,	Thos. Foreman,
	Alex. Jolley.

Representative.

H. Kramer.

Alternate.

W. W. Leatham.

T. P. PRICE NO. 82, CENTRALIA. (32)

Commander, E. POMEROY.

Past Commanders.

*J. G. Curtis,	No others reported.
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Representatives.

C. Troth,

H. H. Hamer.

*W. F. Reeves, seated by Encampment.

Alternates.

*Theodore Hoss,

T. B. Rhodes.

GEN. SAUNDERS NO. 83, KELSO. (11)

Commander, P. J. KNAPP.

Past Commanders.

Wm. Tefft,

Representative.

C. Inman.

Henry Allen.

Alternate.

Charles Hall.

COMMODORE FOOTE NO. 84, SIDNEY. (28)

Commander, T. J. HOLCOMB.

Past Commanders.

J. B. Clark,

Representative.

P. H. Seay.

D. C. Blead,

W. J. Alexander.

Alternate.

Wm. Cline.

E. M. STANTON NO. 86, HALLER CITY.

No report. Delinquent one year.

J. A. WINSLOW NO. 87, STATION NO. 1, TACOMA. (18)

*Commander, S. V. ISENBERG.

Past Commanders.

†C. T. Patterson,

Jesse Tobias,

*R. S. Alexander,

Representative.

*J. E. Hartshorn.

H. H. Warner,

†Jacob Emery,

S. D. Brear.

Alternate.

*J. A. Baker.

GEN. FRED LANDER NO. 88, FARMINGTON. (18)

Commander, R. A. TRUAX.

Past Commanders.

None reported.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. Blickenderfer.	J. J. Hoback.

JOHN BUFORD NO. 89, EVERETT. (22)

*Commander, JOHN T. SHERFEY.

Past Commanders.

S. S. King,	Joseph Bucher.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
R. K. Beecham.	F. E. Drake.

COL. E. E. CROSS NO. 90, SHELTON. (21)

Commander, S. CALDWELL.

Past Commanders.

H. L. Allen,	J. B. Ritner,
	Geo. Cyphert.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. H. Stone.	L. H. Decker.

D. CHAPLAIN NO. 92, COUPEVILLE. (13)

No report. Tax paid.

GEN. RUSK NO. 93, DAVENPORT. (14)

Commander, I. H. LONG.

Past Commanders.

I. H. Long.	No others reported.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. F. Milliken.	J. B. Lacey.

N. B. PAGE NO. 94, MISSION. (12)

Commander, THOMAS STEWART.

Past Commander.

J. McFarland.	
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. M. Spain.	None reported.

L. P. PLUMMER NO. 95, NEW WHATCOM. (23)

Commander, JOHN BROYLES.

Past Commanders.

John Broyles,	J. Conaway.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
F. F. Thompson.	Andrew Miller.

GEN. EWING NO. 96, NORTH BEND. (12)

Commander, A. J. FOSTER.

Past Commander.

A. J. Foster.

Representative.

D. A. Thompson.

Alternate.

Chas. Brockway.

After roll call the regular order of business as previously adopted was taken up.

The acting Senior Vice Commander was called to the chair, whereupon the Department Commander, C. T. Patterson, proceeded to read his official report as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

COMRADES:

We are again called together in our annual meeting, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before this encampment; a kind Providence has permitted us to meet in convention, exchange cordial greetings, grasp the warm hand of comradeship and renew our fraternal relations. In the transaction of our business, I sincerely trust that our deliberations may be marked with the three great cardinal principles of our order—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and may peace and harmony prevail.

One year ago, when you selected me as your Commander, I fully realized the responsible position I then assumed, and of the duties devolving upon me as Department Commander; in entering upon the discharge of my duties, I did so with a full determination to exercise my best efforts to promote the best interests of our order, and to work for the benefit and welfare of all my comrades and to try to do the greatest good for the greatest number; how well I may have performed these duties, I submit to my comrades for judgment.

During the year that has passed, it has been the object and purpose of our administration to practice the strictest economy in the management of the affairs of our organization; how well we have succeeded our reports will show.

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I have not been able to visit as many posts in this department as I intended and desired to do.

I am glad to state that, with but very few exceptions, the utmost harmony prevails within our borders.

Our financial condition is sound and prosperous; we have confined our expenses within our income, and I can congratulate you with the assurance that our debts are all paid and we have some money in our treasury; I attribute this fortunate condition of our finances to the earnest efforts of all members of the administration, and particularly to the ability and faithfulness of our Assistant Adjutant General;

I think that the best service the Commander has rendered the Department has been in the selection of his staff.

For myself personally, and as Department Commander, I thank them for the wise administration in their several departments.

I also wish to return my thanks to Comrade H. H. Warner, of Winslow Post No. 87, (Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Commander in Chief Clarkson), who has rendered very valuable aid to the Department commander in the work of the Department.

DEATH.

The Silent Mustering Officer has not been idle for the past year; many of our comrades have answered the last roll call in this world of strife and turmoil; they have reported to the Grand Commander of all nations, to be assigned to duties, both pleasant and forever; to await the coming of the last comrade to join the Great Encampment of all. The attendance of comrades at the place of sepulture shows the respect we held for them while living.

MEMORIAL DAY.

As the years advance, this day is being more generally observed both in this Department and throughout the nation; it has become the day of all days, into which is enveloped the most thorough lessons of patriotism that can be taught to the American people. The strewing of the choicest buds of Spring upon the mounds of those who gave their lives that the nation might live and four millions of bondsmen become free. Let us not forget that they died for the benefit of all mankind.

"All honor to the soldier dead,
 "Who nobly fought to save this land;
 "May glory crown each patriot head;
 "Our garlands strewn with pious hand,
 "May wither with returning day;
 "Their glory ne'er shall fade away."

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Grand, noble American women! I found them ever ready and willing to assist us in our work, and, in fact, in many instances, they were the main cause of our success. They never tire in good words and acts, and the Grand Army of the Republic, with a full appreciation of their efforts, will always hold in grateful remembrance their earnest endeavors and unceasing labor in its interests, and the cause that is so dear to the heart of every true comrade.

Mrs. Ursula M. Mattison, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was ever ready to consult with us, with a view of advancing the usefulness of both organizations, and the joint work has been done with the utmost good feeling and in perfect harmony. Upon her retiring from office, she will bear with her our grateful and

heartfelt thanks for the good work done during her administration in behalf of our comrades of the Grand Army. I desire to tender her, and all members of the "W. R. C." our warmest thanks and our best wishes for their future welfare.

We have another noble band of women within our borders that is doing a noble work, viz.: the Ladies of the "G. A. R." I want to thank them for the good work they have done and are doing for the soldiers; may the Great Commander of us all reward them—we cannot.

SONS OF VETERANS.

It is our policy to encourage this organization, and I am very glad that they hold their meeting at the same time we do ours, in this city; it is right that they should mingle with us during our annual encampments so that the spirit of patriotism displayed by their fathers may be firmly impressed on their memories, and that they may regard, with a feeling of pride, the rich legacy left them, and guard it with a jealous care to make sure that their fathers did not fight in vain. I hope the time will soon come when the sons will have the same privileges accorded them, of meeting with the Grand Army in post meetings that they have granted to the members of the Grand Army.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

The Soldiers' Home at Orting is something that every Grand Army man in the state may be justly proud of. I have made three different visits there during my term of office, and every time have found the inmates were cared for in every particular, in a way that is highly gratifying to me and that reflects great credit on the recent Board of Trustees and Commandant A. L. Achilles and his good wife.

The only lack of the home that I could see was something in the way of amusements for the inmates; the location is not all that it might be; if it were somewhere on the Sound, it would be much better, and the inmates would have many ways of amusing themselves that they cannot have now. From all I can learn, the management under the new Commandant, S. M. Allen, continues about the same as before.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In the interest of economy, I would suggest that the semi-annual meeting of the Council of Administration be dispensed with for the coming year.

The consolidation of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. offices has worked well during the past year and I would suggest that the consolidation of the two offices be continued for the coming year.

At the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, held at Tacoma, the

Department Commander was instructed to have introduced in the legislature, a bill providing that this Department be accorded the privilege of depositing with the Adjutant General of the State of Washington, books of record, mementoes, etc., that it might desire to, and, through the kindness of Mr. C. S. Barlow, of Tacoma, such a bill was introduced and passed the House of Representatives, but went to sleep in the Senate. I would recommend, therefore, that a custodian be appointed from one of the posts of Seattle, Olympia or Tacoma, to take charge of such matter, thus saving expense in carting them around the state, from time to time, and that a committee be appointed by this encampment, to make a separation of what will be needed at Headquarters and what is not needed for general use, and, by the way, there is a large quantity of many things that will never be needed or used by the Department again.

I have with me today, two books presented to this Department at its last Encampment, by Custer Post No. 6, of Tacoma, through its committee, G. H. Boardman, in which are written the names of each comrade present at that Encampment, and, through the kindness of one of the soldiers at the Soldiers' Home the names have been transcribed into the larger book, in a very neat manner, giving the State, Regiment and Company of each comrade.

In conclusion I desire to express my sense of obligation for services rendered by my associate officers, by my personal staff and the Council of Administration, and especially to my Assistant Adjutant General, Jacob Emery, upon whom the burden of looking after the interests of the Department has, to a great extent, been placed. That his duty has been well performed, is but a mild expression of my appreciation of the services he has rendered.

If, on retiring from the officer of Commander, and laying down the gavel of authority at the expiration of my term, the ties which bind us so closely together were to be severed, such surrender would be sad and painful indeed, but we are spared the pain of separation, for, while the command passes into the hands of some other worthy comrade, we are still permitted to meet and are not debarred from taking an active part as members, and contributing by services and labor to enhance the best interests and welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department, and I freely and cheerfully place my best services at the command of the comrade you may be pleased to elect at this Encampment.

Comrades, permit me to express to you the wish that, as your steps grow less steady in the march of life, your forms bent by the weight of increasing years and your tenure of life more uncertain as you descend the slope leading to the last camping ground that you may do so with the feeling that the services you rendered to your

country and its flag were not in vain, and that a patriotic, loyal American people will forever bear aloft the emblem of Liberty, the Stars and the Stripes.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
 C. T. PATTERSON,
 Dept. Commander.

On motion of Comrade Billings, of McPherson Post No. 12, the Commander's address was referred to a special committee of three, which was appointed by the acting Senior Vice Commander as follows: J. G. Curtis, T. P. Price Post No. 82; John Taylor, Stevens Post No. 1; P. H. Carney, Custer Post No. 6.

Department Commander Patterson again resumed the chair and the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders were called for, but neither one was present, and they failed to make any report.

The Department Chaplain, A. H. Lackey, presented his report as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, }
 ABERDEEN, WN., JUNE 16th, 1897. }

TO C. T. PATTERSON, COMMANDER.

SIR:

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

Number of Posts in Department, 81; Living Posts, 75.

Number of Posts reporting, 47. Viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 30, 31, 35, 39, 41, 42, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 56, 60, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 73, 74, 75, 76, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 95.

Number of Posts not reporting, 34. Viz: 7, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 45, 46, 49, 53, 55, 57, 58, 59, 62, 66, 70, 71, 72, 80, 82, 86, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96.

Number of soldiers' and sailors' graves in cemeteries decorated by the Posts, 952.

Number buried since last Memorial Day, 47.

Number of Posts owning lots in cemeteries, 24.

Number buried in the Potters' Field, 3.

Number of graves unmarked by any proper headstones, 304.

Number of Posts holding Memorial Sunday Services, 47.

Number of comrades attending, 2070.

Number of Posts holding Memorial Day exercises, 46.

Number of comrades participating, 2303.

Number of other organizations assisting, 54.

Number of Woman's Relief Corps assisting, 27.

Number of members of the Woman's Relief Corps joining in the services, 271.

Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans joining, 15.

Number of members of the Camps of Sons of Veterans, 226.

Number of schools participating in Memorial Day exercises, 151.

Number of pupils participating, 3060.

Whole number of persons reported in attendance, 26,764.

Number of clergymen, who are veterans, preaching on Memorial Sabbath, 10.

Number of clergymen, who are Sons of Veterans, preaching Memorial sermons, 6.

Character of the exercises: Marching, Ritual Services, Orations, Recitations, Music—Vocal and Martial—decorating the graves of Veterans and Sons, Prayers and firing salutes.

Orators: Citizens, 14; Clergymen, 55; Comrades, 9.

REMARKS.

1. The General Orders of our Commanders—Department and National—urging the observance of Memorial Day by the teachers and pupils of our schools, was very cordially complied with in some places, two posts, Custer and Sheridan, Tacoma, having as many as one hundred schools represented, but in most places the young people seem to have had no part in the exercises of the day. Many of the teachers in charge of our schools now are not eminently patriotic, the text books now used obliterate, as far as possible, the distinction between loyalist and rebel in their account of the late civil war, and therefore the prospect of the generation now in school, in many places in this state, growing up thoroughly country-loving is not by any means promising. To counteract all this I urge upon all our Posts the wisdom of giving the schools a prominent place in the musical, recitation and decoration exercises of Memorial Day. It will sometimes require urging upon school boards and corps of teachers, but still it ought to be done.

2. So far as can be gathered from the reports, which, as a general thing, are distressingly thin and meager in their information, the request from Department and National Headquarters to the public not to indulge in ball games or unseemly amusements on Memorial Day, seems not to have been much regarded and the games went on as usual. Unless loud and still louder protest is made against this unseemly desecration of this sacred day, the time will soon come when it will lose its distinctive character and become a day of low sports, like the Fourth of July.

3. The number of Posts owning cemetery lots for soldiers' graves does not seem to have increased much since last year. Last year twenty reported, this year twenty-four. I would urge upon all posts the necessity of attending to a matter so important as this at once. While land is cheap let every community be moved to provide a nice plat of well improved cemetery property for the last resting place of their honored soldier dead.

4. One Post—all honor to it—Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle—reports: "All soldiers' graves in our cemetery are marked, two-thirds of them with marble." Stevens Post No. 1 not only has all its graves marked with proper headstones, but has in the year gone by removed their dead to a new cemetery called the "Grand Army Cemetery," where they have expended \$400 in fitting up the grounds, have laid the foundation in Portland Plaster five feet deep for a Soldiers' monument, which they expect to erect in the near future in memory of their dead comrades.

Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma, in its care of the graves of its deceased comrades, is also an example to the other Posts of the Department, going so far even as to have black, rich earth hauled this spring and spread over the graves so that grass and flowers would grow on them. As soon as a comrade is buried requisition is made upon the U. S. Quartermaster General for a headstone and it is immediately put in place and the identity of the resting place of no comrade is ever in doubt afterwards.

Two others of our largest Posts, J. L. Reno No. 47 and Sedgwick No. 8, Spokane, report no unmarked graves and report also that the general enthusiasm of the citizens in the observance of Memorial Day was the greatest they have ever seen.

5. Out of 952 soldiers' graves reported as decorated on Memorial Day, 304, or nearly one-third, are reported as unmarked by any proper headstones. One large Post—and if I were to mention the name of it at this time and place it would create a sensation—reports: "None are marked by the regulation headstone furnished by Government." The provision for obtaining Government headstones is so easy and so cheap that there can be no excuse for such neglect of the last resting place of our gallant dead. There are perhaps 500 unmarked soldiers' graves in the State of Washington.

6. Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles, observed Saturday, May 29, as Memorial Day at Port Angeles about as follows: In the forenoon they decorated the graves of their deceased comrades, the whole community turning out to assist. In the afternoon the parade was formed at 1:30, consisting of the Marine Band and Post Drum Corps, the Post of Veterans, the W. R. C., the Sons of Veterans, a number of other societies and the pupils of all the schools. They then marched

to the Opera House, where a model program was carried out in detail. Orders were read by the Adjutant, then music, vocal and instrumental, then the commander read portions of President Lincoln's address at Gettysburgh, then martial music on the fife and drum, then an able and eloquent Memorial address by the Rev. W. H. Mock, the Opera House being packed to its utmost capacity. Then in the evening the W. R. C. rendered a most excellent program, many of the pupils of the public schools taking part in patriotic songs and recitations. This I commend to our Posts as a model Memorial Day observance. Then on Monday the Post, W. R. C. and Drum Corps went in a body to Dungeness, sixteen miles distant, where seven old soldiers are buried, and repeated all the exercises of Saturday, the Methodist Church being beautifully decorated for the occasion. Thus by the time they arrived home parts of four days had been spent in Memorial observance. All honor to that Post, W. R. C. and Drum Corps!

7. Another example of loving, loyal observance of Memorial Day to which I beg leave to call your attention is that of the comrades of J. B. Wyman Post No. 41, Rockford, who, after fully observing the day at home in new, original, instructive and impressive exercises, went to another town, Mt. Hope, held Memorial exercises and decorated one grave.

Another is that of some comrades at a town called Issaquah, where there was no Post, but where there were comrades buried, who held Memorial Day services according to the Ritual, only substituting "Squad" for "Post" in each case, one of their number, our honored comrade, Gen. Tibbetts, acting as commander. If all did as these comrades, what an example it would be to the children of today! And no veteran's grave would go undecorated on Memorial Day, however lonely his last resting place.

8. One or two of the Posts reporting, held no Memorial Day exercises at all. One reports nothing but a Memorial Sabbath Sermon by one Rev. Thurston. All honor to him—"A Faithful Abdiel, 'Mid legions of Apostate Spirits"—he seems to have been willing, though uninvited and amid such discouragements, to let his light shine and do his duty.

9. A few Posts to the question, "How would you improve and make more impressive the exercises of Memorial Day?" make this answer: "By closing the saloons and stopping all doubtful amusements on that day." Others suggest that the Post in every community invite the public beforehand, and especially the teachers and pupils of the schools, to take an extensive and prominent part in the exercises of that day. I commend both these suggestions to my comrades for next Memorial Day. Give the young people of the schools in particular the principal place on the program. This latter suggestion

is in accordance with special action taken by our Encampment at its 12th Annual Session, to which I beg leave to call your attention.

10. I beg leave to suggest that hereafter all our Posts be required to report annually to the Commander of the Department what means they have used during the year gone by to bring to the public mind and conscience a higher appreciation of the purposes for which Memorial Day was instituted, according to our action at last Encampment as recorded on page 55 of the Journal. Only one Post—Geo. Crook No. 63, Aberdeen—reports having used any efforts to educate the public mind and conscience in this respect, and this they have done by carefully observing the day themselves, requesting others not to profane it by games on that day, and, when it is profaned by games, excursions or dances, protesting publicly against these.

11. The Department Chaplain is again forced to express his mortification and regret that so many Posts have neglected to forward any Post Chaplain's report. Fully one-half are direlect in this respect. It would seem as if our Chaplains were the most inefficient and negligent of all our officers. In addition to the oft-repeated and urgent requests from Headquarters, I have written personal letters in such numbers that I had hoped to have a report from every Post. But I am disappointed. The respect and affection we ought to cherish for each other, the shortness of time in which there will be any need for reports, as well as the pressure of official honor, should have induced every Adjutant and Chaplain to see that a report was forwarded promptly after Memorial Day.

12. I beg leave to congratulate my beloved comrades that they have come to an era of more generous and equitable pension legislation, whereby the declining years of the grandest citizen soldiery the world ever saw may be saved from the pinchings of poverty.

13. In closing I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Commander of the Department, Comrade C. T. Patterson and his accomplished Adjutant, Comrade Jacob Emery, for real and uniform courtesy and kindness in our official relations.

ALEX. H. LACKEY,
Department Chaplain.

Comrade M. E. Billings, of McPherson Post No. 12, moved that the report be approved, and that this Encampment instruct its Chaplain hereafter to make application to the Quartermaster of the U. S. Army for headstones to be placed at the graves of all soldiers known to have passed away in this Department. After some discussion, was referred to the following committee: C. D. Spencer, Post 52; H. H. Wolfe, Post 3; G. H. Boardman, Post 6.

The Assistant Adjutant General submitted his report as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 TACOMA, WASH., JUNE 12th, 1897. }

C. T. PATTERSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit my report of the standing of this Department for past official year, tabulated statement being brought down to include all reports made for term ending December 31st, 1896.

NO.	NAME AND LOCATION.	In good standing for term ending Dec. 31,		Gain.	Loss.
		1895	1896		
1.	Stevens, Seattle	213	206		7
2.	Ellsworth, Vancouver	27	41	14	
3.	A. Sully, Dayton	58	72	14	
4.	A. Lincoln, Walla Walla	65	68	3	
5.	Geo. H. Thomas, Olympia	44	46	2	
6.	Custer, Tacoma	151	170	19	
7.	Phil Kearney, Toledo	17	19	2	
8.	Sedgwick, Spokane	80	81	1	
9.	Meade, North Yakima	40	47	7	
10.	Morton, Snohomish	40	37		3
11.	James Parsons, Ellensburg	32	14		18
12.	McPherson, Kalama	20	21	1	
13.	Garfield, Montesano	31	35	4	
14.	Philo Buckman, Sprague	21			21
15.	Farragut, Port Townsend	56	41		15
16.	John. A. Logan, Garfield	19	16		3
17.	L. C. Ladd, Puyallup	20	24	4	
18.	Larrabee, La Conner	16	19	3	
19.	Nathaniel Lyon, Colfax	30	38	8	
20.	Baker, Goldendale	26	20		6
22.	McDowell, Pomeroy	34	24		10
23.	Geo. Wright, Cheney	23	21		2
24.	J. B. Steadman, New Whatcom	54	53		1
25.	Joe Hooker, Chehalis	21	22	1	
27.	Canby, Ilwaco	19			19
29.	Major Anderson, Palouse	10	18	8	
30.	O. M. Mitchell, Camas	14	15	1	
31.	J. F. Miller, Seattle	175	139		36
32.	Reynolds, Blaine	13	9		4
34.	Lindsay, Rosalia	12	10		2

35.	D. A. Russell, Mount Vernon.....	41.....	41.....	.....
36.	W. H. Seward, Juneau, Alaska.....	18.....	11.....	.....	7
37.	J. J. Lewis, Asotin.....	24.....	26.....	2.....	
39.	R. L. McCook, Wilbur.....	39.....	40.....	1.....	
41.	J. B. Wyman, Rockford.....	10.....	10.....	.....
42.	Lynch, Lynden.....	21.....	16.....	.....	5
44.	Phil. Sheridan, Tacoma.....	25.....	25.....	.....
45.	H. A. Miles, Waterville.....	12.....	13.....	1.....	
46.	W. B. Hazen, Ritzville.....	.....	16.....	16.....	
47.	J. L. Reno, Spokane.....	56.....	68.....	12.....	
48.	Pacific, Port Angeles.....	27.....	39.....	12.....	
49.	Kit Carson, Kelso.....	15.....	19.....	4.....	
51.	Gen. Grover, Auburn.....	19.....	21.....	2.....	
52.	Washington, Hoquiam.....	19.....	20.....	1.....	
53.	Whitman, Pullman.....	19.....	15.....	.....	4
54.	C. M. Reed, Orting.....	21.....	16.....	.....	5
55.	T. T. Minor, Winlock.....	10.....	.....	.....	10
56.	Lieut. Cushing, Ballard.....	23.....	16.....	.....	7
57.	H. G. Sickles, Vashon.....	19.....	20.....	1.....	
58.	C. M. Kellogg, West Ferndale.....	12.....	10.....	.....	2
59.	C. R. Apperson, Fairhaven.....	22.....	19.....	.....	3
60.	C. W. H. Bentley, Crescent.....	16.....	17.....	1.....	
62.	Gen. Milroy, Latah.....	25.....	19.....	.....	6
63.	George Crook, Aberdeen.....	16.....	16.....	.....
64.	Wallace, Springdale.....	18.....	13.....	.....	5
66.	Admiral Porter, Mossy Rock.....	14.....	15.....	1.....	
67.	B. F. Stephenson, Sumas City.....	13.....	13.....	.....
68.	Gen. Emory, Anacortes.....	16.....	17.....	1.....	
70.	Union, Chewelah.....	20.....	21.....	1.....	
71.	J. A. Reynolds, Buckley.....	17.....	.....	.....	17
72.	A. J. Smith, Wayside.....	24.....	24.....	.....
73.	Everett, Sumner.....	13.....	12.....	.....	1
74.	Silas Casey, Friday Harbor.....	7.....	7.....	.....
75.	E. J. Houghton, Harvey.....	19.....	17.....	.....	2
76.	Col. Burnham, Kent.....	20.....	14.....	.....	6
80.	H. R. Loomis, Gig Harbor.....	16.....	13.....	.....	3
81.	Worthington, Elma.....	15.....	15.....	.....
82.	T. P. Price, Centralia.....	40.....	31.....	.....	9
83.	Gen. Saunders, Kelso.....	19.....	13.....	.....	6
84.	Commodore Foote, Sidney.....	23.....	25.....	2.....	
86.	E. M. Stanton, Haller City.....	12.....	.....	.....	12
87.	J. A. Winslow, Station I, Tacoma.....	20.....	19.....	.....	1
88.	Gen. Lander, Farmington.....	19.....	18.....	.....	1
89.	John Buford, Everett.....	21.....	22.....	1.....	
90.	Col. Cross, Shelton.....	19.....	21.....	2.....	

92. D. Chaplain, Coupeville.....	12....	13....	1....	
93. Gen. Rusk, Davenport.....	16....	10....		6
94. N. B. Page, Mission.....	11....	11....		
95. L. P. Plummer, New Whatcom.....		25....	25....	
96. Gen. Ewing, North Bend.....		14....	14....	
Total.....	2314....	2242....	193....	265
Net loss.....				72

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES BY TERMS.

GAINS.	Term	Term	Total.
	ending June 30, 1896.	ending Dec. 31, 1896.	
By muster.....	130....	75....	205
By transfer.....	68....	40....	108
By reinstatement.....	73....	73....	146
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	16....		16
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	287....	188....	475
LOSSES.			
By death.....	24....	21....	45
By honorable discharge.....	13....	12....	25
By transfer.....	40....	34....	74
By suspension.....	140....	182....	322
By dishonorable discharge.....	1....	1....	2
By delinquent reports.....		79....	79
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	218....	329....	547
Reported for Dec. 31, 1895.....	77 Posts,	2314 members.	
Reported for Dec. 31, 1896.....	75 Posts,	2242 members.	
In report for '95 now delinquent.....	5 Posts,	79 members.	
Organized by last administration in '96.....	2 Posts,	39 members.	
Net loss during year.....		72 members.	

J. C. Fremont No. 69 not included in either report

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Dec. 1883.....	427	Dec. 1888.....	1358	June 1893.....	2793
" 1884.....	824	" 1889.....	1742	Dec. 1893.....	2580
" 1885.....	886	" 1890.....	2512	" 1894.....	2490
" 1886.....	690	" 1891.....	2706	" 1895.....	2314
" 1887.....	1046	" 1892.....	2638	" 1896.....	2242

Above table shows an increase in membership each year, with two exceptions, from date of organization, until time of holding encampment in June, 1893, membership reached "high water mark," 2793 being reported in good standing for previous term. Since then our numbers have been gradually decreasing.

The following Posts are delinquent for one term: Buckman No.

14, Canby No. 27, and J. A. Reynolds No. 71. The following are delinquent for one year, and J. C. Fremont No. 69 for two and one-half years, viz: Canby No. 27, Minor No. 55, Fremont No. 69. I have repeatedly requested reports from the officers of these Posts, but without success, and in some cases have received no reply.

What we shall do with our suspended members, is a problem to be solved in the future. The loss by suspension was 322 or nearly 15 per cent. of those remaining in good standing.

In my judgment it would be wisdom on the part of the Posts to carefully revise their suspended lists; drop those known to be "dead timber," remit dues of such as are known to be unable to pay them, and open the doors of the Posts for their return.

Death has claimed 45 of our comrades, or five more than was reported for previous year.

This reminds us that we should more seriously consider that change which must come to all, and so live that we may hope to join our comrades who are enrolled in the "Grand Army" above.

"For we're going soon to meet them in that bivouac of the soul;
As the shadows around us give the warning;
If you want to see your comrades where the angels call the 'Roll,'
Be ready for 'Inspection' in the morning."

