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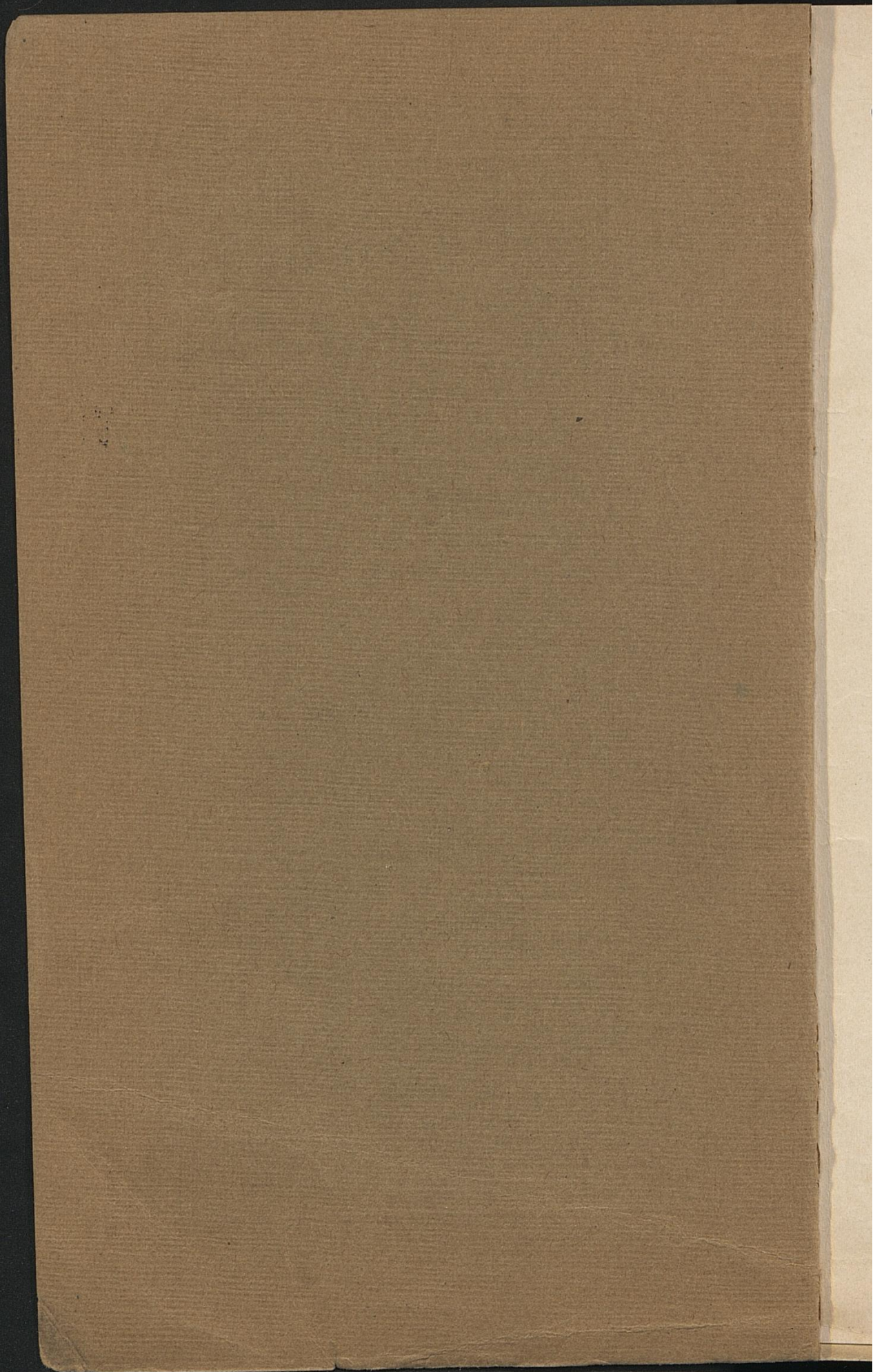


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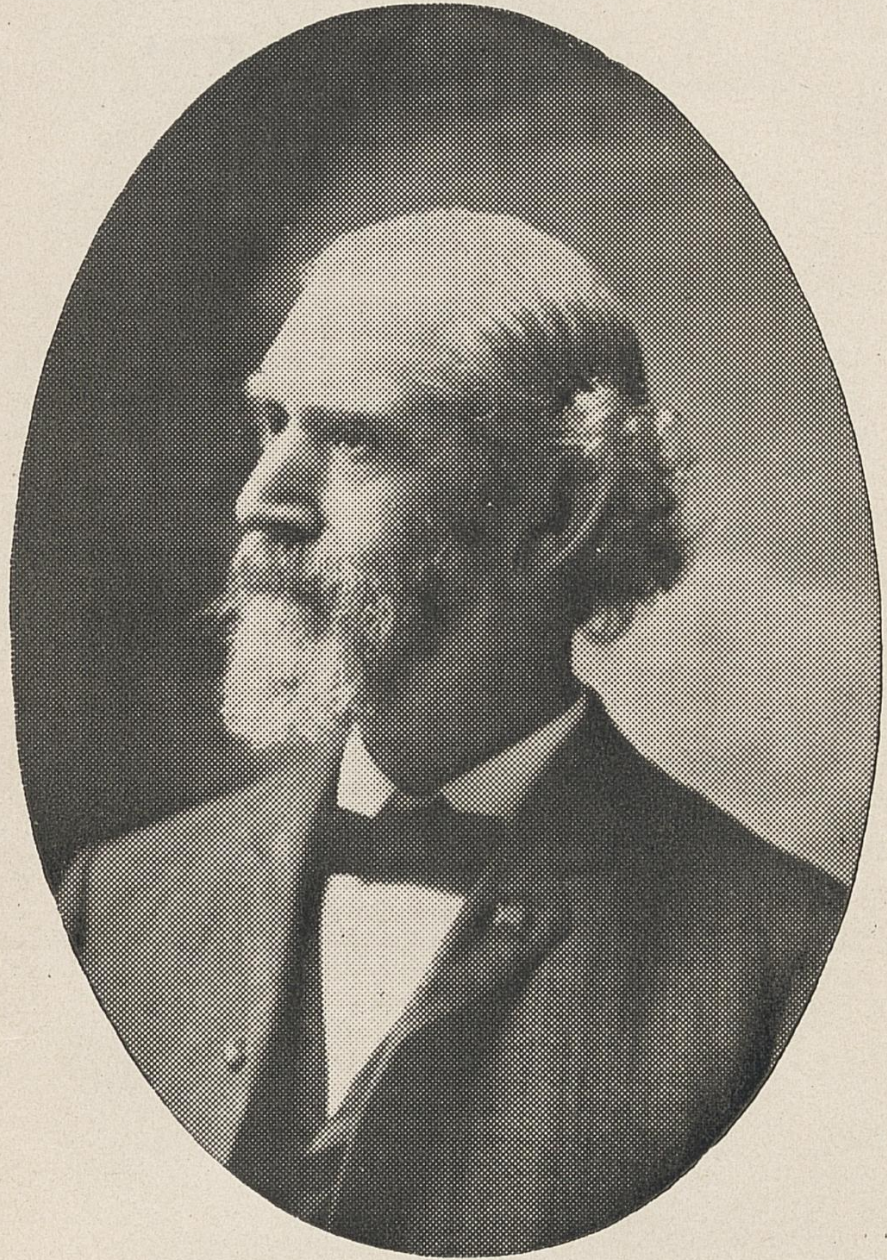
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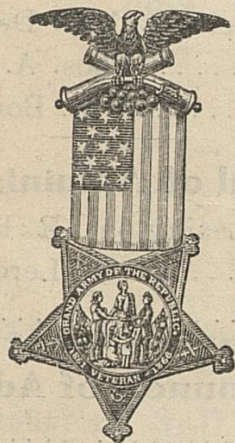


LE VANT DODGE,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF
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OFFICERS FOR 1907-8
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PROCEEDINGS, 26TH ENCAMPMENT
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ROSTER OF POSTS

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Commander.....LeVant Dodge.....Berea
Senior Vice Commander...E. P. MarrsLouisville
Junior Vice Commander...E. Douglass.Lexington
ChaplainC. C. Vaughn.... Russellville
Medical DirectorSamuel ManlyLouisville
Historian.....W. J. L. Hughes.. Owensboro

Department Staff

Ass't. Adj. & Q. M. Gen'l..M. J. GabbardBerea
Department Inspector.....S. D. VanPelt..... Danville
Judge AdvocateD. R. Carr.Glasgow
Chief Mustering Officer....C. C. Degman.... Springdale
Patriotic Instructor.....Thos. A. Day..Olive Hill
Senior Aide de-Camp.....Wm. Bowman.....Tolesboro

Council of Administration

John T. Gunn.....Lexington R. R. Perry..Winchester
Alexander P. Settle....Berea Leroy Alcorn....Winston
Green B. Miller.....Richmond

National Council of Administration

George Seither.....Bellevue

Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Michael Minton.....Louisville

Past Department Commanders

*J. C. Michie1883.....Covington
*W. H. Harton1884Newport
*George W. Northup1885Louisville
Thomas Z. Morrow.....1886.....Somerset
William Bowman.....1887.....Tolesboro
O. A. Reynolds.....1888Covington
*Vincent Boreing1889.....London

den. Reynolds as capt 3-14-86

Department Officers

Michael Minton.....	1890.....	Louisville
Samuel G. Hillis.....	1891.....	Vanceburg
*Edward H. Hobson.....	1892.....	Greensburg
T. E. Livezey.....	1893.....	Covington
Daniel O'Riley.....	1894.....	Leitchfield
†R. M. Kelly.....	1895.....	Louisville
Americus Whedon.....	1896.....	Louisville
A. J. Tharp.....	1897.....	Winston
J. W. Hammond.....	1898.....	Louisville
Jos. H. Browning.....	1899.....	Louisville
L. M. Drye.....	1900.....	Lebanon
John Blaes.....	1901.....	Louisville
T. F. Beyland.....	1902.....	Bellevue
W. G. Foree.....	1903.....	Louisville
Wm. T. Bausmith.....	1904.....	Bellevue
Bernard Mathews.....	1905.....	Louisville
George T. Grinstead.....	1906.....	Waco
LeVant Dodge.....	1907.....	Berea

*Deceased. †Suspended.

Delegates to 41st National Encampment

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

Wm. Pedrick....	Frankfort	S. D. VanPelt....	Danville
Geo. Seither.....	Bellevue	D. R. Carr.....	Glasgow
L. W. Lindley ...	Louisville	Pat. Rush....	Munfordville
A. Rucker.....	Shelbyville	John Barr	Lebanon

Committee on Transportation

O. A. Reynolds, Albert Scott, and Department Commander

Woman's Relief Corps of Ky.

President	Sarah Hense.....	Bellevue
Secretary	Jane Ellis Moore.....	Bellevue

Sons of Veterans of Ky.

Commander—Geo. H. Stebbins, 812 Vine St., Cincinnati, O.
Secretary—Chas. E. Stebbins, 159 W. 4th St., Covington.

New - Reynolds as capt - 5-14-56

GENERAL ORDERS AND BULLETINS

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY, G. A. R.

Berea, Ky., June 1, 1907.

General Orders, No. 1.

At the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Louisville, May 15th and 16th, 1907, I was elected and installed as Department Commander for the ensuing year. In entering upon the duties of the office, I am profoundly impressed with the magnitude of the responsibilities assumed. The cordial co-operation of all comrades, in the spirit which characterized the closing hour of our Encampment, is earnestly invoked. Your Commander will make the interests of the G. A. R. his first consideration during the coming year. He feels that he cannot otherwise be true to the spirit of his obligation. But every comrade may have a share in the work and in the credit for whatever good may be accomplished. Let us work in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, looking to God for help and guidance.

The other officers elected for the year are as follows:

Senior Vice Commander—E. P. Marris, Louisville.

Junior Vice Commander—E. Douglass, Lexington.

Dept. Chaplain—C. C. Vaughn, Russellville.

Dept. Historian—W. J. L. Hughes, Owensboro.

Medical Director—Samuel Manly, Louisville.

Council of Administration:

John T. Gunn, Lexington.

R. R. Perry, Winchester.

Alex. P. Settle, Berea.

Leroy Alcorn, Winston.

Green B. Miller, Richmond.

Delegates to the Fortieth National Encampment:

Wm. Pedrick,

Geo. Seither.

L. W. Lindley,

Albert Rucker,

Alternates:

Patrick Rush,

D. R. Carr,

S. D. VanPelt,

John Barr.

Comrade M. J. Gabbard, of Berea, is appointed Ass't Adj. Gen. and Ass't Q. Gen. As announced at the Encampment, the Commander has arranged to give his own personal attention to the details of this work. The regular fee paid for this work will all be used in advancing the interests of the G. A. R. work, and a statement of the same rendered at the close of the year. It is advised that all official communications be addressed, "LeVant Dodge, G. A. R. Department Commander, Berea, Ky."

As the appointments on Department Staff are not quite complete, further announcements are deferred until the next General Order, which must be issued during the present month.

Blanks for the use of Post Chaplains are herewith inclosed. It is urged that these be filled out with promptness and care and forwarded to C. C. Vaughn, Dep't Chaplain, Russellville, Ky. Every Post Commander and Adjutant is charged with a part of the responsibility to see that this is done. Let us see that the reports concerning Decoration Day, in particular, are accurate and complete.

A sufficient supply of blanks for the Semi-annual reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters is not yet received. These will be furnished the several posts with the next General Orders. It is hoped that post officers will be ready to fill these out and mail them to these Headquarters, as soon as they are supplied.

It is the intention of the Department Commander to make trips into different parts of the state, during the summer and fall, where it may seem that he can assist the comrades in bringing home soldiers who have wandered from the camp, and in restoring posts which for any reason have been given up. It will be necessary to arrange these trips with reference to economy in traveling; and any suggestions as to reaching the people of your locality will be appreciated.

With soldierly love for every comrade,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

LE VANT DODGE,

Department Commander.

M. J. GABBARD,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY, G. A. R.

Berea, Ky., June 29, 1907.

General Orders, No. 2.

Since issuing General Orders No. 1, the Department Commander has attended post meetings or visited individual comrades of twenty different posts. He also has received letters from a goodly number. A few posts have sent in their semi-annual reports, even ahead of time, and their receipts and the new Department Countersigns have been forwarded. The 30th of June is the time that the term ends and the report should show the membership at that date.

In cases where two blanks were not furnished, an additional one is herewith inclosed, also an addressed envelope for sending the post report to the Department Commander. Many will need no instructions; but some reports already received suggest the propriety of urging a few points upon the attention of post officers. The financial part of the report should be made out fully and with care, beginning with the total amount on hand last Jan. 1st, and should be signed by the Quartermaster. The Adjutant should carefully fill out the column headed "Recapitulation," and also should give all the facts called for concerning members received and those lost, from any cause, during the past six months. Remember that the number to be paid for is not necessarily simply those who just now personally make payment, but includes all living members who have not been dropped or suspended by vote, after having received a month's notice that they are a year in arrears. Observe that there is a place provided for the signature of the Post Commander and his P. O. address below it. If there is the least doubt, on the part of any officer, how to fill out the blank, let the officers go over it together or get the assistance of others. Comrades, there is no possibility of showing the true state of our Department unless each post is extremely careful. Then write plainly, spell correctly and give the P. O. address of the officers named in the report. Remit dues by registered letter, money order or bank check. Remember that it is fifteen cents for every name now on the rolls. Let it

R. not be necessary to say that any report is lacking on the 15th of July. Fill out and keep a copy for use hereafter.

Blanks have previously been sent for Chaplain's Memorial Day report, and addressed envelope to be used in sending it to the Department Chaplain, Rev. C. C. Vaughn, Russellville. No copy of this need be kept. But do report without delay. If the exact number cannot be given, of those attending Decoration Day exercises, etc., consult with others and give the facts as correctly as possible. Let us have no wild or exaggerated guesses. Post Commanders should see that Chaplains perform this duty. It will be a serious neglect if any post fails to be prompt. The Department Commander will ask the Department Chaplain what posts, if any, have not reported to him by July 15th.

Post Surgeons do not report to the Department Surgeon until Dec. 31st. But they should be watchful and be taking notes for preservation, so as to insure accuracy. Blanks will be furnished from Headquarters, in good time, and also envelopes addressed to the Department Surgeon, or Medical Director, Dr. Samuel Manly, 2306 W. Walnut st., Louisville.

The Commander takes this occasion to make a number of announcements of appointment as staff officers. Others may follow later.

Senior Aide-de-camp and Chief of Staff—William Bowman, Tolesboro.

Assistant Inspector General—Sanford D. VanPelt, Danville.

Judge Advocate—D. R. Carr, Glasgow.

Chief Mustering Officer—C. C. Degman, Springdale.

Patriotic Instructor—Thos. A. Day, Olive Hill.

Committee on Transportation—O. A. Reynolds of Covington and Albert Scott of Louisville, in connection with the Department Commander.

Suggestions will be gladly received, from Post Commanders or others, in regard to the appointment of Inspectors in every post. Please give this immediate attention. Also the Commander will thankfully receive suggestions as to Comrades who, if appointed as Special Aides, will heartily and efficiently co-operate in the work of increasing the numbers, attendance and

spirit of comradeship in their own posts or, as occasion offers, assist in formation, restoration or improvement of other posts in their vicinity. It is not intended to choose staff officers merely for ornament, but those who are able to be on duty. It is hoped that officers, elective and appointed, and alert comrades all along the line, will seek opportunities to recruit our ranks. And not less important is the work of strengthening the positions which we now hold. The Commander hopes that earnest comrades will, by correspondence and personal visits, find so many openings for work and call his attention to them, that he will need to keep a private secretary most of the time and will hardly find time for all the trips which he can take with profit into different parts of the state.

If supplies are needed send for them in season; use the prescribed blanks; avoid mistakes; send the pay; be patient, because we cannot keep all kinds continually on hand. The headquarters will be prompt and careful in filling orders. Be careful to give your postoffice clearly, including street and number where there is one. Some posts are represented at several postoffices. Many letters sent to comrades have been returned, because we did not know the exact address. In writing, say a few personal words to the Commander about the condition of your post. Let's get acquainted.

