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The Grand Army of the Republic

In the Twilight Land of Shadow, in the Silent Realm of Rest,
By the evening floods of sunlight, and the morning sunbeams
blest;

'Neath the fragrance of the blossoms, where the vines and flowers
creep,

Ever lulled by Siren Breezes, do our honored heroes sleep.

They have sailed Life's stormy Ocean, they have lived Life's
sunlit Day,

They have builded a republic, that will never pass away.

To the Shadowy Shores of Sunset, o'er the Purple Hills they've
gone,

They have crossed to that horizon, where the Dusk waits for the
Dawn.

They are resting now forever; from the war's wild scenes of
strife;

They have fought their last great skirmish, on the Battlefield of
Life.

They have gone where none returneth; to the unknown Silent
Shore,

But they've left with us a banner, that will float forever more.

They belong to that grand army, which the martyred Lincoln led;
There are thousands of them living, there are hundreds thousands
dead.

They will hear no more the bugle or the cannon's awful roar,

They will fight no more the battles, on the blood-stained fields
of war.

He who carried grand Old Glory, from "Atlanta to the sea,"

Now in silence rests forever, 'neath the flag he helped make free.

G. A. R. Dept. of the Interior

Grant and Sheridan, the soldiers, to the unknown shores have
fled;
They have gone to join the army, of our sacred soldier dead.
Since our heroes fought together, sixty years have passed away,
And those left of that Grand Army, now are old men, bowed and
gray.

Though the war has long been over, and their fighting days are
done,
We still love to hear the story of the splendid battles won.
They who kept the old flag stainless and who made this country
free,
Will be blest by those now living, and the millions yet to be,
When the last old gray-haired vet'ran pauses on the Twilight
Shore,
He will see the flag above him, that will float forever more.

Birds will sing and flowers blossom o'er their silent sacred dust;
While the ivy twines the cannon and the old sword gathers rust
They'll be held in sacred mem'ry, through the ages yet to be,
By the coming countless millions of this nation great and free.
They have saved this great republic, kept our starry flag o'erhead,
So we love our gray-haired vet'rans, love the living, and the dead.

—Robert Baker.



A. P. LAWRENCE

Commander

Department of Washington and Alaska
Grand Army of the Republic
July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925

PAST COMMANDERS

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Elected		
1882	*F. W. Sparling, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1883	*George D. Hill, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1884	*Henry A. Morrow, Post No. 2.....	Vancouver
1885	*A. M. Brookes, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1886	*C. M. Holton, Post No. 9.....	North Yakima
1887	*A. P. Curry, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1888	*T. W. Sprague, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1889	*S. G. Cosgrove, Post No. 22.....	Pomeroy
1890	*M. M. Holmes, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1891	*D. G. Lovell, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1892	J. S. Brown, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1893	*Jos. F. Sinclair, Post No. 56.....	Ballard
1894	*J. N. Scott, Post No. 15.....	Port Townsend
1895	*Norman Buck, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1896	*C. T. Patterson, Post No. 87.....	South Tacoma
1897	*J. F. McLean, Post No. 4.....	Walla Walla
1898	*George W. Tibbits, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1899	*J. W. Langley, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1900	B. R. Freeman, Post No. 47.....	Spokane
1901	*Harry A. Bigelow, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1902	*B. C. Bedell, Post No. 4.....	Walla Walla
1903	*Thos. H. Cavanaugh, Post No. 114.....	Prosser
1904	*Frank M. Davis, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1905	*I. P. Gross, Post No. 2.....	Vancouver
1906	*C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1907	*W. H. Mock, Post No. 24.....	Bellingham
1908	*George H. Boardman, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1909	*Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1910	W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 47.....	Spokane
1911	F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1912	*R. R. Harding, Post No. 48.....	Port Angeles
	*E. A. Shores (tr. Wis.), Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1913	John E. Stewart, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1914	H. R. Gale, Post No. 116.....	Bremerton
1915	H. W. North, Post No. 89.....	Everett
1916	J. E. Gandy, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
	*John E. Phelps (tr. Mo.), Post No. 68.....	Retsil
1917	John J. See, Post No. 68.....	Retsil
1918	*Samuel F. Street, Post No. 1.....	Edmonds
1919	A. A. Stevens, Post No. 105.....	Wenatchee
1920	O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24.....	Bellingham
1921	J. H. Coffman, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1922	Enoch Sears, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1923	*W. P. Cragin, Post No. 52.....	Hoquiam
	John A. Harris, Post No. 47.....	Spokane
1924	A. P. Lawrence, Post No. 1.....	Seattle

*Deceased.

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1924-1925**

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Wilfred A. Wetherbee.....Boston, Mass.

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Joseph E. Hall.....Portland, Ore.

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.....Levi Longfellow, Minneapolis, Minn.
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Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.....
.....Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.
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JUNE, 1924, TO JUNE, 1925 (Elective)**

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Senior Vice Commander

Willis Richardson.....Post No. 24, Bellingham

Junior Vice Commander

*D. C. Brown.....Post No. 31, Seattle

Medical Director

B. R. Freeman.....Post No. 47, Spokane

Chaplain

H. J. Bennett.....Post No. 1, Seattle

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F. H. Hurd.....Post No. 1, Seattle

J. M. Birmingham.....Post No. 63, Aberdeen

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J. H. Miller.....Post No. 10, Snohomish

G. O. Bump.....Post No. 8, Spokane

**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
G. A. R., OFFICIAL STAFF**

(Appointive)

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A. B. Knowlton.....Miller Post No. 31

Judge Advocate

C. G. Austin.....Miller Post No. 31

Inspector General

Ed. C. Warner.....John Buford Post No. 89

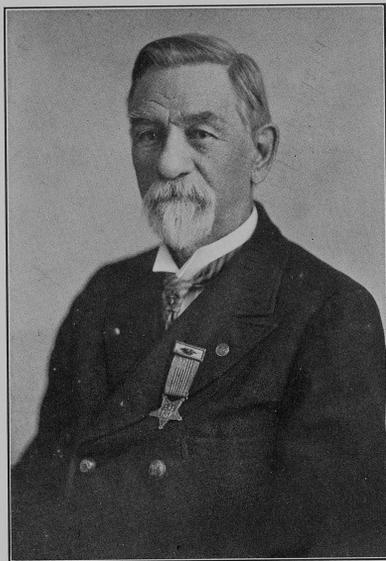
Chief of Staff

C. O. Russell.....Stevens Post No. 1

	Patriotic Instructor	
John P. Hoyt.....		Stevens Post No. 1
	Chief Mustering Officer	
Amos Berry.....		Washington Post No. 52
	Officer of the Day	
*E. C. Kilbourne.....		Stevens Post No. 1
	Senior Aide-de-Camp	
F. E. Wilson.....		Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118
	Color Bearer	
George R. McGee.....		Miller Post No. 31
	Bugler	
J. C. Cady.....		Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118
		*Deceased.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
 Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

	Department President	
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	Department Senior Vice President	
Maud Nelson.....		Everett
	Department Junior Vice President	
Minnie Dahnken.....		Seattle
	Department Secretary	
Edith E. Harris.....		Bellingham
	Department Treasurer	
Jennie B. Loyd.....		Bellingham
	Department Chaplain	
Elizabeth Milhoan.....		Orting
	Department Inspector	
Della Johnson.....		Dayton



A. B. KNOWLTON
 Ass't Adjutant and Quartermaster General
 Department of Washington and Alaska
 Grand Army of the Republic
 July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925

	Department Counselor	
Alice French		Seattle
	Department I. & I. Officer	
Addie Kern		Port Angeles
	Department Patriotic Instructor	
Annie Heckel		Snohomish
	Department Press Correspondent	
Dora Miller		Seattle
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Jennie M. Stout		Centralia

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	Department Secretary	
Laura M. Thompson		Seattle
	Department Treasurer	
Ethel Dysart		Walla Walla

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	Department President	
Mattie Ross		Wenatchee
	Department Secretary	
Dollie Thayer		Wenatchee
	Department Treasurer	
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Division Commander

Elmer BartlettSpokane

Secretary and Treasurer

F. S. Tremaine.....Spokane

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY

Division President

Nan PalmerSeattle

Secretary and Treasurer

Nellie PickettSeattle

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

From the Department of Washington and Alaska

Dr. J. E. Gandy, Past National Junior Vice Commander,
Member of Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane, Wash.**Journal of Proceedings**

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FIRST SESSION

Monday Morning—June 23, 1925

The Encampment was called to order at 10 a. m. in the Encampment Hall, at Centralia, Washington. Commander A. P. Lawrence in the chair.

After the ritual and salute to the Flag, Department Chaplain H. J. Bennett gave the Invocation.

Roll of Officers called.

Committee on Credentials presented their report.

Centralia, Wash., June 23, 1925.

Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find our Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Knowlton, has made a most complete list of all Past and Present Commanders of each and every Post in this Department, and the number of delegates each Post is entitled to seats in this Encampment, and there having been only six credentials at this time reported, we recommend the adoption of the Adjutant General's report as hereto attached as our report, and that Post Commanders be authorized to fill their quota of delegates from members of their Posts in good standing if regular delegates or alternates are not present.

WILLIS L. AMES,

B. R. FREEMAN,

GEO. W. LINCOLN,

Committee on Credentials

Accepted and adopted June 23, 1925.

The Department Commander then requested the Vice Commander to take the chair.

The Department Commander then read his Annual Report, as follows:

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Centralia, Wash., June 23, 1925.

My Dear Comrades:

This is the Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, and I am pleased to see so many of the Comrades present and still taking active part in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations. As the years roll by, our ranks are thinning; yet I am glad to note that many of the Comrades are vigorous and strong for men of their years.

At the outset of my report, I want to thank you for the high honor conferred upon me by electing me your Department Commander last June, at Everett, Washington. I realized that I had a big job ahead of me, and I had the good fortune to get the consent of A. B. Knowlton, of Miller Post No. 31, to be Adjutant General of the Department, and when he consented to take the position I felt I had made good a promise I had previously made to some of the Comrades that I would appoint an Adjutant agreeable to myself and a credit to this Department. Now it is up to this Encampment to say how well I have kept this promise.

The National Encampment

The delegation left Seattle August 5th, going over the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad. The City Passenger Agent, E. M. Gulbransen, went with us as far as Chicago, and got us on our train on the New York Central, but on account of his daughter's illness returned to Seattle—and we missed him more than I can tell.

We left Spokane with a jolly crowd—Mrs. Florence Hurd, the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Cassa Orsborn, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand

Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Mattie Ross, President of the Daughters of Veterans; Grace Hurd, and many others too numerous to mention. The General Agent of the railroad, Mr. Gulbransen, was the clown on the trip. How many watermelons were eaten on this trip to Chicago I cannot tell—all furnished by Mr. Gulbransen. The trainmen, conductors and others all joined with us in having a good time.

Leaving Chicago on the New York Central R. R., we were whirled at a rapid rate (sixty miles an hour) to Boston. We left Chicago late, but arrived at Boston on schedule time. The agent of the Chicago & Milwaukee met us at the train in Boston and took us to our hotels in autos. The headquarters of Washington and Alaska was at Hotel Youngs. The Woman's Relief Corps also had their headquarters in this hotel. Mrs. Hurd, the President of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department, gave a beautiful bouquet to Department Headquarters, which was enjoyed by all.

Monday, August 11th

The Assistant Adjutant General and myself reported to headquarters, Adjutant General's Office, and received the badges for the delegates of our Department. The afternoon and evening were given over to welcome addresses and having a jolly good time at headquarters hotel.

The Parade

Not many of our Department were in the parade. Comrade Knowlton and myself marched in the parade, with three others of the Department, in the rain, and stayed with it until it disbanded; then we returned to the hotel and dried our coats, ready for the evening at headquarters hotel. We attended every meeting of the Encampment, and served on all committees to which we were assigned.

Dr. J. E. Gandy, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was taken violently ill and had to leave the Encampment for his home, not being able to sit in the delegation of our Department. Nine votes were cast in our Department by unanimous vote. The Encampment endorsed the pledge to the Flag as used by the Army and Navy.

The Pledge to the Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Republic for which it stands. One National indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Pensions

The Pension Committee recommended a bill giving the veterans of the Civil War Seventy-two Dollars (\$72.00) a month, and his widow Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) a month. This was endorsed by the Encampment.

I have visited many Posts of the Department and have held numerous joint meetings of Post and Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army, also the Daughters, and held open meetings in Wenatchee, Spokane, Walla Walla, Aberdeen, Orting, Bellingham, Puyallup, Everett and Mt. Vernon.

I had intended to visit all the Posts in the Department; however, I found this impossible, as some of the Posts could not get enough Comrades to hold a meeting. In a number of places I have gone to their homes, and have always met with a royal welcome and all the affiliated organizations of the Grand Army did what they could to make it pleasant for me.

Woman's Relief Corps

When we fully understand the enormous work that this organization has done, not only for the old veterans, but for the general uplift of humanity in their patriotic endeavor in visiting schools and presenting flags to them—then we will realize their usefulness and their unselfish devotion to the cause of human liberty.

Their Department President, Mrs. Florence Hurd, has been a faithful and energetic worker for the Grand Army of the Republic and the Relief Corps of this Department, and the Department Commander wishes to extend to her and staff officers his best wishes for their welfare for the service rendered by them and the many kind words spoken by the different Corps of the Department.

The Ladies of the G. A. R.

This organization is made up of the blood relatives of the veterans of the Civil War and they are doing a noble work in

visiting and caring for the sick ones of the G. A. R., and they are engaged in all patriotic work of the Department.

Their Department President, Mrs. Cassea Orsborn, is also the National Chaplain-in-Chief of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and has been a faithful worker in her Department, and your Commander has been helped very much by her wise counsel and cheering words.

Daughters of Veterans

It seems to your Commander that the Daughters should have a larger membership, but like all other organizations they are doing a splendid work, not only for the Order, but for the community at large, teaching the children patriotism and love of our Flag.

Their Department President, Mrs. Mattie Ross, has loyally upheld the principles of the Order in her visits to the different Tents of the Department, encouraging them in their work of doing their part in the Tents of which they are members.

We welcome them and all our Women's organizations, and realize, were it not for their earnest endeavors many of the Posts would not exist.