The condition of the Posts compares favorably with former years, taking into consideration the fact that our comrades are growing older and consequently more feeble.

Many Posts have a small membership, making it very difficult to keep up regular meetings.

On July 20th, date of making first report, but 59 Posts had reported 1918 members. I was permitted, however, to make amended report August 3d, when 71 Posts had reported 2233 members; but by direction of the Adjutant General, 81 Posts were reported and 2400 members. January 20th, when second report was due, 68 Posts had reported 2130 members. Amended report was made in February, showing 73 Posts and 2209 members. Two others have since reported, making a total of 75 Posts and 2242 members in good standing.

I would suggest that some remedy should be applied to the carelessness and neglect of Post officers to make out and promptly forward their reports at the proper time. Probably the difficulty lies in placing comrades in office who are so actively engaged in the pursuit of wealth and honor, that they cannot spare sufficient time to attend to the duties of their office, or it may be through carelessness or indifference they cannot see any necessity for promptness in this matter. The remedy lies in making each Post responsible for neglect of its officers. It is a waste of time and effort to criticise these matters in Department reports. The dilatory officers presumably do not read the

reports, nor act in accordance with their suggestions. Some decided action by the encampment is needed, that will include a penalty sufficiently heavy to provide a remedy. The remedy might consist of a fine and suspension of the Post until the fine is paid, for each failure to forward report at the proper time.

No new Posts have been organized, and no charters surrendered during the year.

It affords me pleasure to report that J. S. Brown, Past Department Commander, acting under instructions from this office, has resurrected and reorganized J. C. Fremont Post No. 69 at South Bend, which was dead, being delinquent for reports and per capita tax for and since the second term of 1894. All credit is due Comrade Brown, and he is entitled to the thanks of this Department for his unceasing labor and zeal in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, in reclaiming this Post. I recommend that the action taken by J. S. Brown in reorganizing this Post, and accepting the office of Commander, while holding a "Leave of Absence" from J. L. Reno Post No. 47, be approved. I regularly mailed General Orders to, and repeatedly by letter, requested reports from last installed Commander, but have received no reply. It is reported the Post never had better prospects. They now have 22 members on the roll and having made reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster, and paid the per capita tax for the present term, I recommend that all back tax be remitted, and the Post placed in good standing.

In accordance with instructions of 14th Encampment, charters were issued to A. J. Smith Post No. 72 at Wayside, and Silas Casey Post No. 74, Friday Harbor.

Gen. Grover Post No. 51 at Auburn reported that their charter and all other Post property was destroyed by fire April 23d. This Post having lost its funds by the failure of the bank at Auburn, I recommend that a new charter be furnished free, and the necessary supplies to place the Post in working order, be furnished at a reduced price, not to exceed cost to the Department, or such other relief as the Encampment in its judgment may direct.

Acting upon the suggestion of Past Assistant Adjutant General Comstock, the election and installation reports were consolidated, and by so doing, we have secured a partial report from all Posts in good standing, except Nos. 11, 46 and 92. I have called attention to all delinquencies in General Orders, and written for reports but without success.

The custom of exchanging General Orders, Rosters and Journals with other Departments has been continued during the year, and all those received are on file in the office.

The business of this office, including a heavy correspondence, has

received prompt attention. All reports due National Headquarters have been promptly forwarded at the time required by the Rules and Regulations.

The Journals of last Encampment were distributed east of the mountains by J. M. Comstock, Past A. A. G., and west of the mountains from this office in the same ratio as previous year. Special credit is due Comrade Comstock for his promptness in preparing this Journal.

Journals of 30th National Encampment were received and distributed in December.

Eight General, one Supplementary and a number of Special Orders and dispensations have been issued for various purposes. These with ten National Orders, Circulars and literature pertaining to last and coming National Encampment, have been promptly mailed to all Posts.

One thousand Rosters for current year have been published and liberally distributed to all Posts, and one copy to each Department Blanks for all reports (except Surgeon's) for term ending June 30th, have been forwarded to each Post.

The plan of consolidating the offices of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, or having the A. A. G. perform the duties of both offices, has been adopted by several Departments with satisfactory results. As the present form of blanks for reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster makes it necessary that the same paper shall be filed in the office of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G., it will be more convenient in making reports to National Headquarters, for one person to perform the duties of both offices. In the interest of economy and prompt service, I recommend that this plan be continued.

I think the encampment should be held earlier in the season. In this connection allow me to repeat from the report of our last A. A. G. "With so late a date as this, the semi-annual period closes before the books and papers of the Department can be transferred into the hands of the incoming officials. The consolidated reports become due at National Headquarters before the administration has time to get into communication with the Posts and correct any erroneous reports. The result is that many Posts are liable to be reported delinquent for the want of time to communicate with them to correct errors, and the Department officers are severely criticised if their reports are not in on time."

In conclusion, Commander, as we are about to sever our official relations, permit me to express to you my appreciation for your many acts of kindness and confidence reposed in me. I have endeavored to conscientiously discharge the duties of this office, and whatever mis-

takes I have made, were of the head and not the heart. My thanks are also tendered to all with whom I have had official and social relations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades! let us cultivate a spirit of forbearance with each other, overlook faults, recall virtues only, and seek to enjoy together, to the fullest extent, the time allotted to us in this life.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JACOB EMERY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

On motion of A. H. Lackey, Department Chaplain, the report of the Assistant Adjutant General was referred to the following committee: John F. McLean, A. Lincoln Post No. 4; Col. T. M. Anderson, Ellsworth Post No. 2; J. N. Koontz, Sedgwick Post No. 8.

J. T. Goss, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, announced the program for the afternoon and evening as follows: Grand Parade; reception in Auditorium; addresses of welcome in behalf of the city by Mayor Stapleton; in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic by Col. T. M. Anderson, 14th U. S. Infantry; in behalf of the Sons of Veterans by W. W. Sparks. Responses by C. T. Patterson and G. A. Leavitt for the G. A. R.; Mrs. U. M. Mattison for the W. R. C.; W. F. Locke for the Sons of Veterans, and Miss Alma Stange for the L. A. S.

Regimental Dress Parade by 14th U. S. Infantry in Garrison, and Military Camp Fire in Garrison at night.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30 a. m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th, 1897.

Morning Session.

The Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment, was called to order at 8:30 a. m. by the Department Commander, and opened in due form. On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and the Commander announced the following committees:

On Woman's Relief Corps—S. G. Cosgrove, McDowell No. 22; Don G. Lovell, Custer No. 6; Geo. W. Tibbetts, Stevens No. 1.

On Sons of Veterans—J. S. Brown, Reno No. 47; M. M. Holmes, Stevens No. 1; E. H. Nixon, Lincoln No. 4.

On Ladies' Aid—T. M. Young, Stevens No. 1; L. B. McCoy, Custer No. 6; J. T. Sherfey, Buford No. 89.

On Resolutions—Geo. B. Lane, Geo. H. Thomas No. 5; C. W. Snyder, Custer No. 6; R. S. Alexander, Winslow No. 87.

The report of the Medical Director, B. R. Freeman, was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, }
 SPOKANE, WASH., MARCH 30th, 1897. }

TO C. T. PATTERSON, COMMANDER.

SIR:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the Medical Department of Washington and Alaska. I have received reports from forty-six Posts in the Department, many of them incomplete, being condensed as follows:

From July 1st, to Dec. 31st, 1896	46
From Jan. 1st to May 30, 1897.....	No report
Total number of Deaths.....	21
Total number deaths from wounds	3
From diseases contracted in service.....	12
From other causes.....	6
Amount disbursed for charity.....	\$4529.00

This report is incomplete as only about one-half of the Posts in the Department made reports to this office. It is better than last report; then only 25 Posts reported.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
 B. R. FREEMAN,
 Medical Director

On motion the report was referred to the following committee: E. W. Eliot of Lincoln No. 4, B. N. Bradfield of Custer No. 6, S. R. Witten of Reed No. 54.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer, H. W. Doty, was read by the Assistant Adjutant General as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICE, }
 PORT ANGELES, JUNE 14th, 1897. }

C. T. PATTERSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

SIR:

I have the honor to submit the following report: That since re-

ceiving the honor of appointment to this office, there has not come to my knowledge any application for charter of New Posts in this Department.

I have endeavored to interest ex-Union soldiers living remote from Posts, where their numbers were not sufficient to form strong Posts, in joining the Posts nearest to them, in order that they might take advantage of the benefits to be derived from Outposts of our Grand Order, but as yet, no satisfactory results have been accomplished. In accordance with your request I have visited in my official capacity, Pacific Post No. 48, and Farragut Post No. 15, in each of which I received all the courtesies due to a representative of Department Headquarters.

Regretting that I have been unable to do more for the good of the Order, and thanking you for the honor conferred on me by my appointment, and your confidence in me as thereby expressed. I am very respectfully yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

H. W. DOTY,

Chief Mustering Officer.

Referred to Spencer Hawley, Post No. 56, H. C. Bostwick, Post No. 6, and J. F. Martin, Post No. 3. Returned by the chairman without any report from the committee,

Report of the Judge Advocate, E. W. Eliot, was submitted as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE, }
 WALLA WALLA, JUNE 9th, 1897. }

COL. JACOB EMERY, ASS'T ADJ'T GEN., TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I have the honor to make the following report of the business of this Office, for the year just closing.

The very succesful administration of the Department, together with the good comradeship and harmony existing among the members of the Order, made the duties of the Judge Advocate very light.

Twice only have I been called upon by the Department Commander for opinions upon the administration of the Department affairs. In one case, that of a Court Martial, an appeal was taken from the decision of the Department Commander, to the Commander in Chief, who, after reviewing the case, reversed the decision of the Department Commander and disapproved the findings and verdict of the Court Martial.

The other matter referred to this office was in the form of an inquiry from a certain Post, as to whether the Rules and Regulations had been complied with in the reception of certain members.

An opinion was given that the Rules and Regulations had not been complied with, and that said comrades were not legal members of that Post.

The Rules and Regulations are so plain and easily understood that it seems to me no Post should fall into such an error, especially when almost every point is covered by decisions to be found in the Blue Book, a copy of which should be found in possession of each Post.

I desire to thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me and to congratulate him upon the success of his administration.

I also thank you for the many courtesies received at your hands. The associations of the past year will long be remembered.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

E. W. ELIOT,

Judge Advocate.

Referred to Comrades G. A. Leavitt, Post No. 6, Thomas Lavery, Post No. 47, and J. T. Goss, Post No. 2.

Report of Department Inspector, George Haskin, was read as follows:

DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, }
 TACOMA, WN., APRIL 16th, 1897. }

JACOB EMERY, A. A. G.

SIR:

As it is evident that everything has been reported in matters of inspection that will be, I submit the tabulated statement of same, together with this summary of totals.

Members in good standing.....	2356
Am't of money in relief fund.....	\$ 381 80
Expended for relief 12 months preceding Nov. '96..	3,922 91
Amount of money and securities in hands of Q. M.	
Posts	2,177 15
Value of property owned by Posts.....	10,538 20
No. Posts reported inspection.....	76
Posts not reporting; Nos. 14, 27, 55, 69, 86.....	5

I have the honor to be

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant,

GEORGE HASKIN,

Inspector

Dep't Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

Referred to Comrades H. C. Funk, D. Alverson and E. M.

Hulse. Inspector's sub-report read and referred to same committee.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was submitted as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 TAGOMA, WASH., JUNE 12th, 1897. }

C. T. PATTERSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report showing the financial transactions of this Department during the past official year, from June 18th, 1896, to June 12th, 1897. The continued business depression has made it a struggle for existence on the part of some of the smaller Posts.

I should be pleased if my report could show a more prosperous condition of the treasury, and a more satisfactory balance, but in view of the heavy loss in membership, by the practice of the strictest economy in the expenditures, the present administration has more than held its own, and considering the amount of receipts, will compare favorably with any of its predecessors. An improvement in the efficiency of Post Quartermasters is urged, so as to avoid the necessity of returning Post reports for correction, as we have been compelled to do in many instances.

I would also suggest that Post officers should make all requisitions for supplies on the blanks furnished by the Department always accompanied with the cash. The business has been conducted on a cash basis, and it is with pleasure we can say that we owe "no man anything," except the amounts overpaid by a few Posts. You will see by comparing reports, that the total receipts for the year were \$150.38 less than the previous year. We have a reduction in expenses of \$223.88, although we paid a bill of \$12.50 which had been allowed by the Council of Administration in February, 1896, and should have been paid by the former administration.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received from

W. H. Wiscombe	\$ 16 85
Per capita tax, first term.....	473 65
Per capita tax, second term.....	448 50
Sales of supplies { during year.....	147 67
{ old account.....	1 40
Supplies furnished on previous credit.....	1 05
Department Commander, refunded.....	12 95
Total	\$1102 07

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 1st, 1896.