The forty-first National Encampment will be at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9-14. The far-famed beauty of the place insures an unusually pleasant time for those who attend. The rates for travel and entertainment are reduced so that it will cost less than for many encampments. Kentucky should be largely represented. The details as to fare and time limit are not yet definitely fixed by the railroads. This may be said, however, that the ticket for the round trip from Cincinnati will be about sixteen dollars. Nearly all our Comrades will best go thru Cincinnati. Fares from other points will be announced in detail as soon as practicable, also the modified terms for visits to New England, trips via New York, Washington, ocean steamers, the Jamestown Exposition, etc. Be making plans for going to the glorious Encampment and be on the lookout for the circulars containing fuller information. These gather-

ings of the old comrades grow richer and richer.

Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of John W. Lockhead a Lieutenant in the 48th Regiment, Ky. Vol. Infantry, if living, or of his widow or heirs, is asked to communicate with Pennebaker & Jones, Washington, D. C.

LE VANT DODGE,

Department Commander.

M. J. GABBARD, *Ass't Adj't Gen'l.*

Berea, Ky., Aug. 5, 1907.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3

Hurry in Reports.--The Department Commander extends his hearty thanks to those Posts that have been prompt in sending their reports for the term ending June 30, 1907. They have been doing him a personal favor which he is not slow to appreciate. His duties, more exacting than many suppose, are thus made easier. The efficiency of the administration and the good report of the Department of Kentucky are in this way materially aided. A special extension of the time for our Department report to Aug. 1st was secured. On that day our report was sent to the Adjutant General. Seventy posts or about two-thirds of the number nominally existing, were represented in that report. The facts in regard to the others had to be guessed at. We will not find fault with the others nor specify them. They have not realized the importance of promptness. It is natural for some of us to be just a little behind time, isn't it? Will not the officers of every post whose report is lacking see to it that the report is at headquarters at least as soon as Aug. 24th? A supplementary report *must be closed up that day*. The importance of care in making out in full, both the statistical and financial parts of these reports cannot be too strongly emphasized.

On to Saratoga.--The Comrades and their friends are asked to note some of the special advantages and attractions of Saratoga Springs, as the place of the National Encampment, Sept. 9-14, 1907. Saratoga is justly celebrated as having the largest number and variety of

medicinal springs to be found in the country. It is famous for its smooth, broad streets, fine elms, and the beauty of the surrounding scenery. The line of the parade will be on level ground constantly shaded by the magnificent trees along the way. The place of formation is in Woodland park, making the necessary waiting comfortable. As the march is to be but slightly more than a mile in length, Comrades can have their dinner before going to the place of rendezvous. The first Department will not march until 2:00 P. M. It will be far the easiest and safest parade we ever have had. An additional advantage is that the arrangement will permit the comrades from each Department to see something of the movement of nearly all the others. Let every one of our men who is able to walk at all be found in line.

The lateness of the railroads in making definite terms is attributed to the confusion of their business resulting from the Interstate Commerce Commission. The copy for this General Order is given to the printer on the very day that we secure the last item of necessary information. The special train carrying the Kentucky Headquarters will leave the Grand Central Depot, at Cincinnati, in the forenoon of Sept. 8th, go over the track of the Big Four, Lake Shore and West Shore division of the N. Y. Central, arriving at Saratoga about noon of the 9th. The giving of half fare makes the rate practically one cent a mile. For the distance traveled from points in Kentucky, however, south of Winchester, Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro, a charge of \$2.00 beyond this special rate is made. These tickets are good to return starting on or before Sept. 17th. By depositing with the validating agency and paying a fee of \$1.00 they may be extended to Oct. 6th. Side trips to Boston, New York, etc. may be taken at corresponding rates. Any who desire to return *via* the Jamestown Exposition should make arrangements accordingly, when they purchase their tickets. If any change or additional concession of importance is secured, notice will be sent to the posts.

The Ky. Headquarters at Saratoga are engaged at the United States Hotel. It is hoped that our friends, es-

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pecially Kentucky soldiers, will make an early call there and register. The G. A. R. National authorities have made a contract with the local parties securing all against extortionate charges. Posts or individuals desiring to make previous arrangements for hotel quarters may do so by addressing R. S. Rivington, Chairman on accommodations, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Preference will be given to G. A. R. men, up to Aug 20th; then all will fare alike in the filling of orders. We hope to meet the Ky. G. A. R. Officers, Delegates, Alternates, and Comrades generally, on the Headquarters train. If personal convenience leads any to choose the Erie Railway, the rates will be about the same.

3. The Fall Campaign.—It is the purpose of the Department Commander to be in the field most of the fall. The work of recruiting our ranks needs prosecuting with vigor. All worthy Union Soldiers ought to belong to the G. A. R. Those who stay outside are missing a duty and a privilege. Many good men are missing this through lack of information. There is hardly a soldier who has not been financially helped by the G. A. R. But its chief objects are patriotic rather than selfish. It is necessary to bring the truth to the attention of our Comrades. The Department Commander has some engagements on hand. Beginning about Oct. 8th he would like to arrange a tour in the N. E. part of the state and perhaps up the Big Sandy. He contemplates an extended tour in the west part of the state, the last of October and throughout the most of November. It is found that many post meetings do not occur at the time given in the roster. Comrades will confer a favor by writing and giving the present day of meeting, the hour and the place. Also please state what are the possibilities of meeting some other date or dates, if notified that the Commander will be present. In some cases the arrangements can be made for joint meetings of different posts, or open meetings to which others may be invited, both soldiers and citizens. Your Commander would esteem it a privilege to address mass meetings, on court-days or other occasions. Dear Comrades let us pull together. I can do the work of but one man. This I will do enthusiastically and without pay. Each of you

can do the work of one man. United effort and the blessing of God will give us success.

LE VANT DODGE,
Department Commander.

M. J. GABBARD,
Assistant Adjt. General.

BULLETIN NO. 1.

Berea, Ky., August 27, 1907.

It is with deep regret that the Department Commander has found himself unable at an earlier date, to make detailed announcement of the rates from different points in Kentucky to the National Encampment, at Saratoga and return. The list inclosed does not contain the names of all places which he would be glad to include. This has been compiled from fragmentary and belated information furnished by five different roads. The delays, without parallel in our former experience, are attributed by the railroads to the confusion of their business incident to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Headquarters train will leave the Grand Central depot at Cincinnati at 1:00 p. m., Sept. 8th. It will go via the Big Four, Lake Shore, N. Y. Central and D. & N. R. R., reaching Saratoga at noon on Sept. 9th. The return trip will begin at any date up to Sept. 17th, as individuals may choose, with the privilege of extension of time to Oct. 6th, by depositing ticket at Saratoga and paying \$1.00. Side trips from Albany to Boston or New York may be taken for \$5.00 each, with stop over of ten days or less. The Ky. Headquarters at Saratoga will be at the U. S. Hotel, rooms 462 and 464. It is hoped that our friends will call and register, and that all Ky. soldiers will march in the parade.

LE VANT DODGE,
Department Commander.

(List of places and rates from each omitted.)

BULLETIN NO. 2.

Berea, Ky., Nov. 7, 1907.

The Department Commander of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, takes this occasion to make an-

nouncement of his next trip in the interest of the G. A. R. cause. In his recent field work he has addressed fifteen public meetings; twelve of them regular or called meetings of G. A. R. posts. Three disbanded posts have been restored to active membership in the Department upon a sound basis. He has had personal consultation with members of twenty posts. Most of the other posts visited seemed to be inspired with a new determination to do active work and to recruit their ranks.

In making his program for the travels of the coming weeks, he has adapted himself to the regular meetings of posts, so far as is consistent with reasonable economy in traveling. In cases when it involves a special meeting, it is hoped that comrades will realize the difficulty of adapting the time to all local circumstances and will make special effort to secure the attendance of all members. The visit of the Commander to different parts of the state involves so much of effort and personal expense that the comrades surely will make a little sacrifice to gratify his great desire to meet them all personally. He hopes they will all be glad to meet him. It will be agreeable to him if the posts shall take pains to secure the attendance of old soldiers who are not members of our noble order. He is anxious for an opportunity to talk to them about the great privilege which they are missing. It is desired to adjust these meetings to the hour of the day which accommodates the post, so far as it can be done. The published rosters generally do not give the meeting hour. Post officers are asked to send word at once to Berea, as to what is their exact time of meeting and whether they will adapt themselves, for this one occasion, to the program outlined in this bulletin. It is regretted that the detailed time tables of the various railroads are not at hand, so as to announce the hour of arrival at each point. In most cases those on the ground will be able, by noticing the full list of appointments, to decide what train will bring the Commander. It will greatly help if comrades will meet such train and give him advice as to hotel accommodations. Attention is called to the list of appointments which follows:

Friday, Nov. 16—(1 p. m.) E. F. King Post, Corbin.
 Saturday, Nov. 16—(9:30 a. m.) Barbourville.
 Monday, Nov. 18—T. M. Wheatly Post, Hawesville.
 Tuesday, Nov. 19—Jas. S. Jackson Post, Owensboro.
 Wednesday, Nov. 20—Abe Lincoln Post, Owensboro.
 Thursday, Nov. 21, R. G. Shaw Post, Henderson.
 Friday, Nov. 22—Jim Pool Post, Corydon.
 Saturday, Nov. 23—General Anderson Post, Providence.
 Monday, Nov. 25—Dave Goode Post, Madisonville.
 Tuesday, Nov. 26—Llewellen Bacon Post, Hopkinsville.
 Wednesday, Nov. 27—Jas. S. Simmons Post, Hopkinsville.
 Thursday, Nov. 28—(7:00 p. m.) Princeton.
 Friday, Nov. 29—Paducah Post. (Can stay Saturday if desirable.)
 Monday, Dec. 2.—Gregory Post, Mayfield.
 Tuesday, Dec. 3—L. A. Hanson Post, Mayfield.
 Wednesday, Dec. 4—(7:00 p. m.) Bardwell.
 Thursday, Dec. 5—(10 a. m.) Wickliffe.
 Saturday, Dec. 7—Rousseau Post, Louisville.
 Monday, Dec. 9—Warner Post Louisville.
 Tuesday, Dec. 10—W. C. Whittaker Post, Louisville.
 Wednesday, Dec. 11—Geo. H. Thomas Post, Louisville.
 Thursday, Dec. 12—W. W. Berry Post, Louisville.
 Friday, Dec. 13—M. R. Delaney Post, Louisville.
 Saturday, Dec. 14—(10 a. m.) General Fry Post, Anchorage.
 “ —(7 p. m.) General Burbridge Post, Shelbyville.
 Monday, Dec. 16—(10 a. m.) Geo. Cotton Post, Versailles.
 “ —(7 p. m.) Miller Post, Nicholasville.

By all means be prompt. Other appointments are to be made later. Suggestions as to dates and special occasions are invited. Let us see what post can most strengthen its membership and improve its prospects! Ours is a noble cause! General orders No. 4, will be sent in a few days.

LE VANT DODGE, *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF KY., G. A. R.

Berea, Kentucky, Nov. 12, 1907,

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 4.

The National Encampment—It becomes the duty of the Department Commander to make a brief announcement to the posts in regard to the National Encampment held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 9-14, 1907. This statement may have been looked for at an earlier date. However, it did not seem necessary to incur the expenses of issuing it until other matters needed to be mentioned. A National Encampment is always an in-

spiring occasion, especially to those who are members of the Convention, or Encampment proper, and those who have part in the great parade. So far as the Convention and public gatherings are concerned the recent Encampment was no exception. The exhibition of hospitality and patriotism was fully up to the standard. Fidelity to facts, however, requires the confession that as a popular gathering the 41st Encampment fell below the average of recent years. The smallness of the place chosen, its removal from the leading lines of travel, the unusual slowness of railroads in announcing rates of travel, and their final refusal to make rates as favorable as on previous occasions, combined to make the attendance of the general public probably less by half than is usual. Such being the circumstances, of course the number of spectators on the day of the parade, that great patriotic event of the year, was comparatively small. Those of us who marched found some consolation for this in the fact that there were fewer to behold our forlorn appearance as we trudged along in the downpour of rain. The Commander and Assistant Adjutant General especially appreciate the fidelity of the few who marched with them amid this copious effusion of "Saratoga water." Comrade George Seither, of Granville Moody post, Bellevue, was made our member of the National Council of Administration, and Toledo was selected as the place of the next National Encampment.

The July Report—It is with regret that attention needs to be called to the slowness of many posts in making the reports, which should be based upon the state of post affairs, June 30, 1907, and ought to have been forwarded to these headquarters during the very first part of July. A few were more than prompt, sending their reports and dues during the last few days in June. Many did just the right thing in sending their reports and remittances during the first week in July. Others reported at various times during July and August, thus compelling us to make estimates, in our report to National Headquarters, *a report which could not be delayed*. We are grieved to say that over twenty posts which we had a right to suppose were in good standing have neglected to send in any report at all. Some of them

are more than the one term in arrears. These posts will not be specifically named. Comrades, has your patriotism waned and your love for our noble order grown cold? May we not have immediate reports from other posts?

The Approaching Report—What has been said in regard to the last report applies in part to those soon to become due. That report, both financial and statistical, is to be for the term beginning July 1st and ending Dec. 31st, 1907. Some posts need no specific directions. Such ones will excuse the detailed instructions which experience has shown that the majority of post officers require. The Quartermaster must state the amount of money in the treasury of the post, *June 30th*, the amount received from all sources during the six-months term, the sum inclosed for Department dues, expressing the number of members at 15 cents each, the amount expended for all other purposes, and the amount remaining on hand Dec 31, 1907. Please see to it that these sums are inserted in the proper places in the report and that the figures are consistent with one another. The Adjutant should give, in the designated place, the names and description of all mustered in or otherwise received to membership, and also of any who may be lost out, stating the cause. He also should be careful in making out the Recapitulation and in filling the blanks on the outside, after the report is properly folded. Also see that the signature of the Post Commander appears in the place designated. By all means make this report as early as possible in January. For remittances, checks and postal money orders are preferred. Registered letters are safe, but should be used only where neither of the above ways are expedient. *Do not* send money in ordinary letters! There is reason to believe that the remittance of one post, during the present term, has been lost in that way. Duplicate blanks for these reports will be sent to the posts early in December, *one copy to be filled out and mailed to these Headquarters, the other filled exactly like it and kept for future reference.*

Other Reports—When blanks are received for Inspectors report, the Post Commander will see that some

competent comrade, whom he is hereby empowered to select, fill one out with care and promptly mail it to our Department Inspector, Col. Sanford D. VanPelt, Danville. In like manner, the Surgeon's report must be filled out as indicated, signed by the Post Surgeon, and at once mailed to Dr. Samuel Manly, No. 2306 W. Walnut Street, Louisville, Ky. Blanks will also be furnished to the various posts, for reporting the post officers for the year 1908, the Delegates and Alternate Delegates chosen at the first meeting in December to represent the post in the next Department Encampment, and the full list of Past Post Commanders at that time in good standing in the post. In choosing Delegates remember that every post has one, and that a post is entitled to a delegate for every 25 members and for a remainder of 13 or more. In selecting Alternates observe the same rule. The first Alternate present, of the list as reported, will be entitled to a seat in the Encampment, in place of any Delegate who may be absent. *Choose no Past Commander as Delegate or Alternate.* They are Delegates, ex-officio, already. The latter part of this paragraph is of special importance. Post officers should bear in mind, as they fill out this report, that they are acting under a *solemn official oath.*

Appointments—The commander hereby designates comrades N. T. Keaton of John W. Finnell post, Grayson, C. H. Chamberlain of W. C. Whittaker post, Louisville, and S. R. Sutton of Thos. Buchanan post, Williamsburg, as Special Aides. They are commended to comrades, wherever they may find it expedient to go in the work of soliciting old soldiers to join any existing post or in encouraging the formation of new posts and the revival of disbanded ones. They will incur expense for the Department only so far as authorized from Headquarters. Suggestions are invited as to efficient persons to be added to the list of Special Aides and as to suitable comrades to be recommended as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Patriotic Instruction—No part of our work is more important than that of which Col. Thos. A. Day, of Olive Hill, has been made the head. Let every Post Commander at once appoint a Patriotic Instructor who

will promptly report to the enthusiastic and self-denying Instructor for the Department. Send stamps for reply and be ready to co-operate earnestly in the work which he is prepared to advise.

God bless you all!

LEVANT DODGE, *Department Commander.*

M. J. GABBARD, *Asst. Adjutant General.*

BULLETIN NO. 3.

Berea, Kentucky., Jan. 27, 1908.

Having planned a trip in the month of February, visiting G. A. R. posts and places where there have been posts, the Department Commander issues this personal bulletin, to be sent in considerable numbers to those places. About half of the live posts of the state have already been visited. A copy of this will be mailed to all the posts in order that comrades may be informed as to the progress of the work. The Commander does not feel that there is any magic in his visits. If posts are revived and strengthened and if the many which seemed about to die to take on new life and spirit, it must be because, by some means, members of the posts became aroused to the need of personal work on their part. If the Department Commander can in some small degree help in this direction, by making the sacrifice of means and effort necessary in visiting the posts of the state, he thinks it only a fair return to make for the honor which the comrades have bestowed upon him in calling him to this position.

The schedule of visits mapped out for this February trip involves special meetings on the part of many of the posts to be visited. Such arrangement has been avoided, even at the expense of considerable travel, when at all expedient. Again the hope is expressed that the comrades will not consider this too much of a burden. It will be agreeable to have a special effort made to secure the attendance of all members and of other soldiers, even if it involves the omission of formal post exercises. Most of the posts where special meetings have been requested will have regular meetings in the meantime, and can thus plan for the meeting in

question. So many of these places are away from the railroad that it is impossible to know beforehand the best means of travel. Comrades, especially officers of posts, will confer a highly appreciated favor by writing at once to these headquarters, with any information which will be of service.

The list of appointments follows:

- Friday, Feb. 7—Gen. Reynolds Post, W. Covington, (10 a. m.)
- Friday, Feb. 7—Granville Moody Post, Bellevue, (7:30 p. m.)
- Saturday, Feb. 8—A. G. Wildman Post, Falmouth.
- Monday, Feb. 10—James A. Garfield Post, Covington.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11—Wm. Nelson Post, Newport.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12—W. T. Sherman Post, Alexandria.
- Thursday, Feb. 13—Brooksville.
- Friday, Feb. 14—J. J. Landram Post, Mt. Olivet.
- Saturday, Feb. 15—Joe Heiser Post, Maysville.
- Monday, Feb. 17—E. P. Mavity Post, Petersville.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18—Joseph Dudley Post, Flemingsburg.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19—H. Palmer Post, Ringo's Mill.
- Thursday, Feb. 20—O. M. Lewis Post, Carlisle, (2 p. m.)
- Thursday, Feb. 20—Thomas Jackson Post, Carlisle, (7:30 p. m.)
- Friday, Feb. 21—John Brown Post, Paris.