The Sons of Veterans

The Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary hold their meeting jointly here in Seattle and the auxiliary is doing all it possibly can to keep up a lively interest in the organization and assisting the Sons in every way possible to increase its membership. They are doing a splendid work and are a great credit to this Department, and to be commended for their earnest, patriotic work.

The President of the Department, Mrs. Nan Palmer, is an earnest worker and a live wire in caring for and leading her Department in every good word and work, and we bid them Godspeed in their labor of love.

No new Posts have been formed.

Your Department Commander has appointed J. C. Cady, of Retsil Home, Department Bugler; also appointed A. B. Knowlton (our now Adjutant General), of Miller Post No. 31, Historian of this Department. I hope that both these appoint-

ments will receive the sanction of the incoming Commander, and that he will continue the appointments if no objection is taken by this Encampment.

Orting Soldiers Home

The Orting Soldiers Home, under the official management of Comrade North and his wife, is surely a paradise for the old Veteran members of the Home. I personally visited the Home and found it in fine condition; every room and hall of the different buildings neat and clean. I think it is a hobby with Mrs. North not to let any dirt accumulate in the corners of rooms or halls—this also applies to the kitchen and rooms connected with the dining room and cold storage plant. The management of this Home is a credit to Comrade North and his wife, and an honor to this Department; and your Department Commander has recommended that the management of this Home remain as it now exists.

The National Encampment will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 30th to September 5th, inclusive.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day was observed in Seattle by a parade of all the patriotic societies of the city, with a program at the Metropolitan Theatre and Memorial services at the Grand Army Plot at Lake View Cemetery.

This Department has suffered the loss of many Comrades the past year, prominent among whom are: Comrade A. M. Brookes, of Miller Post, Senior Past Commander of this Department; and Comrade D. C. Brown, Junior Vice Department Commander of this Department, also a member of Miller Post No. 31.

The Retsil Home

Your Commander has been a frequent visitor at this Home for a number of years, and under the present management (Dr. Francesco) very little fault is found. The location of this Home, situated on a large hill opposite the Navy Yard, just across the bay from Bremerton, makes it a very pleasant place for the members of the Home. Dr. Francesco is doing all he can to make this Home a pleasant "Place" for all its members.

The Old Ladies Home

Last, but not least, is the Old Ladies Home at Puyallup. Your Commander visited this Home and was surprised to find it in such fine condition. The grounds are in fine shape and well kept. The Matron showed us through this Home and it speaks well for the President, Mae Vance, and her faithful assistants, for the loving care they are taking of the old ladies, members of the Home. This Home is managed and controlled by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In conclusion, I want to thank all the Comrades of this Department for their support and kindly words of cheer and for the unanimous election as Department Commander at Everett last June; and your Commander is especially indebted to the Adjutant General, Comrade Knowlton, Comrade Hurd, Comrade Bennett, Judge Austin, Judge Hoyt, and many others for their kind words and advice.

The headquarters office, in the County-City Building, was secured by Comrade Hurd and it has been a great help to the Department; and I recommend that an office be located in Seattle, where any Comrade coming to town may get any information of the Grand Army in this Department, also that the Historian occupy this office.

Lovingly your Comrade in F. C. and L.,

A. P. LAWRENCE,

Department Commander.

Comrade Gandy: "I move, sir, that this address be received and that it be printed in our Journal of Proceedings, and that it be referred to all of the Past Department Commanders present. Motion seconded and carried.

Commander Lawrence then resumed the chair.

Commander: Now we will listen to the report of your Vice-Commander.

Vice Commander Willis Richardson: There has been so little for me to do the past year that my report will be but short. Bellingham, Wash., June 16, 1925.

Commander:

In submitting this my report, I wish to thank my Comrades

for placing me in this, the second highest position in the Department and thus making possible this report.

Early in the official year it was my delightful privilege to represent the Department and extend the greetings of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, to the United Spanish War Veterans Annual Encampment, then being held in Bellingham. I was most cordially and enthusiastically received. There is a bond of comradeship existing between our beloved Order and that of the United Spanish War Veterans that I think is very strong.

I have visited several Posts in the Department, some of them very weak, but I found a spirit of good comradeship prevailing and a determination to carry on as long as strength remained.

I have enjoyed the work immensely and have endeavored at all times to perform my full duty.

To our Commander, I wish to express my sincere thanks. Our official relations have brought us close together during the year. I have always found him kind and courteous and an ardent supporter of all that pertains to the welfare of the Comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILLIS RICHARDSON,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

Commander: What will you do with this report of the Senior Vice Commander?

Comrade: I move that it be received and placed in the Journal as part of the records of the Encampment.

Seconded and carried.

Commander: Now I have a painful duty to perform. You are all aware that we have lost the Junior Vice Commander, D. C. Brown, of this Department. He was suddenly called, without warning, and I have concluded that the best thing that this Department could do was, as we cannot hear any report from him, to appoint a Committee on Resolutions on his death. I have appointed the one member of this Department who is best able to represent him, and that is Byron Phelps, and he will be Junior Vice Commander during this Encampment; W. D.



WILLIS RICHARDSON

Senior Vice-Commander

Department of Washington and Alaska

Grand Army of the Republic

July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925

Chandler and J. O. Rockwell will be the other members of the Committee, and I will call upon the Junior Vice Commander now to read that report.

Comrade Phelps: I thank our Commander for this appointment—however brief in duration it may be—but I assure you that to me it involves a sad duty. I knew Comrade Brown intimately for more than thirty-five years, and deeply do I regret that he is not here to make his report, because whatever was entrusted to Comrade Brown he performed it well. And now to me today it falls to read to you the report of the Committee on Resolutions on his death.

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.
Greeting:

Your Committee appointed and directed to prepare and submit to you, for your consideration, appropriate resolutions occasioned by the death of Comrade Brown, our Junior Vice Commander, respectfully presents the following in compliance with your directions, to-wit:

Comrade David Clinton Brown was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, March 16, 1847. He enlisted as a private soldier in response to the call for Volunteers of President Abraham Lincoln, in Company I, 13th Indiana Cavalry, December 16, 1862, and was honorably discharged in June, 1864, on account of being wounded at the Battle of Murphreysboro, Tennessee. He became a citizen of the State of Washington in 1890 and resided in Seattle since that time, till called by death, which occurred at his home May 18th of the present year. He became a member of John F. Miller Post No. 31 of this Department May 19, 1891. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lettie Brown, and only son, David Wilbur Brown, both residing in Seattle, to whom we extend the true sympathy of comradeship in their bereavement.

Comrade Brown lived a life of usefulness for 78 years, 2 months and 2 days. He was indeed an exemplary citizen, taking his full part in civic affairs. As a soldier his wounds attest his worth better than words. As a comrade of the G. A. R. he

was most active and loyal to every requirement. For over 34 years of membership he very seldom missed in attendance of all Post meetings, filling nearly every position within the province of a Post to confer; also serving on innumerable important committees, and every Department Encampment possible to attend. Nothing ever entrusted to Comrade Brown ever went by default. In all of his efforts he was unflinching aided by his beloved wife, Mrs. Lettie Brown, a Past President of the Relief Corps of Miller Post and of this Department, well known for her distinguished services in aid of our comrades throughout the Department.

Comrade Brown was a Past Commander of Miller Post, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the Posts' Trustees and Post Surgeon; he was first elected Junior Vice Commander by the Council of Administration and at our Encampment at Everett in 1924, was by unanimous vote elected as such, and serving till called hence by his death. He felt a real and proper pride and appreciation of all honors conferred upon him by his comrades, and proved himself worthy of them.

With this brief summing up of a useful life, we again chronicle the departure from our thinning ranks of a valiant soldier, true comrade and real patriot—David Clinton Brown.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BYRON PHELPS,
J. O. ROCKWELL,
W. D. CHANDLER,

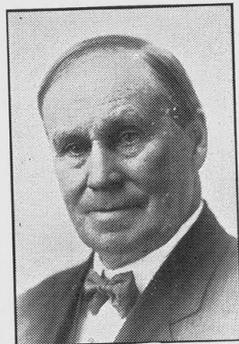
Committee.

Adoption moved, seconded and carried.

Comrade Gandy: I move you, sir, that this Encampment receive this Resolution, this Memorial Resolution, on the death of our Junior Vice-Commander, Comrade Brown; and that it be a part of the minutes printed in our Journal for the coming year; and that we accept it by a rising vote.

(Encampment accepted the motion by a rising vote.)

Commander: Now we will listen to a report from the Medical Director, Dr. Freeman.



DAVID C. BROWN

Junior Vice-Commander, 1924-1925
Department of Washington and Alaska
Grand Army of the Republic
Died May 18th, 1925

Comrade Freeman: I will say that this is about the eighteenth report that I have had to make of the work of the Medical Director's office in this Department; and I haven't any written report; I haven't done any business this last year. The most of the business I have had to do was to spend the salary that I got; consequently I thank you for electing me to give you my services and to fill the place; and if there is any business, why, bring it to me.

Commander: Perhaps if you had some prescriptions—you will bring them—have you got any?

Now we will listen to a report from our Department Chaplain:

Chaplain Bennett: Commander and comrades: I beg leave to submit the following report: I want to say that there was only about one-half—a little less than one-half of the Post Chaplains, who made any report at all. The first question that was asked on the blank is: Did your Post attend Divine Service on Memorial Day? The answer is, 23, yes, and 1, no. So that there seems to be only one Post reported that did not have any service that day. Sermons preached—23. Was the preacher a veteran? Five answered yes, and eighteen answered no. Was the preacher a son of a veteran? Three answered yes. The sum total of the attendance—806 comrades at Sunday Memorial Services.

Commander: Comrades, what will you do with this report?

Comrade: I move that it be received and made a part of the Records of this Department.

Motion seconded. Carried.

Commander: We will now hear the report of the Adjutant-General or the Assistant Adjutant-General, I suppose I should say—and the Quartermaster-General, Comrade Knowlton.

Report read accordingly.

Report attached hereto.

Commander: It will be referred to the Council of Administration.

Comrade: For my information I will be glad to know if the Adjutant-General has some additional or later report to make later on?

Commander: He may have.

Comrade: I didn't understand that he made any reference in his report to the financial condition of this Department.

Comrade Knowlton: That comes under the Quartermaster General's report.

Comrade: I did not know how much it did contain.

Comrade Knowlton: I will read for the benefit of the comrade my report as Quartermaster-General.

Report attached hereto.

I want to say further in this connection that the relations between the Commander and myself have been most cordial, and that I have endeavored to carry out my promise to the Encampment at Everett to do the best in my power and ability to make a good Assistant Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General; that has been my constant endeavor, and I thank you very much for the chance to do it. (Applause.)

Commander: While I think of it, the Council of Administration will meet on this platform at 11:30 this morning.

Comrade: Before calling on any other officers, shall we take action on that report. I move you that these two reports of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General be received and that the Assistant Adjutant-General receive or accept the thanks of this Department for the efficient manner in which he has conducted his official position; and that these reports may become a part of our Proceedings. Seconded. Carried.

Commander: I want to say also that he has taken a great deal of pains to get a history of this Department; that is why we want him as historian; he is doing fine in that respect now.

Comrade Knowlton: I believe that the proper course to pursue with the two reports—that they should be referred to the Council of Administration. So referred.

Comrade Judge Hoyt: I have rendered my written report to the Patriotic Instructor—the National Patriotic Instructor—and have no written report to submit here. I will, however, if the comrades will listen to me say a few words by way of an oral report. I want first to thank the Commander and his Adjutant-General for courtesies and favors received at their hands; and I want to extend my most sincere thanks to the Post Commanders

throughout this jurisdiction for the able manner in which, and the efficient and careful manner in which they have responded to requests made from my office.

Commander: We have listened to the report of the Patriotic Instructor; what shall we do with this verbal report?

Usual motion that it be incorporated in the Report of the Proceedings. (Carried.)

Commander: There will be no report from the Judge-Advocate at this Encampment. Judge Austin has been a sick man for the last five or six weeks; he only weighed sixty pounds less than when he was here before, so you can make up your mind about that. I assumed he would have no report to make; only he wanted to be remembered to this Convention.

I will ask the Adjutant General to read the names of the Committees that have been appointed.

Comrade Knowlton: The following committees have been appointed:

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Gandy, Gale, Baker and Lincoln.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: North, Coley and Warner.

Sons of Veterans: J. Sox Brown, Coffman and Richardson.

Daughters of Veterans: Hurd, Bennett and Stevens.

Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans: Freeman, Rockwell and Chase.

Committee on Resolutions: Gandy, Burdick and Stevens.

I thank you. (Applause.)

Commander: The Council of Administration will not forget that we have a meeting here when this Encampment closes—at 11:30. What is your further pleasure with this Encampment—is there any other business to come forward this morning?

(Motion to adjourn made.)

Comrade: I want to suggest that we receive these various organizations here tomorrow in the afternoon, and that we make our visits to them conform and not conflict with the visits that they make here tomorrow afternoon; and let these various committees so far as they can visit their organizations this after-

noon and tomorrow forenoon and not interfere; and so as to have a full house of our own members when they come to visit us. That would be a sensible thing to do.

Commander: I think as your Commander that would expedite the business of this Encampment.

Comrade: Did you appoint a committee on Rules and Order of Business; if not, I think it would be in order now to appoint a committee so as to outline the business.

Comrade Knowlton: The Commander made up an order of business, and he is following it out as nearly as possible in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

Commander: This is too small a body to follow the National body—we can in some respects. If there is nothing further to come before this Encampment—we will hear from Past National Commander-in-Chief Burton.

Comrade Knowlton: I will read a telegram received from Olympia:

Olympia, Wash., June 22, 1925.

To the Commander of the State Department, G. A. R.,
Centralia, Wash.

May your Encampment be a grand one. Spanish-American War Veterans send heartfelt felicitations.

JOHN R. GRIDLEY, Camp No. 15.

Comrade: Have we any answer to our telegram or phone from the governor?

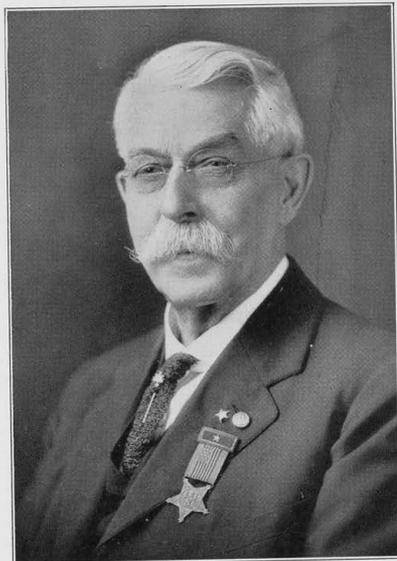
Commander: Not yet.

