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Records of the Eaton County Battalion S. A. R.  
From May 25, 1891 to August 14, 1929.

Included

It was moved and supported that the Eaton County  
Battalion be discontinued and that Charles Hartwood  
and L. D. Chapman take the Battalion to Lansing  
and place it in the Capitol in care of the proper authorities  
Carried

Mr. W. Scott Munn  
110 E. Knight  
Eaton Rapids, Mich.

W. P. Bateman Col, Commanding

John M. Putnam Battalion Adjutant

W. Scott Munn

Eaton County Health Dept.  
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CHARLOTTE, MICHIGAN

POSTAGE GUARANTEED

Aug 14 1929



Posts that constitute the  
Eaton Co. Battalion

- ✓ x A.S. Williams Post No. 40 Charlotte
- ✓ Jim. Lewis " 107 Diamond Lake ✓
- ✓ Carl Halbert " 108 Grand Ledge ✓
- ✓ Jas. B. Brannan " 111 Eaton Rapids
- ✓ John Cryderman " 112 Houghton ✓
- ✓ Edward Dwight " 163 <sup>W. Pulliam</sup> ~~W. Pulliam~~ <sup>W. Pulliam</sup> ✓
- x Jas. B. Mason " 213 Bellevue
- x Geo. A. Walker " 256 Partello
- x Lewis Clark " 275 Olivet
- ✓ S. M. Grinnell " 283 Sunfield ✓
- x L. D. Jackson " 326 Peterville ✓

Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

CHARLOTTE, MICH., MAY 25, 1891.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

- I. Pursuant to annual election held in Camp, August 16, 1890, and general order No. 6, from Col. Geo. W. Keyes, I hereby assume command of the Eaton County Battalion G. A. R. with headquarters at Charlotte.
- II. Comrade Frank McAlpine, A. S. Williams Post No. 40, is hereby appointed adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.
- III. A council of administration of the Battalion composed of the Battalion Officers, Commanders of Posts and two delegates from each Post, to be selected by the respective Posts, will meet at the Post Room of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, G. A. R., Charlotte, Mich., on Saturday, June 20, at two o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. It is hoped that each post will be represented at this meeting, as the question, shall we go to the National Encampment to be held in Detroit in August as a Battalion, will be presented.

SAMUEL POLLOCK,  
Col. Commanding.

FRANK McALPINE, Adjt.



## Council of Administration.

Head Quarters Eaton Co. Bat.  
 Charlotte, Mich., June 20, 1891  
 Pursuant to Call of  
 Gen. Order No. 1, The Council  
 of Administration of Eaton Co. Battalion,  
 met in A. J. Williams Post  
 room, Charlotte, Mich., June, 20, 1892.  
 Present, Samuel Pollock, Col. Com.  
 Lieutenant Col. Geo. Norton, Quarter  
 Master Geo. Fineman, Adj.  
 F. M. Stearns, and representa-  
 tives from all the forests of  
 the Battalion.

The meeting was called to  
 order at 2<sup>o</sup> p.m. Col. S. Pollock,  
 presiding.  
 Upon motion of Quartermaster  
 Fineman it was voted that  
 the Battalion go to the National  
 Encampment at Detroit as a  
 Battalion. Motion made  
 by Comrade Geo. H. Keys, that  
 the annual Encampment of the  
 Eaton Co. Battalion be post-  
 poned till in 1892 on the ac-  
 count of the National Encamp-  
 ment at Detroit to which the  
 Battalion had voted to go.  
 Motion Carried, - 15 for, 2 against.

Motion made by Comrade  
 Geo. H. Keys, that the pres-  
 ent officers of the Eaton Co.  
 Battalion hold over for an-  
 other year.

No further business  
 appearing, the Council  
 of Administration adjourns,  
 Samuel Pollock  
 Col. Com.  
 F. M. Stearns,  
 Adj.



## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

CHARLOTTE, MICH., JULY 13, 1891.

### GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

1. During the National Encampment at Detroit, Mich., beginning Aug. 3, 1891, Battalion Headquarters will be established at Camp Walker, Detroit.
2. All officers of the Eaton County Battalion, together with all Post Commanders in Eaton County, are requested to report at Battalion Headquarters, Camp Walker, promptly at nine o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, August 4, to receive instructions and orders preparatory to the general parade.
3. As per request of Commanders, free quarters have been procured for 350 from Eaton County at Camp Walker. Post Commanders will instruct those of their Posts who are to occupy these quarters, upon arriving at Detroit, to report at Camp Walker, where the Col. Commanding the Battalion will assign them to quarters.
4. Post Commanders are requested to make a list of those who are to use the free quarters and report the number to the Adjutant of the County Battalion as soon as possible.

By order of  
SAMUEL POLLOCK,  
Colonel Commanding.

FRANK McALPINE, Adjt.

The Eaton Co. Battalion  
went to Detroit to attend the  
National Encampment. Quarters  
were furnished at Camp Walker,  
Detroit where the Col. of the Batt.  
established head quarters. The  
Battalion, nearly 800 strong  
participated in the general  
parade on Tues. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>  
every thing passed in a  
pleasant manner.



## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

CHARLOTTE, MICH., May 2, 1892.

General Order No. 6.

There will be a meeting of the Council of Administration of the Eaton County Battalion at the Hall of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, Charlotte, Mich., on SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1892, at 2 P. M. The Council will be composed of the Battalion officers, the Post Commanders and one delegate from each Post of the Battalion.

All interested in this meeting are earnestly requested to be present. This is an important meeting. The time draws near for our Annual Encampment, and we wish to take steps to make the Encampment for 1892 the best in the history of the Battalion. Important matters will be acted upon at this meeting. Please remember the time and place. Elect delegates at the next Post meeting and prepare to attend the Council meeting.

By order of

FRANK McALPINE, Adj.

SAMUEL POLLOCK,  
Col. Com'd'g.

Headquarters Eaton Co. Batt.  
Charlotte, Mich. May 28<sup>th</sup> 1892  
Pursuant to call the Eaton  
Co. Batt. met in A. S. Williams  
post room, Charlotte, Mich. May  
28<sup>th</sup> 1892. The meeting was  
called to order at 2 p.m. Col.  
Samuel Pollock presiding.  
Present Samuel Pollock, Col. Com.  
Geo. W. Norton, Lieut Col.  
Frank F. Hughes, Maj.  
Geo. Foreman, S. M.  
G. B. Allen, Surg.  
F. M. Spence, Adj.  
and representatives from all  
the posts of the Battalion but  
Dumondale, Bellefontaine & Grand Lodge.  
After full discussion, it  
was decided to hold the  
Encampment of the Eaton Co. Battal-  
ion for 1892, at Charlotte,  
Mich. commencing Wednesday,  
Aug 17 & extend over Thurs  
& Friday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 1892,  
three days.  
It was also decided to  
dispense with the usual  
show ~~of~~ quality



Q use the time in reviewing,  
 Camp files, & address. No further  
 business appearing, the Council  
 adjourned.

F. McAlpine  
 Adj.

Samuel Pollock,  
 Col. Com. Batt.

### Headquarters

## Eaton County Battalion.

CHARLOTTE, MICH, June 13, 1892,

*Circular Letter No. 1.*

**To the Officers and Members of the Eaton County Battalion:**

Comrades—At a meeting of the Council of Administration, of the Eaton County Battalion held in Charlotte, on Saturday, May 28, 1892, it was decided to hold the next encampment of the Battalion at Charlotte, Mich., on August 17, 18 and 19, 1892.

In place of the usual "sham battle," it was decided to secure speakers to entertain and instruct us. Efforts are being made to secure some speakers of national reputation, thinking that such entertainment would be more profitable and acceptable to the comrades than the "sham battle."