NAME OF POST.	Number of Post.	Number of members in good standing.	Is the work in the ritual properly exemplified?	Are the officers and guards properly uniformed and equipped?	Are the members uniformed?	Are the officers regular in their attendance?	Are the members regular in their attendance?	Are the records complete and well kept?	Are orders received regularly and read to the Post and filed?	Have all reports and taxes been forwarded?	Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes?	How much money is in the relief fund?	Total amount expended for relief.	Amount of money and securities in hands of Quartermaster.	Value of other property owned by the Post.	Is there a corps of the W. R. C. connected with the Post?	Is there a camp of the S. of V.?	What are the prospects for the future?	
Stevens	1	231	yes	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		\$1305 44	48 87	\$2000	yes	yes	good	
Ellsworth	2	22	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		5 70	51 67	125	yes	yes	fair	
Alfred Sully	3	74	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			53 45		yes	yes	good	
A. Lincoln	4	68	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no			135 28	325	yes	yes	good	
Geo. H. Thomas	5	46	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no			9 50	350	yes	yes	good	
Custer	6	181	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$ 52 85	2 05	326 95	150	yes	yes	good	
Phil. Kearney	7	20	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no			90 74	350	yes	yes	good	
Sedgwick	8	97	yes	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			60 00	225	yes	yes	good	
Meade	9	40	yes	no	no	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes				25	yes	yes	good	
Morton	10	37	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			8 35	40	no	yes	good	
Jas. Parsons	11	21	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	100 00	80 00	3 25	100	no	yes	good	
McPherson	12	23	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	94 00	66 00	11 30	10	no	no	fair	
Garfield	13	35	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		11 30			no	no	good	
Philo Buckman	14																		
Farragut	15	43	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	50 00	215 00	5 00	195	yes	no	good	
John A. Logan	16	19	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no					no	no	poor	
L. C. Ladd	17	24	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no			20 63	75	no	no	good	
Larrabee	18	19	no	no	no	no	part	yes	yes	yes	yes		65 00	8 50	50	no	yes	fair	
Nathaniel Lyon	19	37	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		5 00	16 20	250	yes	yes	good	
Baker	20	20	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			95	10	no	no	fair	
McDowell	22	30	part	no	no	part	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			26 68	75	no	no	fair	
Gen. Geo. Wright	23	21	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			10 85	12	yes	yes	good	
J. B. Steadman	24	54	part	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	11 14	89 00	15 64	89	yes	yes	good	
Joe. Hooker	25	22	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			7 40	178	no	no	fair	
Canby	27																		
Gen. Anderson	29	18	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 75			75	no	no	fair	
O. M. Mitchell	30	18	yes	no	no	yes	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			4 45		no	no	fair	
John F. Miller	31	76	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			15 93	185	yes	no	good	
Lindsay	34	12	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				298	no	no	fair	
Reynolds	32	9	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			2 50	20	yes	yes	poor	
D. A. Russell	35	41	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		230 00	34 35	300	yes	yes	good	
W. H. Seward	36	11	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			3 30		no	yes	doubt	
J. J. Lewis	37	26	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			3 00		25	no	yes	fair
Robt. McCook	39	41	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				600	no	yes	good	
J. B. Wyman	41	6	fair	no	no	fair	no	yes	yes	yes	yes		119 56	8 25		no	no	fair	
Lynch	42	16	fair	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			11 90		25	yes	no	good
Phillip H. Sheridan	44	26	yes	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		895 00		75	yes	yes	good	
H. A. Miles	45	13	part	part	no	part	part	yes	yes	yes	yes								fair
Gen. W. B. Hazen	46	16	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				10				good
Gen. J. L. Reno	47	64	yes	yes	part	yes	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes								fair
Pacific	48	39	part	no	no	fair	no	yes	yes	yes	yes		67 00	8 80	354 65	yes	yes	good	
Kit Carson	49	19	part	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes								good
Gen. Grover	51	20	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								good
Washington	52	21	part	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	17 16	50 00	103 65		yes	yes	good	
Whitman	53	16	part	part	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				500	no	no	good	
C. M. Reed	54	16	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		133 50	71 61		yes	yes	good	
T. T. Minor	55																		
Lieut. Cushing	56	23	part	no	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			4 00	75	yes	yes	good	
H. G. Suckles	57	20	yes	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			19 40	10	yes	no	good	
C. M. Kellogg	58	10	part	no	no	yes	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			2 85	25	no	no	good	
C. R. Apperson	59	19	yes	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	96 00	544 83	75	no	no	good		
C. W. H. Bentley	60	17	yes	no	no	yes	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	4 00		49 20	14	yes	yes	good	
Gen. R. H. Milroy	62	19	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		27 10			no	no	good	
Geo. Crook	63	16	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			10 45	100	yes	yes	good	
Wallace	64	14	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	25 00		22 27	30	yes	no	good	
Admiral Porter	66	15	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			2 70	30	no	no	fair	
B. F. Stephenson	67	13	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	5 00		1 60	10	yes	no	fair	
Gen. Emory	68	17	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	96 00		11 28	25	no	no	good	
J. C. Fremont	69																		
Union	70	20	yes	part	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	28 00		17 20	550	yes	no	good	
John A. Reynolds	71	16	part	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			41 60	10	no	no	fair	
A. J. Smith	72	28	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			22 70	31 60	yes	no	good	
Everett	73	13	part	no	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			8 00	25	yes	no	good	
Silas Casey	74	7	no	no	no	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes					no	no	doubt	
E. J. Houghton	75	17	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			3 58	800	yes	yes	good	
Col. H. Burnham	76	17	yes	no	no	yes	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			8 55	10	no	no	good	
H. R. Loomis	80	12	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	30 75		8 20	450	yes	no	good	
Worthington	81	15	no	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			11 80	58	yes	no	fair	
T. P. Price	82	32	yes	no	no	fair	no	yes	yes	yes	no			7 15	40	yes	no	fair	
Gen. Saunders	83	12	yes	part	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			13 20	165 50	yes	yes	good	
Commodore Foote	84	26	no	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes		145 50		25	no	no	good	
E. M. Stanton	86																		
Winslow	87	18	part	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	4 00		12 87	100	yes	no	good	
Gen. Fred Lander	88	17	yes	part	part	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes			1 80	49 25	yes	no	good	
John Buford	89	22	part	part	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	34 05	141 10	45 65	22	yes	yes	good	
Col. E. E. Cross	90	21	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		17 96		62				fair
D. Chaplin	92	13	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			3 00					doubt
Gen. Rusk	93	10	no	no	no	yes	part	yes	yes	yes	yes	12 85	4 00	12 82	10				doubt
N. B. Page	94	11																	doubt
L. P. Plummer	95	24	part	no	no	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes			2 10	96 25				good
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount expended for	
Department tax to National Headquarters.....	\$ 57 65
Printing proceedings 14th Encampment.....	209 10
Printing General Orders	31 00
Printing 1000 Rosters.....	8 50
Printing, stationery, supplies and incidentals at Headquarters	25 20
Freight on Department property and Journals.....	26 96
Postage, express and exchange	62 74
Supplies from Quartermaster General	73 07
Salary A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.....	400 00
Office rent, Headquarters.....	25 00
Headquarters 30th National Encampment, St. Paul.....	51 85
Headquarters 29th National Encampment, Louisville.....	12 50
Travelling expenses Department Commander.....	28 15
Cash balance on hand	90 35
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RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Resources:

1897		
June 12	Cash on hand.....	\$ 90 35
	Supplies as per inventory	123 70
	1 desk.....	25 00
	Drawers and pigeon holes	11 00
	Blank case and packing box	34 50
	Department Seal	5 00
	Letter press and brush.....	10 25
	Flag and banner.....	125 00
	Due from Posts on supplies.....	1 55
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		\$ 426 55

Liabilities:

	Due various Posts, overpaid	\$ 26 40	
	Net assets.....	400 15	\$ 426 55

Statement of Supply Account:

1896		
June 18	By inventory	\$ 139 77
	By purchases Q. M. Gen	73 07
	Returned by Posts.....	3 70
	Profit on sales.....	54 83
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		\$ 271 37
	To sales during year.....	\$ 147 67
	Inventory, June 12th, 1897.....	61 60
	Dead Badge account condemned in 1895 ordered stricken out by Council of Administration.....	62 10
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		\$ 271 37

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF POST QUARTERMASTERS.

For term ending December 31st, 1896.

Receipts:

Balance on hand last report	\$1264 26
Receipts from all sources	2164 70

Total.....	\$ 3428 96
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Disbursements:

Paid Department per capita tax	\$ 448 40
Paid for relief from Post funds	24 22
Paid for all other disbursements	1728 55
Transferred to relief fund	3 25

Total.....	\$ 2204 42
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By cash on hand	1224 54
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Relief Fund:

Amount on hand last report	\$ 717 69
Received from all sources	442 05

Total	\$ 1159 74
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Expended during term.....	\$ 504 75
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Balance on hand.....	654 99
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Total.....	\$ 1159 74
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VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance Post fund	\$1224 54
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Cash Balance Relief fund.....	654 99
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Market value of real estate	5895 50
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Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc ...	5945 56
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Cash invested in Collaterals.....	541 93
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Total.....	\$14262 52
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Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JACOB EMERY,

A. Q. M. G.

On motion report was referred to the Council of Administration.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the Assistant Adjutant General for his efficient services.

A motion was made that \$30 be appropriated to defray expenses of Council of Administration in attending this Encampment. Referred to the committee on resolutions.

The Council of Administration submitted the following report:

VANCOUVER, WN., JUNE 17th, 1897.

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.

We, your Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the A. Q. M. G. as per his report rendered, showing a balance of cash on hand of \$90.35, for which we hold draft No. 14346 of First National Bank of Vancouver Wash. on the First National Bank of Portland Oregon.

We find that of the \$150 allowed by the Department to the Commander for visiting Posts, he has expended but \$67.05, for which we find proper vouchers; one for \$15.20 for visiting Posts and one for \$51.85, expenses of Headquarters at St. Paul, leaving unexpended the sum of \$82.95; and of the \$100 allowed by the last Encampment for rent for Headquarters, he has expended but \$25, an example of economy which we highly commend.

We would recommend the appropriation of \$100 for expenses of visiting Posts and expenses of Headquarters at the National Encampment at Buffalo.

We would recommend that the offices of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. be consolidated and that an allowance of \$350 be made for salary and office rent for the ensuing year.

We recommend that 500 copies of the Journal of the 15th Annual Encampment be printed under the direction of the outgoing, to be paid for by the incoming administration.

We recommend that the official roster be printed as soon after the installation of Post officers in January as possible, and that Posts not reporting their new officers before February 1st shall be barred from such roster; also that the expense of printing the roster shall not exceed the sum of ten dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

A. GARL,
H. S. LILLAGAR,
GEO. THORNTON,
THOMAS M. YOUNG,
Council of Administration.

On motion the report was approved and the recommendations adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, submitted the following report:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, OFFICERS AND COMRADES, G. A. R.
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

Your committee on Adjutant's report beg leave to submit the following:

We heartily endorse the same, concur in the suggestions and cordially recommend the same for your approval, adding a word of praise for the able manner in which he has filled his position.

Signed,

JOHN F. McLEAN,
J. N. KOONTZ.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the Chaplain's report submitted the following report:

The report that three soldiers were buried in Potter's Field has been called to the attention of this Department before. On the report being made at Tacoma, Gen. Wm. McMicken offered that if the place where buried and the name of the deceased comrades were given the bodies would be removed to the cemetery at Soldiers' Home. One of this committee knows that no such information has been given, and funds that were at that time applicable for this purpose have been paid to the State Treasurer. We recommend that the Posts nearest these graves be requested to remove these three bodies to the nearest cemetery, and if said Posts are unable to bear such expense the bill or bills be paid by the Department.

That as a substitute for motion of Comrade Billings in matter of unmarked graves we offer the following:

That the Department Commander issue a Circular Order to each Post, ordering them to furnish the A. Q. M. with a list of unmarked graves in their jurisdictions; that the list shall contain the name, company, regiment, state, branch of service and date of death, on receipt of which or when 20 names have been furnished, the Adjutant General of this Department shall make requisition on Q. M. Department of U. S. for same naming places to be shipped.

We, your committee on Chaplain's report move its adoption and that same be filed.

C. D. SPENCER,
H. H. WOLF,
BOARDMAN.

On motion the report was approved, and the recommendations adopted.

Past Department Commander S. G. Cosgrove presented the following resolution:

Resolved: By the Washington and Alaska Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Vancouver, Washington, June 17th and 18th, 1897.

That it is the sense of this Encampment that Comrade Thomas

M. Anderson, of Ellsworth Post No. 2, deserves by his service in the War of the Rebellion, and faithful service upon the frontier since in the Regular Army, the commendation and approval of this Encampment, and we cordially recommend his promotion to the grade of Brigadier General by the President of the United States whenever a vacancy occurs in that grade.

On motion the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted by a unanimous vote.

The following telegram from the Encampment of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., received during recess yesterday, was read:

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, }
JUNE 17th, 1897. }

TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, G. A. R.

The Comrades of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., in Encampment assembled, extend cordial greetings to their comrades in the State of Washington.

W. N. MORSE,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

The Assistant Adjutant General returned the following reply:

VANCOUVER, WASH., }
JUNE 17th, 1897. }

W. N. MORSE, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON, G. A. R.

In behalf of the Department of Washington and Alaska, we return greetings, and hope your Encampment may be successful.

JACOB EMERY,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

The following telegram from the Encampment of the Department of Idaho, G. A. R., was just received and read:

BOISE, IDAHO, }
10:20 P. M., JUNE 17th, 1897. }

TO DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON.

Greetings of the Department of Idaho, in memory of the days that tried men's souls. By order of the Department.

JOHN S. HUNT,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to

wire a reply. In compliance therewith he forwarded the following:

VANCOUVER, WASH., }
JUNE 18th, 1897. }

JOHN S. HUNT,
ASS'T ADJ'T GEN'L, DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO, G. A. R.,
BOISE, IDAHO.

Greetings of the Department of Washington and Alaska returned.
May the principals of our Order be like the Old Guard, never die.

JACOB EMERY,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

The following letter from pension agent was read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY, }
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., }
JUNE 12th, 1897. }

JACOB EMERY, A. A. GEN'L,
DEP'T WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.,
TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

Your recent letter giving the date of your Dep't Encampment was duly received. For all the vouchers that had been received from your Dep't, executed and mailed previous to the 7th inst. and for a number of those mailed on that date, the checks have been sent forward, or will go by tomorrow's mail, and will, I hope, reach the pensioners in ample time to enable them to attend Encampment. I regret that a number of defective vouchers had to be returned for correction, mostly mistakes of Notaries and 4th class Postmasters, causing disappointment to the pensioners and additional work here. Cannot you help to lessen this by having the attention of pensioners present at encampment directed to more care in the executing of their vouchers as per instructions herewith and on the vouchers?

 Carefully examine your voucher before mailing, and see that it is properly executed, signed, dated, witnessed, Magistrate's Seal or Postmaster's Stamp affixed, and the envelope addressed to U. S. Pension Agent, San Francisco, Cal., with full postage to Agency paid, thereby preventing its return for correction, non-payment of postage, or execution of a new voucher, and avoid delay in payment. 