Comrade: We sent a communication asking him to be present tomorrow at our Encampment, as representative of the State; we invited him in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, to be received by us. We expected an answer but haven't got it yet; possibly get it very soon.

Commander: What do you wish to be done with this communication?

Comrade: I move that the Adjutant-General be instructed to respond to this telegram of felicitation in behalf of this Encampment. Seconded. Carried.

Commander: Comrade Burton, you have some little time left.



H. J. BENNETT

Chaplain

Department of Washington and Alaska

Grand Army of the Republic

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Comrade Burton: Commander and comrades of the Department of Washington:

To a certain extent I bid you greeting at the meeting last night. It was impossible for the present Commander-in-Chief to visit your Department, and he requested me to come in his place, and to convey to you his cordial greetings. I shall report to the Commander-in-Chief of my visit to your Encampment. I congratulate you upon the zeal which you manifest, especially when we remember that 95 per cent of the men who from first to last mustered into the Army of the Union, have gone over the Great Divide; and that only 5 per cent of that magnificent army of men are alive today. It is a source of congratulation that in the State of Washington, which was but a territory when the war of the rebellion was on, that so many of the boys who wore the blue are able to meet in Encampment, and apparently are in such good health as most of you are. I congratulate you upon another matter: while the Department Commander is the ranking officer in any Department, while his responsibilities are great, yet the most important officer in any Department is the Assistant Adjutant General; he is your bank teller, your bank cashier, or bookkeeper; besides being your secretary. Efficiency is absolutely essential to the correct, prompt and faithful discharge of the duties of that office. Some of the Departments have been exceedingly fortunate. In my own Department (of Missouri) old Tom Rogers served us for thirty-one years. There are a number of others—Battles of New Hampshire; George Newman of Ohio, who died two or three years ago—fine comrades whose names I cannot recall—Indianapolis—one who had to decline reappointment because of absolute physical infirmities. I have listened to the report of your Adjutant-General; I have met him before; and I congratulate you that you have got an efficient Assistant Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General. (Applause.) It has been a great pleasure to me, comrades, to come here. Three years ago Comrade Ketchum sent me up here as his representative. You then met at Olympia. I knew some of the comrades of this Department, for I had been meeting them in National Encampment; but at Olympia I met a large representation and formed many very agreeable friendships; and it has been a great pleasure to me to be here with you. I have

recently visited the Department of California, and since then the Department of Idaho, and from there here, and now I go to the Department of Oregon, which begins its Encampment today. That necessitates my leaving this evening. I wrote to the Commander-in-Chief urging him to come to the Pacific Slope, and I said to him that there was more pep and ginger in the comrades of the Department on the Pacific Slope than in any other portion of our country, and that they would be glad to see him and meet with him, and that he would be rejoiced to find the splendid condition in which the Departments of Washington, Oregon and California were to be found. There is a reason for that, comrades. Washington was not on the map during the Civil War. Oregon had but one battalion; and it never left the state, because it had to stay at home to fight the hostile Indian. California had seventeen regiments, but none of them ever saw the firing line on account of that arid desert between California and the fighting ground; and practically there were no comrades who had their beginning in the State of Washington, but very few in Oregon and also comparatively few in California; and yet the largest Post in the organization is in Los Angeles; and there are quite a number of very—numerically speaking—substantial Posts in each of the three Departments on the Coast; and it is due to the fact that you comrades of Oregon and California have come from the East and from the Middle West—most of you—because you thought you could live more comfortably, and many of you thought you could live longer out here than you could where the thermometer stands at 101 for five or six weeks at a stretch in some portions of the Middle West, and where it is dangerous to go out of doors after sundown in the winter time (laughter), and I therefore think that I was justified in my statement to the Commander-in-Chief, when he wrote me that it would be impossible to come, but he recognized the zeal and activity displayed out on the Pacific Coast.

I have but one regret; and that is that Washington never has had a National Encampment; California has had three, Portland, one—by just one vote. If there is ever another Encampment coming again on the Coast it ought to be in the Department of Washington. (Applause.) The trouble is the great distance that most of the comrades would have to travel because a large

majority of the comrades live east of the Mississippi River; and of late years the tendency has been to locate the National Encampment in some central city. For instance, we met twice in Indianapolis; then in Des Moines; then in Milwaukee, and we are to meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan—all of which are central cities, for the reason that they afford the better and more convenient accommodation to the entire membership; and yet I hope that some day, some way, the Department of Washington will name Seattle or Tacoma as a candidate for the next National Encampment; and if it is I pledge you my word that whatever little influence I have will be placed in support of its candidature. I had one devil of a time getting it to Portland, and I finally had to say to the Encampment that if they consulted their pocket-book they would go to Atlantic City; but that out here on the Pacific Slope in the Northwest and in the mountains, there were then—at that time—ten or fifteen thousand comrades who had never been to a National Encampment, and never would go to one unless the Encampment came to them; and that was the argument that won out; and my friend Comrade Gandy helped me, too; and I have got this to say, that so far as the entertainment of the rank and file is concerned, no National Encampment has in any way approached that of Portland. I said to the committee—I mean the Executive Committee of the City of Portland—that the favored few, the Commander-in-Chief and the Staff, the Past Commander-in-Chief—were always royally entertained, but for the ordinary comrade in the ranks there was nothing in it but a parade and the possible meeting with some old comrades of his regiment or brigade; and they asked me what the boys wanted, and I said, you have got three magnificent boulevards in the city of Portland, and you have the Columbia Highway in Oregon, the finest scenic road in the world—now what we want is that every comrade who comes to Portland, his wife and daughter, if they accompany them, shall drive over those three boulevards and the Columbia Highway—and Gandy—it was done! And it is the only time in the history of the National Encampment that any such entertainment was carried out so bountifully; and I have heard a number of the comrades say, "I wish you would get us back 'to Portland.'" And I have to say no, I cannot do it; but I hope you will come to Seattle or Tacoma; and if you do I will

pledge you they will duplicate the entertainment that Portland afforded, because we are the same kind of hairpins out here on the Pacific Slope.

I am glad to represent the Commander-in-Chief; and personally I am glad to meet you; and I hope you will send a good strong delegation to Grand Rapids. We are getting old—for thirty years and over I have been Missouri's representative on the Committee on Resolutions and the character—pardon the characterization—but many of you would be surprised at the quantity of bull resolutions that come before that committee.

The Grand Army has always been conservative as a National organization; always has it opposed radicalism—all along the line; and that is the reason why the G. A. R. maintains its position in the affections of the American people. I don't care where you go in this broad land of ours, there is nobody for whom the people of the U. S. A. have the regard, esteem and love, as they do for the boys who wear the little brown buttons (applause), and we want to maintain that feeling as long as our organization exists. Therefore it is essential that each Department should be well represented at your National Encampment, because the National organization is the legislative body of the G. A. R. Now I don't know whether I have talked longer than I ought to; but I am going to bid you goodbye with a toast. Many years ago Jennie Lind, the great Swedish nightingale came to this country and sang in old Castle Gardens, in New York City, and William Cullen Bryant, one of America's great poets, wrote a greeting to Jennie Lind. I change one word—instead of the word greeting, I use the word cherish; and this is the toast. (Quotes poem):

Let us cherish with a full heart this land of the West
Whose banner of stars o'er the world is unrolled,
Whose empire o'ershadows the Atlantic's wide breast
And opes to the sunset its gateway of gold.

The land of the mountains—the land of the lakes—
And rivers that roll in magnificent tide
Where the sons of the mighty from slumber awake
To hallow the soil for whose freedom they died.

(Applause.)



F. H. HURD

Member of Council of Administration
National and Department of Washington and Alaska
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Comrade Gandy: I move that we tender to our National Commander-in-Chief the thanks of this Department for having sent to us as his representative Judge Burton of Portland, Past Commander-in-Chief, and that the thanks of this Department be extended to him by the Adjutant-General of this Department and to our esteemed friend, Judge Burton, who has honored us with his presence and entertained us with such an inspiring message. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to recess.

Commander: There will be a recess until 1:30 today.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon—June 23rd, 1925

Commander (at 1:40 p. m.): I will call the Encampment to order. I will ask if there are any committees now ready to report?

Comrade Gandy: I would like to ask any comrade if they are ready to introduce any resolutions, to introduce them as early as possible, so that they can come to our Resolutions Committee.

Commander: Is there anything special to come forward at this time?

Comrade Finley (No. 118): I move you that we hold our election tomorrow morning (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock, instead of waiting until Thursday afternoon.

Commander: Is that motion seconded? (Seconded.)

Commander: You have heard the motion, now moved and seconded—any remarks?

Comrade Finley made some remarks.

Commander: Any other remarks?

Comrade Chandler (No. 31): I move to amend the motion; that we have the election of these officers this afternoon. Seconded.

Commander: Is the amendment seconded? Seconded.

Commander: Anything further on this? I understand that the motion before the house is that we have the election tomorrow at 10 o'clock; and I think that there was a motion to that effect that we have an election today at some time—given time—what was the hour—5 o'clock?

Comrade Chandler (No. 31): 5 o'clock.

Commander: We would like to hear from any other comrade. This is your bread and butter—not mine.

Comrade: It was seconded.

Comrade Gandy: The comrade who made the motion has the right to talk if he wants to.

Comrade Finley (No. 118) now made some remarks in support of his motion.

Commander: There is a motion before the house—the original motion—and that is that we elect the officers tomorrow at 10 o'clock; that was amended so that we elect them this afternoon. Now the question is on the amendment: the vote will be on the amendment. Are you ready to vote on that amendment and have the election this afternoon; are you ready for the question? All those in favor of having it this afternoon will signify by saying aye; contrary, no. Motion amended lost.

Now that leaves the original motion—which is that we have the election tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Question? Ayes? No? Motion declared lost.

Commander: What is your further pleasure this afternoon?

Comrade Shaw (No. 8): I have placed in my hands a resolution; shall I read it and then turn it over to the Resolutions Committee?

Judge Hoyt: I move that all resolutions go to the committee without reading.

Comrade Gandy: In relation to Judge Hoyt's motion or suggestion, that resolutions not be read to the comrades, we are all interested in the resolutions, and if they are read and then passed on to the committee, then the comrades will know what the resolutions contain; and if they want to come before the Resolutions Committee to be heard they can have that opportunity to express themselves before the committee.

Judge Hoyt: I agree with Comrade Gandy that that may be the better course, but practice has been otherwise.

Commander: No it will be handed over to the Resolutions Committee.

Comrade Shaw (reading resolution attached hereto):

Spokane, June 17, 1925.

At a meeting of Spokane Camp No. 2 of the Sons of Veterans, held on the evening of Monday, June 15th, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Spokane Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., respectfully request the G. A. R. to sanction and approve the changing of the name to Sons of G. A. R. There are many veterans and many wars, but only one G. A. R., and being the sons of these veterans we desire to be known as sons of the G. A. R.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. BOSWELL, Division Commander,
Past Commander of Camp No. 2.

This resolution was reported back to the Encampment without any recommendation.

Commander: We have settled the time for the election, and if you will allow the Commander to make a suggestion—you commanders get here early and get your delegation together, because if the roll is called you will be called on to vote and rise in your place—and if you get together in one place and as one post it will be more convenient. Anything further?

Comrade Knowton: If any of the comrades want to look over this half record that I have made here—a sort of history of the G. A. R. I have it here and will be glad to show it to any of you.

Commander: I thank you in the name of the committee for standing by us in this work, which has taken six or seven days to accomplish, and took me three trips from Seattle and back. The convention is yours—what is your pleasure?

Comrade Gandy: About the historian, I understand that you had appointed someone to act as historian?

Commander: Yes.

Comrade Gandy: The convention would like information about that; I don't know anything about it myself.

Commander: I will ask the Adjutant-General to tell you something about it. We thought it would be wise to have a history of the different Posts of this Department, and have a place where it could be seen and read when you and I lie in our graves; and he commenced the work. And I said, well, I will appoint you historian, subject to the approval or disapproval of this Encampment.

Comrade Gandy: I wanted information. I know our rules do not cover this in any way, neither National or Departmental. It is something new; and for that reason I wanted the information. I presume other comrades did, too. Your authority to appoint is not an ex-Commander's authority to appoint. It would be for the next Commander to appoint the same man or somebody else, if we make the historian office. The idea is splendid; we should have an historian.

Commander: I state in that report that I had appointed him, and ask the incoming Commander to reappoint him; I do not tell him to do it; I simply ask him as a matter of courtesy to the outgoing administration to appoint.

Comrade Knowlton: I might make a little statement in relation to some of the matters. Now we have no records of the officers appointed and acting with Comrade Sparling while he was Provisional Commander of this Department for five years or about that, and up to the time of the first Encampment at Olympia.

Comrade Coffman (6): I want to say this—you have spent half an hour talking about something and done nothing. Now if this is necessary and beneficial to the G. A. R. to have a historian and to have a history published—that is enough for the future time, for future generations, I move that this department indorse the appointment of Comrade Knowlton as historian. Now that will make it official and the history that he writes will be official—I make that as a motion.

Seconded.

Commander: It has been moved and seconded (by Comrade Bennett) that this department indorses the appointment of Comrade Knowlton as historian of this department—I believe that is the motion before the house—Carried.



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Commander: Whatever work he has done is being done gratis; he has not charged for his labor as I told you before there has not been a day this year when he has not been at his place—

Comrade Coffman (6): I make this motion to gather this thing all up and put it in an official way, and now he will not have to be appointed next year by the other Commanders that may come in; but he is the historian of this department and expected to give us a correct history.

Commander: Until you reverse it he is historian. He does not have to be brought up for election.

Commander: I want to say to you now that the thanks of this Department are due to our Comrade Hurd—he used his influence and it has not cost this Department a cent—and now we have headquarters, we asked for a room and were glad to get one that would not cost us anything; and now we have the bureau it will be a bureau of information for any of the Comrades and if they are tired out they can find a resting place like the dove from Noah's Ark.