When our last encampment closed at Olivet, it was voted that hereafter the Battalion furnish a camp ground, also wood, straw for beds, and water, and that each post furnish its own tents, hay, and provisions. Special attention is called to the above rule. Under the old rule, a few were forced to work almost night and day to feed and care for the encampment, and so were prevented from enjoying the occasion with the rest of the comrades. By dividing up the work among the several posts, the burden is made light for all, so that all may enjoy the encampment.

Ample provisions will be made so that those who wish may secure meals on the camp ground at the lowest possible rate. While this will accommodate those who do not wish to board themselves, it will also help to bear the expense of the encampment.

Also efforts are being made to secure a few extra tents, if possible, to provide for any emergencies that may arise.

The officers of the Battalion will put forth every effort to make this one of the most successful encampments in the history of the Battalion, and the posts of the county are earnestly requested to co-operate in the work. Every year our ranks grow thinner, and the comrades grow older. Let us improve the passing years to strengthen the ties that bind us, to commemorate the years of toil and danger, and to recount the stirring experiences and sacred memories of the past. Let us grow old together, and so keep up our interest in one another, and keep bright our loyalty to our country, and to the comrades of the sixties, who made the grandest pages in our country's history.

Signed,

SAMUEL POLLOCK,

Col. Com. Battallion.

F. McALPINE,

Adjutant.





HEADQUARTERS  
EATON COUNTY BATTALION.

*Charlotte, Mich., August 10, 1892.*

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EATON COUNTY BATTALION;

Comrade J. D. Butler, of Post 40, is hereby appointed Sarj. Major, and Comrade A. C. Walters, of Post 40, is hereby appointed Quarter-master Sarj. Both of these comrades will assume the duties of their respective offices at once, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Signed,  
SAMUEL POLLOCK,  
Colonel Commanding Battalion.

F. McALPINE, Adjt.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EATON COUNTY BATTALION.

*GREETING*—Our Annual Encampment for 1892, will be held on the Agricultural grounds, Charlotte, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17, 18, and 19, 1892.

By vote of the Battalion it is agreed that the Battalion furnish camp grounds, wood for fuel, straw for bedding, and water. The different posts will furnish their own tents and provisions. Should any comrades fail to be provided with tents, however, the agricultural buildings can be used for sleeping. Do not remain away for want of tents.

Ample provisions are made by the Relief Corps for meals at very reasonable rates. Those who do not wish to cook their meals can be accommodated by the relief corps, and the proceeds will help defray Battalion expenses.

Come prepared for a good social and fraternal meeting. A full programme will be distributed on the first day of the encampment.

In place of the usual sham battle, the time will be used in reunions, in songs, camp-fires, and in speech making. Besides our home talent, the Hon. Captain J. C. Burrows, of Kalamazoo, a comrade of national fame as an orator, has promised to be present. Also invitations have been extended to Governor Winans and Hon. Jno. T. Rich. Mr. Rich has already accepted.

Thursday will be given up almost wholly to the Chaplain's services and to addresses from distinguished speakers.

A business meeting will be held at 10:30 on Friday to arrange for the National Encampment at Washington in September, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Let every one come prepared for a good time, to recount the hours of toil and danger. We are passing the yearly mile-stones swiftly. Soon our comrades will all be with the "sleeping heroes". Soon no one will remain to kindle the camp-fires. Let us improve our yearly encampments to renew our friendships, and to strengthen the "ties that bind".

F. McALPINE, Adjt.

SAMUEL POLLOCK,  
Col. Com. Battalion.



Head Quarters, N. S. Trask  
 Camp, Charlotte, Mich., Aug. 17, '92.  
 The Eaton Co. Battalion held its  
 ninth Annual Encampment on the  
 Agricultural Grounds near Charlotte,  
 Michigan, Aug. 17, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 1892. Mich-  
 Col. Samuel Pollock in Command.

The first day, Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup>,  
 was given up wholly to tent-pitch-  
 ing, social greetings, &c.

The second day was passed  
 pleasantly. In the afternoon, Hon  
 John T. Rich, of Elba, Mich., gave  
 a most excellent address.  
 A camp fire was held in the  
 evening. Addressed by Com-  
 rades F. M. Kypson, L. Rowley, &c.

The third day (Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>)  
 was passed in camp. At  
 10:30 A.M. the Annual business  
 meeting of the Council of Admin-  
 istration was held.

Present

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Samuel Pollock,  | Col. Commanding |
| Gen. W. Norton,  | Lieut. Col.     |
| Gen. T. Freeman, | L. M.           |
| A. C. Walters,   | L. M. Secy.     |
| J. D. Butler,    | Surg. Maj.      |

Absent

- |                 |            |
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| Frank Hughes    | - Maj.     |
| Leroy Warren    | - Chaplain |
| Wesley B. Allen | - Surgeon. |

Posts Represented

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| A. S. Williams, | Post 40, | Charlotte    |
| Jim Lewis       | " 107    | Dimondah     |
| Jas. B. Bramard | " 111    | Eaton Rapids |
| Jas. B. Mason   | " 213    | Bellevue     |
| Lewis Clark     | " 275    | Olivet       |
| A. D. Jackson   | " 326    | Posterville  |



The election of officers being first in order upon motion the rules were suspended and the officers elected viva voce with the following result:

- For Colonel, Gen. H. Norton, Eaton Rapids
- " Lieut. Col. Wm M. Burkman, Charlotte
- " Major J. D. Butler
- " Chaplain, J. M. Hyslop
- " Surgeon, Dr. C. S. Snell
- " Quarter Master, Wm Spicer

Eaton Rapids was selected for the place of next encampment. Motion was carried that the Post entertaining the Eaton Co. Battalion for 1893 be excused from furnishing anything but wood, water, straw, camp grounds & lights. But the Post by request of delegates from Eaton Rapids is left free to do more if it choose so to do.

Upon motion the date for next encampment was left wholly in the hands of the Council of Administration called by the newly elected Colonel.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

J. M. Hyslop  
Adj.

Samuel DeLoak  
Col. Com.

At this encampment posts were represented as follows, as shown by the roll books of



the Quarter Master. Many comrades were present who did not register, but the number from each post registering is here given:

A. S. Williams, Post 40	51
Tom Lewis " 107	1
John Criderman " 112	3
James B. Brainerd, III	31
Earl Halbert " 108	10
Ed. Dwight " 163	4
Geo. A. Walker " 256	1
James Grinnell " 283	1
W. D. Jackson " 326	1
Lewis Clark " 274	14
also John Tomlin " 82, Barry Co.	1
J. B. Mason " 213	6
Total	124.

Pefferds Post No 82, Nashville Barry Co.

H. J. Bennett Commanded.



Head Quarters, Eaton Co, Batt.  
Charlotte, Mich, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892.

Gen. Order No. 5.

1. At the annual meeting  
of N. S. Troop <sup>Eaton Co</sup> Camp, Charlotte, Mich,  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 1892, the following officers  
were elected for the ensuing year:  
Col. Geo. W. Norton      Chaplain, Frank McAlpine  
Lieut. Col. Wm M. Butkman,      Surgeon, Dr. C. S. Small  
Major, J. D. Butler      2. M. Wm. Spicer

2. Quarter Master Geo. Forman's  
report shows accounts all paid,  
by a balance of ten dollars & twenty-  
five cents on hand, which he  
will turn over to his successor  
upon a proper requisition.

3. The Adj. & McAlpine's books &  
supplies will be turned over to  
his successor, as soon as one  
is appointed.

4. The Command of the Eaton Co.  
Battalion is hereby turned over  
Col. Geo. W. Norton

By order of

Frank McAlpine,

Adjutant.

Samuel Bell,

Col. Commanding.



HEAD QUARTERS EATON COUNTY BATTALLION.

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*Feb.*

Eaton Rapids, Mich. ~~Nov.~~ 28th-1899

*Special*  
(General Order No.1)

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EATON COUNTY BATTALLION:--

Comrade <sup>*H.J.*</sup> Milbourn of Post No. 111, is hereby appointed Adjutant of the Battallion, and will assume the duties of his office at once, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Signed-----

} George W. Norton,

} Col. Commanding Battallion.



## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

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DIMONDALE, MICH., JUNE 2d, 1897.

### GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

1st. Pursuant to Annual Election held in camp at Pottersville, September 3d, 1896, I hereby assume command of the Eaton County Battalion G. A. R., with Headquarters at Dimondale, Michigan.

2d. Comrade N. P. Bateman, of TIM LEWIS POST No. 107, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.

3d. A Council of Administration of the Battalion, composed of the Battalion Officers, Commanders of Posts, and two Delegates from each Post, will meet at the Post room of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, G. A. R., Charlotte, Mich., on Friday, June 18, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. It is hoped and expected that each Post in the county will be represented.

CHARLES HOLCOMB,

N. P. BATEMAN, Adjutant.

Colonel Commanding.



June 24<sup>th</sup> 1893

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Hd. Qrs. Eaton Co Battalion  
Eaton Rapids Mich

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Genl Order No "1"

In assuming the duties of C  
of the Eaton County Battalion, I would sub  
the following.

1<sup>st</sup> That the Council of Administration composed  
of the Battalion Officers, Past Commander  
and two Delegates from each Post, will  
meet at A.S. Williams Post Room, No. 4  
So. A.R. at Chastotte, Michigan on the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1893. at 10 O.C. A.M.  
For the transaction of such business that may  
properly come before the meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is hoped that each Post will be  
fully represented, at this meeting. That the  
coming Encampment, shall be a complete  
success.

Respectfully

Geo. W. Norton

Col. Commanding

F. J. Aultman  
Adjt.



Commanders of the Posts  
of the Eaton County Battalion  
for the year 1893.

x	Post 40.	George Foreman,	Charlotte,	#3
x	" 107	O. S. Andrews,	Diamond Lake	3
"	108	E. Wallace	Isd Ledge	2
"	111	C. B. Fowler	Eaton Rapids	3
"	112	L. H. Wilson	Muliken	
"	163.	Orlando Linn	Vermontville.	1
"	213	Hubert Dileo	Bellevue	
"	254.	A. J. Phillips	Postville Calhoun Co.	
"	275	H. W. Sweet,	Chicot	2
"	283	W. M. Edwards	Sunfield	3
"	326	J. Smalley	Pottsville	



7th Div. Eaton County Batt.  
Eaton Rapids Fair Grounds  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1893

Meeting of the Council of Administration  
met at 9<sup>00</sup> A.M.

Present Col. G. M. Norton  
Lt Col. Wm M. Beckman  
J. D. Butler, Major  
Chap. F. McAlpin Absent  
Wm Spivey Q.M.  
Sug. C. S. Snell Absent.

Col. Norton called the meeting to order  
the following Post were represented:  
No 40. 107. 108. 111. 163. 275. 283.

The first order of business  
was the selection of a place to hold  
the next Encampment, and after  
a ballot was taken, the result stood as  
follows. Sunfield 15, Grand Ledge  
4, Parilla 1. Total 20. Votes.

Sunfield was selected as the  
place of meeting for 1894. And  
by vote of Council, it was left  
to the Council of Administration to  
set the time meeting.

The next order of business  
was the Election of Officers which  
resulted as follows.

Col. R. G. Abbey	Moulken
Lt Col. J. S. Holmes	Grand Ledge
Major John R. Sadler	Diamondale
Q.M. Wm Edwins	Sunfield
Chap. Rev. L. Dodds	Eaton Rapids
Sug. S. D. F. Brown	Grand Ledge

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## Order of New Business

Moved & Supd. that the vote  
as now stands on the records  
prohibiting the getting of tents be  
and is hereby rescinded

Motion Carried

Moved & Supd. that a vote of  
thanks be extended to the Citizens  
of Eaton Rapids, and James B. Pruned  
Past. for the cordial welcome  
and the nice reception given  
the comrades and their families  
during the Encampment.

Motion Carried

No further business the  
Encampment. Broke camp  
to meet at Sunfield. Suo-Die

W. J. Wilbourn  
Adjutant.



Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893.

Having rec<sup>d</sup> Official notice, from Michigan

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### HEADQUARTERS EATON COUNTY BATTALION.

EATON RAPIDS, MICH., OCT. 23, 1893.

In accordance with General Order, No. 3, in turning over the command to R. G. Abbey of Mulliken, and after receiving official notice from Commander Abbey that he declined to accept the office of Colonel of the Eaton county Battalion for the year 1893, I hereby call a meeting of the Council of Administration, consisting of the commanders of each Post and two delegates from each Post with the Battalion officers, as they stood before the last election, to meet at Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Colonel for the ensuing year.

By Command of GEORGE W. NORRIS, Colonel Commanding.

E. J. MURBOURN, Adjutant.



Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893.

Having rec<sup>d</sup> official notice, from Col. R. S. Atkey, of Keweenaw Michigan that he tendered his resignation, to Col. G. W. Norton, not having accepted the Colonelship of the Encampment,

the Command yet resting in Col. Norton. He proceeded to issue a call to the Council of Administration and delegates, to meet at Charlotte Michigan Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10<sup>o</sup> A.M. for the purpose of electing a Colonel. The Council met, pursuant to call, and upon ballot, being taken,

the choice fell on, Comrade

E. Taylor of Sunfield, Eaton Co Michigan, Colonel, E Taylor,

having accepted, the command.

After appointing as his Adjutant

John A. Eldred, of Sunfield Mich.

Ordered the Books and papers of the Adjutant, turned over to Comrade

John A. Eldred. Therefore I

George W. Norton Col. of the Eaton Co

Battalion hereby Turn over to Col

E Taylor, the command.

Attest

H. J. Milbourn  
Adjutant.

George W. Norton  
Col Commanding



Edward Taylor, Col. Sunfield  
 John R. Sadler, Maj. Dimondale  
 Wm Edwins Q. M. Sunfield

J. S. Holmes, Lieut Col. Grand Ledge  
 Rev L. Dodds, Chap Eaton Rapids  
 D. D. F. Brown, Sur Grand Ledge  
 J A Eldred, Adj. Sunfield

## Headquarters Eaton Co. Battallion,

Sunfield, Mich. *May 18<sup>th</sup>* 1894.

### General Orders No. 2;

There will be a meeting of the Council Administration of the Battallion composed of the  
 officers, Post commanders and two delegates from each Post of the Battallion, elected by  
 five Posts, will meet in Charlotte Mich. at the post room of A. S. Williams Post Nr. 40, on  
 the day of *June*, 1894, at 2 p m. This is a very important meeting and it is hoped and  
 that every post in the battallion will be represented. The time for holding the annual encamp-  
 ment at Sunfield Mich. will be decided upon and such other arrangements as may be necessary for the  
 and comfort of such encampment.

By Order of

E. W. Faylor,  
 Col. Commanding.

John A. Eldred,  
 Adj't



# Headquarters Eaton Co. Battallion,

Sunfield, Eaton Co., Michigan.

January 13, 1894

## General Orders No. 1;

To The Officers and Members of Eaton County Battalio:

Comrade J. A. Eldred, of Post No. 283, is hereby appointed Adjutant of the Battalio and will assume the duties of his office at once and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Signed } **E. W. Faylor,**  
Col. Commanding Battalio.

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By col E. W. Faylor the council  
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### HEADQUARTERS Eaton County Battalio.

SUNFIELD, MICH., Aug., 11, 1894.

### General Order, No. 5.

COMRADES:

The 11th Annual Reunion of the Eaton County Battalio of Soldiers and Sailors is in the near future, only a few more days.

Comrades, let us meet once more and enjoy the Sacred Price of Peace, for none know better the price of peace than the soldiers and sailors of '61 and '65.

Business meeting will be held on Friday, Aug. 31. Posts are entitled to their commander and two delegates.