As early in the spring as circumstances permit, it is hoped to hold a series of meetings, with the comrades and others, at the following places, in about the order given, viz: Harrodsburg, Willisburg, Springfield, Bardstown, Elizabethtown, Hodgenville, Big Clifty, Leitchfield, Horse Branch, Hartford, Central City, Greenville, Berry's Lick, Russellville, Bowling Green, Glasgow, Summer Shade, Munfordville, Lebanon, Whitewood, Greensburg, Monroe, Weed, Danville, Hustonville, Liberty, Phil, Faubush, Burksville, Albany, Somerset, Eubank, Kingsville, Crab Orchard, Mt. Vernon. With this list before them comrades may render valuable service by making suggestions, promptly, as to desirable changes in the route, and means of reaching points not on a railroad. A detailed program will appear in a future bulletin.

Those posts whose reports and dues for January are not yet sent are kindly reminded of the importance of promptness, in order that the report of the Department of Kentucky may be made as accurate as possible. The report is now due. A few have not sent the July report. In a few cases posts have sent the *per capita*

tax only for such members as have personally paid their 15 cents for that purpose. In such cases it has been necessary to ask for a correction. The Department tax is due on all members who have not died, formally withdrawn from the order, or have been suspended by vote of the post, after two months written notice that they are at least six months in arrears. Nearly all posts pay dues on some whose names are on their rolls, but at the time personally in arrears. Comrades, do not be stingy with your department organization! It is not your master to oppress you, but your servant, furnished with but a mere pittance to enable it to do your work!

All posts have been impartially furnished, and with equal promptness, the several National and Department orders. To the Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster, according to circumstances of acquaintance, or known mailing facilities, in most cases the Adjutant, have been sent two National Orders, four Department Orders, two previous bulletins of the Department Commander, duplicate blanks for Department reports, blanks for reports of post Chaplains and Inspectors, blank requisitions, addressed envelopes for communicating with the Department Commander, Chaplain and Inspector, and blanks for reporting to these headquarters the names and addresses of all post officers, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and Past Commanders *now in good standing*. If there has been any failure in the mails some of the above can still be furnished on application. By action of the National Encampment Surgeons reports are abolished.

The exact date of the Department Encampment, to be held in Louisville, will probably be decided by the proper authorities about the first of March. In the meantime, suggestions are cordially invited.

Yours in F. L. & C.,

LE VANT DODGE, *Department Commander.*

BULLETIN NO. 4.

Berea, Ky., March 3, 1908.

The Department Commander is glad to say that he filled out the program for visitation of posts in Febru-

ary, as announced in Bulletin No 3, and was able to meet a few not thus announced. In order to give sufficient notice of the trip next planned, much risk must be taken as to weather and roads. This risk is the greater because many of the posts are away from the main lines of travel, most of the roads not turnpikes, and the Commander not thoroughly informed as to the facilities for being taken from one place to another. The signal manifestation of Divine favor in the past, enabling him to meet every appointment, inspires the hope that nowhere will the friends be disappointed this time. It will be seen that the trip is a rush one, and it is hoped that at all places to be visited the comrades will be exceedingly prompt in meeting at the hour, where one is specified. Short meetings will not serve the purpose. Your Commander desires to greet the comrades one by one, to secure the names and addresses on paper of all old soldiers in your vicinity, and to talk an hour or more upon the general interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. If, as hoped, pains are taken to secure the attendance of back-slidden members and those who have thus far failed to join, we may hope to strengthen the post by taking in other members at the time. The object of these visits is to strengthen the posts, and we need to be so prompt as to have time for a good long session. Let me say plainly that I am devoting my time to this work, hardly giving myself necessary rest, and that my personal contribution of money, in the payment of expenses, will run into the hundreds of dollars. Such being the case surely every comrade laying claim to a spark of patriotism can afford to put forth a special effort that these meetings may be a great success. Some posts already visited have been largely increased and made better than new. I hope to hear from you all beforehand, as to the preparations you are making. Give any needed information as to reaching the next point. In cases where there has been help in the way of expenses, full acknowledgement will be made in the final report.

Of course special meetings of posts are in many cases involved. Some of them may be at inconvenient times. Perhaps some of these can be arranged to take

the place of regular meetings. The loyalty of the comrades is trusted to adapt themselves to the following list of appointments:

- Wednesday, March 18 (night)—Miller Post, Nicholasville.**
Thursday, March 19 (afternoon)—J. J. Mann Post, Harrodsburg.
Friday, March 20 (10 a. m.)—W. H. Hays Post, Willisburg.
 “ “ (night)—Bev. Palmer Post, Springfield.
Saturday, March 21 (9 a. m.)—Simmons Post, Springfield.
 “ “ (2:30 p. m.)—John Cotton Post, Bardstown.
Sunday, March 22 (2 p. m.)—Sevare Post, Elizabethtown.
Monday, March 23 (10 a. m.)—John H. Langley Post, Big Clifty.
 “ “ (night)—J. Wess. Gosnell Post, Leitchfield.
Tuesday, March 24 (11 a. m.)—Avery Byers Post, Horse Branch.
 “ “ (3:30 p. m.)—Preston Morton Post, Hartford.
 “ “ (night)—Wash Edson Post, Hartford.
Wednesday, March 25 (2 p. m.)—Joseph N. Paxton Post, Greenville.
Thursday, March 26 (7 a. m.)—James Dural Post, Central City.
 “ “ (1 p. m.)—J. H. Cochran Post, Berry's Lick
 “ “ (night)—Jas. Morrow Post, Russellville.
Friday, March, 27 (2 p. m.)—J. T. Kinnard Post, Bowling Green.
 “ “ (night)—Capt. Hannaway Post, Bowling Green.
Saturday, March 28 (10 a. m.)—R. L. Bullock Post, Glasgow.
 “ “ (2 p. m.)—Smith Taylor Post, Glasgow.
Sunday, March 29 (10:30 a. m.)—Z. S. Taylor Post, Summer Shade.
Monday, March 30 (10:30 a. m.)—Robert Story Post, Hiseville.
 “ “ (3:30 p. m.)—J. J. Gore Post, Monroe.
Tuesday, March 31 (1 p. m.)—M. P. Hodges Post, Munfordville.
Wednesday, April 1 (9 a. m.)—Lincoln Post, Hodgenville.
 “ “ (night)—Wm. Fiddler Post, Lebanon.
Thursday, April 2 (2:30 p. m.)—N. F. Twyman Post, Greensburg.
 “ “ (night)—Calvin Childs Post, Greensburg.
Friday, April 3 (9 a. m.)—Robert Cowherd Post, White Wood.
 “ “ (night)—Hays-Watkins Post, Lebanon.
Saturday, April 4 (2 p. m.)—Wellington Harlan Post, Danville.
Monday, April 6 (night)—Chas. Sumner Post, Lexington.
Tuesday, April 7 (night)—E. L. Dudley Post, Lexington.

It has seemed necessary, in order to meet all conditions, to have two of the above meetings on Sunday. But the exercises will be made of a serious and religious nature, and no comrade need fear any indifference to the religion which the Commander values as highly as any one possibly can. Several posts still remain to be visited later. Due notice will be given and it is hoped all will be completed before our Encampment, May, 13th and 14th.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

LEVANT DODGE, *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF KY., G. A. R.

Berea, Kentucky, March, 4, 1908.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 5.

January Reports—From a comparison of dates on which payment of per capita taxes in former years have been made with the dates of recent payments, it is believed that there has been more than the usual degree of promptness. The Department Commander wishes to express his appreciation of this fact and to thank the various posts therefor. At the same time some need to be reminded that they are not proving themselves thoughtful and thoroughgoing in this matter. Whether or not a post succeeds in holding its meetings at the time appointed, the Commander, Adjutant, and Quartermaster should see to it that the semi-annual report and dues are forwarded as soon as possible after the first of July and the first of January. Neither the names nor the numbers of delinquent posts will be announced. But as a remainder a red line will be put at the head of this General Order, on copies sent to such posts as have not sent in their dues for January. Two lines will appear, if the dues both for last July and January are lacking. Three lines will indicate either that there are unpaid dues reaching still farther back or that a careful examination of the books reveals some other irregularity which it will be well for the post to investigate. In spite of repeated directions some posts still send reports, checks, and money orders, or requisitions for supplies, to M. J. Gabbard, Asst. Adjt. General, instead of the Commander. This occasions considerable trouble. As announced to the Encampment and in General Orders No. 1, it is arranged that *all* Headquarters business be addressed to the Commander personally. In answer to various questions the following statements are now made: Surgeons reports are abolished. Reports of post Inspectors may be sent any time during the present month, to Col. Sanford D. Van Pelt, Danville, Ky. For the same time Chaplain's Memorial Day reports may be sent to Rev. C. C. Vaughn, Russellville, Ky. Within the same time limit the names and addresses of

posts, Delegates and Alternate Delegates may be sent to these Headquarters.

Staff Appointments—Upon the nomination of the Department Commander the following Kentucky Comrades have been named by the Commander-in-Chief, as aides, on his staff:

R. B. Hewetson, Wm. Nelson Post, No. 1.
 Lewis Robinson, Chas Prewitt Post, No. 140.
 E. F. Tucker, N. F. Twyman Post, No. 83.
 S. F. Kissinger, R. J. Whittinghill Post, No. 11.
 Philip White, M. R. Delaney Post, No. 156.
 Andrew Offutt, Hays-Watkins Post, No. 21.
 John Naylis, John Brown Post, No. 68.
 G. M. Williams, Joe Heiser Post, No. 13.
 Francis A. Tabor, Wm. Perkins Post, No. 99.

The following Comrades are hereby announced as aides on the staff of the Department Commander:

Andrew T. Wood, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 6.
 John Barr, Hays-Watkins Post, No. 21.
 J. D. Compton, Joe Hooker Post, No. 16.
 Jas. O'Connell, Coley Apperson Post, No. 136.
 G. W. Armstrong, Wm. Nelson Post, No. 1.
 Joseph. Courtney, Chas. Sumner Post, No. 61.
 Jefferson Bruce, Gen'l Anderson Post, No. 50.
 Reese Morgan, Granville Moody Post, No. 89.
 A. N. Ellis, Joe Heiser Post, No. 13.
 V. Berberich, A. G. Bacon Post, No. 33.
 Patrick Rush, M. P. Hodges Post, No. 60.
 F. Kuhling, Jas. A. Garfield Post, No. 2.
 C. B. Mitchell, Jas. S. Jackson Post, No. 3.
 Amos Griffith, E. L. Dudley Post, No. 54.
 J. L. Allensworth, W. J. Simmons Post, No. 219.
 J. K. Parker, J. J. Mann Post, No. 24.
 John. S. Mavity, John T. Parker Post, No. 57.
 George Childers, Paducah Post, No. 91.
 J. K. Freeman, Jas. Durall Post, No. 64.
 Joseph Paynter, J. J. Landram Post, No. 162.
 R. S. Hudson, Joseph Dudley Post, No. 71.

Department Encampment—After inviting suggestions for weeks, and after personal consultation with various comrades, concluding with the consideration of

the subject at a meeting of the Council of Administration, held at Richmond, Feb. 29th, the date of our next encampment is fixed for Wed. and Thurs. May 13th and 14th. By vote of the last Encampment the coming session will be in the City of Louisville. The Department Headquarters will be at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The announcement of hall to be used and of local committees of arrangements is reserved for the next General Order, which may be looked for during the first half of April. Posts are again reminded of the importance of sending to these Headquarters, in all cases when it has been neglected, an accurate and legally authenticated list of Delegates, Alternates, and Past Commanders now in good standing. The Department Commander cannot too strongly urge upon comrades throughout the state the importance of a full attendance on the part of those entitled to a voice in the proceedings. Complaints as to what is done come with poor grace from those who habitually fail to attend. Let no one expect the work to be done in less than two full days, nor that the second day will be less important than the first. If the Commander's judgement is accepted by the Encampment, the full reports of all the old officers will be heard before the new ones are elected. Let us come together in the true spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, hoping to carry back to our posts a large measure of inspiration for future work!

Supplies—We have on hand more than the usual supply of rituals, service books, cards of different kinds, application blanks, Rules and Regulations, buttons, membership badges and ribbon for supplying the place of that which is worn. Orders sent on blank requisitions, herewith enclosed, will be promptly filled.

Visitation of Posts—The Department Commander has so far progressed in his plans to visit every post, giving the comrades what encouragement he can, that he entertains high hopes that not even the weakest and those most remote from the railroad will be neglected. Bulletins announcing his travels are sent to all posts. From these it may be seen where to address him, allowing abundance of time for transmission of mail. In

most cases, however, it is safer and better to address him at Berea. Orders will be filled the sooner and important communications will be carefully forwarded.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

LE VANT DODGE,

Department Commander.

M. J. GABBARD,

Assistant Adjt. General.

BULLETIN NO. 5.

HEADQUARTERS, IN THE FIELD, MARCH 31, 1908.

Bulletin No. 4, which was sent to all the posts of Kentucky and in considerable numbers to the posts to be visited, provided for over thirty meetings. Two-thirds of that work is now done, with only one failure to meet appointment. This was on account of impassable roads and arranged with the comrades affected. The rest of the trip is easier, and the Commander sees no reason to expect any trouble in meeting all the engagements. It is hoped that new courage and determination has been infused into several of the posts visited. In some cases there have been positive proofs of a gain for our cause.

The trip to be announced in this bulletin is not so long a one and covers the remaining part of the State, so far as present or recent posts are concerned. In a few cases visits are repeated. The Commander feels sure that comrades will excuse him for urging strongly that letters be sent to him promptly, directed to Berea, acknowledging the receipt of this bulletin and giving any information which it is thought may be of use. Remember that I am not acquainted with all parts of the State as you are with your localities. Possibly mistakes are made in arranging this program, which may be corrected by suggestion from you. But of course a change in day can hardly be made without throwing the whole trip into confusion. Please do not be offended if the time is not to your liking, but take hold and help all you can to make the visit a help to the G. A. R. and the cause of patriotism. Information as to place of meeting, where I shall stop, etc., will be appreciated. About half of the places will be reached by hired private con-

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veyance, and the care of one and sometimes two horses will be involved. Do not be hasty in concluding that bad weather or roads will prevent my coming. I am almost a crank in the matter of "getting there," when an engagement is made. Please study carefully the following program and distribute the extra copies where they will do the most good:

Monday, April 13 (9 a. m.)—M. M. Frazier Post, Mt. Vernon.

" " " (2 p. m.)—Lieut. Severance Post, Crab Orchard.

Tuesday, April 14 (9 a. m.)—Wm. McKinley Post, Hustonville.

" " " (2 p. m.)—Geo. W. Cable Post, Liberty.

" " " (7 p. m.)—Rich Post, Phil.

Wednesday, April, 15 (9 a. m.)—Jas. Humphrey Post, Humphrey.

" " " (1 p. m.)—W. W. Harrington Post, Eubank.

Thursday, April 16 (9 a. m.)—Capt. King Post, Kingsville.

" " " (2 p. m.)—C. A. Zachary Post, Somerset.

" " " (7 p. m.)—B. Smith Post, Somerset.

Friday, April 17 [10 a. m.]—Laban Tartar Post, Faubush.

Saturday, April 18 [2 p. m.]—Wm. Perkins Post, Albany.

Monday, April 20 [7 p. m.]—Thos. Buchanan Post, Williamsburg.

Tuesday, April 21 [9 a. m.]—Pineville Post, Pineville.

" " " [2:30 p. m.]—John G. Eve Post, Barbourville.

Wednesday, April 22 [2 p. m.]—Corbin Post, Corbin.

I fear some may be inconvenienced by the few appointments made for night. I cannot know in what cases the Comrades are most scattered. If only a few can meet, never mind. An informal talk may do much good. Let other soldiers, besides members of the G. A. R., come in. At the places where there are two posts, they may meet jointly if they choose. Delinquent dues may be settled at these meetings, and official receipts will be given at the time.

The Commander's heart has been greatly cheered and warmed in the previous trips. Let us make this one a fitting closing of the year's work! We want to see 400 delegates at the Louisville Encampment, May 13th and 14th!

Yours in F. C. & L.,
LE VANT DODGE, *Department Commander.*

BULLETIN NO. 6.

ENCAMPMENT NUMBER

Berea, Ky., April 11, 1908.

This Bulletin relates chiefly to Encampment matters, and is issued thus soon after No. 5, from the fact

that the next General Order, with full information, cannot be sent out for several days to come. It was hoped to issue it on or before this date. The failure to secure as detailed a statement of R. R. rates as desired occasions a postponement of the formal Order. When General Order, No. 6, is prepared it will repeat some things which are now mentioned.

As previously announced, the 26th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kentucky will be held in the City of Louisville, Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, 1908. The local posts have engaged for the purpose Germania Hall, Jefferson St. near 1st, the same hall which was occupied last year. Several committees are announced by the Louisville posts, of which the chairmen only are now given, as follows:

General Arrangements, M. Minton, 418 Center St.

Finance, J. H. Browning, 747 6th St.

Hall and Decorations, D. W. Capito, 2410 W. Jefferson St.

Hotels and Boarding Houses, L. W. Lindley, 317 E. St. Catharine St.

The Department Headquarters, during the Encampment and the day preceding, will be at Room 120 Fifth Avenue Hotel, between Green and Walnut Sts. This hotel is up to date and first class, with accommodations meeting the reasonable demands of the most exacting comrades. Up to the extent of its capacity without crowding a special rate \$1.75 a day will be given the veterans and their immediate friends. The Farmer's Home and Enterprise Hotels have the dollar rate. The Seelbach charges for rooms only, from \$1.50 a day upward. Meals can be obtained at Central Restaurant and Lunch Room, 5th St. at 10 cents and upward. For fuller information address the Chairman of Committee on Hotels and Boarding Houses.