Anything further you have now for the good of this Department?

Comrade Gandy: As soon as we adjourn I want the committee that is visiting the Woman's Relief Corps to meet me right here and go right over there just as soon as we adjourn.

Commander: All you visiting committees—if there is any here better get together this afternoon and the visiting can be done—you will have to find out if the ladies want to have you come.

Encampment adjourned at 2:50 p. m. to meet at 9:30 a. m. of the following day, Wednesday 24th June, 1925.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday Morning—June 24th, 1925

Encampment was opened at 9:30 a. m. with usual preliminaries; roll of officers was called; salute to flag.

Chaplain Invocation: "Once more we have assembled for the further transaction of the business of this convention, as we meet together after the night's rest; and on this pleasant morn-

ing; we pray Thy presence to be with us; guide us in all of our transactions and may we do Thy will in everything that we undertake; and bless not only us but our patriotic organizations that are assembled here to do the respective work for their conventions. Guide us to Thy Praise in the end and finally save us; we ask it for Christ our Redeemer's sake; Amen."

Commander: Attention! Comrades, here stands the American Flag!

Comrade North: May I say just a word on that salute? I want to call the attention of the Comrades, that it is not given right by a long ways. Let me say a few words of suggestion: "The Pledge to The Flag: I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and The Republic for which It Stands; One Nation—Indivisible—with Liberty and Justice for All."

Just put your hand so (indicating an outstretched arm and flat hand pointing to Flag). And that is the attitude until you are through.

Commander: Thank you. Now I declare the Encampment open for the transaction of business, pursuant to the adjournment.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Comrade: I think the communication from the Sons of Veterans is of sufficient importance to require special action and I move that the resolutions which were left with us—both—be referred to the committee on resolutions here for report.

Judge Hoyt: That coming from the Sons of Veterans—of course it is not our resolution so of course we need not adopt it; but it should be considered by our committee on resolutions and I move you that it be referred to our committee on resolutions. Seconded. Carried.

Commander: Here is the resolution; who is the chairman of that committee? (Comrade Gandy.) Now any reports of committees?

Comrade Gandy: This is a report of your committee appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps. We had to perform the pleasant duty of calling and extending the greetings of this G. A. R. Encampment of Washington and Alaska to the Women's Relief Corps. One of the ladies was appointed to respond

to our greetings—but I don't know her name; but after her pleasant address, a welcome was also extended from the National President who was present, Mrs. Willard, and she made a very happy speech in response to our visit; and said to bring back to this Encampment her special greeting as President of the National Woman's Relief Corps, with her thanks. It was a very pleasant visit.

Commander: You have heard the report of this committee; what is your pleasure?

Accepted.

Comrade North: I was appointed by the Commander, with Comrades Coley and Warner, to visit the ladies of the G. A. R. Now we will have a minority report this morning—I could not find _____ and I substituted Dr. Freeman to go with us. We had a very pleasant meeting and the ladies asked us to remember the Comrades in their greeting; and we were very cordially received. They are having a pleasant session and they reported that they were getting along nicely with their work.

Commander: We were glad to have that report from you, Comrade North. I want to say in this connection that the ladies of the Relief Corps and the National President will be here about 11 o'clock; I have changed the time of meeting from 1:30 to 11 o'clock, for the reason that the President of the National Association leaves for the south at 12 o'clock; so they wanted to come here before noon; and we will have them here about that time. Any other committee to report?

Judge Hoyt: I think this report should be adopted. I move you that the reports of these committees be adopted by the convention, with thanks to the committees for their services.

So approved.

Comrade Brown: Sons of Veterans report. Comrade Coffman was unable to reach the Encampment of the Sons with the other two of the committee, consequently he asked us two young fellows to meet them. There was not a large congregation of them, but they made up in good sentiment and talk for what they lacked in mere numbers. They were glad to see us; to know that their fathers thought of them, and remembered them; and they

guaranteed that they would stand by us to the last end of the trench. It was a privilege to attend their convention and to tell them that we believe our sons were just as good as any men on earth, or any other organization. I believe that they should be allowed to march side by side with us, or as an advance guard, or rear-guard for us, in any parade or in any position that we may occupy.

Commander: We have a letter here from the committee who have been making arrangements for that parade. I hope you will all agree with that committee; but that is up to this Encampment. I will ask the Adjutant-General to read that letter now.

Adjutant-General Knowlton: To the Commander and Delegates of the G. A. R., Department of Washington and Alaska. Gentlemen: The parade is arranged for Wednesday evening, the 24th, at 7:30 o'clock, to march up Tower Avenue past the Armory; a review stand will be located in front of the Encampment Hall; and we will feel honored if the Department Officers and Delegates will occupy this stand and review the parade as it passes by. The stand will be large enough to accommodate all of the members of the G. A. R. present. It is seldom that we have a body which is competent to review us and we seize upon this opportunity to request your entire body of delegates to act in that capacity. Will you be gracious enough to accede to our request?

J. E. MORAN.

Commander: You have heard the request of this committee; what is the pleasure of this Encampment?

Comrade North: There is just one thing to do—and that is to accept their invitation. Now that doesn't prevent any members that want to march in that parade doing so. I understand that the arrangements are that if the G. A. R. want to take part in that parade—when they pass the stand they take their position there.

Moved and seconded—accept invitation.

Comrade Gandy: The invitation says: the officers and delegates; we have a number of Comrades who are not delegates.



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Secretary

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Under their invitation they are not invited to the platform to review; they do not say all—

Commander: It means—all.

Comrade: It says the stand will be large enough to accommodate all the members of the G. A. R. present; of course, some Comrades will ride and some will walk.

Commander: Then those of us who stand on the platform can express our opinion on those fellows who are walking by?

Comrade Gandy: I am in favor of accepting the invitation all right. The only point is as to whether those who are not delegates would be permitted on the stand.

Commander: It says—to accommodate all.

Comrade Knowlton: All are included—every man.

Commander: All in favor of motion—ayes—

Invitation accepted.

Comrade Major Phelps (No. 31): I have here the committee's report appointed to form a resolution upon the death of our Past Commander Albert M. Brookes, which I will now read:

(Reading resolution)—

Comrade: Louder!

Comrade —: I wish I had the voice of Comrade North; but I haven't got it—

(Reading resolution.)

Adopted.

Comrade Knowlton: I have a communication here from Mr. Moran, and I understand that Governor Hartley expects to be here in person this evening; and he plans to leave Olympia at 7 p. m. You may expect to see the Governor at our Camp Fire this evening.

Comrade Hurd: (Daughters of Veterans.) Your committee appointed to visit the Daughters of Veterans succeeded in carrying out your instructions. We had the opportunity of meeting perhaps 150 of the bright and shining faces that those young ladies presented to us; and we were in time to see them initiate

some new members into their organization and go through their entire work. No matter how old or young they may be, if they are Comrades in the G. A. R. they are given every welcome into that organization; and they wish to be remembered to your organization, as having a strong feeling of filial love for every G. A. R. Comrade.

Commander: Any other reports this morning; if there are any other committees to report we will hear them now. Let us get through with these reports if possible.

Comrade Hurd (1): Your Council of Administration submits the following report: The Council of Administration has carefully examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General and find them in excellent condition. There is a cash balance of \$471.97 in Department funds. We recommend that the per capita tax remain at 80c for each member per year; and we recommend that the salary remain as at present, for the Assistant Adjutant-General \$300; and Commander \$300; and we recommend that the incoming administration secure from the State of Washington if possible an appropriation sufficient to pay the expenses of the Annual Department Journal; and commendation was given to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department for the faithful and able service he has rendered during this entire year. Signed by F. H. Hurd, J. H. Miller and A. A. Stevens.

Comrade Gandy moved the adoption of the report.

Seconded by Comrade Judge Hoyt. Adopted.

Commander: There is a committee of Sons of Veterans—there is a committee out—Auxiliary Sons of Veterans—Rockwell, Chase and Freeman. They will make that report later. If there is no other report we will close on them now; and we will have any other business that may come before this Encampment. What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

Comrade North now brought up the question of reduced or one-half fare on the railroads and presented it in some well chosen words, stating that he had taken the matter up with Past Commander-in-Chief Burton and Senator Jones and both thought that it would be well to bring the subject before Congress. Remarks on the subject were made by Comrade Warner (89) and

Comrade Gandy (8) and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to formulate resolutions to be presented to our National Encampment for their approval.

Comrade Warner (89): I fully agree with Comrade North in what he says and if I am at the Encampment at Grand Rapids I will do all that I can to put this matter in shape to present to Congress.

Commander: We will keep right on with that, or anything that comes up for the good of this Encampment—until we receive the ladies from the Relief Corps, which will be very shortly.

Comrade Warner (No. 89): This matter, I believe, that Comrade North has brought to our attention is surely a just one. I believe it should be taken up at our National Encampment—even if it was turned down the other time we can prepare a bill just as it should be presented according to our ideas; and have it presented there for indorsement. The principal features that we desire incorporated in such a measure could be given. I see no reason why a comrade, living over here in Centralia or down at Grays Harbor should not have the same privilege of riding upon half-fare when he desires to travel upon the railway, as the person who lives in a Soldiers' Home. I admit that it is proper for these men in the Soldiers' Homes—that they should have this transportation; nothing unjust in that; but let us go further and be just to these others who are not living in the homes; and prefer living by themselves upon a little ranch in the country, or at some home in a village, or with their sons and daughters. I do not think that our great transportation companies will lose much money by doing that, for the reason that we are not going to travel much unless we have some kind of a privilege of that sort. The half fare should bring them more money than no fare at all. If I am present at this Encampment—this National Encampment going to be held at Grand Rapids—I shall myself take some part in bringing forth this measure that Comrade North has brought to our attention; and have some action taken upon it at that time.

Comrade Gandy: A resolution in any National Convention usually comes from some Department in the United States and

a good and strong sensible resolution generally is received and accepted by the National Resolutions Committee; and such a motion or resolution coming from this department will be recognized when this gets to the committee in Grand Rapids. I suggest that our committee should consider any such resolution as a foundation to work upon.

Commander: I will appoint a committee of three to draft a resolution to give to the Resolutions Committee; and as chairman of that committee—Comrade North (No. 89), F. H. Hurd (No. 1), B. R. Freeman (No. 47).

Any other comrade anything to say for the good of this Encampment? I am of this opinion—we hear from these big fellows quite often, and now we want to hear from some of these others—the ones that can tell us things we don't know and which will benefit us. We would like to hear from some of you this year. We expect the ladies here in a few minutes.

Comrade Hurd recited a poem. "Looking into the face of so many of my comrades reminds me of some of the things I would like to say."

Another Department Encampment
A patriotic song demands.
Another pledge of loyalty
From comrades' hearts and hands.

Another special reminding meeting
Of many an eventful day
Where memory has a record
That will not pass away.

You comrades fought with courage,
In God you put your trust.
You fought against secession
And hurled it to the dust.

Of all our loyal comrades
Alas, how few remain.
Some graves are in the south-land
'Twas there that they were slain.



MRS. ALICE FRENCH
Counselor

Department of Washington and Alaska
Woman's Relief Corps
July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925

Methinks, their souls are near us
On each Encampment day
Our tears for those who've left us,
Our smiles for those who stay.

Oh, Comrades! true and faithful
Your many deeds of fame
Have won a wreath of laurel
That crowns each veteran's name.

(Applause.)

In reply to "Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys in
Blue Are Gone."

Years ago we heard the stories,
As children standing by your knee,
And the tales we heard in childhood
Linger fresh in memory.

And we would not now forget them,
As you make your last request,
That the stories of your valor,
Your country's children still shall bless.

We will tell it, yes, we'll tell it,
How you heard your country's call;
How you gathered them in thousands
That Old Glory might not fall.

We will tell it, yes, we'll tell it,
How your youth, your life you gave,
For a country undivided,
For the freedom of a slave.

We will take your precious banner,
That with faltering hand you give,
To Sons and Daughters of Noble Fathers,
That your stories still shall live.

And this promise now we give you
 As we come before you here,
 Freely, gladly, we do give it,
 And, as honor, hold most dear.

To our children's children's children
 Thy deed and word we'll every cry,
 That the Glory of your valor
 In their hearts shall never die.

Very soon you will hear from the National President; and this afternoon the committee from the Relief Corps will be here—1:30 o'clock. If you want to hear them you want to be in your seats at that time.

Comrade Gandy: As we have visits from all the organizations, I presume, this afternoon, it is going to be necessary for us to remain in session most of the afternoon when the various delegations come from the various organizations.

Commander: The Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, and so on; and we have designated fifteen minutes for each one. The Woman's Relief Corps will be here about 11 o'clock, because the National President has to go away on the 12 o'clock train, and the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. will arrive on that train.

Anything else to come before us? Judge Hoyt, have you anything for the good of the Encampment; we would like to hear from you.

Judge Hoyt: I have no special message that I know of; but I am always ready to say something to Grand Army men and to the allied organizations. Remarks that were entertaining followed.

Commander: I understand that tickets for the dinner tomorrow at 12 o'clock will be distributed today.

Comrade Gandy: It is practically time for the President to be here—the Relief Corps. I move that we be at ease for a short time.

Encampment was at ease for ten minutes. On resumption, it was announced that visiting ladies sought admission.

Commander appointed Comrades Burdick, North and Freeman a committee of reception. The visiting delegation was escorted to the platform in due form, and introduced to the Encampment by the Commander:

Mrs. Willard, National President, National W. R. C.

Mrs. Florence Hurd, President of the Department, W. R. C.

Mrs. Godfrey, National Patriotic Instructor, W. R. C.

And Past Department President and other ladies.

Encampment saluted.

Commander: I have the pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Grace Willard, who is the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Long and hearty applause.)