S. W. Grinnell Post has in charge the necessary arrangements for the Reunion. They will have the camp in readiness on the 28th. Battalio officers will report for duty at their respective Posts, as early as possible on the 28th.

Meals will be furnished on the grounds, or near them, at reasonable rates. By order of

*John A. Eldred* E. W. TAYLOR,  
*Adjutant* Col. Commanding Battalio.

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Charlotte June 20<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Pursuant to Call of General Order No. 2  
 Dated May 19<sup>th</sup> 1884 to meet at  
 Charlotte Mich On June 20<sup>th</sup> at A. S.  
 Williams Post Room the Council of  
 Administration met and the following  
 Post responded to Call

Post No. 40	had	2	members
" "	"	107	" "
" "	"	181	" "
" "	"	112	" "
" "	"	163	" "
" "	"	283	" "

6 Post Represented  
 Meeting called to Order at 2, 00 Pm  
 By Col E. W. Taylor the Council  
 proceeded to Business and decided  
 to hold the coming Encampment  
 at Sunfield August the 28, 29, 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> 1884  
 Motion made & sup that We extend  
 a vote of thanks to A. S. Williams  
 Post for the use of their hall  
 Care  
 Motion and sup to adjourn Care

John A Eldred  
 adpt of Bat



Comanders of the Coast  
of the Caton co Ballaleon  
for the year 1874

Coast	40	J. S. Buttes	Charlotte	3
"	107	B. F. Brigham	Dimondale	2
"	108	J. S. Holmes	Grand Sledge	3
"	101	Leuman A. Howlar	Caton Rapids	2
"	112	B. F. Samborn	Mulliken	3
"	163	Orlando Gunn	Vermontville	1
"	213	S. W. Ackley	Bellevue	0
"	254	Com name not given	Partello Calhoun	200
"	275	" " " "	Olivet	0
"	283	S. W. Leusk	Dunfield	1
"	324	name not given	Potterville	0



Head Qu Eaton County Battalion  
Camp Sunfield

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1884

meeting of the Council of administration  
met at 7<sup>o</sup>c. P. M

Present Col C W Taylor  
Sect Col J S Holens  
P M Wm Edmans

Col Taylor call the meeting to order  
the following Post responded to Call  
Post No 40 = 107 = 108 = 111 = 112 = 163 = 283 = 326 =

The final order of Business  
was the selection of a place to hold the  
next Encampment and after a ballot was  
taken the result was unanimous for  
for Grand Sledge Total no of Votes 20

Grand Sledge was the place selected as the  
place of meeting for 1885 and by a vote of  
Council it was left to the Council of  
Administration to set the time of meeting

The next order of Business  
was the election of officers which  
resulted as follows

Col	J. S. Holens	Grand Sledge
Sect Col	B. F. Sanburn	Mullikin
Mag	J. S. Butler	Charlotte
P M	Edward Bement	Grand Sledge 0
Chap	O. S. Andrews	Dimondale 0
Sug	S. B. J. Brown	Grand Sledge 0

over



## Order of new Business

Moved and sup that  
 a Vote of thanks be Extended to  
 S. W. Grinnell Post W. R. C Corp and  
 Citizens of Sunfield for the cordial  
 Welcome and the nice reception given  
 the Comrades and their families  
 during the Encampment

— Motion Carried

No further Business the  
 Encampment Break Camp to  
 meet at Grand Sledge in the future

John A. Eldred  
 adjt of Battalion

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Having received a letter of exception  
 from Col J. S. Holms that he will  
 Take command of Eaton Co Battalion  
 and appoints Comrad Mart Williams  
 of Carl Hubbert Post <sup>adjt</sup> request the  
 Books of the adjt <sup>be</sup> turned over to Comrad  
 Mart Williams therefore J. E. W. Taylor  
 Col of the Eaton Co Battalion hereby turn  
 over to Col J. S. Holms the Command

attest

John A. Eldred  
 adjuvant

J. E. W. Taylor  
 Col Commanding Battalion







bol.



Grand Lodge - July 3rd 1895.  
Meeting of committee for the purpose  
of arranging for Incampment.  
Meeting called to order - by J. S. Holmes  
Col - commanding.

Moved by comrade Wheelock  
and supported that there be four days  
remarks by comrade Sanburn and  
others. The question moved to amend  
by comrade Beckman to three days.  
motion carried.

Moved and supported that we  
have the meeting between the 10th  
and 25th of August 1895 - carried -

Meeting adjourned to Camp-  
Ground. Boys all had a good time  
Col - J. S. Holmes - Adj - Mark Williams

Grand Lodge Aug 3/95  
Meeting called to order by Col. J. S.  
Holmes for the object of selecting a  
place for the Bats to hold in-  
campment for 1896

Invitation was extended from Comrade  
Ford of Potterville

Moved, supported & carried that our  
next Bats meet at Potterville.

Moved & carried, to suspend rules  
& elect officers by acclamation.

Comrade Beckman was called  
upon to render thanks to Col. Holmes,  
staff and citizens.

Roster of duly elected officers for  
ensuing year

A. O. Merritt Col. - W. W. Norton 2d Col.  
H. E. Morris, Maj. - Chas Ford 2d M.  
John Munderma Chaplain  
C. S. Snell Surgeon  
Signed Mark Williams Adjt



## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

POTTERVILLE, MICH., June 10, 1896.

*Follow*  
General Order No. 1.

1st. Pursuant to Annual Election held in camp at Grand Ledge, August 23, 1895, and General Order from Col. J. S. Holmes, I hereby assume command of the Eaton County Battalion G. A. R. with headquarters at Potterville, Michigan.

2d. Comrade ~~J. F. Croop~~, *J. F. Croop*, ~~O. D. Jackson Post No. 326~~, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.

3d. A Council of Administration of the Battalion, composed of the Battalion Officers, Commanders of Posts, and two delegates from each Post to be selected by the respective Posts, will meet at the Post room of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, G. A. R., Charlotte, Mich., on Saturday, June ~~27~~, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. It is hoped and expected that each Post in the county will be represented.

*Edw. Merritt*  
N. O. MERRITT,

Colonel Commanding.

J. F. CROOP,

Adjutant



June 27<sup>th</sup> 1896

29

Pursuant to call of Genl Ord No 1  
Dated June 10-1896 to meet at Chailotte  
Mich on June 27<sup>th</sup> at A.S. Williams  
Post Rooms The Council of Administration  
Met and the following Posts responded  
to Call

Post No 40	had 2	Members
" " 107	" 1	"
" " 108	" 1	"
" " 111	" 3	"
" " 112	" 3	"
" " 163	" 2	"
" " 213	Abent	
" " 256	"	
" " 275	2	Members
" " 283	2	"
" " 326	6	"

Meeting Called to Order by N O Merritt Col  
H. J. Milbourn Elected Adjt-Prof Gen.  
Moved & Supported that we Commence  
the Encampment on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1896 at Pottersville Edson Co Mich  
Motion Carried

Moved by Lieut Col Boston & Supported  
that we hold the Encampment three days  
Sept 15-16-+17  
Motion Carried

Moved & Suf that the Col & the Post at  
Pottersville select their own place for  
holding the Encampment  
Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Carried

N O Merritt Col

H J Milbourn Adjt-  
Prof Gen







Pottersville Sept- 3 1896

Meeting Called to order by Col Merritt  
for the object of selecting a place for  
the Bat- to hold meeting for 1897  
Invitation was extended from  
Diamonddale by Com. Holcomb and  
others

Moved & supported that we hold our  
next Bat- Meeting at Diamonddale  
Carried

The following Officers were elected  
for the ensuing year

Col Chas. Holcomb  
Lt " Daniel Brandberg  
Major G. A. Hollenback  
2<sup>d</sup> M J. R. Sadler  
Chap  
Surgeon

Com. Beckman chosen to return  
thanks to Col & Staff for the  
kind reception given by the Officers  
& Citizens of Pottersville