The tariff of rates for the various points may be secured in time for the next General order. We can say that the rate, in general, will be one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

The Condensed Roster, especially designed for use in connection with the Encampment, has been mailed to the various posts. Additional copies will be furnished

as needed. The stars to be found opposite the names of so many posts indicate the lack of some or all of the information needed. They show how difficult it is to obtain from many posts prompt and full reports. Of course reports received at a late date must be accepted, though the publication of a supplement to the Roster involves some trouble and expense. It was intended to publish such supplement at this time. Defects in reports are constantly being remedied; and the issuance of this Bulletin is believed to justify the postponement of the supplement until the Commander's return from his final trip of visitation. This will be on Thursday, April 23d. With this sheet sent out freely, and special letters sent, in many cases repeatedly, to delinquent posts, every post in the state ought to have its record complete by that time. Every effort is made, without partiality, to give the comrades exact justice. All are invited to examine the list of their own officers, Past Commanders, and Delegates and to suggest any needed correction. It is hoped that such exactness may be secured that the work of the Committee will be easy. It may well be doubted whether any attention will be given to information furnished later than the publication of the supplement to the Roster. We *must not* delay the meeting of the Encampment, on account of doubtful questions which might have been avoided by reasonable promptness.

The Committee on Credentials will be asked to hold a session the evening before the Encampment proper. In the morning of the Encampment the Committee will meet in two sections, as designated in the coming General Order, so as to dispatch business. Any question of doubt may be reserved for the full Committee. The Committee will be so constituted as to avoid all doubt as to its work being promptly and honestly done.

And now the Commander desires to make an earnest appeal to our comrades who are entitled to membership in the approaching Encampment. The appeal is to *you* personally. If you are Commander or Past Commander of a post, you took a far-reaching obligation. The honor of being Commander of a post carries with it the privilege of being a life member of the Department En-

campment. This privilege also involves a duty. Before the incoming Commander is obligated he is distinctly instructed that he is expected to attend these Encampments and show an interest in all the necessary work of perfecting and maintaining the organization. Every Commander declares that he will do so. The reason our Department has run down, almost beyond redemption, and our membership does not comprise one fifth of the soldiers of the state is not hard to find. It is because, *in the majority of cases*, that solemn promise, with hand uplifted toward heaven, is either forgotten or lightly esteemed. Do not be offended. These are plain words, but they tell the *truth!* In matters involving the interests of thousands, and in some degree the welfare of our country, with its present millions and the millions yet unborn, I know of no way but to tell the truth, in words which cannot be mistaken.

If you are a Delegate elected for the present year, or an Alternate, your obligation may not be quite so strong. But in accepting the place it was understood that you would perform its duties. At every Encampment there is a chance to help preserve the country for which we fought. Our meetings ought to be patriotic and inspiring in the highest degree. If you are still a patriot and a *man*, let us clasp hands, May 13th, in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty!

With cordial regards, your comrade,

LE VANT DODGE,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF KY., G. A. R.

Berea, Kentucky, Apr. 24, 1908.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 6.

We are approaching the end of our Department year. For the Commander it has been a year of active service, extensive visitation of posts, delightful association with comrades, deep interest in our cause, and joy for the improved condition of our work.

The 26th Annual Encampment will be held in the city of Louisville on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th. Announcement of date, railroad rates,

and other essentials has been made in previous General Order and Bulletin. The essential features will now be repeated and additional facts added. The local posts have secured for our use Germania Hall, on Jefferson Street, near First. The hour of the opening session is set at 9:30 a. m. of the 13th. It is hoped that preliminary business will be out of the way so that the gavel may fall at the minute. These will be precious hours and there will be no time for dilly-dallying. Let everyone be on hand with true soldierly promptness. The Committee on Credentials is summoned to a session at the temporary Headquarters, Room 120, Fifth Avenue Hotel, between Green and Walnut Streets, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, May 12. Those on the ground are advised to get Delegate badges at that time. The Committee will again meet, at Germania Hall, at 7:30 a. m. of the 13th. To hasten the business the Committee will then meet in two sections. Past Assistant Adjutant General, A. S. Cole, of Croxton Post No. 9, is hereby designated a special A. A. G., to serve during the Encampment. With him will meet Comrades Wm. T. Bausmith, of Granville Moody Post No. 89; Jacob Aschenbach, of Wm. Nelson Post No. 1; and James O'Connell of Coley Apperson Post No. 136. To them will report the representatives of posts numbering from 1 to 80. Posts having numbers from 80 upwards will report to the section of the Committee composed of Assistant Adjutant General M. J. Gabbard and Comrades John W. Hammond, of W. C. Whitaker Post No. 75; M. H. Davidson, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6; and E. F. Tucker of N. F. Twyman Post No. 83. Should one section complete its labors before the other, the work may be equalized by a suitable transfer of posts. Having at hand the Roster first issued, and a supplementary sheet supplying the deficiencies and correcting errors, it is hoped that the Committee may do its work with perfect fairness and harmony, great accuracy, and the utmost promptness.

For detailed information as to hotel accommodations, our friends are referred to Bulletin No. 6, sent herewith. The Commander will be glad to meet as many of the comrades as feel so inclined at Fifth Avenue Hotel.

The rate of \$1.75 a day accorded us is special and highly appreciated. The chairmen of most committees selected by the local posts, with their addresses, were given in Bulletin No. 6. The full committees are here subjoined: Finance, J. H. Browning, Jacob Seibert, Neill Beghtol, P. B. Cloud, Thos. Sheehan, Geo. W. Smith, John Blaes, A. Hartman; Hall and Decorations, D. W. Capito, J. H. Browning, P. B. Cloud, A. Hartman, Neill Beghtol; Hotels, L. W. Lindley, H. C. Moore, Samuel Lord, E. B. Roebuck; Press Committee, John W. Reed, W. G. Foree, Samuel Lord. General Chairman, M. Minton.

The special rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip is good for May 11th and 12th going, and until May 16th for return. The following table contains nearly if not all the stations of interest to our comrades:

(The Encampment being past, the tariff of rates from the 77 places named is not of permanent value, and is therefore omitted.)

See to it at once that your local agent has the above instructions!

The Council of Administration held a meeting Feb. 29th, for auditing Department business up to that date and other matters of interest. It is asked to meet at the Headquarters in Louisville, Tues., May 12th, 7:30 p. m. to complete its work.

It would not be becoming for the Department Commander, as he finishes his term of office, or at any other time to assume to dictate what the Encampment shall do. But he earnestly hopes that no such variation from the regular order may be made as shall prevent every officer elected by the Encampment last year, appearing in person, with a written report. Of course most of these must be quite brief. We ought, also, to find time early in our meeting, to receive delegations from the affiliated patriotic organizations. The Commander ventures, at this time, to invite and urge all those bodies to visit us. He suggests that, at the opening of our meeting, joint Committees of convenient size be appointed to arrange for exchange of visits.

The Commander again urges accredited Delegates to attend the coming Encampment and stay until the

close, which probably will not be until the afternoon of the second day, Thursday, May 14. Others will be active in bringing out our voting force; and doubtless it will be the largest Encampment in the history of the Department. There will be no room for spectators, and only Commanders, Past Commanders, and elected Delegates, besides the Department officers, need expect admission. Alternate Delegates will be admitted to the hall, only in case the Delegate is absent. In case of a post having more than one Delegate, the first Alternate on the reported list has the preference. Remember that both countersigns must be given. If the commander supposed that any of the comrades were unable so to control themselves as to contribute to the sober and orderly transaction of business, instead of disturbing and delaying it, he would advise them that they could best serve their country by staying at home. Others can contribute to the welfare of coming generations by helping to make this a large, harmonious, wise, patriotic, and enthusiastic Encampment!

The following appointments, as special aides on the staff of the Department Commander, are hereby promulgated:

- Geo. W. Smith, W. W. Berry Post, No. 185.
- Geo. F. Bretz, John G. Eve Post, No 221.
- Chas. B. Love, C. A. Zachary Post, No. 20.
- G. S. Pearce, R. L. Beckham Post, No. 207.
- K. D. Noakes, Lieut. Severance Post, No 26.
- Daniel Clemons, Simmons Post, No. 78.
- J. J. Barnes, J. T. Kinnard Post, No. 55.
- J. C. Bacon, Dave Goad Post, No. 37.
- Wm. Anderson, General Fry Post, No. 197.
- Augustus Lewis, Joseph N. Paxton Post, No. 17.
- J. W. Herndon, O. M. Lewis Post, No. 95.
- John F. Worth, Lincoln Post, No. 56.
- Scipio Whittemore, Gregory Post, No. 121.
- A. J. Crawford, B. Smith Post, No. 48.
- H. C. Pearce, Rousseau Post, No. 10.
- John Moore, Corbin Post, No. 168.
- Chris. Fender, Wm. T. Sherman Post, No. 102.
- Nimrod Hendron, W. H. Hays Post, No. 15.

B. W. Turner, J. H. Cochran Post, No. 138.
Stephen Graves, Robt. Cowherd Post, No. 111.
Howard Sweeny, Capt. King Post, No. 105.
R. A. Anderson, Preston Morton Post, No. 4.
Hugh Shobe, Smith Taylor Post, No. 152.

It is with deep regret that the resignation of Col. T. A. Day as Patriotic Instructor is announced. It is occasioned by ill health. The place will be left for the next Dep't Commander to fill.

It is none too soon to call the attention of posts to the importance of providing for a memorial sermon on Sunday, May 24th, to be attended by the comrades in a body. The sacred and touching duties connected with the proper observance of the National Memorial Day, May 30th, cannot be more fitly emphasized than by calling attention to General Orders No. 5, by the Commander-in-Chief, herewith inclosed. It is requested that any one knowing the present whereabouts of John H. Couch communicate with W. E. Moses, 718 17th St., Denver, Colorado.

In F. C. & L.

LEVANT DODGE, Department Commander.
M. J. GABBARD, Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kentucky was held in Germania Hall, Louisville, beginning May 13th, 1908. The Department Commander, General LeVant Dodge, called the Encampment to order at 9:50, a. m. Henry C. Truman, of Post No. 11, Fordsville, acted as an additional Assistant Adjutant General for the occasion, and C. H. Chamberlain, of Post No. 75, Louisville, served as Officer of the Day. The Encampment was opened in the usual Grand Army form, including an earnest prayer by the Department Chaplain, Rev. C. C. Vaughn.

The Department officers present were the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Chaplain, Historian, Ass't Adj't General, Inspector, Chief Mustering Officer. Thirteen Past Commanders were present, as follows: P. C's, Bowman, Reynolds, Minton, O'Riley, Tharp, Hammond, Browning, Blaes, Beyland, Foree, Bausmith, Matthews, and Grinstead. The Committee on Credentials made a partial report showing 217 members of the Encampment thus far present. Approved and the Committee continued.

It was voted to appoint two members of the Encampment to act as Reporters, their duty being to furnish the press with such part of the proceedings as seems to them clearly appropriate or as the Encampment may order, Comrades T. B. Demaree, of Green Broaddus post, and R. R. Perry, of D. T. Buckner post, were appointed. The Senior Vice Commander being called to the chair, the Commander gave his Annual Address, or Report.

This very able Report was replete with facts and considerations of interest to the Department as well as to our great Order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

DEAR COMRADES:

I wish to extend to you all my cordial greeting, in the true spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. The shadows lengthen, as the sun of our lives descends towards the western horizon. In the case of many the twilight of this earthly day is closing around. Since our last gathering the eyes of some who were wont to meet with us have closed, not to open until the resurrection morning. We cannot come to these meetings with the same elasticity of step that characterized the young men who answered to our names in the strenuous times of 1861-65. But though the step be enfeebled and the eye-sight dimmed, we ought to show a more stalwart patriotism and have a clearer vision of the needs of our glorious land and of our individual duties respecting it. And our regard for one another must have a deeper and richer meaning than when we were in the full flush of youth. With a tear for the dead and an emotion of tenderness for the dying, we address ourselves to the duties of the hour. Let me express the confident hope that there will be such co-operation, on the part of all, that this Encampment may be a power for good, reaching in its effects every post in our beloved Commonwealth.

My work during the year has been laborious, even beyond my expectations. It found me so situated that I was able to give it my chief attention. I set out to visit the posts which were readily accessible. I soon became impressed with the truth that those not easily reached were the ones most needing attention and encouragement. My plans have grown upon my hands so that, besides the several trips of last summer, I have been away from home more than two-thirds of the time for the past eight months. With only three exceptions I have visited every place in the state where there is a post or has been one for the past two years. These

omissions have resulted in part from unusual storms and failures to have full information as to the possibilities of travel. While the exposure in some cases has been considerable, I have been blessed with more than usual health. I wish to express my deep gratitude for the Divine aid in this regard and for the assurance that the interests of our noble order, that is of the cause of patriotism, have been somewhat advanced. The promise made to the last Encampment, upon assuming command, that I would personally look after the office work of the A. A. G. and A. Q. G. and use all that is paid for that work in advancing G. A. R. interests has been more than redeemed. The figures will appear later.

Some striking revelations were made as I went about among the comrades. In some places the post members turned out to the announced meetings, almost to a man. In a greater number of cases the attendance was scarcely what would be expected at an ordinary meeting of a healthy post. In a few instances the vitality was so low that the officers corresponded with had not the heart to attempt a meeting at all. When such was the case the meeting was not necessarily a failure. If time permitted, I bestirred myself in working up a gathering of G. A. R. men and others. In that way I had the great pleasure of seeing some posts, which only lacked burial to be things of the past, revived and recruited so as to be stronger than for years. The little time which has been given to the establishing of new posts, or the restoration of those long since dead has shown that much greater apparent success could be secured by devoting the time and strength chiefly to that work. It is folly, however, to enlarge the superstructure of a building when the foundations are crumbling away. And so the command, for the time being, seemed to be "Feed my lambs." In doing this there has been little time left for the more showy work of operating in new fields. Our little post of three members, at Lagrange, lost one by death; the other two sent in the property of the Department, and joined elsewhere. Another post sent in its charter and books, without notice. The Department Commander was able to hasten to the scene; a public meeting was

held, some of the comrades took hold of the matter with energy, and by the efficient aid of our Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade Degman, the post was put upon its feet again, without the charter being officially accepted. The post at Ringo's Mill, counted in the report of last year, is found to have surrendered its charter some months before.

It is difficult to compare the standing of the Department, one year, with the standing at another time. The decline in membership which is inevitable unless very energetic measures are adopted, and which has been going on for years, was checked by the special efforts put forth by the administration preceding the present one. Exactness and candor, however, require the remark to be made that the figures used in calling attention to the number of posts at the beginning and end of the year are misleading. At the beginning of that year there were 85 posts in good standing, because fully paid up, in the matter of per capita tax, to the date of the Encampment. At the close of the year there were 109 posts, or even more, not officially dropped from the rolls. But five of these made no payment of dues to that administration. The number of posts fully paid up and in good standing at our last Encampment, if no question is raised as to the manner in which posts were restored, was 98. Of the seven reported last year as organized or restored from the dropped list, three have not kept up their dues for the year just closing, and two others have required urgent appeals and personal visits in order to collect. The number of posts fully paid up to date according to the strictest interpretation of the Rules and Regulations is 104. In a few cases small amounts have been collected as arrears, where the book has previously been balanced as if the payments had been correct.

It becomes my duty as your agent, to report to you that during the past year Geo. H. Thomas post No. 6 by formal resolution kindly called my attention to sundry instances in which the National Regulations had been broken or neglected in the restoration of delinquent posts. Specifying particularly those thus restored during the previous year, it was requested that I

compel such posts to comply with the Rules and Regulations by either paying dues for the entire time omitted or taking out a new charter. It became clear that so far as the law of restoration is concerned the point made by Geo. H. Thomas post was well taken. But inasmuch as the measures of last year were reported to the Encampment and approved by vote, and as the attempt to lay the unexpected burden of paying for a new charter upon those posts (several of them comprising but five members each) evidently would launch us upon a sea of troubles and seriously cripple the success of the year, it did not seem to me wise to take any hasty action. I was the more fully confirmed in this view by the fact that the Department books show repeated instances of posts being restored by the payment of one year's per capita tax, some of them during the Commandership of members of the post which raised the point. I felt the more confident that I was right in this matter from the fact that upon reporting the circumstances to the Commander-in-Chief his decision, which I now have in my pocket, fully agrees with my own. Still, in my own administration of our affairs, it has seemed best to hew to the line. In five cases where there were posts in the past I have issued new charters, requiring the full fee therefor. In two instances I paid nearly half of the charter fee myself, in order to make good the offer which I made to the comrades of restoration upon the payment of one year's back due. I cheerfully did this to atone for my mistake in following tradition instead of the plain letter of the law. In other cases where delinquent posts are now reported in good standing, all back dues have been paid, in one case covering seven terms. Two things are very clear: first, that most of the apparent growth of last year was made possible by the easy and elastic terms upon which posts were restored; secondly, that much larger increase, both of posts and membership, could have been secured this year had we not come back to the legal standard in this regard. But I think it well that the looseness of years past was not suffered to go on. Those who chose this time to call a halt have my thanks, even though the apparent results of this year's work may have been affected unfavorably

thereby. Really the amount which it costs comrades to keep up the G. A. R., complying strictly with the Rules and Regulations, is a pitifully small sum compared with the financial gain which the order has brought to the soldiers, to say nothing of the other advantages which cannot be measured with money. Any set of comrades must be sadly lacking in those elements of character which are needed to make them good Grand Army men if they are disposed to haggle at the small expenditure required of each to carry on our work in the regular, business-like way. Information received from the different points shows new spirit and a healthy growth in many posts. With a reasonable amount of effort, the coming reports will show gains.

The finances of the Department are in a healthy condition. The aim has been to be economical without being stingy. A new trunk has been bought for convenience in storing and moving the Department property and supplies. The stock of supplies on hand is larger than a year ago. The Headquarters charges at the National Encampment, in Saratoga, were higher than would have been necessary for suitable accommodations in almost any other place. It is a matter of regret that we did not secure less costly lodgings. True it may be believed that the reputation of Kentucky was enhanced in the estimation of our many callers from other Departments: but the attendance of Kentuckians was disappointingly small. Our per capita payment of dues to the National was \$11.60 more than last year. Yet we are able to show an increase of about sixty dollars in the amount on hand, with no supplementary expenses to be reported.

There are various subjects of interest to us which we need not occupy much time in discussing. The importance of properly observing Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day cannot be exaggerated. The tendency toward desecrating the latter by bringing in unseemly amusements, should be opposed by every comrade. The several auxiliary and affiliated patriotic organizations are close to our hearts. Upon some of them must be our dependence to keep up the sad yet sacred observance of Memorial Day, after we shall have crossed the

river. The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans have organizations among us. Would that they were more abundant and more vigorous! What more pleasant duty have we than to cultivate our familiar relations with these bodies? It seems to me that the immediate application of this sentiment should be to appoint a committee to communicate with the representatives of the above named societies and arrange for an exchange of visits during this Encampment.