There is another matter in which I desire, if agreeable, to enlist your co-operation, viz: There are quite a number of pensioners in your Dep't who are paid from other Agencies than this. I would like to have them added to this Agency if agreeable to them. I think they would find it more convenient if they do not contemplate moving out of the limits of this Agency in the near future. Six months residence

in an Agency District is sufficient to obtain a transfer. By requesting the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., or the Pension Agent by whom they are now paid, for a transfer to this Agency it will be made, or if preferred, I will furnish the usual Transfer Blank to any pensioner, eligible to transfer, who will send me his address. Kind remembrance to Comrades Young and Boardman, and wishing you a pleasant Encampment, with inspiring revivals of the "memories of the past."

I remain yours in F. C. and L.,
P. F. WALSH.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to return the thanks of this Encampment to Comrade Walsh for his kindness and the interest manifested in the pensioners of this Department.

It was moved and carried that the Encampment now proceed to the election of officers. Comrades Geo. H. Boardman of Post No. 6 and Geo. W. Tibbetts of Post No. 1 were appointed tellers, and E. W. Eliot of Post No. 4, Judge of the election.

Nominations for Department Commander being declared in order, Comrade E. H. Nixon, Post No. 4, nominated John F. McLean of A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

Comrade M. M. Holmes, of Post No. 1, nominated Geo. B. Lane, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

There being no further nominations a ballot was taken which resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 74; necessary to a choice, 38.

John F. McLean received 43 votes; Geo. B. Lane received 31 votes. John F. McLean having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Officer of the Guard announced that a committee from the Encampment of the Washington Division of the Sons of Veterans was at the outpost seeking admission. By direction of the Department Commander it was admitted, escorted to the platform and introduced to the comrades. Col. W. W. Sparks and Philip Panly of the committee, conveyed the greetings and congratulations of the Sons of Veterans to this Encampment. A

suitable response was made by Department Commander Patterson, after which the committee retired.

On motion the election of John F. McLean was made unanimous and a committee consisting of Geo. B. Lane, M. M. Holmes, and S. G. Cosgrove was appointed to escort him to the platform. On his appearance upon the platform, Commander-elect McLean briefly returned his thanks to the Encampment for the honor conferred upon him.

Nominations for Senior Vice Commander being next in order, Comrade H. C. Funk, of Ellsworth Post No. 2, was placed in nomination by J. T. Goss, of Post No. 2. No further nominations being made, on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for H. C. Funk. The ballot was cast as ordered, and Comrade Funk having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment, was declared duly elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade H. H. Wolfe, of A. Sully Post No. 3, was nominated for Junior Vice Commander. On motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for H. H. Wolfe. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as directed, and Comrade Wolfe having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment was declared duly elected Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrades Funk and Wolfe were escorted to the platform, and each made a brief address thanking the Encampment for the honor conferred upon them.

Dr. Thomas M. Young, of Stevens Post No. 1, was nominated for Medical Director, and there being no further nominations, on motion the A. A. G. was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for that comrade, and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade C. D. Spencer, of Washington Post No. 52, was nominated for Department Chaplain. No further nominations being made, on motion the A. A. G. was instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for C. D. Spencer, whereupon he was

declared duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

On motion it was ordered that two members of the Council of Administration be retained for the coming year.

The following comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: John Taylor, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle; George Thornton, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma; E. W. Eliot, A. Lincoln Post No. 4, Walla Walla; A. Garl, D. A. Russell Post No. 35, Mount Vernon; Thomas Lavery, J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

On motion the rules were suspended and the A. A. G. was instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for these comrades. The motion prevailing, the ballot was cast as directed, and the above named comrades were declared duly elected Council of Administration for the ensuing term.

Delegates to the 31st National Encampment were nominated and elected as follows: R. G. Hoge, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma; Geo. W. Tibbetts, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle; H. E. Farnsworth, McDowell Post No. 22, Pomeroy. On motion Geo. W. Tibbetts was named as delegate at-large.

The alternates were elected as follows: J. W. Range, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle; Wm. Fox, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle; C. W. Snyder, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Comrade Fairchild of South Dakota was admitted as a visitor, and upon invitation delivered a brief address.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, consisting of Mrs. A. P. Curry, Mrs. R. A. Hoit and Mrs. Stamp was announced by the Officer of the Guard. By direction of the Department Commander the ladies were admitted and escorted to the platform by Comrades J. F. McLean, G. A. Leavitt and H. H. Wolfe. The ladies were introduced to the Encampment by Comrade McLean, who in a characteristic manner referred to them as a "Nation's Jewels," after which Mrs. Curry in a brief address most eloquently presented the greetings of the 12th Annual Convention and then read the following report of Ursula M. Mattison, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 TACOMA, WASH., JUNE 17th, 1897. }

DEP'T COMMANDER C. T. PATTERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE
 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEP'T OF WASHINGTON
 AND ALASKA, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Members of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Dep't of Washington and Alaska, once more pledge allegiance to your Order and the principles for which it stands. Having followed in your footsteps, and instituted a Corps in Alaska during the past year, we are now ready to adopt as our own the language of Naomi of old, be it Cuba or Hawaii.

The following figures give in brief the result of our labors:

No. of Members in good standing.....	1033
Relief funds in hands of Corps, March 31st.....\$	263 91
Turned over to Posts during the year.....	280 70
Total amount of relief during the year.....	1455 22
Total amount of relief since organization of Dep't.	10564 10

Amount reported as expended for relief does not include money turned over to Posts, contributions sent to the Soldiers' Home at Orting, Army Nurse Fund, Memorial Day South nor any other of our benevolences; simply that which has been locally distributed by the several Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
 URSULA M. MATTISON,
 Dep't Pres.

Col. Thomas M. Anderson of the U. S. A. expressed his appreciation to the Encampment for the resolution passed in his favor.

The next order of business was the selection of a place for holding the next Encampment. The delegation from A. Lincoln Post No. 4 invited the Encampment to meet at Walla Walla, and the delegation from Stevens Post No. 1 extended an invitation to the comrades to meet at Seattle. After some discussion Seattle was withdrawn, and on motion Walla Walla was unanimously selected as the place for holding the 16th Annual Encampment. On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the delegation from Stevens Post for withdrawing the nomination of Seattle.

On motion committees were ordered appointed to confer with the W. R. C., Ladies' Aid and Sons of Veterans to ascer-

tain at what time they can join in a public installation of officers. The Commander announced the committees as follows: H. C. Funk to visit the Woman's Relief Corps, H. H. Wolfe to visit the Ladies' Aid, M. M. Holmes to visit the Sons of Veterans.

On motion Encampment adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th, 1897.

Afternoon Session.

The Encampment assembled at 1 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by Department Commander C. T. Patterson.

On motion the Encampment directed the incoming administration to reimburse the Department Chaplain the expenses incurred by him in attending this Encampment.

The Department Chaplain offered a resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

On motion of Geo. H. Boardman, of Custer Post, the Commander was directed to appoint a committee on storing the surplus books and papers not needed at Headquarters. The Commander appointed the present Assistant Adjutant General as said committee.

On motion of M. M. Holmes the incoming administration was directed to present the bill for storing the surplus books, papers, mementoes, etc., to the next legislature for passage.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, submitted the following report:

HEADQUARTERS 15TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, }
DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
JUNE 19th, 1897. }

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

We, your committee on Judge Advocate's report, fraternally report that upon examination of said report we recommend its approval. Especially do we commend to the fraternal regard of the comrades of this Department that part of the report referring to the fact that but one court martial has come before the Department during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. A. LEAVITT,
THOS. LAVERY,
J. T. GOSS.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Comrade G. A. Leavitt, of Custer Post, the Department Commander was instructed to issue a Special Order directing Post Chaplains to make "Memorial Day" reports to the Department Chaplain the coming year.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, submitted the following report:

We, the undersigned committee, having duly examined the report of the Department Commander, C. T. Patterson, hereby approve the same and recommend the adoption of the same.

J. G. CURTIS,
P. H. CARNEY,
JOHN TAYLOR.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director submitted the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
VANCOUVER, JUNE 18th, 1897.
DEP'T COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on the report of the Medical Director, having examined the said report, move its approval and adoption.

Your committee would suggest that the Post Officers be urged to make the necessary reports to the Medical Director as required by the Rules and Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. W. ELIOT,
In behalf of the committee.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following:

Your committee beg leave submit the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the National Encampment authorized the formation of Picket Posts in connection with local Posts, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Encampment instruct the incoming administration to formulate and issue an Order, giving Posts instruction as to the formation of Picket Posts and report their action to Department Headquarters.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the present excellent condition of the Soldiers' Home and assure Commandant Allen of our confidence and best wishes for the future.

WHEREAS, Fifty-seven of our brave comrades now sleep in their last resting place, in their narrow homes, in the cemetery of the Washington State Soldiers' Home at Orting, Washington, and more are following them, during each succeeding year, and

WHEREAS, No suitable monument has yet been reared to the memory of these immortal dead, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that such a monument should be raised, at the earliest possible date, in grateful memory of our beloved and departed heroes, and that the various Grand Army Posts of the State of Washington be invited, and they are hereby requested to raise as much money as possible for this purpose, during the ensuing year as a special fund, and that they report the results of their labors at our next Annual Encampment.

Also, That a committee of three be appointed from different sections of the State to make investigations to get plans, designs and specifications, and the probable cost of such a suitable monument, to be known as the Soldiers' Monument, donated and dedicated by the old soldiers and citizens of the State of Washington, and report the results of their labors at our next Annual Encampment.

That the committee appointed submit the above for the consideration of the W. R. C. Convention now assembled together in conjunction with the G. A. R., in this matter.

That the funds so created be held by the different Posts and Corps as a Monumental fund to be reported to this committee from time to time, subject to the action of the Department.

Resolved, That the 15th Annual Encampment extends its most hearty thanks to the city of Vancouver for its warm and cordial welcome and for the hospitality given the members of the Grand Army during their stay in the beautiful Queen City of the Columbia, and especially do we commend the excellent arrangements by the local committees for our entertainment.

Our thanks are extended to Col. T. M. Anderson, of the U. S. Army Post in this city for the interest shown by him, the excellent music, parade and entertainment accorded by those under his command.

Thanks are also extended to the Portland R. R. Co. and other railroads for reduction of rates to the members of the Encampment.

GEO. B. LANE,
C. W. SNYDER,
R. S. ALEXANDER.

On motion the above resolutions were adopted.

The following, submitted by the same committee, on motion was indefinitely postponed:

Your committee would recommend the following amendment to the order of business of the Annual Encampment: "For the good of the Order"—time allowed one hour each day.

The following resolution referred to the committee was returned without approval, and referred back to the Encampment for action:

Resolved, That this Encampment appropriate from its general fund thirty dollars to help defray the expenses of the four members of the Council of Administration present at this Encampment.

A motion to adopt the resolution was decided in the negative.

The following telegram was read by A. H. Lackey, Department Chaplain:

ABERDEEN, WASH., JUNE 18th, 1897.

TO A. H. LACKEY, CARE DEP'T ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.

We heartily invite you to hold your next Annual Encampment on Pacific Soldiers' Reunion Association grounds at Westport, Washington.

E. L. WADE,
Commander.

As the Encampment had already decided to hold its next session at Walla Walla, no action was taken in regard to above telegram.

The committees appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans to ascertain at what time they would be ready for installation, reported that these societies had named the hour of 4 o'clock this day.

On motion it was ordered that the resolution passed in behalf of Col. Anderson be engrossed in the records, and a copy furnished him by the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Inspector's report was called up and on motion approved. The sub-report was called for and after a second reading on motion it was ordered that it be received and placed on file, but excluded from the Journal on the ground that it was a matter pertaining to Pierce county and not the Department.

On motion it was ordered that \$7 be paid to George Thornton, and also to H. S. Lillagar, members of the Council of Administration, to defray their traveling expenses in attending this Encampment.

Under the head of unfinished business and "Good of the Order," a roll call of the States was made by Comrade Alexan-

der of Winslow Post No. 87, and many unique and interesting reminiscences of the Civil War were told.

The hour for installation having arrived, the Encampment held an open session and united with the auxiliary organizations of the Department in a public installation. By request S. G. Cosgrove, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Cheif, installed the following officers:

Department Commander, John F. McLean.

Senior Vice Commander, H. C. Funk.

Junior Vice Commander, H. H. Wolfe.

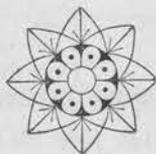
Medical Director, Dr. Thos. M. Young.

Chaplain, C. D. Spencer.

Assistant Adjutant General, } E. H. Nixon.
Assistant Quartermaster General, }

No further business appearing, the session of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, was closed *sine die*.

JACOB EMERY,
Assistant Adjutant General.



Mustered Out.

FIRST TERM, ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1896.

Post No. 1, Albert Burroughs,	Post No. 20, Philip Camwell,
Post No. 1, John Christ,	Post No. 32, Delos L. Stone,
Post No. 1, Thomas P. Drew,	Post No. 37, William McVay,
Post No. 2, J. D. Geoghegan,	Post No. 47, Elisha Vose,
Post No. 6, J. D. Caughran,	Post No. 53, Peter Smith,
Post No. 6, M. B. Waite,	Post No. 53, James A. Teawalt,
Post No. 8, David Balthis,	Post No. 56, Joseph F. Sinclair,
Post No. 8, Andrew Morton,	Post No. 62, James Robertson,
Post No. 9,	Post No. 64, Daniel Galucia,
Post No. 9,	Post No. 71, Rev. A. B. Hayward,
Post No. 10, Elisha Nye,	Post No. 82, J. D. Joy,
Post No. 15, John Q. Adams.	Post No. 83, Alexander Poland.

SECOND TERM, ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

Post No. 1, John Convery,	Post No. 6, Wm. L. Sexton,
Post No. 1, Martin Cabanski,	Post No. 10, Thomas B. Hobson,
Post No. 1, A. T. Hill,	Post No. 16, Wm. Dallas,
Post No. 1, Henry M. Robbins,	Post No. 30, J. H. Bruce,
Post No. 1, James M. Williams,	Post No. 31, Geo. W. Bullems,
Post No. 1, Lewis Hoffiditz,	Post No. 31, W. J. Jennings,
Post No. 3, W. H. Grupe,	Post No. 41, John Mills,
Post No. 4, Edward McGann,	Post No. 41, S. Gavit,
Post No. 5, J. H. Morf,	Post No. 84, D. S. Hill,
Post No. 6, Fred Keutemeyer,	Post No. 89, Samuel Segar,
	Post No. 90, Eliab Dunbar.