N O Merritt Col  
J. F. Crook Adjt-



Head Quarters Eaton County Bat.  
 Dimondale Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1897  
 Meeting called to Order by  
 Col. Halcomb Roll of Posts called  
 + the ~~number~~ <sup>number</sup> of Delegates present  
 was as follows

Post		Delegates
40	Charlotte	3
"	107	2
"	108	2
"	111	2
"	112	2
"	163	3
"	213	2
"	256	0
"	275	0
"	283	1
"	326	2

Comrade Fisher of Mulliken extends  
 an invitation to the Bat to meet  
 with Post No 112 of Mulliken  
 moved + supported that the invitation  
 be accepted. (Vote unanimous)  
 Col Norton presented the  
 name of I B Granger of  
 Mulliken which was supported  
 by Comrade Kennedy  
 moved + sup that the adyt  
 be constituted to cast the  
 ballot for I B Granger for  
 Mulliken for Col,  
 the vote was by cast + the  
 Col Halcomb declared I B  
 Granger Elected Col of this  
 Bat moved + sup the rules be  
 suspended + the adyt cast the  
 vote of the meeting for B F  
 Sanborn for ~~B J. Sanborn~~



Head Quarters Eaton County Bat. Sept 24 1897  
Business meeting called to Order by Col.  
Halcomb roll called & the following  
Posts were represented. / Delegates

Post  
40  
107  
108  
111  
112  
168  
218  
256  
275  
288  
326

Charlotte 3  
Dimondole 3  
2

# 41st ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## Eaton County Battalion G.A.R.

Eaton Rapids, Aug. 4 to 7

### PROGRAM

Monday, August 4—Putting up tents.

Wednesday, August 6, 10:30 a.m.—Address  
of Welcome by Mayor John Davidson.

Wednesday, August 6, 2:30 p.m.  
Address by

## Herbert F. Baker

7:30 p.m.—Campfire.

Thursday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.—Election  
of Officers.

C. B. Fowler,  
Adjutant

C. T. Hartson,  
Colonel

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the ballot for Wm. Edwins for  
major of this bat. the vote was  
so cast + Wm Edwins was declared



Head Quarters Eaton County Bat. Sept 24 1897  
Business meeting called to Order by Col.  
Halcomb roll called & the following  
Post Posts were represented / Delegates  
40 Charlotte 3

# Annual Encampment

## Eaton County Battalion

G. A. R. Park, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

**AUGUST 10-11-12, 1926**

### FIRST DAY

Putting up tents, registration and making camp.

### SECOND DAY

#### Forenoon:

Welcoming visitors and renewing acquaintances.

#### Afternoon:

Address of welcome by the mayor.

Response by Battalion Colonel.

Address by Department Commander of Grand Rapids.

Music will be furnished by Lansing and Dimondale Drum Corps.

#### Evening:

Campfire, in charge of the American Legion with Carleton Dean commanding.

### THIRD DAY

#### Pioneer and Citizens' Day

Program by the citizens' committee. Band concerts, parades, addresses by eminent speakers and plenty of entertainment.

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the ballot

Hoopes  
Battle Creek

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the edict be instructed, to cast  
the ballot for ~~was~~ Edwins for  
major of this bat. the vote was  
so cast + ~~was~~ Edwins was declared



Head Quarters Eaton County Bat. Sept 24 1897  
 Business meeting called to Order by Col.  
 Halcomb roll called & the following  
 Posts were represented. / Delegates

Post		
40	Charlotte	3
107	Diamondole	3
108	Grid Ledge	2
111	Eaton Rapids	3
112	Mulliken	3
168	Vermontville	3
213	Bellevue	0
256	Partello	0
275	Olivet	0
288	Simpfield	1
326	Patterville	2

Comrade Fisher of Post 112, Mulliken  
 Extended an invitation to the Bat. to  
 meet with them next year. Moved & sup  
 the invitation be accepted (Carried) Col  
 G. W. Norton of Post 111. Presented the  
 name of L. B. Granger of Post 112 of  
 Mulliken for Col. of the Bat for the  
 next year and was supported by  
 Comrade Kennedy. Moved & supported  
 the rules be suspended & the adyt  
 be instructed to cast the ballot for  
 L. B. Granger for Col. (Carried) the  
 vote was so cast & Col Halcomb  
 Declared L. B. Granger Elected Col of  
 the Eaton County Bat. Moved & sup  
 the rules be suspended & the  
 adyt be instructed to cast the  
 ballot for B. J. Sanborn for  
 Lt Col. of this battalion <sup>(Carried)</sup> the ballot  
 was so cast & B. J. Sanborn was  
 declared Elected. Moved & supported  
 the adyt be instructed, to cast  
 the ballot for Wm. J. Edwins for  
 Major of this bat. the vote was  
 so cast & Wm. Edwins was declared



Elected Major moved + supported  
the ed'gt be instructed to cast the  
ballot for L. H. Wilcox for D. M.

(Carried) the ballot was so cast + L. H. Wilcox  
was declared Elected, moved + supported  
the ed'gt be instructed to cast the ballot

(Carried) for Lewis a Snell for Surgeon  
ballot so cast + Lewis a Snell  
declared Elected, moved + Supd  
that Joseph Schaefer be Chaplain

(Carried) moved + supported the  
thanks of the bat. be extended  
to Col Holcomb + the Citizens  
of Diamonda <sup>for the</sup> Entertainment they  
have given the bat. <sup>to</sup> moved + sup

we go to Cincinnati as a battalion  
(Carried) Col ~~Worton~~ <sup>Holcomb</sup> named Comrade  
Beekman + Worton as a Committee  
to present the Col. Elect, who  
was duly presented to the battalion  
and made some remarks which  
went to show that the Eastern  
County battalion had made no  
mistake in Electing him Col.  
moved we adjourn (Carried)

Chas. Holcomb

Col Commanding Bat.

N. P. Bateman  
adjutant



# Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

MULLIKEN, MICH., May 16, 1898.

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

There will be a meeting of the Council of Administration of the Eaton County Battalion at the hall of A. S. Williams Post No 40, Charlotte, Mich., on SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1898, at 2 P. M. The Council will be composed of the Battalion officers, the Post Commanders and one delegate from each Post of the Battalion.

All interested in this meeting are earnestly requested to be present. This is an important meeting. The time draws near for our Annual Encampment, and we wish to take steps to make the Encampment of 1898 the best in the history of the Battalion. Important matters will be acted upon at this meeting. Please remember the time and place. Elect delegates at the next Post meeting and prepare to attend the Council meeting.

By order of

J. W. TRIPHAGEN, Adj.

L. B. GRANGER,  
Col. Com'd'g.

September 29, 1898. Each post is entitled to two delegates.

Business meeting at 2 o'clock p. m. at the pavillion on Island No 3.

L. B. GRANGER,

J. W. TRIHHAGEN, Adj.

Col. Com'd'g.

There will be a meeting of the Council of Administration of the Eaton County Battalion at the hall of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, Charlotte, Mich., on THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1899, at 2 P. M. The Council will be composed of the Battalion officers, the Post commanders and one delegate from each Post of the Battalion.

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Col. Com.

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By order of

J. W. TRIPHAGEN, Adjt.

L. B. GRANGER,

Col. Com'd'g.

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

A business meeting will be held on Friday, the 29th day of September, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the Colonel's Quarters for the purpose of electing officers. Each post is entitled to their commander and two delegates.

L. B. GRANGER,

J. W. TRIPHAGEN, Adjt.

Col. Com'd'g.









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*L. B. Granger*

## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion.

MULLIKEN, MICH., May 13, 1899.

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Col. Com'd'g.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## Headquarters Eaton County Batallion.

MULLIKEN, MICH., July 26, 1899.

### GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

The 15th Annual encampment of the Eaton County Batallion will be held at Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, on September 27, 28 and 29. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, especially the soldiers of the late Spanish-American war.

By order of

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L. B. GRANGER,  
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L. B. GRANGER,  
Col. Com'd'g.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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J. W. TRIPHAGEN, Adjt.