One interesting feature of the G. A. R. concerns the relations of the white and colored comrades. There is no disguising the fact that there has been considerable discussion upon this subject. No small anxiety has been felt as to the effect of existing conditions upon the future prospects of our Department. Such being the case is it not wise for us to face the situation with perfect frankness? In questions which involve principle or the vital interests of society, a policy of evasion or concealment is not at all to my liking. It has been mentioned as a possibility that there may be a separation of the Kentucky Comrades into two Departments, a white and a colored. I am in a position to know that such suggestions are not confined to one post, city, or section of the state. The sentiment never has taken an organized form. Whether it ever shall do so probably depends chiefly upon those who would consider their own interests most vitally affected, and that unfavorably, by such a change. My own views have always been expressed, as occasion seems to call for them, without reserve or hesitation. The colored comrades are in our Department to stay. No part of our fellow citizens can more rightfully claim this as their own country. No portion of our people were so vitally interested in the outcome of our great war. None were more welcome as recruits, when the order for the enlistment of colored troops brought a reinforcement of two hundred thousand to the hard-pressed armies of the Union. Few, if any, fought with more fidelity or bravery. I have never heard a colored man accused of willingly being found opposing the cause of the Union. All over the great loyal North, they are associated in Encampments

and in local posts, as a matter of course, with their paler faced brethern. Here in Kentucky it has been a frequent boast that ours is the organization which asks no man what is his color, when we come to our annual re-unions. In my travels I have found a half dozen posts which, while chiefly white, admit on equal terms the few colored soldiers who live in the neighborhood. My own home post is one of these. One of our Delegates on this floor, to-day, is a negro, and we have no member for whose integrity and christian character I have more respect. Two of the five posts which I have chartered are colored; and I worked with as much earnestness to organize them as I did the others. Colored comrades, so far as I am concerned you are more than welcome here. Recruit your own posts and help organize others of your color, wherever you can. Such are my views. I hope that once for all I am fully understood. I have spoken no more plainly now than I have repeatedly done in the past. If any man, woman, or child, in our broad commonwealth, has ever honestly supposed or stated that I was of any other opinion, he has made a woeful mistake.

And now, my dear colored comrades, in the same spirit of candor and plain speaking I will tell you something which may be of service to you. The feeling which has caused some little agitation respecting the division of our Department is greatly misunderstood. It does not spring from any hostility toward the colored man as such. Those comrades are as ready as any to recognize the colored soldiers, in our Encampment, and in the bestowal of offices. The real difficulty is a wide-spread belief that a large part of the colored comrades who occupy seats in our Encampment allow themselves to take their cue from the same source, voting as certain parties suggest, adopting all their views, believing nothing, hardly their own senses, if conflicting therewith. This feeling on the part of some white members of our Department seems largely justified by admissions which I have heard from some of the most active colored comrades in our Department. The difficulty is aggravated by the fact that some posts, in choosing Commanders, have been influenced more by the desire to in-

crease their vote in the Encampment than to secure efficiency in office. I do not wish to be severe or uncharitable. Nor is it necessary to inquire through whose suggestion the colored posts in one part of the state swell their lists of Past Commanders, by electing a new Commander nearly every year, while in another part the most competent men are continued in office for several years. In this way one whole group of posts have a vote in Encampment many times as great as the same number of comrades in other posts. A careful study of our roster justifies the statement that what seems to be three-fourths of the colored comrades in the Encampment sometimes is made up of the representatives of not more than one-fourth of the rank and file of G. A. R. membership. And so it must be clear to all that the rule of representation by which Past Commanders are Delegates for life has proved, so far as Kentucky is concerned, a vicious one. Those who adopted that rule supposed that the G. A. R. would be and continue a band of unselfish patriots. They thought that the soldiers of such character and ability as to be given the great honor of a post Commandership might be useful in the future councils of the order, by virtue of their ripe experience. No true man would have favored such a rule, if he had supposed that it ever would result in one set of comrades trying to gain an unfair advantage over another. My brethren, this ought not so to be! It is fast working the destruction of our Department. For, no matter how long we may keep up our organization, when the spirit of Fraternity is gone, that foremost word of the magic three "in F. C. & L.", the soul of our organization is flown forever!

I may be speaking unpalatable words. Be it so. There is no use of crying "Peace, peace" when there is no peace. A physician cannot cure an ailment merely by declaring his patient well. I, personally, have no axes to grind. I seek no honor or emolument at your hands. My chief concern is to lay down the office, which in your partiality you bestowed upon me, with the feeling that my duty is done. I know the spirit in which my words are spoken. Whether they please all or any of you I am content if they please the dear

Father of us all. Is there no remedy for our ills? Must our Encampments be a gathering of hostile clans, with whetted knives, or else a meeting where a seeming peace is obtained at the expense of an ignominious surrender of self respect? There are three classes of comrades to whom a solemn appeal needs to be made. And in meeting this need I believe I am discharging a more imperative duty than in anything which I have said or done during the past year. I appeal to you white comrades, who have chafed at the presence of the colored soldiers in our Department, who have charged up to a whole race the mistakes of individuals of that race. I insist upon your remembering that whatever there may be of blind following of leaders, on the part of our colored comrades, does not apply to the colored soldiers of Kentucky as a whole. As a lifelong champion of the colored people I want to vindicate their good name. No nobler specimens of the manhood which is dear in the sight of God can be found than are present in large numbers among the dark-skinned comrades of Kentucky. I appeal next to you, colored comrades, who have been led to seek first to make your voting strength as great as possible, who sometimes come to regard as enemies those who are your best friends. In allowing your decisions and votes to be decided not so much by the merits of the case as by who gives you the tip what action to take, you think you are defending the interests of your race. Many of you are noble men and I love you as comrades. But I beg of you to consider that you are fighting yourselves. Your course is a leading factor in creating whatever of prejudice or hostility exists. All members of this Department will be ready to give due recognition to you and your posts, if convinced that you have minds of your own and adopt a self-respecting course. Lastly, I appeal to all comrades, whoever you are, who are disposed to play a game of petty politics in this grand old organization of ours. This is no place for personal ambition. No man has a right to seek or accept an official position except for the purpose of advancing the interests of the order and of our glorious country. The wiles of the demagogue might almost as appropriately be taken into the church

of our Lord. Comrades, all, we are engaged in no trifling work. No set of men in all our land have an equal opportunity to build for the coming ages. The interests of our children and children's children depend upon the existence, in the hearts of our people, of a pure and far-sighted patriotism. We, in our declining years, may be the most influential teachers of patriotism. But our efficiency depends chiefly, not upon our talents or education or personal shrewdness, but upon whether we are men, noble, unselfish men! An Encampment like this may be a power for good. To this end, pledging myself to a faithful, fearless, and impartial discharge of my duties, I invoke the sober, quiet, earnest and sympathetic co-operation of you all.

LE VANT DODGE,

Department Commander.

The Commander's Report and Address was approved by a *viva voce* vote, without reference to Committee. M. J. Gabbard, Ass't Adj't General, then read the following:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT

Having been honored with the appointment to this office, I accepted, was installed, and gave bond, on the terms announced at the last Encampment, namely: That the Department Commander would attend to the details of the work, and that the pay would be used to advance the interests of the order. Such was my confidence in him, based upon long acquaintance, that I did not hesitate to make such an arrangement. I assisted in the way of caring for our Headquarters at the Saratoga Encampment, and have performed other duties as called upon. The necessary details of the year's transactions will be presented by the Department Commander.

M. J. GABBARD, *A. A. G.*

The Commander then read the detailed A. A. G. and A. Q. G. report, as follows:

**THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S
COMBINED REPORT**

The time covered by this report is from May 16th, 1907, to May 13th, 1908. The new charters issued during the year have been to the following posts:

- No. 17—Joseph N. Paxton, at Greenville.
- 142—Miller, at Nicholasville.
- 158—James M. Marshall, at Flemingsburg.
- 168—Corbin, at Corbin.
- 221—John G. Eve, at Barbourville.

Of the above Nos. 142 and 158 were of the same name and number as posts formerly existing. The total membership of the five is 107. Of course it is utterly impossible to give any just view of the relative strength of the Department in two successive years, unless the same basis of reckoning is adopted in both cases. To compare the paid up membership at one time with the number of members in posts at another time on the list, but some of them so far in arrears that ancient records must be dug out in order to decide upon the membership to set down, is altogether misleading. For instance two posts appear on the lists reported a year ago, in one case with the number of members given and counted, when their surrendered charters were at that time resting quietly in the Headquarters office. Even at that the total of membership attached to the several posts seems to fall short of the total reported, by 56 members. And so failing quite to understand how the count of last year was made, I adopt the basis of posts paid up to date, in both cases. Surely this is fair and gives some light. A post which with all urging has not yet paid the January dues cannot be said to have much vitality. On this basis the figures are as follows:

	POSTS.	MEMBERS.
In good standing, May 1907.	98	2017
In good standing, May 1908.	104	2150
Gain during the year,	6	133

Besides the above facts I submit the following regarding posts in arrears:

	POSTS.	MEMBERS.
One 6-month's term in arrears,	2	25
Two " terms " "	4	51
Three or four terms " "	2	24

Adding to the paid up posts, we show—		
Not more than one term behind	106	2175
" " " two terms " "	110	2226
" " " four " "	112	2250

Those more than that time in arrears are likely to need new charters in order to be legally restored.

The receipts of the Department for the past Department year have been as follows:

Received from A. J. Tharp, A. Q. Gen.	\$184.23
Received as payments from posts,	688.10
Received for supplies sold	80.79
Total receipts,	\$953.12

The expenses are as follows:

Tax paid to National Headquarters,	\$73.85
Paid Nat'l Headquarters for supplies	62.81
Expense to National Encampment,	89.78
Expense to Department Encampment,	16.29
Badges for both the above,	20.08
Printing letterheads, envelopes, orders, etc	68.70
Plain stationery,	3.25
Postage	45.59
Expense of Dep't Commander in Official G. A. R. trips,	34.61
Trunk for holding and moving G. A. R. property	5.00
Expressage, phone and moving baggage,	3.25
Storage and cartage of delayed box,	7.70
Headquarters Sign,	5.50
Salary of Asst. Adj. and Asst. Q. M. Gen.	150.00
Rent for Department Headquarters,	25.00

Expense for two Sentinels at the Encampment	5.00
Printing Journal of 26th Encampment	60.00
Preparing Journal and Year Book	25.00
	<u>\$701.41</u>
Balance due the Department	251.71
	<u>\$953.12</u>
Inventory of Supplies on hand	\$25.28

FINANCIAL GAIN OF DEPARTMENT

Increase of the Cash Balance	\$67.48
Increase of G. A. R. Supplies in stock	15.23
Total Gain	<u>\$82.71</u>

When the Department accounts were audited by the Council of Administration, in February, it was shown that I had expended of my own means, in Grand Army work, the sum of \$238.60. Since that time I have expended \$130.75, making a total of \$369.35. I have on hand 3500 copies of a document printed at my own expense, which I designed to mail to individuals whose addresses I have secured during my travels. I wished to do this before the termination of my term of office, if I had found the time. I have envelopes for the purpose, printed as coming from the Department Commander. This production of mine is hoped to stir up old soldiers to the duty of joining and sustaining the G. A. R. If the Department will indulge me in sending the above shortly after my term expires, the postage will be \$35.00, swelling the personal expenditure to \$404.35.

During my visitation of posts I have been assisted by direct contribution of money from the following posts and individuals:

Post at Corydon....\$1.85	Post at Big Clifty.....\$.90
“ “ Providence... 5.00	“ “ Greenville.....1.15
“ “ Madisonville..2.30	“ “ Berry's Lick....2.00
“ “ Paducah.....6.00	“ “ Lebanon.....2.50
“ “ Russellville...2.00	“ ⁵⁴ “ Lexington.....5.00
“ “ Shelbyville... .90	“ “ Hustonville.....1.45
“ “ Petersville....3.90	“ “ Kingsville.....1.65
“ “ Mt. Olivet....1.00	D. O'Riley, Leitchfield.1.25

Post at Carlisle, colored	1.60	Rafe Beard, Bloomfield.	25
		Wash. Trigg, Glasgow.	10
In all.....			\$40.80
Deducting, we have a net expense of.....			\$363.55

My time and thought have been given chiefly to the work, and there are many indirect expenses which are hard to measure. In various places I have had entertainment furnished by the Comrades, whose cost I have not known. Besides, there have been a number of pleasant visits in private homes.

Comrades, I close. May you all be Divinely blessed, and may our noble work go on to greater success!

LE VANT DODGE,

For the A. A. G. and A. Q. G.

The Council of Administration, through R. R. Perry, of D. T. Buckner post, reported as follows:

“We have examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and find that the account of receipts and disbursements is correct, and that the balance due the Department is two hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-one cents.”

On motion the foregoing report of the A. A. General and A. Q. General was unanimously adopted.

The following Committees were appointed by the Commander: Resolutions—Past Department Commanders, Bowman, Blaes and Beyland; Fraternal Greetings—Past Department Commanders Minton, O’Riley and Reynolds.

The Senior Vice Commander, E. P. Marrs, of Warner post, presented the following report, which was approved and filed.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER’S REPORT

TO THE COMMANDER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY, G. A. R.

I want to thank you for having elected me as the Senior Vice Commander of the Department for the out-

going year. It has indeed been a source of pleasure to me to do what I could to advance the interests of the Department. You all know that there is not much that the Senior Vice has to do when we have a Commander who knows his duty and goes about to do it. I have not done much this year, yet I have done something. I have visited the post at Owensboro, and talked with them. They were well nigh gone out of existence. The last that I heard from them they were trying to do something. I have visited some of the other posts and urged upon them to have their regular meetings. I have been talking to those who have dropped out, urging them to come back into the posts. I attended the National Encampment that met in Saratoga and had a pleasant time, yet the rain somewhat discomforted our stay. We were somewhat astonished at the very few of the Comrades of Kentucky that went to the Encampment. With all the odds against us the Kentucky boys made a showing for they were cheered nearly every step of the way down the streets.

We close by saying that we are in hopes that we will have a happy time next August, when we meet in Toledo, Ohio.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

E. P. MARRS, *Senior Vice Commander.*

The Junior Vice Commander, Edward Douglas, of Chas. Sumner post, presented a brief and encouraging report which was approved by vote.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

COMMANDER AND COMRADES: I have the honor to say it has not been customary for the Junior Vice Commander to make any extended report. I have tried to fulfill the duties that belong to the position by actively participating in memorial service, and in attending the National Encampment. During the year past, nothing has occurred but good feelings, and an endeavor to get the old boys that wore the blue into closer fellowship with us whose noble obligations are unbroken, and which I hope and trust will remain unbroken until the last roll-call shall sound.

I take pleasure in thanking the Department Encampment for the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the honorable office of Junior Vice Commander of this Department.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

E. DOUGLAS, *Junior Vice Commander.*

The Chaplain, C. C. Vaughn, of Russellville, presented the following interesting report, which was unanimously adapted:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

To the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kentucky.

GREETING:

Another year of toil and care, with the vicissitudes of life, finds a few of us here in the 26th Annual Session of the State Encampment, and as we come to exchange greetings and views for the Encampment's good, let us lay aside our personalities if we have any, and blend our wills with those who have come with new inspiration and methods for the improvement of the great institution which we represent.

Selfishness cannot bring us profit, for we are creatures put upon the earth, to do our part in making the world better, to lift up the fallen, and by association prove to the rising generations, that we were the loyal defenders of "Old Glory," at the time we were most needed to save this noble country, and liberate more than four millions of slaves.

We know that God is not mocked and whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The farmer in Spring hastens to his work, knowing that the earth waits and responds to his toil, with the reward of a golden harvest; so we ought, if our hearts are filled with the great thought of doing good in F. C. & L., to please our Maker. This ought to inspire us to rush to duty and action with becoming earnestness, to do all in our power to build up and improve the condition of our Encampment, and we shall soon find out that we are not only building as we climb, but some one is being greatly benefited by our work, and our beloved boys will take up the inspiration of their fathers.

We commend very highly the visits of the Department Commander during the past year, which I think have done much good. The same power that brought us into being, urges us to go higher. These are days of advancement, every where men and women should be looking for something higher and better. In all regulated armies while courtesies are shown, the privates and corporals do not command the general, for when this is discovered then will jars and halts come. Where law and order are observed all disorder vanishes and victory perches upon our banner.

The following posts have made excellent reports: Nos. 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 26, 50, 54, 61, 68, 89, 108, 110, 112, 116, 123, 140, 171, 187, 202, 206 and 209.

My Statistical Report is as follows:

No. of posts attending Memorial Service.....	30
“ “ Sermons preached.....	30
“ “ Veteran Ministers.....	19
“ “ Comrades present.....	784
“ observing Memorial Day.....	42
“ of Comrades attending.....	1072
“ “ Cemeteries visited.....	107
“ “ graves decorated.....	4623
“ “ graves not marked and many unknown....	480
“ “ pupils attending service..	6221
“ “ Addresses delivered.....	36
“ “ post, burial plots 5 with several joint plots reported.	

Yours in F. C. & L.,

C. C. VAUGHN, *Chaplain.*

The Report of Department Historian was read by Comrade, W. J. L. Hughes, of Owensboro. This Report was replete with many fine Historical references to pure patriotic celebrities both in Ancient and Modern History. It closed with some interesting facts regarding the History of the G. A. R. in Ky. The report follows in full:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

GEN. LE VANT DODGE,

Commander Department of Ky., G. A. R.

Dear Commander:—

I respectfully submit the following report as Historian of this Department:

Great crises are the crucibles in which is tested the metal of which men are made. Every department of the history of the world is replete with instances in proof of this proposition.

Another proposition that has been so repeatedly, so thoroughly verified that it has resolved itself into a historical axiom, is this: that no republican form of government has ever yet been overturned and permanently destroyed by an external force, except as a result directly or indirectly, of either internal dissensions, political corruption, or individual lassitude, or all of those causes combined.

The life of a nation has sometimes turned upon the heroism of a single individual. Arnold Winklereid won deathless fame upon the battle field of Sempach by an act that required less than two minutes to perform, an act by which he preserved the liberties of Switzerland, but deliberately laid down his own life upon his country's altar.