Total deaths from Dec. 31st, 1895, to Dec. 31st, 1896, 45.

In Memoriam.

JOHN D. GEOGHEGAN.

John D. Geoghegan was born in Galway, Ireland, December 25, 1842, and came to America in 1846.

He enlisted April 14th, 1862, in Co. C, 18th U. S. Infantry, was taken prisoner at Chicamauga, and confined for fifteen months in Libby, Danville and Andersonville prisons; discharged as Sergeant April 28th, 1865.

Re-enlisted in the 10th U. S. Infantry, and on April 20th, 1866, was commissioned 2d Lieutenant, and 1st Lieutenant July 28th. Resigned in 1869. He followed the sea for four years, and again enlisted in the Army and was in the Modoc and Nez Perce Indian wars. From 1877 to 1879 he farmed in Washington County, Oregon. He then served in the Quartermaster's Department at Vancouver Barracks until 1885, when he engaged in the mercantile business in Vancouver. He has filled the offices of Assistant Quartermaster General and member of the Council of Administration in this Department. He was a Justice of the Peace, member of the first State Legislature and Register of the United States Land Office. At the time of his death, June 20th, 1896, he was an honored and loved member of Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

The following resolutions were drafted in honor of his memory:

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 2,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
VANCOUVER, WASH., JUNE 26th, 1896. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, by death, our worthy Comrade John D. Geoghegan, therefore be it

Resolved, By Ellsworth Post No. 2, G. A. R., Department of Washington and Alaska, that in the death of our noble Comrade, we fully realize the irreparable loss we have sustained. His words of encouragement will no more be heard. His acts of charity and benevolence have ceased, but will ever be remembered. His sterling worth, splendid abilities and exalted Christian character are known to all, and are for us to emulate. Well may we say "his deeds live after him," deeds reflecting the honor and glory of our common manhood. We can but bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing that "He doeth all things well." "The Lord giveth; the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." And further be it

Resolved, That our hearts go out in profound sympathy to the family of our deceased Comrade in their great bereavement, losing as they do, a loving husband and an indulgent father. Their hope is the Christian's hope, ever true and steadfast in sunshine or in storm. And further be it

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to our deceased Comrade, it is ordered that the flag and charter of Ellsworth Post No. 2, G. A. R., be draped in mourning for the period of six months, and that the Adjutant be directed to notify the Department Commander of our great loss. And further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of our deceased Comrade, Department and National Headquarters, and to the press for publication.

JAMES A. SNODGRASS,

Official:

H. C. FUNK,

Adjutant:

Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
TACOMA, WASH., JUNE 20th, 1896. }
(SUB-STATION NO. 1.)

General Orders }
No. 1. }

I. At the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Ta-

com, Wash., June 16th to 18th, 1896, the following comrades were elected to the offices named:

Commander,

C. T. Patterson, Winslow Post No. 87, Tacoma.

Senior Vice Commander,

F. M. Ellsworth, Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 19, Colfax.

Junior Vice Commander,

W. H. Mossman, Joe Hooker Post No. 25, Chehalis.

Medical Director,

B. R. Freeman, Gen. J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

Chaplain,

A. H. Lackey, George Crook Post No. 63, Aberdeen.

Council of Administration,

Abraham Garl, D. A. Russel Post No. 35, Mount Vernon.

L. A. Treen, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

H. S. Lillagar, C. M. Reed Post No. 54, Orting.

George Thornton, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

F. M. Young, ————— Seattle.

Delegates to Thirtieth National Encampment,

John R. Kinneer, (At Large) Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

R. G. O'Brien, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.

C. H. Holmes, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

B. N. Bradfield, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Alternates,

W. M. Ellingsworth, A. Lincoln Post No. 4, Walla Walla.

Edward Rose, Farragut Post No. 15, Port Townsend.

R. W. Williams, D. A. Russell Post No. 35, Mount Vernon.

R. G. Hoge, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

II. The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,

Jacob Emery, Winslow Post No. 87, Tacoma.

Judge Advocate,

Elisha W. Eliot, A. Lincoln Post No. 4, Walla Walla.

Inspector,

George Haskin, Sheridan Post No. 44, Tacoma.

Chief Mustering Officer,

H. W. Doty, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles.

Chief of Staff,

J. B. Hoyt, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Senior Aide-de-Camp,

R. S. Alexander, Winslow Post No. 87, Tacoma.

Assistant Aides for Military Instruction in Public Schools,

G. W. Tibbetts, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

J. D. Geoghegan, Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

G. B. Lane, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.

P. H. Carney, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

William Markham, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

C. S. McNeil, Parsons Post No. 11, Ellensburg.

Thad. S. Smith, Farragut Post No. 15, Port Townsend.

John Broyles, Plummer Post No. 95, New Whatcom.

III. Post Commanders are requested to forward to these Headquarters at as early a date as possible the name of a comrade from his Post for appointment as Aide on the staff of the Department Commander.

IV. The attention of Post Commanders is called to Sec. 1, Art. II, of Chap. V, of the Rules and Regulations, which requires the semi-annual returns of the Posts to be forwarded to Department Headquarters immediately after the close of the semi-annual period, or July 1st, 1896.

It is important that all these reports should be promptly made, so that the Department Commander may be able to forward the consolidated returns to the National Headquarters by the 20th of July, as required.

The semi-annual per capita tax is 20 cents. Remittances should be by money order, payable to J. Emery, A. Q. M. G. P. O. address, (Sub-station No. 1) Tacoma, Wash.

V. The 14th Annual Encampment just closed instructed the A. A. G. to perform the duties of the A. Q. M. G. also, therefore all requisitions for supplies should be made to J. Emery, A. A. G., and cash or its equivalent must accompany all orders.

VI. Department Headquarters are hereby established at Tacoma, Wash., and all communications should be so addressed to the A. A. G.

VII. In assuming command of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., I congratulate the comrades on its prosperity and the successful administration of my predecessors, and earnestly request the hearty co-operation of each and every comrade of the Department in carrying out the great principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

By command of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Department Commander.

Official:

J. EMERY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TACOMA, WASH., AUG. 8th, 1896. }

General Orders }
 No. 2. }

I. The Thirtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at St. Paul, Minn., September 2d to 4th, inclusive. All Post Commanders are requested to forward to these Headquarters *at once* the probable number of comrades who anticipate attendance.

II. The Department Commander has chosen the Northern Pacific Railroad as the official route, and will leave Tacoma on Friday, August 28, at 10:30 p. m., at which point he will meet the Commander and Representatives of the Department of California, who previously had decided to go via the Northern Pacific. The Oregon delegation has also been invited to join us. A cordial invitation is extended to the representatives of the several bodies meeting in St. Paul, comrades and their families, and all those who expect to make an Eastern trip about that time, to join the official train, wherever convenient, and accompany these delegations; the rates being equally available for Grand Army people and those who are not.

III. The Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and O. R. & N. railways have agreed upon a rate of one fare for the round trip from Pacific Coast Points. The rate from Portland and all Puget Sound points will be \$60; Spokane, \$50; Dayton and Waitsburg, \$54. Tickets will be sold August 25, 26, 28 and 29. Going trip to commence on day of sale and be continuous. The final limit will enable passengers to leave St. Paul not later than September 13th and make continuous trip to starting point.

On the same dates tickets will be sold from Portland and Puget Sound points at rate of \$77.90 and Spokane \$67.90 round trip, which, if deposited with joint agent at St. Paul prior to September 15, will be good to leave St. Paul September 15, 22, or 29, making continuous passage to starting point.

IV. The hotels charge regular rates and range from \$1 to \$6 per day for each person; boarding houses \$1.25 to 2.50 per day; private houses, board and lodging, \$1 to \$2.50 per day; lodging 50c to \$1 per night; meals 25c and upwards.

Comrades desiring accommodations should address C. W. Horr, Chairman Accommodation Committee, Room 520, Endicott Building, St. Paul.

The Department Commander has secured Headquarters at the Hotel Ryan, corner 6th and Robert St's where all comrades are expected to make themselves at home.

V. A number of Posts have not yet reported for the term ending June 30th, although urged by letter from Headquarters to send in their reports promptly. It is hoped no Post Commander will permit his Post to remain delinquent by longer with-holding his report.

VI. The G. A. R. is not a political organization, and it is of the utmost importance during the political campaign just before us, that the discussion of politics be avoided in all meetings of the Order. The Department Commander recognizes the right of each comrade to his individual opinion, and he is expected to exercise each privilege and avail himself of each right as a citizen, yet he feels it his duty to caution the members of the Department against wearing the badge, button, or any other emblem of the Order during political parades, or while attending political meetings

VII. The commander desires to call special attention to the valuable assistance which the Relief Corps, Daughters and Sons of Veterans render to the Grand Army.

We have observed that where these organizations exist the Posts are most prosperous. We cannot too highly estimate their assistance and most earnestly urge all Posts not having these auxiliaries to take steps at once and institute the same.

For information as to the Relief Corps, address Ursula M. Mattison, Department President, 1009 South M St., Tacoma.

VIII. The following appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Wm. H. Nash, Post No. 2,	S. P. Tapping, Post No. 59,
L. W. Spencer, Post No. 4,	D. C. Hull, Post No. 64.
P. H. Carney, Post No. 6,	A. B. Curtis, Post No. 68,
Geo. F. Davis, Post No. 11,	H. G. Cronk, Post No. 83,
Jos. Smith, Post No. 12,	A. W. Robinson, Post No. 84,
Wm. H. Muncy, Post No. 16,	J. M. Sweetland, Post No. 90,
J. J. Edens, Post No. 24,	J. F. Millikin, Post No. 93,
	H. G. Hoflin, Post No. 44.

It will be the special duty of these aides, and others which will be appointed later, to visit the Posts in their vicinity, encourage all the old veterans to enroll themselves in the ranks of the Order, and increase enthusiasm among the comrades.

Post Commanders who have not recommended Aides are requested to do so at once.

Special Aide in charge of Military Instruction in Public Schools, L. M. Lambert, Post No. 4, Walla Walla, who will give the necessary instruction to the Assistant Aides.

IX. Correction.—The name of a member of the Council of Administration was erroneously printed F. M. Young in General Order No. 1. It should have been Dr. Thos. M. Young, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

X. Information wanted.—C. Ludwig of 2315 Front St., Seattle, Wash., desires the address of any comrade who knew his father, Christian Ludwig, late Private, Company C., 1st Regiment Missouri Infantry, S. M. Vols., who was enrolled in March, 1862, and discharged at Rolla, Mo., in April, 1865.

By command of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Department Commander.

Official:

JACOB EMERY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

P. O. Address,
Sub Station No. 1,
Tacoma, Wash.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
TACOMA, WASH., OCT. 7th, 1896. }

General Orders }
No. 3. }

I. The Thirtieth National Encampment held at St. Paul, Sept. 1st to 5th, 1896, has now passed into history as one of the most successful, enjoyable and harmonious Encampments that has ever convened. The citizens did everything in their power to make the sojourn of the comrades delightful, and the visitors fully appreciated their kindly efforts.

The city was most gorgeously and artistically decorated, being one mass of bunting and flowers by day and one gleam of light by night.

We are very glad to state that this Department was represented by the Commander and staff, a full delegation of representatives, and others, and we received our share of attention.

II. Dr. Thomas M. Young, of Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle, was nominated and confirmed as a member of the National Council of Administration for this Department.

III. Post Commanders are reminded that preparations should now be made for the Annual Inspection of the various Posts of this Department. The Rules and Regulations require that an inspection must be made before the 20th day of December and no Post can install its officers until after said inspection.

IV. The attention of Post Commanders is called to the letter issued from the Department Inspector's office, requesting that the name of a comrade from each Post be sent in for appointment as Assistant Inspector. Great care should be exercised in the selection of these comrades in order that the inspection may be thorough, and a credit to all concerned. Do not wait for Post meeting but send the name *at once*.

V. The Department Commander desires to call attention to the large number of comrades on the suspended and dropped list. This should receive prompt and careful attention. No comrade should be lost to the Order because he is unable to pay his dues. We have determined to make an effort to see how many of these can be reinstated. We recommend that the Commander of each Post appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to visit each suspended member and see if he can be induced to return to the ranks of the G. A. R.

VI. The following Adjutant and Quartermaster Reports are still delinquent for term ending June 30th: Posts Nos. as follows: 20, 30, 34, 53, 55, 58, 69 and 86.

The Commanders have obligated themselves to see that reports are *promptly* furnished, and it is hoped they will attend to their duty at once.

VII. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Aides-de-Camp,

Walter France, Post No. 8.

B. B. Coombs, Post No. 9.

S. R. Witten, Post No. 54.

Several Commanders have made no recommendation for Aides. If they desire these appointments, names should be forwarded immediately.

VIII. Attention is called to the system, found in Chap. 8, Vol. 1, Hill's Code, also in Roster of 1891, of providing pecuniary assistance for the indigent soldiers, sailors and their families. A detailed statement should be made by the Commander in October and sent to the County Auditor, noting the amount of relief and the names of those thereby benefited, also that the Post intends to continue such relief during the coming year. The law should be carefully observed in the disbursements of these funds so that no possible objections can be raised which would debar our worthy comrades of that which is justly due them.

IX. Information Wanted.—By Victor A. Bador, of Lynn, Mass., the address of any member of Co. A., 14th U. S. Infantry, between

August 1st, 1861, and August 1st, 1864. By Martin W. Bowker, of Perry, Iowa, the address of Capt. J. E. McBride, Co. F, 14th Ohio Infantry; when last heard from was in Spokane.

Wanted, at Headquarters, by the Assistant Adjutant General, a copy of the proceedings of the First and Fifth Annual Encampments of this Department.

X. General Orders No. 13 and 1, National Headquarters, accompany these Orders and the attention of Posts is directed thereto.