Mrs. Willard then addressed the Encampment:

Mr. Commander, and members of your Department; Mrs. Department President and the Department National Officers and Past National Senior Vice President and comrades and members: I have just a few words before I go to the train; but I felt as if I could not—and did not want to leave Centralia without coming over to this Encampment and paying my respects to your Department Commander and look for a time into the faces of my comrades of the G. A. R. For, as the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, I feel that all the comrades are my comrades. We have thirty-six departments; and the comrades in all of those thirty-six departments are my comrades and comrades of the G. A. R. and I belong to every state this year, and so you all belong to me. I always want to pay a tribute to the members of the G. A. R. for the vision that they had when they allowed a Woman's Relief Corps to be organized as an auxiliary to the G. A. R. That vision through which they allowed not only the members of their families and the mothers, the wives, the daughters and the sisters of the Union soldiers and sailors and marines, but oh—that big broad vision that takes in all the women of the United States, of the loyal women of the United States, when they said—all the loyal women—what a blessing they gave to us then, when they fixed it so that those women could work and express their patriotism and their love for the defenders of their flag and country; every woman, I think,

is better at heart; I think every woman tries to love patriotism; and that is why we have such a wonderful membership of over 200,000 in the National Woman's Relief Corps; and those 200,000 women are all working for you, my comrades, first—the G. A. R. first in war; first in peace; the first in the hearts of the W. R. C.s. And your hearts are big as your minds are broad enough to know that we do everything we can for you; and you know that we are big enough and that our hearts are big enough to do something for the other veterans of the other wars; those other boys who went when the call came, to the colors; and so I know that you are glad that we have it now in our constitution that we can assist members of the Spanish War Veterans, or the boys of the American Legion and their families—not from our relief fund for we are an auxiliary corps to the G. A. R., and our relief fund is sacred to the G. A. R., but from our general fund where we pay all our bills; and we can take the money that we need to render assistance to these other defenders of Old Glory—these other defenders of home and nation; and we are so glad that we have this other work to do for the children, to do for education; and we feel that in patriotic education we are perpetuating the principles for which the G. A. R. has been pledged for, lo—these many years—patriotic education. You fought for patriotism, and you have lived all these years, and lived your patriotism. The G. A. R. has been a living body of patriotism, and now when lives are closing in, when leaves are being turned, and the pages are fluttering over, one by one, and when the cover will be on both sides and the book will be reverently closed on the wonderful history—what a history it will be for us, to read, to profit by what we shall read. And so this morning I am glad to see so many of you here; we want you with us for a long time to come—for you are our inspiration—you are our guide—and we want you; we love you; we will do anything in loving service that we can for you; and now I just want to give you the greeting of the National Woman's Relief Corps; and I know that my comrades down in California would like to have me bring a greeting to you from the comrades in California; perhaps some of you have visited my own Post—Stanton Post—in Los Angeles, which is one of the largest Posts in the organization; we have between 500 and 600 members; and when I tell you that the Department

Commander in Kansas City asked me how large a Post we had, and I said about 600 members, he said, "Well, Mrs. Willard, just send us back about 400 of our Kansas comrades—and I told him, we are not going to do that; but we are going to get you, too.

I think the Western Slope—this Western Coast—is going to have the G. A. R. Posts the longest; we are going to have the privilege of having the comrades with us, I believe, the longest. The setting sun is coming for many; but it is going to stay till the last on the Western Slope, out where the West begins, out where there is more life and more of love, more happiness, and more of sunshine; and when we are happy we feel better; and so when we get out in the sunshine, out in God's big outdoors, we are going to live the longest and so—my love to you—my comrades. (Hearty applause.)

Commander: I am going to ask Past Junior Vice National Commander-in-Chief to respond to Mrs. Willard. Dr. Gandy of Spokane.

Comrade Gandy: Mrs. Willard, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and other visiting ladies of the Corps:

I understand this is an official visit—not from this department—

Mrs. Hurd: Official visit from both.

Comrade Gandy: I understood you were coming again—then I address my remarks also to the President of the Department: Mrs. Hurd and the other Past Presidents who are here—eight or ten—it is a good showing—so many Past Presidents—we can hardly realize that we have so many Past Department Commanders, because we are so much older, and most of them have gone out; but we greet you, and we extend to you, the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., to your state Department and Corps, the greetings of this G. A. R. Department of Washington and Alaska. We are very happy indeed that you have given us an official visit and we hope that your successors may be as gracious to us as to visit us too. It is a delight always to be welcomed and greeted, comrades, by the Corps on all occasions, and we appreciate your worth to us, and your patriotism to the country. We appreciate what you have done in the last fifty or sixty years to hold together and to uphold

the hands of the G. A. R. in the noble work that we have tried to perform since we were mustered out. We thank you for coming.

Comrade Brown escorted President Willard and her secretary to the door amid scenes of cheering—and hip, hip, hooray.

Commander: Now, comrades, it gives me unlimited pleasure to introduce to you the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Hurd.

Mrs. Hurd: My Department Commander, and comrades and members of the staff, Past National officers, and my friends, the Assistant Adjutant-General Knowlton, and my home-town comrade Richardson, and my Past National or Past Department President: I am so used to saying National it comes easier—I am glad to be privileged to stand here today and bring to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. This is the first time I ever stood in an Encampment of the G. A. R. in an assembly of this kind. The first thing I do I will read my report to the Department Commander:

Commander Lawrence and members of the Forty-third Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., Department of Washington and Alaska: I bring to you and through you to this Encampment the greetings of the Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and submit to you a report of our work for the year ending March 31, 1925.

Number of Corps in the Department.....	53
Number of members in good standing.....	4,868
Amount in General Fund (53 Corps).....	\$4,665.69
Amount in Relief Fund (53 Corps).....	279.56

Total cash balance.....	\$4,945.25
Expended for relief during year.....	\$ 135.89
Expended for relief other than money.....	5,045.62
Expended for flowers, sick comrades and members.....	1,339.97
Turned over to Posts.....	398.05
Expended for Flags at Centralia.....	70.00
Expended for members and others not relatives of soldiers.....	186.87

Expended for World War Veterans.....	270.39
Expended for Army Nurses.....	39.50
Expended for Soldiers' Homes.....	112.57
Expended for Americanization.....	59.30
Expended for Child Welfare.....	127.38
Expended for scholarships.....	103.04

Total amount expended.....	\$2,842.96
Persons assisted during the year.....	1,120
Grand Army Veterans and other Union Soldiers.....	100
Spanish War Veterans.....	58
Army Nurses of all wars.....	30
Members and others not relatives of soldiers.....	1,000
Total number of persons assisted.....	644
Number of deaths from March 31, 1924 to March 31, 1925.....	114

And now at the close of our year's work together let me thank you for helping to make it a pleasant year. May health and prosperity be your portion.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

FLORENCE HURD,

Department President.

Commander: Comrade Burdick, I will ask you to respond to the Department President.

Comrade Burdick (after greeting ladies present): The Commander's orders to me to respond came very unexpectedly. However, one should always be able to say something in response to the greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary of the G. A. R. We are deeply conscious of the great work which this organization has been carrying on for all these years, looking back across the first years to the time when it first became an auxiliary of the G. A. R. we note that you have exerted a very great influence in the nation for patriotism, for charity and for help in the efficiency of the work of the G. A. R. You have been, as your name implies, an auxiliary; and we are deeply conscious of the fact that the women of the world, the patriotic women of the world, the honorable women, the mothers of homes, are responsible to a very large degree, if not the greatest degree, for

all that is best in the present civilization of the earth. You are the very mainstay and support of the church; you dominate in the schools of the United States, you lay the real foundations for the greatest type of morality, the forward, upward movement of civilization; and the world is indebted to you for these things. I might say a word of warning to you upon the fact that you are an auxiliary of the G. A. R. and it might not be misplaced. The G. A. R. has occupied a unique place not alone in this nation, but in the world. I undertake to say at this time that there has not yet been—and I doubt if there ever will be—an aggregation of men who have fought for Old Glory and the perpetuation of our institutions, any men who will stand so close to the hearts of the people of America as the G. A. R. They do so stand; and that fact alone is to be considered in connection with your identity with the organization as its closely related and associated auxiliary. We are very glad to greet you; we appreciate you; we could say more than this, but we wish you to take away with you the certainty that the G. A. R. and this Encampment is deeply grateful to you for all that you have done; and we are extending to you our warmest greetings and congratulations.

Mrs. Bean (of Centralia): Department Commander, and all the officials of this convention: I won't take the time to mention you all, but I am so glad to be here as the representative of the City of Centralia, which has been my home for thirty-four years; and I am so glad that you came. I think a lot of you men; I remember most of you. I went to Everett a year ago on Sunday, when I got back on Friday the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce came to my Corps and he said to me and the ladies here, "Mrs. Bean, will you be willing to go to Everett and talk about pulling the convention for Centralia; and we will back you up; if you will do it." And I thought a minute and I said, yes, we will do it. And you boys were on the train that Sunday talking Centralia—from the time I left the station till we got back—on Sunday night—and I sent word back—a night letter—it was all right for them to send in the telegram from the city and you came. You came—and nobody in Centralia is more glad than I am, dear comrades of the G. A. R. I have been working morning, noon and night for weeks; and we are so glad you are here; we want you to enjoy every minute of it. Tomorrow night my



MRS. CASSEA K. ORSBORN

President

Department of Washington and Alaska
Ladies of the G. A. R.

July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925

Corps and the Chehalis Corps are going to stage a good time—tomorrow night—a reception and some light refreshments, and we want you to come. I never was more pleased in my life than now. May God bless every one of you, and may you grow younger every day.

Commander: We are very glad that you have visited us in this way and brought the delegation with you. We cannot say how much we appreciate it.

At 11:55 a. m. the Encampment adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. of the same day, Wednesday, June 24, 1925.

FOURTH SESSION Wednesday Afternoon

At 1:30 p. m. of Wednesday, June 24th, 1925, the Encampment resumed pursuant to adjournment.

Commander: The meeting is called to order without any further preliminaries. There is a resolution to be read before this Encampment. I ask that it be read now—who has that resolution?

Comrade F. F. Thompson, Custer Post No. 6, (reading resolution):

Whereas, The G. A. R. no longer maintains any of the characteristics of a secret society to make it necessary to exclude from the Department and its meetings the recognized members of the auxiliary and allied orders of the G. A. R.; and

Whereas, An added interest and efficient help would result in the admission to all such meetings of such orders, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, etc.; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Department of Washington and Alaska in Regular Encampment, That it is the sense and wish of this Encampment that the National, etc., be and is hereby memorialized to pass resolution providing for the admission to all meetings and Departments of the G. A. R. all the recognized members of any and all of the auxiliary and allied organizations above named.

Commander: That will go into the hands of the Resolutions Committee. Comrade Gandy is the chairman of that committee.

Committee on Resolutions reported the above resolution back with the recommendation that it be adopted, but on motion duly seconded it was rejected by the Encampment.

I understand that the ladies would be here at 1:30; and (reason for change of time explained) I might say also that the Assistant Adjutant and myself were kidnapped—rushed into an auto by the Kiwanis Club and we could not get away; and that is why I expect the ladies will give me fits and Hail, Columbia! for not being at their reception.

If any of the comrades have anything good for this Department better make it known now and I will cut you off when the ladies come in. I am just looking around to see. Comrade Phelps, have you anything good for this Department—a word of advice?

Comrade Phelps read a description of Lincoln, written by A. Lincoln himself (see attached). (Here is what he wrote. I saw it in his own handwriting, and I copied it. Name; 6 feet 4½ inches tall; weight 187 pounds; coarse hair; dark features; big feet and hands, etc.)

Comrade Knowlton: How many comrades are there here who saw Lincoln as he lay in his coffin—raise your hands (about six or seven). I had that privilege as I was at Springfield, Ill., when the train arrived there. He was taken from the train, placed in the state house, and for nearly two days it was open for the populace to go in and out. I was in the service at the time at Camp Butler; and the morning that the train arrived the gates of the camp were thrown open and everybody was told to go to Springfield, it was seven miles away. I walked there and spent the day there. We went to that state house and we viewed the remains of the greatest man that America ever produced—or the world—in the last 600 years, according to H. G. Wells. It was a time that all us boys—kids as we were—would remember as long as we lived; and we know now a great deal more than we did then what we were losing, and while none of us knew what the results would be we knew that we were missing a great man—even then.

Comrade Gandy: I have visited his tomb on two different occasions, and I went through the state house to view the flags

of the various regiments, Illinois, that were hanging in the state house—quite a nice museum there that belongs to the state; and the professor in charge was showing me around—my daughter and I—all the interesting things in that museum. Here, doctor, he says, is a relic that probably will be of some interest. This is the artificial limb of Santa Ana of Mexico who was captured, and this artificial limb was brought here by the Illinois troops. After the Mexican war was over it was placed here in the museum; so I looked at it and saw the inscription on it; and we were going to Mexico, and we went on our way south to New Orleans, and went across the gulf to Vera Cruz; and went on over the mountains to Mexico City. I was there for two or three weeks and we visited the places of interest. We went out to a cemetery where the distinguished Mexican general was buried. Went out there; the old father was showing my daughter and myself around. Here is the tomb of Santa Ana—buried here—these are his remains. I said, Father, I don't think they are all here because I saw his leg up in the museum in Springfield, Illinois two weeks ago.

A few comrades joined in telling a few stories. Here are some:

One comrade was speaking of a candidate who was running for office. There was one who said his qualifications were that he had been kicked off seven farms, that he had kissed seven old maids and 600 babies, and only made one speech. If he had made another he would never have got anywhere; but he was elected.

Another: Judge Hoyt was speaking this morning about children obeying their parents. This story is of an old colored mammy of the South; she had the name of having two of the best children in the entire neighborhood. Finally her mistress says, "Dinah, I want to know" how it happens you have such good children, obedient, and noted for general good behavior." And the old colored mammy says: "Well, missis, I will tell you: I raised dem children with a barrel stave; and I razed 'em frequent."

That accounted for their good behavior. I will say in connection with that I think in these later days if more children were

razed with a barrel stave it would be better for them.

Another:

A colored man was employed by a southerner, but he finally made up his mind he wanted to change his location; so he left and was gone several years. Finally he came back to the neighborhood and his master said to him: "Hello, Sam, you get back?" "Yes, yes, sir, I got back." "Where you been?" Well, he had been such a place, and another. "Yes, sah, I been there." "What you been doing?" "Well, sah, I have been preachin' the gospel." "What! You been preachin' the gospel?" "Yes, sah, I been preaching of the gospel," and the master said: "How did you get along—did you take notes?" "Well," Sam said, "the first two years I took notes, but after that I always demanded the cash."