When Philip of Macedon was artfully undermining the liberties of ancient Athens he entered the Athenian Senate with bribes, and bought up all the great orators except Demosthenes. He stood the crucial test. He proved to be pure metal. When the sordid but eloquent Demades, and Eubulus, and even the energetic and sublime Eschines had all been bought with Macedonian gold, Demosthenes stood like the sturdy rock that, unharmed, rolls back old ocean's billows, unmoved, unbought, uncorrupted and incorruptible. Spurning the tempter's gold, he defended his country's liberties, with an eloquence such as never fell from the lips of any other man. But so corrupt had become those who sat in high places in Athens that republican government could no longer live in such an atmosphere, and took its flight from Athens and from Greece forever. Demosthenes liv-

ed and died only for future generations. His pure, patriotic, heroic life was utterly lost upon his own corrupt, degenerate, depraved countrymen.

Republican Rome went down beneath the weight of the ill-gotten wealth that had been wrung from conquered nations. So serenely did the Romans bask in this accumulated wealth of the world, while artful traitors were stealing away their liberties, that when a faithful few discovered the rock upon which the republic was drifting, and attempted to arouse the people from their lethargy, they proved to be so completely drowned in luxury that no effort could awake them, and Rome helplessly and supinely passed under the iron heel of the despot, never again to emerge into the light of liberty. Republican liberty and internal corruption cannot long exist together.

The Venetian republic was for centuries rent by dissensions and cursed by domestic oppression. The famous council of Ten, together with the Tribune of Three, became an engine of oppression, as terrible as any tyrant that ever sat upon a throne. The horrible Vehme Gericht of Germany, that terrorized parts of that country for three or four centuries, was probably not more terrible. National retrogression was inevitable, and Venice became a mere foot-ball for surrounding nations, belonging to France to-day, to Austria tomorrow and to Italy later on, an easy prey for any political kite that chose to pounce upon it, until its national entity was completely lost.

It remained for the eighteenth century to develop in North America the greatest republic and the greatest nation that the world has ever seen. I pass briefly over the formative period of this government, and during the period of its marvelous growth I only touch briefly upon those evils that led directly to the greatest rebellion in all the annals of the world. The year 1861 will forever be one of the great epoch-making dates in our national life. More than two hundred years before that time, the deadly virus of human slavery had been injected into the life of the American colonies, and that virus had taken such deep root that it had become an eating cancer at the time of the formation of our national constitution,

and the college of able and patriotic political surgeons that framed that greatest of all documents was not willing to attempt to cut the cancer out.

So rapid was the growth of this cancer that the very life of the patient was threatened when Missouri, in 1820, asked for admission into the Union; but a soothing poultice, since known as the Missouri Compromise, was applied. This only relieved the acuteness without reaching the root of the malady.

Again, on the application of California for admission, the disease assumed a malignant form. Then came the patriotic Henry Clay, the great pacificator, with his famous "Omnibus Bill" in which the ingredients were mixed with all the skill of an able physician, forming another quieting emolient, but without reaching the seat of the trouble. This was in 1850. The limit of nostrums had now been reached. One more decade would bring the crisis when the knife must be applied or the patient must die.

In the first months of 1861 we were brought face to face with a condition that has occurred in every republic. The storm was upon us. Would we be able to stem the torrent, to weather the wind and the waves? The eyes of the world were upon us.

We now come strictly to the part that Kentucky was to play in that terrible conflict. No more chivalrous men could be found in the world than Kentucky contained at that time. The blood of the patriots of Kings Mountain, of Yorktown, of the Thames and of New Orleans flowed in their veins. All over our commonwealth were men still in their prime, who had followed Scott and Taylor across the plains of Mexico, through one continuous blaze of victory and glory till our banner triumphantly floated over the halls of the Montezumas. Now would Kentuckians stand the crucial test? Many of them did; but with regret be it said some did not.

At that time there were many Kentuckians whose patriotism cannot be doubted, and whose loyalty to their country was subsequently proved upon many a hard fought field, that advocated the paradoxical position of neutrality, as if a state could consistently enjoy the benefits and protection of the Federal Government, and yet

refuse to aid that government when such aid was needed.

There was a chaos of conflicting opinions in Kentucky, and it was many months before order was evolved from confusion, and an overwhelming majority of the people of our glorious old state declared their determination to stand by the flag of their fathers, the flag that was first thrown to the breeze amid the throes of national parturition, baptized in the blood of our patriot fathers and rendered sacred by the tears of the widows and orphans of our Revolutionary sires, the flag that inspired the starving, freezing Continentals at Valley Forge, that proudly waved above the plains of Chalamet when the shouts of Kentucky soldiers made the welkin ring, and the British lion, wounded and bleeding, was hurled back into our southern gulf to wash his gory mane in its limpid waters, the flag that shone like a flame of glory over Kentucky patriots at Buena Vista and at Cerro Gordo, the flag beneath whose starry folds the gallant Ingraham in foreign waters had snatched the Hungarian patriot Martin Koszta from the very muzzle of hostile guns, the flag that was respected and feared to the remotest corners of the earth, the flag of the free heart's hope and home.

In the light of the present time it appears strange indeed that the loyal men of Kentucky, though decidedly in the majority, should attempt in good faith, to carry out the principles of neutrality, and should be going outside the state to enlist, while those who favored secession were boldly and openly recruiting military organizations, and marching southward unmolested, and with colors flying; but such was the lamentable case. In accordance with this sentiment J. V. Guthrie of Covington and W. E. Woodruff of Louisville established Camp Clay, a little above Cincinnati, on the Ohio side. Here, on the 6th day of May, 1861, two full regiments of three months men were mustered into the service, and designated as the 1st and 2nd Kentucky, though a majority of the men enlisted were citizens of Ohio. These appear to have been the first men mustered into the service of the United States for the Civil war, and accredited to the state of Kentucky.

These two regiments in the following month of June

were reorganized into three years regiments under Colonels J. V. Guthrie and William E. Woodruff respectively; but in the reorganization most of the Ohioans refused to re-enlist and their places were filled by Kentucky men.

In the following July Lovell H. Rousseau established Camp Joe Holt on the Indiana side, opposite Louisville, and there the 5th and 6th Kentucky Infantry and the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry and Stone's Battery of Artillery were organized.

In August Camp Dick Robinson was established, in Garrard County Kentucky, and soon afterwards Union Camps were established in various parts of the state, and recruiting for the National army went rapidly on.

To further continue the history of the recruiting of the many military organizations that Kentucky furnished during the conflict, to follow up their brilliant history, and to even mention the names of all the Kentuckians that won personal fame upon the battle field would be to go far beyond the intended volume of this report. Leaving all that to the general historian, and the future historians of this Encampment, I shall close with a very brief sketch of the beginning of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Kentucky, and the annual statistics of the order of this state down to the present time.

From the early records of James S. Jackson Post No. 3, at Owensboro, it appears that that Post was organized on the 6th day of February, 1882, and attached to the Department of Indiana.

I learn from Comrade R. B. Hewetson, Adjutant of William Nelson Post No. 1, at Newport, that that post was organized on the 24th day of February, 1882, by comrade James C. Michie, then Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Ohio, as No. 194, Department of Ohio.

By the kindness of Comrade Orrin A. Reynolds, the last Department Historian, I learn that James A. Garfield Post No. 2, at Covington, was organized on the 23rd day of March, 1882, as No. 195, Department of Ohio.

From these three post records, it appeared that James S. Jackson Post, No. 3, was the first post organized in Kentucky, and that it was attached to the Department of Indiana, and that the two other posts above mentioned were attached to the Department of Ohio; and from the best information that I have been able to obtain it appears that, some time prior to June 23rd, 1882, Kentucky was organized into a provisional department, containing only those three posts, with comrade James C. Michie as Provisional Commander; and that the provisional organization was made permanent on January 16th, 1883, at the first encampment, which was held at Covington.

Leaving this history to be further continued by the future historian, I close with a tabulated statement of the place and time of each Department Encampment, the Commander elected, the number of Delegates in attendance, and the total membership, all of which, except the report of the present Encampment is taken from the report of Comrade Orrin A. Reynolds, the last Department Historian, as follows:

PLACE	DATE	COMMANDER	DEL.	MEM.
1st Covington,	Jan. 16, 1883,	J. C. Michie,	25	414
2nd Louisville,	Mar. 28, 1884,	W. H. Harton,	42	860
3rd Newport,	Mar. 27, 1885,	G. W. Northup,	30	1270
4th Louisville,	Apr. 8, 1886,	T. Z. Morrow,	36	1314
5th Louisville,	Apr. 13, 1887,	Wm. Bowman,	66	1804
6th Maysville,	Apr. 17, 1888,	O. A. Reynolds,	98	2580
7th Covington,	Apr. 24, 1889,	V. Boreing,	144	3677
8th Louisville,	Apr. 24, 1890,	M. Minton,	165	5603
9th Frankfort,	Apr. 29, 1891,	S. G. Hillis,	170	6319
10th Lebanon,	Apr. 28, 1892,	E. H. Hobson,	186	6272
11th Owensboro,	Apr. 18, 1893,	T. E. Livezy,	189	6998
12th Bowling Green,	Apr. 18, 1894,	D. O'Riley,	169	6577
13th Hopkinsville,	Apr. 16, 1895,	R. M. Kelly,	146	5603
14th Somerset,	May 19, 1896,	A. Whedon,	171	5240
15th Lexington,	May 10, 1897,	A. J. Tharp,	229	5017
16th Bowling Green,	May 25, 1898,	J. W. Hammond,	200	4882
17th Glasgow,	May 23, 1899,	J. H. Browning,	148	3432
18th Lancaster,	May 24, 1900,	L. M. Drye,	145	3290
19th Covington,	June 4, 1901,	John Blaes,	237	2839
20th Lebanon,	May 20, 1902,	T. F. Beyland,	182	2588
21st Louisville,	May 19, 1903,	W. G. Foree,	183	2279
22nd Frankfort,	May 25, 1904,	W. T. Bausmith,	177	2150
23rd Louisville,	May 23, 1905,	B. Matthews,	180	2110

24th Berea,	June 12, 1906,	G. T. Grinstead,	166	1934
25th Louisville,	May 15, 1907,	LeVant Dodge,	302	2154
26th Louisville,	May 13, 1908,	LeVant Dodge,	242	2036

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

W. J. L. HUGHES, *Historian.*

Comrade C. C. Degman, as Chief Mustering Officer, made a verbal statement regarding the work of the year. He stated that there had been but little for him to do officially, outside of the service to which the Department Commander, in his Address, had referred in a complimentary manner. Details of this had previously been sent to the Commander.

Comrade S. D. Van Pelt, the Department Inspector, presented the following report, which was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Total no. of posts.....	112
" " " members in good standing.....	2254
No. of posts inspected.....	34
" " " not inspected.....	78
Attendance of Officers and Members at post....	Fair
No. of posts in which Ritual is properly exemplified	20
" " " where Officers and Guards are uniformed	6
" " " where members are fully uniformed..	2
" " " whose records are complete and well kept	29
" " " " reports and per capita tax have been forwarded.....	103
" " " having a relief fund.....	3
Aggregate of post relief funds.....	\$ 36.00
" expenditure by posts for relief.....	153.00
" of funds in hands of post Quartermaster	691.81
" value of other property owned by posts.	714.65
No. of posts with Women's Relief Corps attached	12
" " " " Sons of Veterans.....	6

It affords me pleasure to report that on May 9th I visited Department Headquarters, at Berea, and made an inspection of books and other property of the Department at said Headquarters and found every thing in

Adjutant General's and Quartermaster General's Department in good condition and well kept. Allow me to state that our Department Commander gives his personal attention to all the details of those offices and sees to it that every thing is kept straight and up to date, as will be seen by the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General's reports.

My above report is not as complete as I would wish to have it but for the neglect of many of the posts to send in their reports. Out of the 112 posts in the Department I received reports from only 34 posts, thus leaving 78 posts or more than two-thirds of the posts not reported. This makes rather a poor showing for the enterprise and energy of many of the Post Commanders, whose duty it is to see that these reports are properly made out and forwarded.

As our Department Commander requested that all the Department officers make their reports as brief as possible, I will close by expressing my warmest acknowledgements to him for his confidence in, and the honor conferred on me, by appointing me to this office. Respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

S. D. VAN PELT, *Department Inspector.*

By motion a special order was made for the afternoon, to go into the selection of officers of the Department for the coming year, and next the selection of place of the next Encampment of the Department. At 12:00 a recess was taken until 1:30, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The Encampment was called to order at 1:50 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain. The Committee on Credentials consisting of Comrades Gabbard of Berea, Hammond and Davidson of Louisville, Bausmith of Bellevue, Tucker of Greensburg, and O'Connell of Mt. Sterling, made their final report, showing 242 mem-

bers of the Encampment present. The report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

Information being brought that delegations from the Sons of Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were ready to bring us greetings, by unanimous consent the regular order of business was suspended to receive them. The Sons of Veterans were first admitted. Both the Division Commander and Senior Vice Commander, Cols. Geo. H. Stebbins of Covington and T. C. Jackson of Paris, made splendid addresses abounding in words of good cheer. Past Commander Bausmith being called upon by the Commander responded briefly and touchingly in behalf of the Encampment. Following the withdrawal of the S. of V. the representatives of the Ladies of the G. A. R. were escorted into the hall by the Committee on Fraternal Greetings and introduced to the Commander. He in turn introduced them to the Encampment. Mrs. Viola R. Gowdy, of Henderson gave the principal address in behalf of the visitors. Her thoughts were well chosen and eloquently expressed, calling forth hearty applause. Comrade T. B. Demaree responded in a few well chosen words, followed by Comrade C. C. Vaughn, who spoke in strong commendation of the work done by the Ladies of the G. A. R.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Past Commander Wm. Bowman, in an earnest speech setting forth some of the achievements of the past year, nominated Commander LeVant Dodge for re-election. Past Commander T. F. Beyland placed in nomination and set forth the claims of Comrade Thomas Sheehan of Geo. H. Thomas post, Louisville. Comrade W. H. Childers, of Covington, supported the nomination of General Dodge, Past Commander M. Minton of Louisville, in a warm

speech seconded the nomination of Comrade Sheehan. Past Commander Tharp, of Winston, also advocated the election of Sheehan. Nominations were closed, and the following Comrades, viz: W. T. Bausmith, O. A. Reynolds, James O'Connell, M. H. Davidson, and J. W. Hammond, were appointed as tellers. The ballots having been cast and counted, the result showed that Gen. Dodge had received 133 votes and Col. Sheehan 93; whereupon S. V. Commander Marrs, now in the chair, declared LeVant Dodge duly elected Department Commander for another year.

On motion the nominating speeches for other officers were limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to two minutes each. Comrades R. B. Hewetson, of Wm. Nelson post, No. 1, T. B. Demaree, of Green Broaddus post, No. 128, and E. P. Marrs, of Warner post, No. 12, were placed in nomination for Senior Vice Commander. The last two named withdrew, whereupon by vote the Ass't Adj't Gen'l cast one vote for R. B. Hewetson, of Newport, who was declared elected.

Comrades Lewis Robinson of post No. 140, Mt. Sterling, and Joseph Allen of post No. 156, Louisville, were the nominees for Junior Vice Commander. The ballot showed that Robinson had received 107 votes and Allen 86 votes. Comrade Robinson was elected.

Comrades John Hicks, of M. R. Delaney post, No. 156, and Joseph Courtney, of Chas. Sumner post, No. 61, were nominated for the office of Department Chaplain. After some discussion Courtney's name was withdrawn and one ballot cast for John Hicks, who was elected.

Comrade W. J. L. Hughes, of Owensboro was re-elected Department Historian, without opposition, and in like manner Comrade G. M. Williams, of Maysville, was elected Department Surgeon.

At this juncture a motion was made and carried to adjourn, the hour of reassembling not being specified. The Commander, in declaring the motion carried, said that the Encampment had devolved upon him the fixing of the hour for the next session. He accordingly declared the Encampment adjourned for two minutes. After the call to order again, no business of importance was transacted until it was voted to take a recess until 9 o'clock the following morning.

SECOND DAY

The Encampment convened again, on Thursday, May 14th, at 9:00, a. m., and was called to order by Commander Le Vant Dodge. Prayer was offered by Chaplain C. C. Vaughn. The minutes of the preceding day were read and, after slight corrections, were approved by vote.

Col. Theo. F. Brown, a representative of the Department of Tennessee, was present and was presented to the Encampment in complimentary terms, by the Commander. Comrade Brown delivered his greetings to us in a splendid address. Col. A. T. Wood, Pension Agent at Louisville, was invited to reply and did so in a concise and able manner. He continued at some length, in explanation of the working of the pension agency and of the delays which are inevitable. He was listened to with close attention, and at the close of his remarks, on motion of Comrade Ward, seconded by Comrade Lyon, a vote of thanks was passed for his timely address.

At this hour a delegation from "The Woman's Relief Corps" entered the Hall, conducted by Capt. Minton. They were received with hearty good cheer, the Encampment standing. Mrs. Le Vant Dodge made a good talk which was frequently applauded. She then read a splendid paper, giving a clear, concise report of their work, in behalf of the G. A. R. and other noble objects of

charity. After a few more touching remarks, and the pinning of a beautiful badge upon her husband, she was followed by Mrs. Fannie Miller in a few touching words. Words of commendation were offered by Comrade E. P. Marrs. The written report follows.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

LEVANT DODGE,

Department Commander, G. A. R.,

Dear Sir and Comrade: We have the honor to extend to you, and through you to the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greetings of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, in Twenty-third Department Convention assembled, and to submit to you the following report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1908.

Total number of members	832
Number of soldiers assisted	42
Number in soldiers families	104
Total number of persons assisted	146
Expended for relief for the year	\$632.10
Estimated value of relief other than money	173.35
Total	\$805.45

Report of expenditures of National Organization
Woman's Relief Corps.