By command of

Official:
 J. EMERY, C. T. PATTERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TACOMA, WASH., NOV. 19th, 1896. }

General Orders }
 No. 4. }

I. The following comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

James Price	Post No. 1		Anthony Nash	Post No. 15
J. E. Williams	“ 39		C. B. Hoadley	“ 72
W. H. Spencer	“ 75			

II. The time for the Annual Inspection of the Posts of the Department is at hand, and upon the recommendation of the Department Inspector, the following comrades have been appointed Assistant Inspectors, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

	No.			No.
S. W. Clark	Stevens, 1		W. H. Wiscombe	Reno, 47
R. W. Downing	Ellsworth, 2		Richard Fowler	Pacific, 48
W. C. Bishop	Sully, 3		O. Hinson	Carson, 49
W. T. Dodd	Lincoln, 4		Lewis Gilbert	Grover, 51
Wm. Peel	Custer, 6		W. F. Crawford	Washington, 52
H. D. Gifford	Kearney, 7		H. S. Lillagar	Reed, 54
N. H. Yeats	Meade, 9		C. W. Houghton	Sickles, 57
H. J. Andrews	Morton, 10		Max Sanford	Crook, 63
T. M. McCandless	Parsons, 11		A. E. Bidgood	Wallace, 64
Silas Smith	Garfield, 13		Daniel Shaner	Porter, 66
D. M. Littlefield	Farragut, 15		Moses Wilson	Smith, 72
Scott Sales	Ladd, 17		J. R. Moore	Everett, 73
J. R. Putnam	Baker, 20		G. W. Sykes	Houghton, 75
John Filer	Wright, 23		George Wood	Burnham, 76
W. H. Penfield	Steadman, 24		J. F. Allen	Loomis, 80
H. C. Stinson	Hooker, 25		J. M. Webb	Price, 82
W. S. Harlan	Miller, 31		T. J. Holcomb	Foote, 84
B. R. Sumner	Russell, 35		S. M. Kennedy	Buford, 89
Ben King	McCook, 39		John Seig	Col. Cross, 90
C. A. Beavers	Lynch, 42		R. R. Stewart	Rusk, 93
G. W. Robbins	Sheridan, 44		Emery Prouty	Plummer, 95
M. I. Young	Miles, 45		G. W. Tibbetts	Ewing, 96

III. Many Post Commanders have failed to recommend the name of a comrade for appointment as Assistant Inspector. It is now too late to do so and have them announced in General Orders. In all such cases the Post Commander will detail one of the Vice Post Commanders or some other competent comrade to perform that duty. The Department Commander recommends that all inspections be made at the first regular meeting in December.

IV. This announcement is authority for the Assistant Inspectors to proceed with their duties without further notice, and arrange dates with Post Commanders for said inspection. The form of inspection as laid down in the Service Book must be strictly followed. It is especially urged that every member of the Post be present. Under the Rules and Regulations no Post officers can be installed until such inspection has been made. These inspections are expected to be thorough, and must be completed by December 20th, and in all cases reports must be made out on the inspection blanks, (which have been forwarded), and sent immediately after inspection to George Haskin, Department Inspector, Tacoma, Washington, to whom all correspondence relating to inspection should be addressed. As no allowance has been made by the Department for the payment of Inspectors, the Commander desires that every possible courtesy be extended to them; and when from an adjoining Post they should be freely entertained and all necessary expenses paid by the Post Inspected.

V. At the first meeting in December each Post will elect its officers for the ensuing year; also Representatives and Alternates to attend next Department Encampment. All comrades in good standing should be notified of the time and place of holding this election.

Each Post is entitled to elect one Representative and one Alternate for each twenty members in good standing, and one additional for a majority fraction thereof, as shown by the June report.

The number of Representatives and Alternates apportioned to the Posts for the 15th Annual Encampment of this Department, is shown in the following table:

No.	Post.	Members.	Rep.	No.	Post.	Members.	Rep.
1	Stevens	223	11	49	Kit Carson	15	1
2	Ellsworth	25	1	51	Gen. Grover	20	1
3	Alfred Sully	54	3	52	Washington	21	1
4	A. Lincoln	64	3	53	Whitman	Delinquent	
5	Geo. H. Thomas	46	2	54	C. M. Reed	16	1
6	Custer	178	9	55	T. T. Minor	Delinquent	
7	Phil Kearney	19	1	56	Lieut. Cushing	23	1
8	Sedgwick	91	5	57	H. G. Sickles	20	1
9	Meade	40	2	58	Kellogg	Delinquent	
10	Morton	40	2	59	C. R. Apperson	20	1
11	Jas. Parsons	20	1	60	C. W. Bentley	16	1
12	McPherson	20	1	62	Gen. Milroy	19	1
13	Garfield	33	2	63	George Crook	19	1

No.	Post.	Members.	Rep.	No.	Post.	Members.	Rep.
14	P. Buckman	20	1	64	Wallace	18	1
15	Farragut	43	2	66	A. Porter	14	1
16	J. A. Logan	19	1	67	Stephenson	13	1
17	L. C. Ladd	21	1	68	Gen. Emory	20	1
18	Larrabee	19	1	69	J. C. Fremont	Delinquent	
19	N. Lyon	36	2	70	Union	20	1
20	Baker	Delinquent		71	J. A. Reynolds	17	1
22	McDowell	30	1	72	A. J. Smith	27	1
23	Geo. Wright	13	1	73	Everett	18	1
24	J. B. Steadman	53	3	74	Silas Casey	7	1
25	Joe Hooker	23	1	75	E. J. Houghton	19	1
27	Canby	20	1	76	Col. Burnham	17	1
29	Maj. Anderson	18	1	80	Loomis	14	1
30	O. M. Mitchell	18	1	81	Worthington	14	1
31	J. F. Miller	176	9	82	T. P. Price	32	2
32	Reynolds	8	1	83	Gen. Saunders	11	1
34	Lindsay	Delinquent		84	Com. Foote	28	1
35	D. A. Russell	41	2	86	E. M. Stanton	Delinquent	
36	W. H. Seward	12	1	87	J. A. Winslow	18	1
37	J. J. Lewis	26	1	88	Gen. Lander	18	1
39	R. L. McCook	39	2	89	John Buford	22	1
41	J. B. Wyman	12	1	90	Col. Cross	21	1
42	Lynch	10	1	92	D. Chaplain	13	1
44	Phil. Sheridan	25	1	93	Gen. Rusk	14	1
45	H. A. Miles	12	1	94	N. B. Page	12	1
46	W. B. Hazen	15	1	95	L. P. Plummer	23	1
47	Gen. Reno	64	3	96	Gen. Ewing	12	1
48	Pacific	37	2				

VI. The attention of the members of delinquent Posts is directed to the fact that under the Rules and Regulations, they are not only disqualified from installing the officers, but will not be entitled to the countersign or representation in the Department Encampment. The following Posts are still delinquent: Nos. 20, 34, 53, 55, 58, 69, 86. They may, however, relieve themselves and be reinstated to active membership by forwarding their delinquent report and dues. Commanders should have interest enough in the welfare of their Posts to give this matter their personal attention. Your duty is plain. Do not delay any longer.

VII. The comrades are reminded that too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of Officers and Representatives. It should in no case be made a matter of mere compliment or personal favor. Posts should select officers known to be prompt in the discharge of their duties and zealous in the work of the Grand Army. Then give them your united help to build up and strengthen the Post, and to bring into the ranks many worthy comrades who are with us but not of us. The same care should guide you in selecting Representatives. No one should be elected who will not attend the Encampment.

VIII. Blanks are herewith enclosed for the election and installation reports. Upon the recommendation of our worthy comrade, J.

M. Comstock, Past Assistant Adjutant General, (see page 27, Journal 14th Encampment), we have consolidated these two reports. Post Commanders are instructed to have the election report properly filled out at the *first meeting in December*, retaining the same until the installation in January, when the other blank should be filled by the installing officer *on the night of installation*, after which both reports should be immediately forwarded to the A. A. G. In filling out these reports, care should be taken to write plainly, and spell all names correctly. This will prevent mistakes and save future correspondence.

IX. Blanks are also enclosed for report of the Adjutant, Quartermaster and Surgeon. These reports should be made out in duplicate, *at the last meeting in December*, and one copy of each filed with the Adjutant, and the others forwarded *at once* to the A. A. G. We are especially anxious that our consolidated report should be among the first to reach the Adjutant General. This can be accomplished only by assistance of Post Officers. Comrades, we appeal to you to exercise promptness in this matter. It will be just as easy to complete these reports at the last meeting in December, as it will *two weeks* or a *month* later. The Adjutant or Quartermaster must not change any figures they may find in red ink on blanks sent out from these Headquarters.

In order to secure correctness, it is important that the Commander should supervise the work of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. Bear in mind that the A. A. G. was compelled to return, for correction, many of the reports for the term ending June 30th. Please examine the reports carefully, and see that they are correct, and agree as to the number of members in good standing; that the per capita tax (twenty cents for each member) is correctly computed, and that the reports and per capita tax are promptly mailed in enclosed envelope.

X. The Commander hereby details such Past Post Commanders to install the officers of any Post in the Department as may be requested so to do by the post, without further instructions from these Headquarters.

The Department of Indiana requests the publication of the following: "It is with sincere regret that the Commander feels impelled by a sense of duty to his comrades to call the attention of the comrades in this Department to one Ralph O. Bates, who is giving lectures under the title of 'Billy and Dick. From Andersonville to the White House.' The conduct of this man towards the Comrades and Posts of this Department has been of such a character that he is not deserving of their confidence or their assistance. Those who are true to the principles of our Order, and true to their comrades, are deserving of our esteem and confidence. But those that by misrepresentations betray your confidence are not entitled to your support."

XII. Just before placing these Orders in the hands of the printer, we learned that another comrade had heard the bugle from which retreat is never sounded, and had gone to answer the last roll call of the Great Captain. Comrade Samuel Segar, of John Buford Post No. 89, at Everett, Wash., died November 4th, 1896. Our ranks are thus again broken, and a zealous and worthy comrade has been placed on the "retired list." The Grand Army of the Republic of this Department extends its warmest sympathy to the afflicted family in this the hour of their greatest bereavement.

By command of
C. T. PATTERSON,

Official: *Department Commander.*
JACOB EMERY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Address all communications to

JACOB EMERY,
Sub Station No. 1,
Tacoma, Wash.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
TACOMA, WASH., JANUARY 26th, 1897. }

General Orders }
No. 5. }

I. The National and Department Countersigns have been forwarded to all Posts having made their reports and paid their per capita tax. No delinquent Posts will receive them. Commanders should be particular that they are communicated only to those comrades entitled to receive them.

II. The reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster have not been received from a few Posts; and a large number are delinquent with the reports of Surgeon, Election and Installation. Is your Post one of the delinquents?

The following are delinquent with Inspection reports: 14, 18, 27, 55, 58, 63, 69, 70, 86, 96. Commanders are requested to give this matter their personal attention and forward these reports *at once*. Surgeon's report should be sent to Dr. B. R. Freeman, Medical Director, Spokane. Inspection report to George Haskin, Inspector, Tacoma, and all others to the Assistant Adjutant General.

III. The attention of *all* newly elected officers, also National

and Department Aides, is called to the necessity of providing themselves with the Badge or Rank Strap and Ribbon properly designating their rank, which should be worn at every Post meeting and during all public parades in which the Post participates. The honor of election and appointment should at least cause the recipient to procure the necessary badge of his office. Supplies can be obtained from the Assistant Quartermaster General.

IV. The attention of Post Commanders is particularly called to paragraph 2 of General Orders No. 3 from National Headquarters, which should receive careful consideration in such Posts as are numerically and financially in a condition to take advantage of the new system of "Outposts," adopted by the 30th National Encampment.

V. The Journal of the Proceedings of the 30th National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, held at St. Paul in September, 1896, was sent by mail during the latter part of December, to all Posts in good standing in the Department.

VI. In General Orders No. 3 from National Headquarters, Comrade C. S. McNeil of Parsons Post No. 11, Ellensburg, was appointed Special Aide in charge of Military Instruction in Public Schools for this Department.

The following Comrades are hereby re-appointed Assistant Aides to Comrade McNeil, who will give all necessary instructions:

Geo. W. Tibbets, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.
Geo. B. Lane, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.
P. H. Carney, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.
William Markham, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.
J. E. Frost, Parsons Post No. 11, Ellensburg.
Thad. S. Smith, Farragut Post No. 15, Port Townsend.
John Broyles, Plummer Post No. 95, New Whatcom.

VII. The proceedings, findings and sentence of a Post Court Martial appointed by Custer Post No. 6, of Tacoma in the case of Comrade C. H. Holmes, were approved by the Department Commander, (except as to the second charge), and the said C. H. Holmes was suspended for one year. Comrade Holmes appealed to the Commander in Chief, who after reviewing the case gave the following decision: "This is one of those cases in which it seems to be unfortunate that the irregularities in the proceedings are so marked as to invalidate the findings and sentence of the Court—therefore the approval of the same by the Post and Department Commander are reversed and the finding of the Court Martial is disapproved."

VIII. General Orders No. 4 from National Headquarters are

herewith enclosed and *special* attention is called to the *first* page of the same.

By command of
C. T. PATTERSON,

Official: *Department Commander.*
JACOB EMERY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
TACOMA, WASH., MARCH 15th, 1897. }

General Orders }
No. 6. }

I. The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18, 1897. The annual meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid to Sons of Veterans are expected to be held at the same place and on the same dates. The Council of Administration is hereby called to meet at Vancouver, on Wednesday, June 16, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. Local committees have been named to attend to necessary preliminaries. For the information of any who may desire to communicate with them for the purpose of securing accommodations, or any other reason, the names of the chairman of the committees that have so far been appointed are herewith given :

Arrangements CommitteeJ. A. Snodgrass.
Transportation Committee.....J. T. Goss.
Accommodations CommitteeJ. A. Snodgrass.

III. The following reports are now past due at this office: Adjutant's, Quartermaster's and per capita tax from Posts Nos. 14, 27, 55, 69, 71, 86 and 92. Nos. 55, 69 and 86 are delinquent for two or more terms. Election and Installation reports from Posts Nos. 11, 14, 16, 27, 37, 46, 52, 55, 69, 71, 83, 86 and 92. Inspection reports from Posts Nos. 14, 27, 59, 69 and 86 have not been received. The Medical Director reports that a large number of Posts have not forwarded Surgeon's report to him.

IV. Post Commanders are required by the Rules and Regulations to see that all these reports are properly made out and promptly forwarded to the proper officer, and they are again urged to attend to this duty without any further delay.