Another (Comrade Hoyt):

We were surrounded and were compelled to surrender. After we had surrendered I was on the sick list, for medicine; not but what I could get about, but I was on the hospital side. One day a captain on Stonewall Jackson's staff road out in front of the hospital. He talked to me a little and he said: "You are in the hospital here?" I said: "Yes." "You on the sick list?" I answered "Yes." "Well," he said, "you would have to look a damn sight worse than you do now to get on the sick list in our camp." (Laughter.)

Comrade: How many of the old boys were at the Grand Review in Washington in 1865? (Six or seven held up their hands.) They were as good men as ever stood in shoe leather. You should be proud you were there.

Commander: Our visitors do not come; we do not like to adjourn without them; perhaps they will be here in a short time.

Mrs. Densmore of the Relief Corps, No. 1, asked a special favor of me a month ago—that she might come in this Encampment with a few ladies of the Corps, who had never seen the old boys in Encampment; and I told her we would make room for her at all times, and we fixed it that they would be here at 11:30—I don't know why they are not here.

Comrade Gandy: If you go to Washington, D. C., in the near future, you go into the old Pennsylvania Depot on Penn-

sylvania Avenue. It is not used any more for passenger service because you know they have an immense big Union Depot in Washington—one of the largest in the United States; but this old depot is used now for freight purposes; but you will see on the floor there a copper or brass plate, and that plate is where Garfield stood when he was shot by the assassin; and it is marked in that way, and of course people go there just like going to the other place where Lincoln was shot; you would be interested in seeing that mark on the floor. I was speaking of this particular mark on the floor as the place where Garfield stood when he was shot by the assassin—he lingered for some time and was taken down to the sea—it was hot weather—for the benefit of the sea breeze. He lived for several days in great agony, and finally collapsed. He had a fine physique and splendid health, and lived for some time after this severe wound which bisected a part of the spinal column of the great sympathetic nerves.

Commander: I do not think it is necessary to wait any longer for our guests to come here. If there is any further business to come before this encampment we will listen to it now.

Motion to take recess for half an hour. Carried.

At 3:00 p. m. the officer of the day announced another delegation.

Encampment called to order and the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary received. Division Commander Elmer Bartlett introduced and made a short address which was well received. Mrs. Thompson, Division Vice President of the Auxiliary, was then presented and made a short address. Mrs. Nellie Pickett, Divisional Secretary, was then presented and she called up Chaplain Bennett, who is also the son of a veteran, and after a nice little speech pinned one of their badges on his coat. She also pinned one on the coat of Department Commander Lawrence.

Commander Lawrence then responded to their greetings in his usual happy way.

Telegram from American Legion received and read, and ordered acknowledged.

Spokane, Wash., June 25, 1925.

Grand Army of the Republic,
Department of Washington, in convention assembled,
Centralia, Wash.

The American Legion, Department of Washington, sends greetings to the grand old men of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our hearts and hands are ever ready to serve you with that unbounded devotion which springs from the realization that you and your comrades made it possible for us to live and to fight for the flag and the nation which you fought for and saved.

LLOYD HILL,

Commander, American Legion,
Department of Washington.

Commander: Officer of the day, is there any other delegation? Apparently none others were in waiting.

This is the last—the Daughters' and the Sons' delegation named to be here, and they are here on time. I suggest that the Corps (Woman's Relief Corps) are having their election; and probabilities are they won't come until that is over.

Comrade Gandy announced Camp Fire at 8 o'clock; and the expected arrival of Governor Hartley; and the decoration of the monument near the library building at 7 o'clock. Unless we have positive information as to the Corps' women, if they are coming, or the Daughters of Veterans, or the Ladies of the G. A. R., this afternoon, might just as well adjourn, or we can ascertain in a few minutes, by phone or otherwise if they are going to be here. If not, we had better adjourn.

Comrade Knowlton referred to the parade at 7:30 p. m.

Comrade Brown suggested the taking of a recess until the next item on the program. So ordered.

Encampment adjourned accordingly.

FIFTH SESSION

Thursday Morning—9:30 a. m. June 25th, 1925

Commander: This Encampment is open now in due form for the transaction of business. Any committees to report this morning?

Comrade Knowlton: There is one here. I have the report of the Past Commanders on the Commander's Annual Address. "We, the Past Commanders, beg leave to report that we find that Commander Lawrence has done his duty loyally and well to the honor and credit of the G. A. R." Signed by the Past Department Commanders present.

Moved that the report be accepted and placed in the Journal. Seconded. Adopted.

Comrade North then read the transportation resolution:

There is in existence authorized by the congress of the United States a permit whereby all railroads in America may recognize a request for transportation at reduced rates over their several lines to the veterans of the Civil War and later wars of this country. At the present time these permits are available only to members of National and State Homes and Colonies and are honored by all railroads in the United States when said requisitions are signed by the official in charge of said homes and colonies and state that the bearer thereof is a member of the home or colony. And there are hundreds—possibly thousands—of veterans of these United States who have served in the various wars thereof who are not members of any National or State Home or Colony, who are maintaining a home for themselves, and have no income other than their pension granted by this government. These men under present laws and regulations are not entitled to and do not receive the benefit of transportation on the railroads; therefor be it

Resolved by the G. A. R. Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, now in session at Centralia, Washington, that we petition the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at their session to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, beginning August 29th next, to pass a resolution asking the Congress of the United States to amend the act relating to transportation by

railroads of war veterans of this government who have reached the age of sixty years, to be entitled to such transportation as is now or shall be allowed by the several railroads operating in the United States on consideration that the said veterans present to the railroad agent a request for transportation signed by the official in charge of the several National and State homes of this government or by the auditor or deputy auditor of the county in which the veteran resides.

Signed: NORTH,
BURDICK,
FREEMAN,

Committee on Veterans Transportation.

Judge Hoyt: It is intended that this should go to the committee on resolutions. It is not necessary to go to that committee, and I move you that the resolution be adopted as the sense of this Encampment.

Seconded in several places.

Resolution adopted.

Commander: Are there any other committees to report?

Comrade Knowlton: The Council of Administration held a meeting at the call of the Department Commander, and there were present Department Commander Lawrence, Senior Vice-Commander Richardson, Junior Vice-Commander Brown, and Comrade Hurd; and the proxy of Comrade Stevens was held by Commander Lawrence. The Council was called to order by Department Commander Lawrence at 2:30 p. m., and after the reading of a letter from Past Department Commander Brown, a motion was made and duly seconded that our Annual Encampment be held at Centralia on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th of June, 1925, and that the details of said Encampment be left to the Commander and local committee of arrangements. There being no further business, Council adjourned.

Judge Hoyt explained as to the late visit of ladies after adjournment yesterday afternoon. They had asked to be allowed to return at 10:30 a. m. this morning, which was granted, the judge stating that influence would be used with the Commander to give them that time.



MRS. LAURA M. THOMPSON
Secretary
Department of Washington and Alaska
Ladies of the G. A. R.
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Commander: We are waiting for them now; and a delegation from Stevens Corps No. 1, which has never been in this Encampment and has asked to see the boys.

Judge Hoyt: The Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Daughters were to be here together at 10:30.

Commander: The arrangement this morning was that they should be here at 9:40—with me. Any other committees to report?

What is the pleasure of this Encampment—while waiting?

Comrade Knowlton: We might take this matter up now—we have had two or three Department Past Commanders and Past Officers of this Department who have died during the past year—Hastie, Kilbourne, who was for thirty years the officer of the day of this Encampment.

Commander: That will be incorporated in the report of the Resolutions Committee. Comrade Richardson, will you take the chair?

Comrade Richardson took the chair, while Commander entered into an explanation of certain matters not on record.

On Commander Lawrence resuming the chair, the officer of the day announced the arrival of Ladies of the G. A. R.

Commander appointed a Reception Committee to escort the visitors to the platform: North, Gale, Baker, Warner, Coley, Gandy, etc. The ladies on entering were greeted with the G. A. R. Salutation.

Commander: Comrades—the National President and her staff. The Department President and her staff.

Mrs. McMillan (National President): Comrades of the Grand Army: We are all having a busy time and so I will not keep you any length of time. I bring you greetings from the National Organization of the Ladies of the G. A. R. The organization as you know is one of your family orders. The Ladies of the G. A. R. of course, as you understand, is an independent organization. It does not make us any the less a working army for the G. A. R. We are independent, but we are a part of the G. A. R., and you cannot be added with anything you are a part of—therefore we are an independent order and can organize in

any city where we can get ten sisters that are bound by the ties of blood to your comrades, and can continue our order indefinitely. We take in all the blood relatives and lineal descendants and we are now organizing the junior order of the children from 6 to 16—when they become 16 years of age they will join their parent organization, the Ladies of the G. A. R. So you see how we are going to live on indefinitely and perpetuate the work of the G. A. R. and the name of the G. A. R. as long as there is a blood relative left. We are going to do for you and yours as long as there is anyone that can work for you; and we have homes all over the United States. We have one in your own state of Washington, which I suppose you know all about, that are working for you and yours and dependents; and we are going to stand for the Flag and the country you saved in 1861-5, as I tell you, as long as there is one of us left. I bid you God speed; may you live many years; I am pleased to come before you, this Encampment of the G. A. R. of the Department of Washington. I thank you for your attention. (Applause.)

Mrs. Tallmadge: I am glad to meet with you this morning, comrades. As our National President has brought you the greetings from the National organization, I will bring you greetings from the Department of Kansas, the Sunflower State, of which I am proud to be a resident; and we are proud of our heritage as ladies of the G. A. R.—proud that we can bear your name—and we are going to do for you and for your memories all that we can do; and we are willing to do our very utmost for you. I thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Orsborn: Comrades of the National organization, officers and comrades: I am just delighted to come over to this Encampment and bring you greetings from the Department of Washington and Alaska. The same blood that flowed through your veins in the 60's, prompting you to such actions—that same blood courses through ours, and leads us on to save the Flag that you saved. We as an organization are bound together to teach patriotism and lessons of great citizenship and to teach and to practice the undying principles of the Golden Rule. We march shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand (when you let us!) (Laughter) with all of you in all of your work. We love you; we admire you; you are our fathers more than you ever knew.

My own father has been gone many years—the Post was his one hobby; the Church and the Post were the only two places he went to for years. When I was allowed to sit in the Post at Spokane, it made me think of the time when I was a youngster, when I had to sit on his knees. I appreciate the courtesies extended to me there—and here. And, Commander Lawrence, I have brought you a little token of love and affection from the Department. This little traveling case, on which, Commander, we had your initials engraved in gold letters—and like you—you are pure gold. I take this special privilege of pinning upon you one of our badges. Commander Lawrence, I wish you God speed in all of your work; and we all hope you will go on living for ever. (Long and enthusiastic applause.)

Commander: Mrs. President, I am delighted with this token of your affection. This morning we are at peace, and I am glad to see you here this delightful morning; may God bless you through the journey of life and at last receive you in His Heaven.

Mrs. Houghton: They said to have an escort—and being the biggest—they sent me along. I have nothing to say, except to introduce Frances Haskell, who will be the speaker on this occasion.

Mrs. Frances Haskell: Sister National President and Sister Department President and comrades: I did not come over here to speak. I came over here to look into your faces once more, comrades, and say how do you do—in the old-fashioned way, you know. For how do we meet from year to year, and over many, many years—we have been carrying greetings from the Department of Washington and Alaska to each other, and so many greetings have been exchanged there is not much to say, only this: That you and the boys of 1861-65 have made the grandest history in the world—none better; and no man or woman, nor any set of men or women, can find one flaw in it. You gave all you had to give, and double—and your comrades that stayed on the battlefield—some of them resting there yet in unknown graves. Comrades, through your sacrifices we have had the inspiration to go ahead and help you in your work. We are still working for you, and you fill us with inspiration—not only us, but all the children, and all the rising generation; and we just

want to say one thing: "G. A. R.—G-R-A-N-D A-R-M-Y O-F T-H-E R-E-P-U-B-L-I-C!" (An organized "yell," although that is too strong a word, was given here by the lady visitors, much to the surprise of the Encampment.) "And that is the way to spell it, and that is the way to yell it—for you we dare and die!" (Great applause.)

Mrs. Thatcher: Commander and comrades, these other people have brought you greetings from their organizations. I bring you my greetings and my love. Many of you, I know. But this is the first time of my 17 years' membership in the Ladies of the G. A. R. in this department that I have ever been accorded the privilege of looking into the faces of the comrades of the G. A. R. in Encampment; and I can assure you that it will give me an inspiration to carry back to my home, to my work, and which will give me renewed ardor in the work we are trying to do for you; and I certainly have appreciated the fact that I have only come along as a trailer, and I certainly am glad that I could just be that trailer. (Applause.)

Mrs. Thompson, Department Secretary: Senior Vice-Commander, Department Commander, National President, National Secretary, Department President and other officers and comrades: This is not the first time that I have been able to come and escort our National Secretary; but we now have a National President, let alone a National Secretary, and I consider it a high honor to be asked to come along, because I always appreciate coming to the G. A. R. as you know. And when all these good speakers have said about everything there is to say, there is nothing left for anyone besides; but I bespeak for you a wonderful and harmonious Encampment. I know that you are going to live a good many years and be an inspiration to us to try and carry on the work that has been carried on for so many years. I bring you greetings from the members of our own department; they are proud they belong to the G. A. R. They are proud of what we are doing, and we are proud to think that you have carried that living monument to us in a manner that will not crumble, and that your memorial will be continued and will live on for a long time to come. I thank you. (Applause.)

Commander: I am going to ask Comrade Gandy of Spokane to reply to the greetings of the National President.

Comrade Gandy: President and Commander, and Secretary and officers, and lesser lights, comrades of our own Department: We greet these ladies today not only because we admire their work, but we greet these ladies today because we admire their enthusiasm in their work. We know that they feel what they say; we know that they appreciate us for what we have done, and not for our looks (laughter), for we may have looked all right 30 or 40 years ago—we may look all right to them now; but to come across this continent, as these ladies have done, in midsummer—across the Rockies, which was not so bad, and across the Mississippi and the interior states, where the heat has been so intense the last three or four weeks, so much so that many of the good citizens have succumbed from the intense heat, declares an unusual amount of earnestness, an unusual amount of energy and enthusiasm for the work they are in, and shows the love for the old comrades on this coast. These came west where the west begins years and years ago. Ladies, we thank you for your coming. Ladies of our Department, we love you just the same—just the same. It is a pleasure to this Department of Washington and Alaska to have these annual visits, especially from the National officers, who come so seldom. It is especially a privilege to us to greet our own Department, because they are so close and so good to us, and kind on all occasions. We bid you welcome; we wish you a happy journey on your way, and we hope that our dear girls here may grow in numbers, grow in enthusiasm, if it is possible; but grow, loving us just the same, and take care of us old boys as long as there are any left in the Department. I thank you.