Amount cash expended in Relief	\$47,743.31
Amount cash turned over to Posts	33,546.65
For relief other than money	59,866.37
Total expended as above	\$141,156.33
For Memorial Day	16,919.43
For Southern Memorial Fund	887.09
For Army Nurses	95.00
For Andersonville Property	661.10
For Andersonville Permanent Fund	2,161.08
For Memorial University	651.20
For San Francisco sufferers	1,210.32
For Loyal Women Monument Fund	636.83
For Emergency Fund	1,173.15

For Silver Jubilee Fund for Grand Army.....	6,000.00
For Susan B. Anthony Fund.....	50.00
For Headquarters Relief Fund.....	50.00
Total amount expended for Relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above, during the year.....	30,495.26
	\$171,651.53
Total number of persons assisted.....	36,117
Total amount expended since organization to June 30, 1907.....	\$3,225,190.29
Membership June 30, 1907.....	155,536

In closing our report of Relief done by both Department and National Organizations we wish to renew the pledge of the Woman's Relief Corps, to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, the Veteran and his dependent ones.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

MARY LYLE REYNOLDS

MARY H. DODGE

FANNY MILLER

Committee on Greetings

The next business to come before the Encampment was the election of five Delegates to the next National Encampment to be held at Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 31—Sept. 5, 1908. Nineteen names were placed in nomination. It was unanimously voted that the five having the highest number of votes should be declared Delegates and the five next highest Alternates. The following Comrades were elected Delegates, receiving, severally, the number of votes indicated below:

C. C. Vaughn,	113	G. W. Ward	109
E. A. H. Beyland	108	G. W. Smith	106
C. C. Degman	58		

The following, having received votes as stated below, were elected as Alternate Delegates, eligible to fill vacancies in the order given:

D. W. Capito	50	S. D. Van Pelt	48
A. T. Wood	46	Amos Griffith	45
Henry C. Truman	44		

Further votes were cast as follows:

A. J. Crawford	43	T. B. Demaree	12
Scattered among several others			31

The next business was the selection of a place for our next Department Encampment. Covington received 95 votes, Owensboro 20, Richmond 20, Somerset 5 and Frankfort 1. Covington, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared the choice.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Col Wm. Bowman, reported favorably the following Resolutions, which, after considerable discussion and fruitless attempts to amend or postpone, were adopted by a nearly unanimous vote:

RESOLVED: That, this Department through its Commander request that the Superintendents of all Public schools in the state of Kentucky have all school children participate in the services of Decoration Day, May 30th each year, and assist in the Decoration of ex-soldiers graves.

RESOLVED BY THIS ENCAMPMENT: That it instruct its Commander to request the Governor of Kentucky in his next message to the Legislature to embody the request for a State Soldier's home for the ex-Federal soldiers of the Civil war.

The election of a Council of Administration for the coming year being now in order, the following Comrades were elected by a *viva voce* vote: John T. Gunn, Lexington; R. R. Perry, Winchester; Thomas Sheehan, Louisville; Alexander P. Settle, Berea; Green B. Miller, Richmond.

The officers elect were duly installed by the Senior Past Department Commander present, Dr. Wm. Bowman. No further business remained to bring before the Encampment. As it was nearly one o'clock, p. m., only very brief remarks were made by the incoming officers. A salute was given to the Department flag, and the Twenty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kentucky was declared closed.

ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR 1908

Name, Location and Officers of Posts

NO.	NAME OF POST	LOCATION	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT	QUARTERMASTER
1	Wm. Nelson	Newport	Jacob Aschenbach	R. B. Hewetson	G. W. Armstrong
2	Jas. A. Garfield	Govington	William Murphy	Frank Kuhling	Joseph Webber
3	Jas. S. Jackson	Owensboro	W. J. L. Hughes	C. B. Mitchell	W. C. Morton
4	Preston Morton	Hartford	W. A. Mills	R. A. Anderson	W. H. Warnaker
5	A. G. Wildman	Falmouth	J. J. Marquette	J. M. Wilson	W. A. McGinety
6	Geo. H. Thomas	Louisville	Thos. Sheehan	Sam. Lord	W. G. Foree
7	Augustus Beyland*	Beattyville			
8	J. Wess. Gosnell	Leitchfield	Isaac Armstrong	D. O'Riley	D. O'Riley
9	Croxton	Fearis	R. C. McNeil	Wm. Sullivan	A. S. Cole
10	L. H. Rousseau	Louisville	Wm. Duncan	John S. Woods	H. C. Pearce
11	R. J. Whittinghill	Fordsville	W. R. Jones	H. C. Truman	J. D. Westerfield
12	Warner	Louisville	Soney Cosby	Jas. Martin	J. M. Lasley
13	Joseph Heiser	Maysville	G. M. Williams	J. M. Shepard	J. W. Boyer
14	W. H. Hays	Willisburg	Nimrod Hendron	E. M. Romine	Sam Tatham
15	Thos. Jackson	Carlisle	Fred Taylor	Elijah Chivis	Wayne Litton
16	Joe Hooker	Dayton	Frank Wenz	J. D. Compton	John Swift
17	Joseph N. Paxton	Greenville	Augustus Lewis	R. H. Lyon	A. M. Terry
20	C. A. Zachary	Somerset	Geo. B. Hale	C. B. Love	J. J. Daugherty
21	Hays-Watkins	Lebanon	Chas. Higdon	John Barr	J. D. Bobbitt

24	J. J. Mann	Harrodsburg	James Eads	J. K. Parker	Varner Divine
26	Lieut. Severance	Crab Orchard	Sam. F. Reynolds	K. D. Noakes	K. D. Noakes
28	E. P. Mavity	Petersville	Isaac W. Lykins	N. L. Payne	Wiley Arthur
32	Gen. Fremont	Midway	Aaron Fowler	Chas. W. Lewis	Stephen Fields
33	Albert G. Bacon	Frankfort	J. C. McCann	R. L. Grinstead	Jacob Sauer
37	Dave Goad	Madisonville	R. R. Graham	J. C. Bacon	J. H. Fox
38	Gen. Reynolds	W. Covington	G. Moser	G. Moser	G. Moser
39	Major Harris	Augusta	B. S. Craig	H. Clay Yates	Nathaniel Yates
43	Wm. Blackburn	Covington	Jerry Lee	Geo. Haskins	Samuel Webb
44	Geo. W. Monroe	Frankfort	John Chambers	Wm. Pedrick	Alfred May
48	B. Smith	Somerset	A. J. Crawford	Joseph Wait	James Smith
50	Gen. Anderson	Providence	Perry Craig	Jefferson Bruce	Isaac Bruce
54	E. L. Dudley	Lexington	Amos. Griffith	John T. Gunn	Herman Trost
55	J. T. Kinnard	Bowling Green	Addison Dean	J. J. Barnes	F. M. Roberts
56	Lincoln	Hodgenville	Robert Lynch	Felix Crady	John F. Worth
57	John T. Parker	Vanceburg	John Schofield	J. S. Mavity	E. R. Lindsey
60	M. P. Hodges	Munfordville	T. R. Shoemaker	George Stewart	Edward Reynolds
61	Chas. Sumner	Lexington	E. Douglass	Zack Winchester	W. Washington
68	John Brown	Paris	John Naylis	Allen Richards	Robert Mason
71	Joseph Dudley	Flemingsburg	W. H. Harrison	Chas. L. Dudley	N. S. Dudley
75	Walter C. Whitaker	Louisville	John W. Reed	John Blaes	Jacob Seibert
76	Wellington Harlan	Danville	Hezekiah Young	S. D. Van Pelt	S. D. Van Pelt
78	Simmons	Springfield	Dan'l Clemons	Press Dosey	Thomas Pipes
81	Jas. Humphrey	Humphrey	Wm. H. McClure	James E. King	Pleasant Wesley

83	N. F. Twyman	Greensburg	W. F. Gorin	John T. Russell	E. F. Tucker
84	J. J. Gore*	Monroe	R. G. Gupton	J. A. Young	R. F. Craddock
85	Wm. McKinley	Hustonville	George Bailey	Benj. Powell	Benj. Powell
88	Capt. Hannaway*	Bowling Green	Thos. Keele	S. S. Stone	Willis Wilson
89	Granville Moody	Bellevue	Maurice Andriot	T. F. Beyland	W. T. Bausmith
90	Calvin Childs	Greensburg	Watson Taylor	Reuben Coakley	James Haskins
91	Paducah	Paducah	George Childers	Harry Givens	Jas. Flournoy
92	Laban Tartar	Faubush	Fount Thomas	Wm. Foster	J. C. Weddle
95	O. M. Lewis	Carlisle	J. W. Herndon	S. H. Poe	H. W. Hall
99	Wm. Perkins	Albany	F. A. Tabor	G. C. Purdue	W. W. Carter
102	Wm. T. Sherman	Alexandria	Chris. Fender	James Riley	Adam Wetterhan
105	Capt. King	Kingsville	Howard Sweeney	H. C. Leach	J. L. Johnson
106	Mason	Georgetown	Clark Mitchell	Richard Goggins	Lee Williams
108	James Morrow	Russellville	John H. Horn	C. C. Vaughn	C. C. Vaughn
110	John W. Finnell	Grayson	N. T. Keaton	G. W. Littlejohn	Peter Brown, Sr.
111	Robert Cowherd	Whitewood	Stephen Graves	Jordon W. White	Cooper Nelson
112	R. G. Shaw	Henderson	Warner Gilbert	Joseph Hatchett	Reuben Simpson
114	Alexander*	Burkesville			
116	L. A. Hanson	Mayfield	G. W. Saunders	James W. Shoat	W. H. Richards
121	Gregory	Mayfield	S. Whittemore	David Harris	Green Gregory
123	Thos. Buchanan	Williamsburg	E. N. Steeley	S. R. Sutton	James Stinson
125	Thos. P. Young	Danville	Orange Fry	Thos. Carroll	Holman Tackler
127	M. M. Frazier*	Mt. Vernon	C. C. Jones	R. M. Johnson	W. T. Smith
128	Green Broadus	Winston	G. T. Grinstead	A. J. Tharp	Wm. S. Winkler

129	Andrew Alexander	Irvine	Sylvester Land	P. D. Broaddus	H. Messer
130	T. D. Sedgwick	Richmond	Jeremiah Turner	Green B. Miller	Wm. A. Owens
133	Pineville	Pineville	J. E. Howard	W. M. Bingham	James H. Carr
136	Coley Apperson	Mt. Sterling	Jas. O'Connell	E. C. Hamline	W. Van Antwerp
138	J. H. Cochran	Berry's Lick	B. W. Turner	J. H. Anderson	Isaac H. White
140	Charles Prewitt	Mt Sterling	Allen Keese	Lewis Robinson	George Kemper
141	Wm. Cartmill	Salt Lick	Enoch Wills	G. W. Razor	G. W. Razor
142	Miller	Nicholasville	Morton Hopewell	James Walker	Ed. Bridges
143	Major Beckley	Bloomfield	Rafe Beard	Steph. Merrifield	Bill Bryant
145	R. Kincaid*	Lancaster			
147	Hanson	Winchester	Thornton Brooks	George Mance	Edward Dunn
148	George Cotton	Versailles	Humphrey Lewis	Humphrey Lewis	Sanford Flanery
151	T. M. Wheatly	Hawesville	W. H. Kyler	W. D. Keown	Stephen Parker
152	Smith Taylor	Glasgow	Jake Alexander	Wash. Trigg	Hugh Shobe
153	G. W. Nell	Sparksville	J. S. England	J. M. Akin	Peter Compton
154	Z. S. Taylor	Summershade	J. T. Murray	Joe Sams	R. A. Miller
156	M. R. Delaney	Louisville	James Lawrence	Philip White	Joseph Allen
158	Jas. M. Marshall	Flemingsburg	Alex. Williams	French Brown	Thos. Lacey
159	Wm. Fiddler	Lebanon	Wm. Brown	Bob Edwards	Albert Sandusky
162	J. J. Landram	Mt. Olivet	Joseph Paynter	H. M. Linville	J. S. Sprague
163	R. L. Bullock	Glasgow	D. R. Carr	L. W. Gee	E. A. Bradford
167	John Connor	Bardstown	Chris. Anderson	S. T. Duncan	Hines Beam
168	Corbin	Corbin	Abraham Shelton	John Moore	Geo. W. Nichols
171	Capt. Jas. West	Berea	Alex. Moore	Alex. P. Settle	Le Vant Dodge

182	Thos. Rankin	Williamstown	Wesley Rankin	D.L. Cunningham	D.L. Cunningham
185	W. W. Berry	Louisville	J. J. Hill	Jeff. Stillwell	Columbus Bach
187	Jim Pool	Corydon	A. Lambert	Jacob Green	Ben Dixon
188	Sevare	Elizabethtown	Alfred Quinn	Curtis Farmer	Henry Miller
189	General Hooker	Eminence	Morris Hayden	Ned Hinton	Robert Fisher
190	W. W. Harrington	Eubank	S. Harenton	S. Thompson	J. A. Padgett
195	Avery Byers	Horse Branch	D. C. Allen	Bruno Frey	Robert Simpson
197	General Fry	Anchorage	Geo. M. Pierce	Wm. Anderson	Wm. H. Garr
198	Abe Lincoln	Owensboro	Henry Ewing	T. N. Richardson	Joseph Griffith
200	Llewellen Bacon	Hopkinsville	Geo. Browder	Calvin Williams	Henry Baker
207	R. L. Beckham	Calhoun	G. W. Adams	Phil. Atkinson	Thos. Harrison
209	Rich	Phil	James F. Allen	Fount. Cambest	Geo. Rodgers
211	Thomas Taylor	Ford	John Talbert	Thos. Murphy	John Stephens
213	D. T. Buckner	Winchester	Jas. E. Wood	R. R. Perry	R. C. Mansfield
215	Bevill Palmer	Springfield	T. J. Nally	Thos. Hickey	Philip McConnell
216	General Burbridge	Shelbyville	Nathan Caldwell	Henry Newton	Henry Mosby
217	John H. Langley	Big Clifty	T. B. Golladay	W. A. Dever	Luke Waltrip
218	Wash. Edson*	Hartford	G. W. Phipps	G. W. Farman	G. W. Phipps
219	Wm. J. Simmons	Hopkinsville	J. L. Allensworth	Geo. Richardson	Jake Edmunds
220	Col. L. T. Moore*	Olive Hill	H. K. Fultz	Thos. A. Day	J. J. Perry
221	John G. Eve	Barbourville	P. D. Brittain	Geo. F. Bretz	A. S. Fuller

*Report lacking or information incomplete.

Names, Location and Membership of Posts, With List of Past Commanders

No. 1, Wm. Nelson, Newport—72. Past Commanders: D. R. P. Dimmich, Fred C. Miller, Chas. Solar, E. S. Runnets, John Bleichner, John Wakeman, R. B. Hewetson, Baldwin Staubach, Chas. E. Snyder, Geo. W. Armstrong, Jas. H. Gaupel, Isaac Stebbins, Wm. T. Thoburn, Hugo Schaeffer, Henry P. Badger, D. R. Locke.

Past Commanders as H. M. M. M. M.
No. 2, James A. Garfield, Covington—48. Past Commanders: Samuel T. Jack, George Menninger, Orrin A. Reynolds, Wm. G. Allen, T. E. Livezey, Joseph E. Mitchell, Charles Steinborn, James Orr, Frank Kuhling, *Dead* A. F. Eshelman, Julius Walker, J. H. Watcher, John Felthans, T. F. Allen, John G. Weaver, Samuel Snyder, *Dead* Frank Bristow, E. Dailey, W. H. Childers. *B. P. Perkins*

No. 3, Jas S. Jackson, Owensboro—31. Past Commanders; W. C. Morton, R. F. Goode, A. S. Hicks, George W. Akin, C. B. Mitchell, W. J. L. Hughes, W. H. Lawrence, W. H. Foster, L. W. Quinn.

No. 4, Preston Morton, Hartford—30. Past Commanders: R. A. Anderson, F. M. Porter, Jno. C. Chamberlain, J. L. Carson, G. W. Bungler, James Ashley, Henry Shaffer, A. B. Stanley, Larkin Williams, John M. Bishop, W. P. Render, J. M. Rogers.

No. 5, A. G. Wildman, Falmouth—21. Past Commanders: J. M. Wilson, W. A. McGinety, A. Wagganman, Z. T. Simpson, B. H. Hitch, S. M. Daugherty.

No. 6, Geo. H. Thomas, Louisville—104. Past Commanders: M. Minton, C. E. Carroll, A. Anderson, Sam Lord, J. H. Browning, A. Apperly, W. G. Foree, D. W. Capito, M. H. Davidson, J. G. Hopkins, Ed Hilpp, Jack Lohr, J. E. Mellen, B. Matthews, J. Rastetter, L. H. Eldridge.

No. 7, Augustus Beyland, Beattyville.*

No. 8, J. Wess. Gosnell, Litchfield—10. Past Commanders: Daniel O'Riley, H. S. Woods, Harvey Jackson, J. N. Thomas.

No. 9, Croxton, Fearis—18. Past Commanders: S. G. Hillis, Wm. Bowman, Thos. F. Guthrie, A. S. Cole, John T. Dodd, Wm. Sullivan, C. C. Degman.

No. 10, L. H. Rousseau, Louisville—26. Past Commanders: Preston Hicks, H. H. Young, Lee Pepper, H. C. Pearce, Enos McGuffin, Harris Suggs, Moses Allen, Andrew Hicks, Zachariah Smith, Allen Welch, Silas Washington, John S. Woods, Theo. Hankins.

No. 11, R. J. Whittinghill, Fordsville—24. Past Commanders: E. Forbes, S. F. Kissinger, C. C. Brown, J. I. Harder, Joel G. Sapp.

No. 12, Warner, Louisville—39. Past Commanders: W. F. Carpenter, J. M. Lasley, Ben Vincent, C. L. Jones, G. W. Henderson, P. Tompkins, James Martin, Richard Anderson, E. P. Marrs, Sandy Brooks, B. F. Porter, Henry Turner, Andrew Jackson, James Whales, Wilson Green.

No. 13, Joe Heiser, Maysville—25. Past Commanders: F. M. Luman, H. C. Dieterich, G. W. Oldham, J. M. Shepard, Madison Brown, Thos. A. Davis, J. W. Boyer, J. K. Proctor, G. N. Harding, G. W. Chambers, J. V. Dea, A. N. Ellis,

No 14, W. H. Hays, Willisburg—12. Past Commanders, F. M. Martin, C. W. Hardin.

No. 15, Thomas Jackson, Carlisle—8. Past Commander, Elijah Chivis.

No. 16, Joe Hooker, Dayton—28. Past Commanders: F. M. Keslar, Samuel Carr, Herman Joering, Dave E. Schrieber, T. A. Casey, J. D. Compton, John Swift, Frank Wenz, Wm. Forester, E. M. DeRose.