Col. Com'd'g.



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September 29<sup>th</sup> 1898

N. A. Basket Picknick & Meeting of Foot Constabulary Company B at Grand Ledge Sept 29-1898 pursuant to order No 2

Present

Trin Lewis Post-Ord	1
Earl Halbert	2
John Brydeman	2
Cyrus	2
A. S. Jackson	—
A. Alvord	—
A. Williams	—
James B. Praverd	3
James B. Mann	1
Geo A. Walker	—
Edward Dwight	1
Service Clark	—

Potterville Post Moved that the officers elected the past year remain in office the coming year and that Milliken be the place of meeting supported by Grand Ledge

Ledge Voted

Diamondale	1	7	1	To
Grand Ledge	3			
Milliken	1			
Symfield	2			
Potterville	2			
	<u>9</u>			

Over







B Charlotte Mich June 11-1898

Business Meeting Eaton Co  
Batattion

Called to order by  
L. B. Granger at 2 o'clock  
P.M.

Motion Made and  
Carried that the time to hold  
our Annual Encampment be  
left to the Cul and J. Cryderman  
Prop.

Motion Made and Car-  
ried that we procure A Bause  
for the Eaton Co Batattion

Motion made and  
Carried that we go as A. Bat-  
attion to the National Encamp-  
ment at Cincinnati

Moved and Carried  
that A Committee of Five be  
appointed by the Cul to procure  
A Bause for Batattion  
Committee

Chairman	Mr. Edwards	Sumfield
	Geo. W. Norton	Eaton Rapids
	S. W. Harmon	Charlotte
	J. J. Folger	Grand Lodge
	Albert Shotwell	Diamondall

J. W. Triphagan  
Adj

L. B. Granger Cal Command







Charlotte Michigan June 15-99

Meeting of Council of Administration  
 of Eaton Co. Battalion  
 Pursuant to General order  
 No. 1, held at G. A. R. Hall in  
 Charlotte City June 15,  
 1899 Minutes of meeting held  
 at Grand Lodge on Sept-  
 29-1898 read and ap-  
 proved Present:

Wm. Lewis Post-Genl	1
John Crydeman "	2
Earl T. Albert-	2
S. M. Grewell	2
A. D. Jackson	1
A. S. Sullivan	1
J. B. Brimmer	3
J. B. Mann	1
J. A. Walker	1
Edward Drough-	1
Gen. Clark	—

Post Sunday delegates	9
" delegates absent	14
No delegates Present	12

Motion Made and Carried  
 that the encampment sh-  
 be held between the 28-  
 and 30 of September 1899

Motion Made  
 and Carried that the date  
 be decided and fixed by  
 Col. J. B. Grogan and John  
 Crydeman Post  
 Motion Made and Carried  
 that we adjourn  
 J. W. Traphagen adj



Headquarters Dublin  
County Ballinacorney  
Mullin Mich Sept 28-1899

Ballinacorney Meeting Called  
to order by Col G B Grange

By Sergeant Robt Call  
Major Wm  
Folloghery Ballinacorney  
Jant Post Delegation  
to their names Col G B  
Grange Lieut Col G B  
Saubon Major Wm Edwin

Post No	Let	
40	3	
107	3	
108	3	
111	2	
166 Error	4	
214	3	
283	3	
163	3	
275	1	

Moved and Carried  
that Proposal by name  
for this Encampment.

Motion Made and  
Carried that next Encampment  
be held at Charlotte

Motion Made and  
Carried that the Encampment  
be three days



The following Officers were  
 Elected by Simple Voice Vote  
 + Col. W. M. Beckman  
 + Lieut. Col. G. W. Norton  
 + Major J. A. Birchard  
 + 2 Masters J. O. Shaw  
 + Chaplain W. C. Alpine  
 Surgeon Dr. Allen

Motion Made  
 and Carried that the  
 Meeting adjourn sine die

J. W. Triphagan  
 Adj



Mulliken Mich March 13<sup>th</sup> 1900  
I hereby assume command of  
Caton County Battalion,  
J. W. M. Beckman Col.



Mulliken Mich March 13<sup>th</sup> 1900  
 I hereby assume command of  
 Eaton County Battalion.  
 W. M. Beckman Col.

HEADQUARTERS OF EATON COUNTY BATTALION

Charlotte, Mich., March 14, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1:

To the officers and members of Eaton County Battalion:  
 Comrade Samuel Pollock of Post No. 40 is hereby appointed  
 Adjutant of the Battalion, and will assume the duties of his office  
 at once; and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

W. M. Beckman  
 Colonel Commanding.



Mulliken Mich March 13<sup>th</sup> 1900  
 I hereby assume command of  
 Eaton County Battalion,  
 T. W. M. Beckman Col.

HEADQUARTERS OF EATON COUNTY BATTALION

Charlotte, Mich., March 14, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1:

To the officers and members of Eaton County Battalion:

HEADQUARTERS OF EATON COUNTY BATTALION

Charlotte, Mich., Mar. 14, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2:

In assuming the duties of Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion, I would submit the following:

1st: That the Council of Administration composed of the battalion officers, Post Commanders and two delegates from each Post, will meet at A. S. Williams' Post Rooms at Charlotte Michigan on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business, as may properly come before the meeting.

2nd: It is hoped that each Post will be fully represented at this meeting, and that the coming Encampment may be a complete success.

Respectfully,

Adj.

T. W. M. Beckman  
 Colonel commanding.

Amuel Pollock  
 Adj. -



Head Quarters Eaton County  
Battalion Charlotte Mich  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1900

Meeting called to order by the Col.

Upon the calling off the roll  
the following Posts <sup>and officers</sup> responded.

Col. Grant Col. Maj. Adpt.  
and Quartermaster.

A. S. Williams Post No 40	President	3
Wm. Lewis Post No 107	"	1
Earl Halbert Post No 108	"	2
J. B. Braniard Post No 111	"	3
John Bryderman Post No 112	"	1
Edward Wright Post No 163	"	1
J. B. Mason Post No 213	"	3
Geo. A. Walker Post No 256	Partula	1
Lewis Clark Post No 275	—	—
S. W. Grinnell Post No 283	—	—
O. D. Jackson Post No 326	Present	3

Minutes of last meeting read  
and approved.

Moved. That Eaton County  
Battalion Encampment be held  
at Charlotte commencing September  
11<sup>th</sup> 1900 to continue three days  
Motion carried

Motion made by commander  
McAlpine that the Eaton County  
Battalion attend the National En-  
campment as a Battalion  
Motion carried.

Moved and carried that a committee  
be appointed to investigate the  
question about battalion flag.  
A short recess was taken  
to give the committee the  
necessary time.



On calling to order Committee on flag reported as follows:

That the matter be laid over until the chairman of said committee be present;

Courade Warren offered the following resolution, which prevailed.

Resolved that the thanks of this Battalion be and they are hereby extended to the Col. commanding for the gift of the beautiful flag and staff deposited this day with the Quartermaster of the Battalion

Moved and carried that the meeting do now adjourn sine die.

Adj. W. M. Beckman  
Col



Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion  
Camp S. S. Barrist  
Charlotte Mich. Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1900

Battalion meeting called to order by the Col.  
The following Battalion officers were present  
Col. W. M. Beckman  
Lt. Col. G. W. Norton  
Maj. J. A. Birchard  
Adj. Samuel Callock  
Quartermaster Joseph Shaw  
Chaplain Frank McAlpine  
Surgeon G. B. Allen.