Commander: It may not be out of place for the Commander to say just a word; I don't suppose there is a person or comrade in this room that is more delighted than I am to have these ladies come to this Encampment and see these old boys; it is a pleasure and delight that does not come often to us. I am glad you came; and I am going to visit your convention and have just a word to say there.

Does Judge Hoyt or anyone in the pews down there want to say anything?

Judge Hoyt: Comrade Gandy has already covered the field completely. I was about to ask the President privately—but publicly now—what time of the day one could pay a personal visit and greet them in their convention?

Mrs. Orsborn: We welcome you with open arms from 9 in the morning until 5 p. m. We will suspend any time, to welcome you to our convention. We appreciate the personal visits more, because those who come officially are sent, while those who come of their own desire come because you like us.

Ladies then retired, to the accompaniment of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and with proper escorts.

At 10:40 a. m. the officer of the day announced the arrival of another delegation.

Commander: Comrades, the Daughters of the Veterans are waiting to be received. The escort is at the door. The President will be escorted, but the rest will follow in. There are more girls than boys with them. Admit them, if escort is prepared.

Commander: Comrades, Mrs. Ross, Department President, and her children and daughters—there—right along there—and here! (Applause.)

Mrs. Ross: Department President, it is one of the greatest pleasures of the convention to be able to come to visit our fathers; and we have met several of them on the street who said we had better get back home. Yesterday afternoon we were so busy that we did not get here in time, and we are sorry we disappointed you then. It is a pleasure now to bring all of your daughters to make you a call. In the past years we have tried to work for patriotism and the teaching of patriotism, and to do what we could for the comrades. Sometimes we are told that perhaps the comrades need a little help and assistance, and if there is anything the daughters can do they are glad to do it. We sometimes hear that the comrades were strong in 1862 when they went to war; they were self-reliant then and they didn't need any particular help; but they are boys yet to us, and I think it applies to them yet. They are stalwart and strong and independent; and there is so little we can do to help;

but whatever we can do, send for us; just call on the daughters; we stand ready to do anything you like. And the daughters and sons of veterans are glad that they can take up the work, and they are proud of the nation that you fought to save, and the nation that you have given us; and it is our earnest wish that we may be a credit to our fathers. There is a little poem that has been repeated to us in times past about the boys in blue and to whom they would leave the work when they laid it down. When I went home last year I said to one of my girls, who is a versemaker, if she could write an answer to the poem; and she has written the verses that I want to recite to you: "Years ago we heard the story, as we stood beside your knee * * *" (reciting poem). (Applause.)

Miss Grace Hurd, representing the National Daughters of Veterans: Comrades, I am very proud to be able to come to this Encampment with a greeting from the Daughters of the State of Washington, and I am glad to present to you the greetings of our National Daughters, in addition to your State Daughters. I take it as a special pleasure to extend the greetings to Commander Lawrence and to the comrades here assembled.

Mrs. Connell, Senior Vice-President: This is one of the real happy times of our lives, when we bring greetings to our fathers in this large body assembled here. We can only hope that we may, as daughters of veterans, perpetuate the ideals that our fathers fought for; and that we may keep Old Glory flying in honor, and keep your memory green. God bless you.

Sister Josephine Wells, newly elected Department President: Commander Lawrence and comrades, we are your daughters—because we are your daughters. We greet you today, and we love every one of you; we love the principles for which you stand; and we are going to have you as our special hobby this year. If there is anything more that we can think of we are going to do it; we are going to make you happy; we are going to make you proud—why—you are our daddies—why—every one of you are our daddies; and if there is anything you would like us to do, don't hesitate, because we are your daughters; and you have a right to come to us, and we will respond to the very best of our ability. God bless every one of you.

Commander: Comrade Hurd, will you respond to these greetings of your daughters?

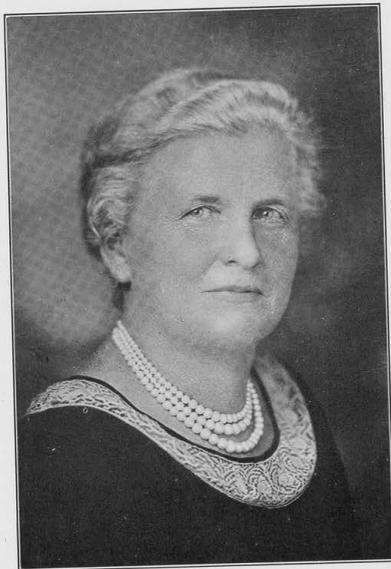
Comrade Hurd: In behalf of the G. A. R. of this department it affords me a great deal of pleasure to stand upon this platform and look into the faces of such a patriotic body of women as I see before me; but when I know that they are representatives of our own families, the daughters of veterans, then I am filled with historic remembrances of the past. I remember only a few years ago—only 59 years ago—when our comrades of the Grand Army—many of them that are here now—were not members of the G. A. R. We were perfecting an organization that was thought would last, would continue while time should last. But there seemed to be something lacking. We had a lot of patriotic organizations that we loved with us, representing all classes of patriotism; but we had no Daughters of the Veterans at that time. And then, later on, the Daughters of the Veterans were organized. We met at Bremerton and organized a daughter department; then we thought we were to be remembered; but we had no idea then of the phenomenal growth of this organization, and today we want to say that we appreciate the work that you have done in the past. It is not necessary for us to repeat what it has been; but it is sufficient to say that we do enjoy the presence and we do have a happy hope for the future, when you shadow an organization that will equal if not exceed in work and patriotism any other patriotic organization upon the face of this great earth. We thank you for your presence here at this time.

Recess at 11:30 until 1:30 p. m. of same day.

1:30 P. M.

Election of officers. Comrades Ames, Phelps and Gale appointed tellers. Nominations for Commander were now called for, and Comrade Gale nominated Willis Richardson, of Post No. 24, Bellingham, which was seconded by Comrade Alexander, of No. 24.

Comrade North nominated Wm. J. Baker, of Post No. 89, and same was seconded by Comrade Shaw, of No. 8, by Comrade J. Sox Brown, of No. 31, and by Comrade Thompson, of No. 6.



MRS. MATTIE ROSS
President
Department of Washington and Alaska
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Moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Carried. Roll of Posts called and, before the tellers could report the vote, Comrade Richardson moved that the vote for Comrade Baker be made unanimous. Seconded and carried.

Comrade Baker was called for and made a short speech of thanks for the honor conferred upon him. The newly elected Commander announced the appointment of Comrade Ed. C. Warner, of Post No. 89, as his Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and Comrade John P. Hoyt, of Post No. 1, as Judge Advocate. A basket of flowers was received from Grant Hodge Post, American Legion, and thanks were returned for them.

A telegram from Mayor Brown, of Seattle, was read to wit:

"Seattle, Wash., June 25, 1925, Commander Lawrence, G. A. R. of Washington and Alaska, and allied organizations; care of the Armory, Centralia, Wash.: Seattle sends sincere greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations in convention assembled, and we extend a most hospitable invitation that your 1926 convention be held in Seattle. Realizing your undying devotion to our great nation and the principles of liberty and justice, we will do everything within our power to make your convention the most successful one in your history. EDWIN J. BROWN, Mayor."

Moved that the invitation be accepted. Seconded and carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

Comrade Phelps was nominated for Senior Vice-Commander, but declined, and Comrade Brown nominated Comrade W. D. Chandler, of Post No. 31, for Senior Vice-Commander, which nomination was seconded by several. No further nominations being made, Comrade Hoyt moved that nominations close and that the Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for Comrade Chandler. Seconded and carried, and vote cast by Adjutant as directed.

Nominations for Junior Vice-Commander being in order, Comrade Gale nominated John J. Owen, of Post No. 118, which nomination was duly seconded.

There being no other nominations, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Owens, which he promptly did.

Comrade Gandy then nominated H. J. Bennett to succeed himself as chaplain of this department, which nomination was seconded, and motion made and carried that the Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Bennett, and the Adjutant General cast the vote as directed.

B. R. Freeman was then nominated and seconded for Medical Director, and it was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Freeman, which was done, and he was elected for his 20th term to that office.

Nominations were then called for five members of the Council of Administration, and the following were placed in nomination: Comrades F. H. Hurd, of Post No. 1; A. A. Stevens, of Post No. 105; J. H. Miller, of Post No. 10; H. P. Burdick, of Post No. 6; J. H. Shaw, of Post No. 8. Nominations having closed, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant General cast the votes of the Encampment for the comrades named above for the Council of Administration, which the Adjutant General having done, all of the comrades for whom votes had been cast were declared to have been duly elected to the respective offices for which they had been named.

Resolutions in re Confederate half-dollars reported back by the Resolutions Committee, and on motion by Comrade Emerson, of No. 103, duly seconded, the sentiments expressed in said resolutions in disapproval of said issue of coins were approved.

Recess was now taken until 9:30 of the 26th, to meet at Eagles' Hall, for the joint installation of our officers, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

June 26, 1925.

Encampment called to order promptly at 9:30, and the Officer of the Day was ordered to escort Past Department Commander Hurd, installing officer, to the Commander's chair, where-

upon Commander Lawrence turned the gavel over to Comrade Hurd, who then appointed E. D. Randall to be the Officer of the Day, and the work of installation proceeded, and at its close Comrade Hurd turned the gavel over to the newly installed Department Commander, Wm. J. Baker, of Everett. It appearing that there was no further business to come before the encampment, it was adjourned to meet in regular session at Seattle in 1926.

At this time the gavel was turned over to the President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

REPORT OF A. B. KNOWLTON, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Centralia, Wash., June 22, 1925.

To A. P. Lawrence, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade:

As your Assistant Adjutant General, I have the honor to submit the following report of the membership of the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

Membership, December 31, 1923	1,302
Gained by muster	9
Gained by transfer	38
Gained by reinstatement	39
Gained from delinquents	10
	1,398
Making a total of	1,398
Loss by death	137
Loss by transfer	45
Loss by suspension	34
Loss by delinquent reports	8
Loss by honorable discharge	2
Loss by dishonorable discharge	1
	227
Total membership December 31, 1924	1,171
Number of Posts December 31, 1923	59
Number of Posts December 31, 1924	56

Showing a loss of three Posts, i. e., Casey (No. 74), Hamilton (No. 113) and Cosgrove (No. 125). Transfers were issued by the Assistant Adjutant General to all members reported to be in good standing by the Commanders of the Posts. All per capita taxes were paid in full by the Posts at or before surrender of their charters. Silas Casey Post (No. 74) could not find its charter, and none of the members had any recollection of ever having seen it, and there is no record in this Department to show that one was ever issued. I quote below from the report of Comrade J. M. Comstock, Assistant Adjutant General for the year 1896, as follows (14th Journal, Page 31):

"I found upon taking charge of the papers of this department that there was no record of the organization or disbandment of Posts, excepting in a few cases, where I found applications for charters, but no record of the fact that charters were granted, or authority issued to any person to institute a Post."

The committee to whom the report of J. M. Comstock, as Assistant Adjutant General, was referred, made the following recommendation, to wit:

"In the matter of keeping a journal wherein is recorded the record of the organization of each and every Post, giving date of its charter, names of charter members, location, name and number and name of mustering officer, with other incidents in each Post, we are reliably informed that such a record was once had and kept, and after further search and inquiry, if it cannot be found, we recommend that the Assistant Adjutant General provide a new one and keep up such a historical record of each and every Post. We further recommend that in the case of Silas Casey Post (No. 74) and A. J. Smith Post (No. 72), wherein it appears that the charters of said Posts have been lost or destroyed, that new charters be granted to these two Posts free of cost to said Posts." Page 53, 14th Journal.

I have been unable to find a copy of the 15th Annual Encampment Journal, so do not know what was done by the Assistant Adjutant General for that year in the matter of following out the recommendation of the committee, but I do know that no such record came into my hands when I assumed the office.

In the matter of records, I would like to say that when I took over the office of Assistant Adjutant General the files of the office were very slim, but I have managed to get together all of the Department Journals except for the 13th and 15th Encampments, and if any of the comrades present have copies of those Journals that they can spare I will be glad to have them. The first twelve that I have in my possession are in a bound volume, and it might be well to have the rest bound in similar style, so that when we are done with them they can be deposited with the State Historical Society, or some other permanent organization for future generations to read, study and ponder over, that they may get an idea of what the Grand Army of the Republic stood for in the Department of Washington and Alaska.

Of the Journals of the National Encampments we have the last eight—1917 to 1924, inclusive. But we ought to have about 43 in order to have a complete file from the date that we were admitted as a Department. Of Department Rosters we only have ten, and the oldest one bears date of 1911. I do not know whether rosters have been made up for each year or not, but am inclined to think that some years have been skipped.

The reports from which the rosters are compiled are not now in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General, and the presumption is that as soon as they have been used for that purpose they have been destroyed.

Copies of the consolidated reports of Adjutants and Quartermasters made up by the A. A. and Q. M. Gen. for the National Adjutant and Quartermaster General, which are supposed to be kept on file, are conspicuous because they are so few. In closing this report I wish to thank the Post Adjutants and officers who have so kindly and willingly answered the many questions that I have had to ask of them at various times and on many occasions.

The following Posts have disbanded during the past year: Cosgrove (No. 125), August 2, 1924; Hamilton (No. 113), October 28, 1924; Casey (No. 74), November 22, 1924; Gregg (No. 127), February 13, 1925.

Transfer cards were issued to all members of these Posts who were in good standing and are accounted for in the statistical statement under the head of "Transfer."

Seattle, Wash., June 18, 1925.

To the Commander and Comrades, Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.:

Your Committee on Resolutions, occasioned by the death of

COMRADE ALBERT M. BROOKES,

a Past Commander of this Department of the G. A. R., respectfully submits for your consideration the following report, to wit:

Comrade Brookes enlisted in the service of his country as a private soldier on August 15, 1862, in Company K, 24th Wisconsin Infantry, and was honorably discharged therefrom June 10, 1865, having served faithfully for two years, seven months and twenty-five days, during which time he, with his regiment, participated in the following noted battles of the Civil War, viz.: Perryville, Ky.; Stone River, Tenn.; Chicamauga, Tenn.; Resaca, Ga.; Dallas, Newhope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville, besides numerous skirmishes.