V. The A. A. G. is now preparing for publication the "Official Roster" for the year 1897, and in order to make it complete desires the

name of each Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster for the current year. Posts that are delinquent with election and installation reports must send them *at once* if they expect these names to appear in the Roster.

VI. The Commander wishes to congratulate the comrades upon the happy and harmonious condition prevailing throughout the entire Department. But very little friction is observable among the various Posts, showing that our cardinal principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are being carried out by the membership of this Department.

VII. Comrade Thad. S. Clarkson, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will visit Tacoma on Wednesday evening, March 31. All comrades, members of the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans, Ladies' Aid to S. of V., who can possibly do so, are requested to be present.

VIII. Wanted—By Thomas Wimpy, Latah, Wash., the address of C. C. Anderson, who served in the Second Arkansas Cavalry. When last heard from was at Lower Lake, Cal.

IX. The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Buffalo, New York, commencing on the 24th of August, 1897.

X. An address by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans is herewith enclosed. The Commander desires that each Post will lend its aid and influence in building up the order of the Sons of Veterans.

By order of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Department Commander.

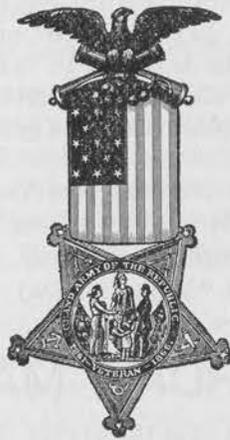
Official:

JACOB EMERY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Memorial Day,

May 29th, 1897



Department of
Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TACOMA, WASH., MAY 12th, 1897. }

General Orders }
 No. 7. }

I. "Comrades, once more we are called upon to honor the heroes who so cheerfully gave up their lives that the grandest nation the world ever saw, or the human mind conceived, should not perish from the earth. No pen can tell the debt we owe to the honored dead. Equality and brotherhood are principles implanted in the human breast by the Author of all good. To preserve these principles in the life of our Nation, thousands of noble men freely sacrificed their lives on the altar of patriotism. Men die, but principles live. The spirit of evil raises its head in every age. The good and true are ever called upon to battle for justice and right. While we lovingly strew the graves of our comrades with beautiful flowers, let us not forget that the greatest honor we can do their sacred memories is to bequeath to our children, intact and not degraded in the least degree, the eternal principles for which they died; the equality of man, the supremacy of the flag, and the perpetuation of this grand system of government handed down to us by our patriot fathers. The time is not far distant when the hope of our forefathers, the dream of the enthusiast, and the song of the poet will be realized among men."

May 30th coming on Sunday this year, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, the next "Memorial Day" will be observed in this Department on

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

As the comrades bend over the graves of the dead and strew them with the sweet flowers of early summer, may the present and coming generations not forget that—

"Four hundred thousand men—
 The brave, the good, the true—
 In tangled wood, in mountain glen,
 On battle plain, in prison pen,
 Lie dead for me and you.
 Four hundred thousand of the brave
 Have made our ransomed soil their grave
 For me and you,
 Good friend, for me and you.

"A debt we ne'er can pay
 To them is justly due,
 And to the Nation's latest day

Our children's children still shall say
They died for me and you.
Four hundred thousand of the brave
Made this, our ransomed soil, their grave
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Should be observed on May 23d.

II. It is earnestly recommended that all Posts throughout the Department attend and participate in appropriate religious services on that day.

Post Commanders are instructed to cordially invite all auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army, and the children as special participants in all these services. Invitations should be extended also to the National Guard, all benevolent societies, and patriotic citizens generally, to aid in these exercises.

All flags hoisted on Memorial Day should be at half mast.

III. Memorial day to us is sacred. It should be to the American people. It is earnestly urged that everything possible be done by us to discourage the making this day the occasion for games and sports. It seems as though there are holidays sufficient in number to satisfy the most ardent lover of base-ball, bicycle or horse racing, and recreations of like character, without infringing on our Memorial Day ceremonies.

IV. Post Commanders are entrusted with the duty of requesting the directors and teachers of all schools, colleges and educational institutions, public or private, to devote the afternoon of Friday, May 28th to patriotic exercises in their schools, and to have all such educational buildings decorated with the American flag during such exercises. A detail should be made from each Post to co-operate with the teachers in the work.

V. Post Chaplains are directed to report *immediately* after Memorial Day to Rev. A. H. Lackey, Department Chaplain, Aberdeen, Wash., the services performed by their respective Posts, upon that occasion, giving full particulars as to the number of graves decorated, cemeteries visited, and any other information which may be of value to the Department. It is important that this report shall be promptly forwarded as directed, so the Department Chaplain may have sufficient time to compile his report before the next Encampment.

VI. Special attention is directed to paragraph three, General Order No. 5, National Headquarters, soliciting contributions for aid in the proper observance of "Memorial Day" in the National ceme-

teries in the South. All Posts in this Department are urged to respond. All donations should be sent to Chas. E. Burmester, Adjutant General, Omaha, Neb.

VII. The N. P. and O. R. & N. railways have fixed the rates of transportation to the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, to be held at Vancouver, Wash., June 17 and 18, at one and one-fifth fare for round trip. Further particulars will be given later.

VIII. Hotel rates range from \$1 to \$2.50 per day for board and lodging.

Private houses—\$1 per day for board and lodging.

Restaurants—Meals, 15 cents to 25 cents.

Lodging—25 cents to 50 cents per day.

Comrades desiring to secure accommodations in advance should address David Stamp, stating the kind of room required, the price they expect to pay, and whether they prefer to board with private family or at hotel.

IX. With this Order will be sent Information Circular prepared by the Citizens' Committee of Buffalo, containing valuable information and suggestions to those who contemplate attending the next National Encampment; also General Order No. 6, from National Headquarters, to which special attention is directed.

By command of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Official:

JACOB EMERY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TACOMA, WASH., MAY 12th, 1897. }

Supplement to General Orders No. 7.

COMRADES:—Since promulgating General Orders in regard to the observance of "Memorial Day," we have been informed that the Governor of the State of Washington has ordered the National Guards to parade on Monday, May 31st, that the Public Schools will be closed, and the day will be generally observed throughout the Department as a legal holiday.

Therefore, in accordance with a custom previously established, and to be in harmony with the people, it is hereby ordered that the observance of "Memorial Day" be changed from the 29th to

Monday, May 31st,

and Memorial Sunday be observed May 30th.

It is hoped that every veteran who is physically able, will be in line, and take part in the exercises.

By command of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Department Commander.

Official:

JACOB EMERY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TACOMA, WASH., MAY 29th, 1896. }

General Orders }
 No. 8. }

I. As previously announced, the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of this Department will be held at Vancouver, Wash., June 17th and 18th.

The Auxiliary Societies will meet at the same time and place.

Headquarters will be established in room No. 2, Hotel Columbia, on June 16th.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters in Hotel Columbia at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, June 16th.

The sessions of the Encampment will open in the Auditorium at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, June 17th.

II. The following comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials:

Jacob Emery, A. A. G.; H. C. Funk, Post 2; E. E. Van Olinda, Post 57; Joseph Smith, Post 12, and Peter Koontz, Post 7.

This committee is directed to meet at Headquarters on Thursday, June 17th, at 8 o'clock a. m., for active duty.

III. The membership of the Encampment will consist of the Department Officers, Past Department Commanders in good standing, Past Post Commanders of this Department in good standing, Post Commanders, or in their absence the Senior or Junior Vice Commanders, and regularly elected representatives or alternates from each Post.

All comrades in good standing are invited to be present as visitors.

All comrades are requested to register upon their arrival at Vancouver, in a book kept for that purpose by Department Headquarters.

IV. We recommend that the delegation from each Post select a chairman, and see that he is provided with a complete list of comrades who are entitled to seats in the Encampment.

The chairman of the different delegations will be admitted to the Committee room, and all changes that have been made in their delegation should be reported to the Committee.

V. Comrades J. A. Baker, of Winslow Post No. 87, and Hugh Lamont, of Ellsworth Post No. 2, are hereby detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutants General during the Encampment; Comrade J. T. Goss, as Marshal-in-Chief; R. B. Downing, Officer of the Day, and D. B. Baker, Officer of the Guard.

The Commander of Post No. 2 will detail, from the comrades of that Post, a suitable number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment.

VI. The books at Headquarters will be closed on June 10th. All needed supplies should be ordered previous to that date.

VII. Blanks for reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending June 30th are herewith enclosed; those for Surgeon will be mailed as soon as they are received from the Quartermaster General. *Post officers are reminded that they must not change any figures they may find in red ink on blanks sent from Headquarters.*

Post Commanders should see that the reports of the Adjutant, Quartermaster and Surgeon are properly made out at the last meeting in June, and promptly forwarded to Headquarters, except the Posts which hold their last meeting before the Encampment. The reports of such Posts should not be forwarded until notice is received from the new officers, establishing Headquarters for the ensuing year.

Chaplains are instructed to use the blank sent with this order for making their report, and they are again urged to forward it immediately after Memorial Day to Rev. A. H. Lackey, Department Chaplain, Aberdeen, Wash.

VIII. A few Posts are still in arrears for reports and per capita tax, and they are again reminded that they will not be entitled to representation in the Encampment, nor to the countersign, until their reports are received at Headquarters. A number are still delinquent with election and installation reports and credentials of their representatives.

IX. The comrades at Vancouver have made ample arrangements for the accommodation of all, and will use every effort to make it pleasant for everybody who may attend. The Department will assemble for parade on Thursday, June 17th, at 12 o'clock M. The formation will be as follows: 14th U. S. Infantry Band, 14th U. S. Infantry, U. S. Cavalry troop, G. A. R., S. of V., Civic societies on foot, citizens in carriages, etc. At 8 o'clock p. m., grand reception in Auditorium. Address of welcome by Mayor Stapleton, responses by members of the different orders.

X. The following hotel rates have been secured: Hotel Columbia, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day (board and lodging); Esmond Hotel, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; Woolf's Hotel, (lodging), 25 to 50 cents per day; Private houses, (board and lodging), \$1.00 per day; Palace Restaurant, (first

class in every particular), meals 25 cents; other restaurants, meals 15 to 25 cents.

XI. The N. P. and O. R. & N. railways have fixed the rate at one and one-fifth fare to Portland and return. The Great Northern has agreed to the same rate to Seattle, *provided* there are fifty or more delegates.

When buying your ticket, you will be required to pay full fare to Portland, and the agent will give you a receipt, which must be endorsed at Vancouver by Captain W. E. Weigle; this will entitle you to a return ticket at one-fifth fare.

The committee says: "*If you fail to take a receipt you will have to pay full fare on your return trip, walk or remain in Vancouver.*" These rates are good going from June 14th to 16th, and returning from 19th to 21st.

A committee will meet you at the train in Portland. The Secretary of the local line from Portland to Vancouver quotes the committee a special rate of 25 cents for round trip for members of the G. A. R. and auxiliary organizations, good from June 16th to 19th inclusive, provided they arrange for delegates to come and go via this line. This line is prepared to furnish all the accommodations necessary to handle 600 or more visitors, and will run extra trains leaving Portland upon the arrival of the trains with delegates. These trains leave Portland at the corner of First and Washington streets, about every 40 minutes, from 6:20 a. m. until 6:10 p. m.

XII. Headquarters will leave for Portland on the overland train of the N. P. Railway on Wednesday, June 16th, which now leaves Tacoma at 11:30 a. m. All comrades and members of the auxiliary societies who can do so, are cordially invited to join us on this train.

XIII. Post Commanders are requested to inform the new Department officers, immediately after the Encampment, the probable number of comrades who will attend the National Encampment at Buffalo, New York, during the last full week in August, and who will desire free quarters or any other accommodations.

XIV. General Rusk Post No. 93, is authorized to change its place of meeting from Harrington to Davenport.

By command of

C. T. PATTERSON,

Department Commander.

Official:

JACOB EMERY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

P. O. Address,
Sub Station No. 1,
Tacoma, Wash.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

ELECTED JUNE 18th, 1897.

President, Frankie Bedell	- - - - -	Walla Walla
Senior Vice President, Annie Knapp	- - - - -	Kelso
Junior Vice President, Harriet Huston	- - - - -	New Whatcom
Treasurer, Lizzie Carnes	- - - - -	Walla Walla
Chaplain, Mattie Graves	- - - - -	Centralia

STAFF.

Secretary, May Worden	- - - - -	Walla Walla
Inspector, Clara S. Taylor	- - - - -	Seattle
Counselor, Ursula M. Mattison	- - - - -	Tacoma
Instituting and Installing Officer, Fannie E. Cannon	- - - - -	Spokane

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Virginia Swegle	- - - - -
Anna A. Day	- - - - -
Hannah A. Elder	- - - - -
Amanda Miller	- - - - -
Anna George	- - - - -

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegate at Large, Anna Webster	- - - - -	Seattle
Delegate, Georgia Tift	- - - - -	Everett
Alternate at Large, Fannie Cannon	- - - - -	Spokane
Alternate, Lucy Martin	- - - - -	Orting

SONS OF VETERANS.

DIVISION OFFICERS.

ELECTED JUNE 18th, 1897.

Commander, C. V. Savidge - - - - - Olympia
 Senior Vice Commander, T. A. Fix - - - - - Orting
 Junior Vice Commander, E. R. Peoples - - - - - Ilwaco

COUNCIL { E. R. Paul - - - - - Walla Walla
 A. Smiley - - - - - Vancouver
 M. C. Russell - - - - - Tacoma

DELEGATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

W. E. Weigle - - - - - Vancouver

STAFF.

Surgeon, Paul Sutton - - - - - Vancouver
 Chaplain, Don Smith - - - - - Ballard
 Adjutant, W. T. Cavanaugh - - - - - Olympia
 Quartermaster, E. G. Kreider - - - - - Olympia
 Judge Advocate, J. N. Scott - - - - - North Yakima
 Inspector, F. A. Koontz - - - - - Spokane
 Mustering Officer, J. F. Spangle - - - - - Cheney
 Quartermaster Sergeant, F. W. Riesenweber - - - - - Olympia
 Sergeant Major, E. L. Melton - - - - - Olympia