Also the following posts were represented

	Orin Lewis Post 107	
Delegates	Albert Shotwell, N. P. Beltran, J. Vanhalledaf	3
	John Crutman Post 172	
"	L. B. Gauger, L. A. Wilcox, L. D. Fisher	3
	Earl Halbert Post 108	
"	J. S. Holmes, Joseph Moss, Rufus Norden	3
	G. W. Grinnell Post 283	
"	J. L. Shaver (Chosen)	1
	C. D. Jackson Post 326	
"	Grays Camp, Frank Milbourn, A. O. Merritt	3
	A. S. Williams Post 40	
"	Joseph Shaw, act. L. Rowley, L. A. Snell	3
	J. B. Brainard Post 111	
"	W. D. Brainard, H. J. Milburn, J. R. Norton	3
"	J. B. Mason Post 313	
"	Not represented.	
	Edward Dwight Post 163	
"	L. A. Hallenbeck, J. H. Schroeder, Lewis Andrews	3
	Lewis Black Post 275	
"	E. K. French Chosen, M. S. Hoskins Chosen	2



On motion any post-not represented should choose representatives from any comrades present.

Adjutants report-read and approved.

Quartermaster reported Badges sold  
203 amount received \$51.75  
Amount rec'd from former D.M. 25.00  
Badges sold at Chicago  
Total \$77.65

Report on motion adopted.

Col. Beckman returned thanks to the comrades of the Battalion for their faithful support, especially in attending the National Encampment at Chicago.

On motion a recess <sup>of fifteen minutes</sup> was taken  
called to order.

On motion Eaton Rapids was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting in 1901.

Election of Officers.

W.D. Brainerd Nominated. On motion the Adjutant was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for W.D. Brainerd for Col. which vote was so cast by the Adj. and W.D. Brainerd was declared elected.

On motion the Adj. was instructed to cast vote of the Battalion for Andrew Pray for Lt Col. Adj. so cast the vote and Andrew Pray was declared elected.

On motion, Adj. was instructed to cast Ballot of the Battalion for L.D. Fisher for Major. Adj. so cast the ballot and L.D. Fisher was declared elected.



On Motion Adjutant Cast-vote of Battalion  
for Comrade Eli Cook Post-111 for  
Quartermaster and he was declared Elected,

On Motion Adjutant Cast-vote of Battalion  
for Jay M. Warren Post-326 for Chaplain  
and he was declared Elected,

On Motion Adjutant Cast-vote of Battalion  
for Dr. L. A. Snell Post-40 for Surgeon  
and he was declared Elected,

On motion meeting adjourned

Adjutant

Total Expenditures by Q.M.	\$ 35.79
as per itemized bill	
Bal. on hand	<u>\$ 41.86</u>

H. M. Beckman Col,



HEADQUARTERS EATON COUNTY  
BATTALION, G. A. R.,  
EATON RAPIDS, MICH., May 4, 1901.

GENERAL ORDER NO. I.

Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion at its annual encampment at Charlotte, Sept. 11 to 13, 1900, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office with headquarters at Eaton Rapids.

2. Comrade H. J. Milbourn, Post No. 111, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.

3. The Council of Administration, consisting of the Battalion Officers, Post Commander and two delegates from each Post will meet in A. S. Williams' Post rooms at Charlotte, on Saturday, May 25, 1901, at one o'clock, p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. It is hoped that every battalion will be represented.

4. For the information of those not present at the last encampment the names of the battalion officers are here given:

- Col.—W. D. Brainerd, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
- Lieut. Col.—Andrew Pray, Post 107, Dimondale.
- Major—L. A. Fisher, Post 112, Mulliken.
- Q. M.—Eli Cook, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
- Chaplain—Rev. J. M. Warren, Post 326, Potterville.
- Surgeon—Dr. L. A. Snell, Post 40, Charlotte.
- Adjutant—H. J. Milbourn, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.

H. J. MILBOURN,  
Adjutant.

W. D. BRAINERD,  
Col. Commanding.

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That the Battalions Officers constitute the Committee. First Amendment Carried, also the Original Motion Carried

M. & S. That the Encampment be held three days Motion Carried

On motion to adjourn Motion carried

H. J. Milbourn  
adjt.



A.S. Williams Post Room, May 25 1901. In accordance with Genl Order No 1. The Council met, at 1 O. P.M. and, on roll call, the following Pools were represented.

No	40	3	members
"	107	2	"
"	108		"
"	111	3	"
"	122	1	"
"	163	1	"
"	213	1	"
"	256		"
"	275	1	"
"	263	2	"
"	326	2	"

M. & S. That the Commander and two Comrades: be a committee to fix the day of holding the Encampment.  
 Motion Carried.

M. & S. That a committee of 5, as Executive Committee be appointed, to look after the whole business of the Association, and such other business as may arise during the time of meetings. <sup>and such other business as may arise during the time of meetings.</sup> ~~and such other business as may arise during the time of meetings.~~ <sup>properly done before the Executive Committee.</sup> ~~properly done before the Executive Committee.~~  
 That the Battalion Officers constitute the Committee. <sup>Just, Amendment</sup>  
 Carried, also the Original Motion Carried.

M. & S. That the Encampment be held three days.

Motion Carried

On motion to adjourn

Motion Carried

A. Wilbourn  
 adft.



August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1901

Eaton Rapids Camp Ground

Meeting of the Officers of Battalion  
Commanders and delegates.  
For the purpose of locating place  
of meeting for 1902. And the Election  
of Officers.

Minutes of last meeting read

Roll call found the following  
Posts represented.

- A.S. Williams	No 40	Charlotte	3
- Jim Lewis	" 107	Diamondale	3
- Earl Halbert	" 108	Ed. Ledge	.
- J.B. Brammer	111	Eaton Rapids	3
- John Cyclopedia	112	Mulliken	
- Edw. Dewight	163	Vermontville	3
- J.B. Mason	213	Bellevue	3
- Geo A Walker	256	Parallo	
- Lewis Clark	275	Olvest	0
- S.W. Grumell	283	Sumfield	2
- O.D. Jackson			

On motion & sup the Battalion Officers  
was elected, as an Executive committee  
to look after the fixing time of holding  
the encampment, to take place of the  
council of Administration.  
motion carried

"M + S. That the Next Encampment be held  
at Bellevue Eaton County Mich.

Motion carried.  
Next order of business was the  
Election of Officers."



Col. W. W. Latty Bellevue Mich  
 Lieut Col. J. P. Perkins Charlotte "  
 Major J. Williams Eaton Sunfield "  
 Quartermaster J. A. Birchard Bellevue "  
 Chaplain Frank McAlpin Charlotte "  
 Surgeon L. B. Allen Charlotte "

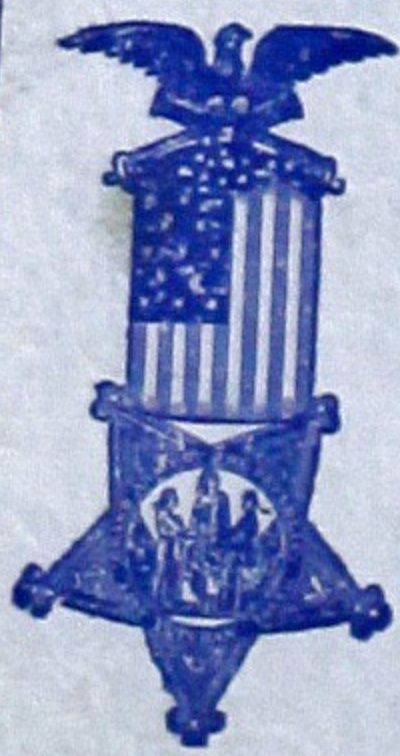
On motion, a vote of thanks was voted  
 to the Officers of the Camp ground asso-  
 ciation, for the use of the grounds  
 Motion carried

H. J. Milbourn  
 Adjutant  
 Eaton County Batt.

Eaton County Battalion in Account  
 with Eli Cook, as Quartermaster of  
 said Batt.