Comrade Brookes was born in the State of Illinois and became a citizen of our splendid State of Washington in its territorial days, and at once took up an active part in its civic and industrial affairs, in which he continued until within a week of his death, which occurred at his pleasant home in Seattle on August 7, 1924. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Brookes, residing in Seattle. No children were born to them, otherwise their home life was congenial in every respect.

Comrade Brookes was, up to the time of his passing away, a large employer of men and women in his business, who always held him in high esteem and who paid to his memory at his simple funeral, a most loving tribute.

Comrade Brookes joined Miller Post (No. 31) December 22, 1886, as a charter member, and assisted in the organization of the Post, being the last of its charter members to pass to the world beyond, after over 39 years of uninterrupted membership. He was elected Commander of this Department in 1885. He was

a man of excellent personal appearance and demeanor, of pleasing manners, a good executive, simple and direct in all his methods, and a presiding officer of dignity and fairness over any assemblage of his fellows to which he was called.

The last Department Encampment which Comrade Brookes attended was at Spokane, in 1923, and it was not until after his death that his deep love and interest in all pertaining to the G. A. R. was fully known and realized. Those whose duty it was to examine into his affairs, business matters and otherwise, found record proof of his real devotion and interest in the G. A. R., of which he had kept in painstaking order every report of this Encampment and that of the National Encampment, also every badge ever issued by either this or the National Encampment, as well as mementoes, letters and well-arranged data. As to his worth as a soldier for his country in its severest trial, the number of battles he participated in give most eloquent testimony. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted and made a part of the records of this encampment, and that a suitable portrait of Comrade Brookes be published in the Adjutant General's report of this 1925 Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

BYRON PHELPS,
J. O. ROCKWELL,
W. D. CHANDLER,

Committee.

Adoption moved, seconded and carried.

**REPORT OF A. B. KNOWLTON AS ASSISTANT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**

Collections have been very good as only one Post is delinquent at this time, and I think that one will pay before the year is out.

Received from former Asst. Q. M.....	\$ 369.55
Received from per capita tax.....	970.00
Received from supplies sold.....	33.40
Received from interest, ac. Charleston bonds..	14.00
By paid for printing	\$ 150.90
By paid Theo. Reed. ac. rendered.....	6.74

By paid express charges	6.34
By paid Quartermaster's bond	2.50
By paid ac. National Encampment	37.50
By paid postage	21.95
By paid supplies	21.45
By paid per capita tax	58.55
By paid Ident. Certificates	8.15
By paid salaries	600.00
By charged to Crook Post supplies.....	90
By cash in bank	471.97
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	\$1,386.95 \$1,386.95

In the matter of the Charleston bonds it does not seem probable that they will be paid very soon, if ever. We were fortunate enough to get a payment of \$14.00 interest on them, but I am not expecting to get any more. A number of Posts have paid their per capita tax in full for the year, so that the receipts for the balance of the year will not be equal to the receipts for the past six months. I do not think it would be good policy to increase the per capita tax but rather to ask some of the stronger Posts to bear the burdens of some of the smaller Posts. It may be that one of these years our W. R. C. will come in and give us a lift, as they did at Boston to the National Encampment.

Many thanks are due to the officers of the Posts for their spirit of co-operation in making out and sending the annual reports required by Rules and Regulations.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Balance as above	\$471.97
Dues collected	132.40
Supplies sold	1.20
Per capita tax paid	\$ 58.55
Stenographer	35.00
Renewal of Quartermaster's bond.....	2.50
Printing Journals	290.00
Balance to E. C. Warner.....	219.52
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	\$605.57 \$605.57

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
ROOM 320 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, SEATTLE

Seattle, July 1st, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1

Having been elected and installed Department Commander by the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Everett, Washington, June 23rd to 26th, 1924, I at once assumed command.

Headquarters have been established as above and business letters and communications should all be sent to that address.

The following named comrades were elected to and installed in office as named below.

Commander—A. P. Lawrence, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Senior Vice Commander—Willis Richardson, Post No. 24, Bellingham.

Junior Vice Commander—D. C. Brown, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Medical Director—B. F. Freeman, Post No. 47, Spokane.

Chaplain—H. J. Bennett, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Council of Administration

F. H. Hurd.....Post No. 1, Seattle.
J. M. Birmingham.....Post No. 63, Aberdeen.
A. A. Stevens.....Post No. 105, Wenatchee.
J. H. Miller.....Post No. 10, Snohomish.
G. O. Bump.....Post No. 8, Spokane.

A. B. Knowlton was appointed Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General and duly installed.

Further appointments and information as to National Encampment will be given in future orders.

By order of

A. P. LAWRENCE,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

A. B. KNOWLTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
ROOM 320 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, SEATTLE

Seattle, July 21, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2

In accordance with promise made in General Orders No. 1, I hereby announce the following appointments:

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General—A. B. Knowlton, of Miller Post No. 31.

Judge Advocate—C. G. Austin, of Miller Post No. 31.

Inspector General—Ed. C. Warner, of John Buford Post No. 89.

Chief of Staff—C. O. Russell, of Stevens Post No. 1.

Patriotic Instructor—

Chief Mustering Officer—Amos Berry, of Hoquiam No. 52.

Officer of the Day—E. C. Kibbourne, of Stevens Post No. 1.

Senior Aide de Camp—

Color Bearer—George R. McGee, of Miller Post No. 31.

Appointments of Aides de Camp will be announced in future General Orders and Commanders are requested to send in names for appointment.

The following named Comrades were elected as Delegates and Alternates to represent this Department at the National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1924.

Delegates:

Rodney Wampole, Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118, Retsil.

George Avery, Gregg Post No. 127, Hillyard.

Benj. C. Levy, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

George Thornton, Meade Post No. 9, Yakima.

S. W. Stockman, Spokane.

R. H. Ball, Larrabee Post No. 18, La Conner.

B. O. Hall, Morton Post No. 10, Snohomish.

A. P. Rounds, Spokane.

Alternates:

John P. Hoyt, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

John J. Owen, Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118, Retsil.

Geo. W. Lincoln, Sexton Post No. 103, Seattle.

C. L. Thompson, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

O. Blake, Morton Post No. 10, Snohomish.

C. B. Kitteredge, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

Jas. H. Chase, Paige Post No. 94, Cashmere.

The Fifty-Eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Boston, Mass., the week beginning August 10th, 1924. National Headquarters will be at the Hotel Vendome. Headquarters for the Department will be at Young's Hotel. All requests for room reservations should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, William L. F. Gilman, 305 City Hall Annex, Boston, Mass.

Transportation and Railroad Rates: All Railroads in this Division have agreed to a round-trip rate of one fare from starting point to Boston and return. The Official Headquarters train will be operated over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Lines, leaving Seattle at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday, August 6th, arriving in Chicago, Saturday, August 9th, at 9:30 A. M. and leaving Chicago at 10:30 A. M. over the New York Central Lines, arriving in Boston August 10th, at 3:10 P. M. Return tickets will be good until October 1st, midnight. This special train will not stop at Niagara Falls and if you wish to stop and see the Falls you will have to do so on your return and will have to make your arrangements when you buy your ticket as from Chicago to Boston you will have to go and come over the same route.

Our special circular gives all necessary information in regard to rates and dates, but we wish to call to your attention the fact that you MUST have Identification Certificates before you can buy tickets at the rates quoted. Please send to this office at once for what you need.

Other appointments will be announced in future Orders.

By order of

A. P. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

A. B. KNOWLTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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ROOM 320 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, SEATTLE

Seattle, August 1, 1924.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3

With great sorrow we announce the death of Comrade E. C. Kilbourne, who for 30 years efficiently and faithfully filled the office of Officer of the Day in this Department, and we realize that it will be hard to find a Comrade to fill his place. He died

July 20th, after an illness of 14 days, and was laid to rest in the G. A. R. Cemetery in Seattle. This Department extends its heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

As heretofore announced the 58th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Boston, Mass., August 10th to 15th. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway will be the route over which the official train will be operated, leaving Seattle at 9:30 a. m. August 6th and arriving at Boston at 3:10 p. m. August 10th. More specific information is given in our circular letter sent to all Posts, Corps and other organizations affiliated with the G. A. R.

Department Headquarters will be closed August 5th and opened at Young's Hotel in Boston on August 11th. Your Department Officers expect to be home to reopen Headquarters in Seattle, September 1, 1924.

By order of

A. P. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

A. B. KNOWLTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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Seattle, October 28th, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4

Additional appointments to the staff have been made as follows:

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

John M. Hoyt, Post No. 1, 1621 4th Ave. West, Seattle.

SENIOR AIDE DE CAMP

F. E. Wilson, Post No. 118, Retsil.

DEPARTMENT BUGLER

J. C. Cady, Post No. 118, Retil.

AIDE DE CAMP

G. W. Stafford, Post No. 2, Vancouver.

Appointments of Aides de Camp will be announced in future General Orders and Commanders are requested to send in names for appointment.

The Annual Election of Post Officers will take place at the first regular meeting in December and installation will follow at the first regular meeting in January.

As Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders are now voting members of the Department Encampment, their names must be reported to these headquarters.

No one who is not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic can be elected to any office in the Posts.

Your attention is called to National General Orders No. 2, which is enclosed with this Order, and you will especially note Section X in reference to resolutions and recommendations made and acted upon at the National Encampment, held at Boston in August.

 IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT M. BROOKES

Past Department Commander, Department of Washington and Alaska, was born at Galena, Illinois, September 2, 1843, and died at Seattle, Washington, August 7, 1924. He enlisted August 15, 1862, in Co. K, 24th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and was honorably discharged from the same June 10, 1865, by reason of the close of the Civil War.

The regiment saw much hard and active service and he was with it at all times, sharing with his comrades all of the vicissitudes of war.

He joined John F. Miller Post No. 31 as a charter member in December, 1886, coming from Stevens Post No. 1 by transfer card.



ALBERT M. BROOKES

Commander 1885-1886

Department of Washington and Alaska
Grand Army of the Republic

Died August 7, 1924

He was elected Department Commander in June, 1885, serving until the following June. At the time of his death he was the Senior Past Commander of this Department.

H. W. DAVIS

We also call your attention to the death of Comrade H. W. Davis, Co. D, 9th Vermont Volunteer Infantry, who was Patriotic Instructor of this Department for 1923-1924. He died very suddenly October 23, 1924, at his home in Seattle. He was a member of John F. Miller Post No. 31.

By order of

A. P. LAWRENCE,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

A. B. KNOWLTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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December 10, 1924.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

Herewith we are sending you the blanks for your Annual Reports. Be sure to fill them out fully, mail them promptly and enclose the per capita tax, which is required by the Rules and Regulations, Series 1922. (See Section 4, page 30, Article 3, Section 2, page 31; also Article 4, Section 2, page 31.)

At the last annual encampment, held at Everett, the per capita tax was placed at eighty cents (80c) per member, one-half of which is due and payable January 1st, and one-half July 1st. No report is now required for June 30th. The Department has to pay its per capita tax to the National as above.

As Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders are now voting members of the Encampment, it is necessary to have their names and addresses filled out properly on the blank sent you for that purpose. For full list of those who are entitled to vote at the Annual Encampment, see Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1, 2 and 3, Rules and Regulations, page 14.

Please be sure to report your regular meeting dates, and if you have none, state if you meet on call of the Commander. We are sending you two blanks of Forms A and B. Fill out both and send one to these headquarters and keep the other for future reference.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are yours in F. C. & L.,

By order of

A. P. LAWRENCE,

Official:

Department Commander.

A. B. KNOWLTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
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ROOM 305-F COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, SEATTLE

Seattle, May 11th, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5

Again the time is close at hand for us to pay our tribute of respect to our late comrades who have gone over the line before us. May we revere their devotion to the nation and place the nation's flag above them and strew their graves with the beautiful emblems of loving memory on May 30th, and may the reading

of General Logan's General Order No. 11 of May 5th, 1868, and of Lincoln's Gettysburg address bring to our minds and hearts what the day means to the few of their comrades who are left here to keep alive the memory of their sacrifices for the life of the nation.

You will find General Logan's order and Lincoln's address printed in full in National General Order No. 4 enclosed herewith.

Comrades are urged to visit the schools during the week of May 30th, not so much to tell the children of what you have done but to let them know that a few of the soldiers of 1861-5 are still alive.

The 43rd annual encampment of this Department will be held at Centralia June 22nd to 25th, inclusive, and the rates of fare for members of the Grand Army of the Republic, their wives, and widows of deceased members of the G. A. R. will be one and one-ninth fare for the round trip on the certificate of identification plan. Posts will at once advise the Asst. Adj. General of how many identification certificates they will need.

Members of the Auxiliaries will pay one full fare and take a receipt for the same, and if 100 of said receipts are presented to the validation officer they will be validated and the holders will be entitled to return to their homes on one-half of the regular fare.

Tickets will be on sale from the 18th to the 24th of June going and up to the 29th returning home. Headquarters for the Department will be at the Hotel Wilson.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General on Monday at 1:30 P. M. for his orders.

Comrade Willis L. Ames is hereby appointed Chairman of the Credentials Committee and may select his assistants. Any person wishing to reserve a room will address "The Housing Committee," Chamber of Commerce, at Centralia, stating what they want. For other information address Mr. J. E. Moran, Chamber of Commerce, Centralia. The Commander and his staff will leave here over the Northern Pacific Railroad at 9 A. M. of the 22nd day of June.

The National Encampment will be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the week beginning with August 30th, 1925, and National Headquarters will be located at the Hotel Pantlind.

Tickets from the Department of Washington and Alaska will be on sale from August 21st to August 30th, inclusive, and will be good for return to reach home on or before October 7th. You can have your choice of routes to and from Chicago going and returning. Rate, one fare for round trip. Identification Certificates must be presented to the railroad ticket agent.

Hoping to have a good attendance at the Encampment and that all will have an enjoyable time, I am yours in F. C. and L.,

A. P. LAWRENCE,

Official:

Department Commander.

A. B. KNOWLTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