No. 17, Joseph N. Paxton, Greenville—41.

No. 20, C. A. Zachary, Somerset—55. Past Commanders: C. B. Morrow, Chas. B. Love, H. G. Trimble, Jesse Wilder, A. T. Keene, J. J. Daugherty.

No. 21, Hays Watkins, Lebanon—20. Past Commanders: John Barr, J. D. Bobbitt, A. L. Brown, James Howe, L. A. Pipes, L. M. Drye, Andrew Offut, Nelson Hays, W. W. Myers, W. R. Prather, Chas. Higdon, John Wilcher.

No. 24, J. J. Mann, Harrodsburg—23. Past Commanders: Strother Harlow, J. R. Elliott, J. M. Brown, J. A. Tomlinson, J. K. Parker, E. Denny, I. N. Arthur, John Wilson.

No. 26, Lieut. Severance, Crab Orchard,—12. Past Commanders: K. D. Noakes, J. R. Russell, George Hinds, W. G. Padgett.

No. 28, E. P. Mavity, Petersville—20. Past Commander, Newton Lanter.

No. 32, Gen. Fremont, Midway—17. Past Commanders: Chas. W. Lewis, Lewis R. Blanton, Robert Walker, John Washington, John Stafford.

No. 33, A. G. Bacon, Frankfort—17. Past Commanders: Dan W. Lindsay, V. Berberich, R. L. Grinstead, J. W. Cox, Jacob Sauer, Wm. G. Steward, C. C. Furr, Isaac T. West, T. J. Hutchinson, L. H. Finnell, Charles W. Vogler.

No. 37, Dave Goad, Madisonville—15. Past Commander, J. C. Bacon.

No. 38, Gen. Reynolds, West Covington—5. Past Commanders: C. W. Wallace, Martin Hooker, Peter Heiser.

No. 39, Major Harris, Augusta—11. Past Commanders: W. J. Nash, Wm. T. Fields, A. A. Mannon, Nathaniel Yates.

No. 43, Wm. Blackburn, Covington—12. Past Com-

manders: Geo. W. Ward, George Haskins, Jerry Lee, Charles Cole.

No. 44, G. W. Monroe, Frankfort—23. Past Commanders: Henry Steward, Benj. Carroll, Edward Campbell, Geo. Washington, John Sheets, Alfred May, Wm. Pedrick, Luke Bucy.

No. 48, B. Smith, Somerset—10. Past Commander, Charley Dutton.

No. 50, Gen. Anderson, Providence—9. Past Commanders: Jefferson Bruce, Isaac Harrison.

No. 54, E. L. Dudley, Lexington—47. Past Commanders: J. F. Croghan, John R. Spiers, John T. Gunn, Jack Sheehan, Frank Appleton, Jas. R. Howard, W. R. Milward, C. O. Rawlings, Robt. A. Downing.

No. 55, J. T. Kinnard, Bowling Green—10. Past Commanders: J. J. Barnes, F. M. Roberts, Sam Goode.

No. 56, Lincoln, Hodgenville—19. Past Commanders: Albert Cagle, Felix Crady, John F. Worth, J. G. Milby, S. M. Mather, W. W. Edlin.

No. 57, John T. Parker, Vanceburg—15. Past Commanders: Alex Mitchell, J. H. Reeder.

No. 58, W. J. Landrum, Stanford.*

No. 60, M. P. Hodges, Munfordsville—20. Past Commanders: W. B. Craddock, Patrick Rush, W. G. Craddock, J. M. Wilkerson, Edward Reynolds, J. T. Stazell, S. S. Hodges, J. B. Lyon, L. G. Johnson, J. M. Knight, Geo. Stewart, J. B. Duggins, Idrell K. Van Fleet, John C. Van Fleet.

No. 61, Charles Sumner, Lexington—40. Past Commander, S. P. Young.

No. 63, George W. Cable, Liberty.*

No. 68, John Brown, Paris—32. Past Commanders: Jack Alexander, J. W. Calamese, Riley Small, George Rice, Harvy Gilliard.

No. 71, Joseph Dudley, Flemingsburg—5. Past

Commanders: C. L. Dudley, N. S. Dudley, R. S. Hudson, David E. Staggs.

No. 75, Walter C. Whitaker, Louisville—73. Past Commanders: Americus Whedon, Albert Scott, P. B. Cloud, Jacob Seibert, C. H. Chamberlain, Len. Fenster, Sam'l B. Newcomb, John Fey. John Blaes, Joseph Pell, Ed. Newbill, C. C. Hoefling, Geo. B. Herbert, Chas. Raab, John Foos, John R. Phillips, P. A. Atkinson, Cyrus Edwards, C. J. Cook, W. W. Pulliam, Martin Enright, Chas. Holtzner, N. H. Barned, Joseph Elble, Samuel A. Parker, John W. Hammond, Wm. Herman, Milton H. Hill.

No. 76, Wellington Harlan, Danville—17. Past Commanders: Sanford D. Van Pelt, A. N. Wells, Joel F. Mills, Stephen H. Coppage, Marcus L. Anderson.

No. 78, Simmons, Springfield—6. Past Commanders: Thos. Pipes, John H. Smith.

No. 81, James Humphrey, Humphrey—22. Past Commanders: John M. Godbey, Jaob Rigney, Jas. E. King, M. H. Durham.

No. 83, N. F. Twyman, Greensburg—19. Past Commanders: J. T. Russell, H. T. Tucker, J. A. Noe, R. B. Holland, R. J. Taylor, E. F. Tucker, Thos. Burrows, Thos. Coffey.

No. 84, J. J. Gore, Monroe*—10. Past Commanders: R. F. Craddock, J. A. Young, Wm. J. Mitchan.

No. 85, Wm McKinley, Hustonville—10. Past Commander, Benj. Powell.

No. 88, Capt. Hannaway, Bowling Green*—10.

No. 89, Granville Moody, Bellevue—27. Past Commanders: T. F. Beyland, Joseph Faber, Jas. W. Ellis, Jos. N. Schneider, Chas. H. Vance, G. H. Burgtorf, Wm. T. Bausmith, Jas. M. Ross, M. Andriot, Benj. Perry, A. L. Young, Reese Morgan, Michael Brunner.

No. 90, Calvin Childs, Greensburg—8. Past Commanders: Archie Taylor, Booker Penick, Reuben Coakley, Reuben Marshall.

No. 91, Paducah, Paducah—15. Past Commander, Lewis Pendleton.

No. 92, Laban Tartar, Faubush—20. Past Commanders: H. Gose, Wm. Foster, C. C. Laferer.

No. 95, O. M. Lewis, Carlisle—11. Past Commanders: S. H. Poe, H. W. Hall, J. A. Fisher, C. B. Williams.

No. 99, Wm. Perkins, Albany—49. Past Commander, S. J. Thrasher.

No. 102, W. T. Sherman, Alexandria—17. Past Commanders: Peter Mutz, John Stern, John Smith.

No. 105, Capt. King, Kingsville—14. Past Commanders: J. F. Miller, J. C. Leach.

No. 106, Mason, Georgetown—21. Past Commanders; George Thomas, J. K. Smith, Nelson Williams, Matt. Harris.

No. 108, James Morrow, Russellville—14. Past Commanders: C. C. Vaughn, Taylor Link, Ben Link, Richard Morton, Washington Bell, Henry P. Long, Leonard Dillum, Cuffy Hogan, Carrol Campbell.

No. 110, John W. Frinnell, Grayson—34. Past Commanders: Stephen Nethercutt, E. B. Wilhoit, Robert Gee, G. W. Littlejohn.

No. 111, Robert Cowherd, Whitewood—11. Past Commanders: A. Tipton, W. A. Williams, Frank Thoman, John Cowherd, J. E. Smith, Cook Barbee.

No. 112, R. G. Shaw, Henderson—15.

No. 114, Alexander, Burksville.*

No. 116, L. A. Hanson, Mayfield—7. Past Commanders: S. H. Slaughter, E. F. Harper.

No. 121, Gregory, Mayfield—14. Past Commanders: Chas. Wilkerson, David Harris, Wesley Hopkins.

No. 123, Thos. Buchanan, Williamsburg—25. Past Commanders: James Stinson, J. M. Blakely, Chas. Martin, Samuel Sutton.

No. 125, Thomas P. Young, Danville—23. Past Commanders: Henry Washington, Richard Hill, Gabe Craig.

No. 127, M. M. Frazier, Mt. Vernon*—25. Past Commanders: R. M. Johnson, H. J. Mullins, D. P. Bethurum, A. H. Evans, Gilmore Reynolds.

No. 128, Green Broaddus, Winston—25. Past Commanders: Jas. A. Moores, W. S. H. Winkler, Amos Richardson, Wm. Herndon, A. J. Tharp, Geo. F. Edwards.

No. 129, A. Alexander, Irvine—20. Past Commanders: Nelson Tipton, Leroy Alcorn, J. R. Neale, Sylvester Land, P. D. Broaddus, J. W. Muncie.

No. 130, T. D. Sedgwick, Richmond—22. Past Commanders: Clifton T. Gilbert, Harrison Miller, L. D. Winkfield, G. B. Miller, Milton Walker.

No. 133, Pineville, Pineville—11. Past Commanders: E. G. Wilson, W. M. Ramsey.

No. 136, Coley Apperson, Mt. Sterling—30. Past Commanders: Wm. VanAntwerp, J. D. Wyatt, D. G. Howell.

No. 138, J. H. Cockran, Berry's Lick—11. Past Commanders: W. J. Anderson, J. W. Allen, Isaac H. White, M. W. Thomason.

No. 140, Charles Prewitt, Mt. Sterling—38. Past Commanders: Alex. Bean, Sam Jones, Matt Curley.

No. 141, Wm. Cartmill, Salt Lick—24. Past Commanders: Elijah Sorrell, L. W. Gullett, Enoch Wills.

No. 142, Miller, Nicholasville—14.

No. 143, Major Beckley, Bloomfield—12. Past Commanders: Tiny Redd, Dee Rucker.

No. 145, R. Kincaid, Lancaster.*

No. 147, **Hanson, Winchester**—15. Past Commanders: Dan Trotter, Geo. Mance, Edward Dunn, Solon Chenault, George Perkins.

No. 148, **George Cotton, Versailles**—17. Past Commanders: John Blanton, Horace Ducker.

No. 151, **T. M. Wheatley, Hawesville**—10. Past Commanders: J. C. Watterson, W. H. Keeler, John Swihart, R. J. Findley, J. A. Clark.

No. 152, **Smith Taylor, Glasgow**—9. Past Commanders: Joe Duff, Hugh Shobe, Joe Depp, C. C. Moss.

No. 153, **G. W. Nell, Sparksville**—10. Past Commanders: Peter Compton, Amos England, J. M. Akin.

No. 154, **Z. S. Taylor, Summer Shade**—10. Past Commanders: Joe Sams, J. H. McMurtry, Matt. Wade, R. A. Miller.

No. 156, **M. R. Delaney, Louisville**—15. Past Commanders: Philip White, Joseph Allen, Wm. Saunders, Silas Hays, W. T. Burke, John Hicks, John Rudd, John Thomas, Rufus Myers, Arthur Myers, Joseph Johnson, Stephen Caldwell.

No. 158, **James M. Marshall, Flemingsburg**—14.

No. 159, **Wm. Fiddler, Lebanon**—17. Past Commanders: James Mays, Bob Edwards, Albert Sandusky.

No. 162, **J. J. Landram, Mt. Olivet**—19. Past Commander, O. S. Deming.

No. 163, **R. L. Bullock, Glasgow**—18. Past Commanders: J. N. Lobb, D. R. Carr, L. W. Gee, Jas. A. Evans.

No. 167, **John Connor, Bardstown**—6. Past Commanders: S. T. Duncan, Hines Beam.

No. 168, **Corbin, Corbin**—14.

No. 171, **Capt. Jas. West, Berea**—93. Past Commanders: LeVant Dodge, R. E. Baugh, Jas. M. Gabbert, P. J. Polley, M. B. Ramsey, E. B. Hancock, M. J. Gabbard, Lewis Sandlin.

No. 182, **Thos. Rankin, Williamstown**—20. Past Commanders: D. L. Cunningham, J. Q. Barbour, J. K. Page, H. C. Morgan, A. K. York, Jas. T. Shinkle, D. L. Simpson.

No. 185, **W. W. Berry, Louisville**—12. Past Commanders: G. W. Smith, John B. Gordon, Wm. F. Green, Ashberry Adams.

No. 187, Jim Pool, Corydon—7. Past Commanders: Jacob B. Green, Geo. Williams.

No. 188, Severe, Elizabethtown—12. Past Commanders: Curtis Farmer, Joe Helm, Dennis Reno, Perry Thomas, Joe Gore, John Harris.

No. 189, Gen. Hooker, Eminence—13. Past Commanders: Ned Hinton, Henry Rucker, Isaac Kelly, Robert Fisher, David Long.

No. 190, W. W. Harrington, Eubank—13. Past Commanders: J. A. Padgett, M. H. Jackson.

No. 195, Avery Byers, Horse Branch—6. Past Commanders: C. V. Christian, Marion Farris.

No. 197, Gen. Fry, Anchorage—15. Past Commanders: J. A. Deel, Richard Lilly, Wm. H. Garr, Martin Somers, Wm. Anderson, Joseph Stewart, Chas. Barnes, Jeremiah Lewis, Wilson Porter, Alfred Berry.

No. 198, Abe Lincoln, Owensboro—9.*

No. 200, Llewellen Bacon, Hopkinsville—20. Past Commander, Henry Baker.

No. 207, R. L. Beckham, Calhoun—18. Past Commanders: Thomas Harrison, George Adams, George F. Swint.

No. 209, Rich, Phil—13. Past Commander, John Patton.

No. 211, Thomas Taylor, Ford—10. Past Commanders: Chas. Owens, Fielding Lyles.

No. 213, D. T. Buckner, Winchester—5. Past Commanders: R. R. Perry, John W. Ogden.

No. 215, Bevill Palmer, Springfield—11.

No. 216, Gen. Burbridge, Shelbyville—16. Past Commanders: Alex. Riggs, Samuel Rhodes, Henry Newton, Alfred Rucker.

No. 217, John H. Langley, Big Clifty—14. Past Commanders: W. O. Richardson, John R. Perry.

No. 218, Wash. Edson, Hartford.*

No. 219, Wm. J. Simmons, Hopkinsville—15.

No. 220, Col. L. T. Moore, Olive Hill*—15.

No. 221, John G. Eve, Barbourville—22. Past Commanders: Wm. McDaniel, Geo. F. Bretz.

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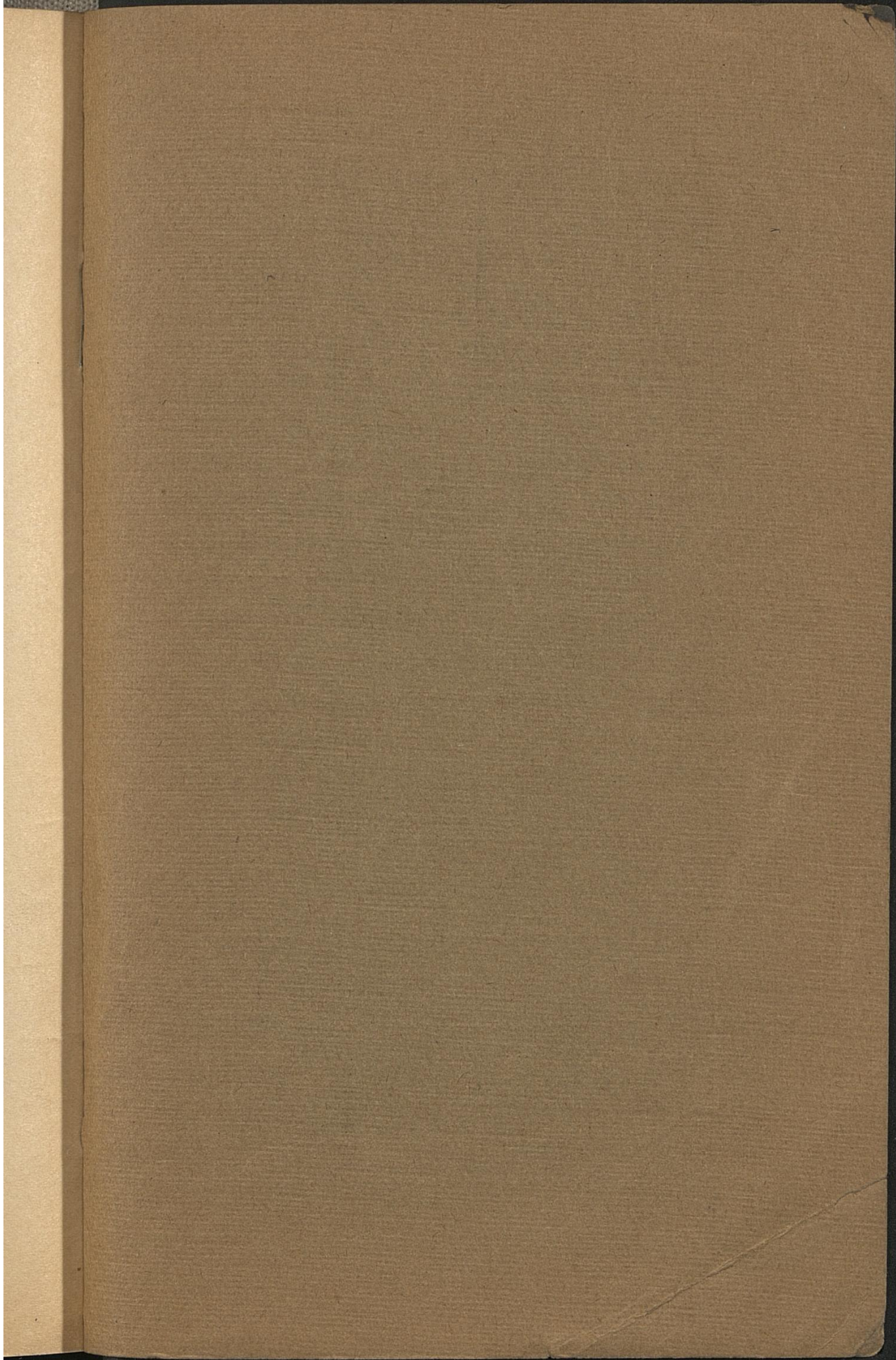
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