Amt. recd from J. M. S. Shaw,	\$ 41.86
Receipts from Eaton Rapids Encampment,	70.07
	<u>\$ 111.93</u>
Total Disbursements for 1901,	<u>57.97</u>
Balance	\$ 53.96

Turned over  
 to J. A. Birchard  
 Bellevue Michigan



18  
 Annual Encampment of the  
 Eaton County Battalion  
 G. A. R. to be held at Eaton Rapids  
 Wednesday, Thursday and Fri-  
 day, August 21, 22 and 23



Headquarters Eaton County  
Battalion, G. A. R.,  
Bellvue, Michigan, Sept. 1, 1901

General Order No. 1.

Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion at its annual encampment at Eaton Rapids, August 21 to 23, 1901, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office with headquarters at Bellvue.

2. Comrade G. F. Anson, Post No. 213 is hereby appointed adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.

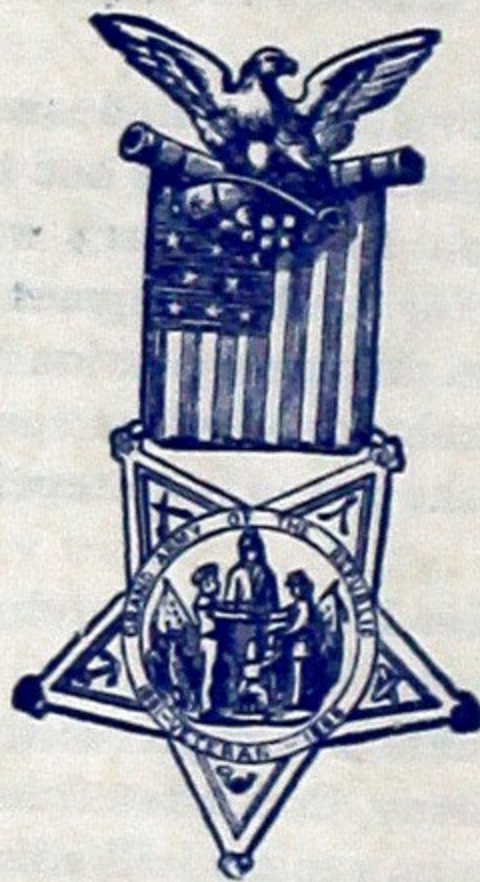
G. F. Anson,  
Adjutant.

W. W. Latty,  
Col. Commanding.



Nineteenth  
**Annual Encampment,**

Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.



Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22-23, 1902.

Bellevue, Michigan.



Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion  
 Bellevue Mich Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1902  
 Circular No 1

To the Officers of Eaton County Battalion  
 Comrades At the last Annual Encampment held at Eaton Rapids Aug 23<sup>d</sup> 1901 There was a motion made and carried Making the Battalion Officers the Executive Committee in place of the Council of Administration for the purpose of fixing up the for holding the next Annual Encampment and for such other business as may appear to be for the good of the Battalion

You are therefore respectfully asked to suggest a date for the Officers to meet and fix upon a time or Council together on all things that may appear to be for the good of the Battalion Upon the receipt of your suggestions the Col commanding will fix upon a date for a mustering of the Officers

Wm. W. Latty  
 Col Eaton Co Battalion

In obedience to circular letter No 1  
 The Officers of Eaton Co Battalion met in G. A. R. Hall Charlotte May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1902 at 10 A M Officers present Col W. W. Latty Bellevue Comrades Edwin Sunfield Richard Bellevue Perkins Allen and Mr Alpine of Charlotte Called to order by Col W. W. Latty It was decided to hold the next Battalion meeting at Bellevue Tues and Wed July 22 and 23 (1902) Battalion meeting to elect Officers to be held about 4 P. M. the 22<sup>nd</sup> Campfire the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Speeches and programme



in after noon of the 23<sup>a</sup>  
 Suggested that questions of parade be  
 left to Col Suggested that questions of  
 Speakers be left to Col and citizens of  
 Bellevue Suggested that a Band be  
 hired Motion made and carried that  
 all details and charges in the programme  
 be left to Col Latta and the Battalion  
 Officers residing at Bellevue

Frank McAlpine  
 Sec of Meeting

Bellevue July 23<sup>a</sup> 1902

Business meeting called to order by  
 the Col Roll call of Posts

J. S. Williams No 40		3
Jim Lewis .. 107		3
John Sydeman 112		1
J. B. Rainard 111		
Edward Dewright 163		1
J. B. Mason 213		3
Earl Hulbut 108		3
Geo A Walker 256		
Lewis Clark 275		3
S. H. Ginnell 283		2
O. D. Jackson 326		3

Minutes of last meeting read and approved  
 Motioned + carried that the Post where  
 the next Encampment is held to fix the  
 No of days and tents, <sup>will be required</sup> and say where the next  
 Encampment shall be held Remarks  
 from Comrades Com Holmes did not  
 mention any place of meeting Com Hess  
 expressed the opinion that Charlotte Fair  
 Grounds shall be the place of meeting  
 permanently After remarks by Comrades  
 from Sunfield and others moved and  
 carried that the next Encampment be  
 held at Grand Ledge The lecture of  
 Officers then followed Moved and carried



that the Adjutant be instructed to cast  
 the full ballott for B. H. Senburn for Col  
 of the Eaton County Battalion for the  
 year 1903 William Edwins<sup>Winnfield</sup> was elected  
 Lieut Col J. D. Butter<sup>Charlotte</sup> was elected Major  
 E. D. Bennett was elected L. M.  
 Frank Mc Alpine was elected Chaplin  
 G. B. Allen<sup>Charlotte</sup> was elected Surgeon

A vote of thanks was then given to the  
 citizens of Bellevue by a rising vote also  
 a vote of thanks to Comrades A. V. Bliss  
 O. A. Jones and Washington Gardner  
 Meeting adjourned

G. J. Anson  
 Adjt

Eaton County Battalion in account with  
 J. A. Birchard as Quartermaster of said Batt.  
 Am't Rec'd from L. M. Eli Cook \$ 53.97  
 Rec'd from Bellevue Encampment \$ 78.67  
 127.64  
 Total Disbursements for 1902 \$ 78.67  
 Said amount turned over  
 to E. D. Bennett L. M. at Grand Lodge  
 Mich



HEADQUARTERS EATON COUNTY  
BATTALION, G. A. R.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

GRAND LEDGE, Mich., Feb. 20, 1903.

1. Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion at its meeting held in Bellevue July 22 and 23, 1902, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office, with headquarters at Grand Ledge, Mich.
2. Comrade W. D. Southworth, Post No. 108, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.
3. A call for the meeting of the officers of the Battalion will be issued later.

W. D. SOUTHWORTH,  
Adjt.

B. F. SANBORN,  
Col. Commanding

and the transaction of such  
other business as may  
properly come before them

B F Sanborn  
Col Commanding

W. D. Southworth  
Adj't



Headquarters Eaton Co  
Battalion

Grand Ledge June 14<sup>th</sup> 1903

The officers of the Eaton Co.  
Battalion are requested  
to meet at Earl Walbert  
Post Room, Grand Ledge,  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 1903. at one (1) o'clock  
P.M. for the purpose of setting  
a date for the yearly encamp-  
ment, for of the Battalion  
and the transaction of such  
other business as may  
properly come before them

B G. Lamborn  
Col Comd'g

W. D. Southworth

Adj't







Grand Ledge June 19<sup>th</sup> 1903

At a meeting of the officers of the Eaton county Battalion, ~~for~~ at Earl Halbert Post Rooms Grand Ledge, for the purpose of setting a date for the annual encampment; Present, Colonel Sanborn Adjut Southworth Quartermaster E. W. Bennett, and members of Earl Halbert Post #105.

Moved and carried that the Encampment be held on the second or third Islands Sept 15<sup>th</sup>/16 1903.

The Adjutant was instructed to write O. C. James, Genl R. A. Alger and Capt E. M. Allen, desiring their presence as speakers.

Col. Sanborn to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and E. W. Bennett the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward were instructed to as a committee to use their best efforts to forward the interest of the encampment.

W. D. Southworth  
Adjut



Grand Ledge Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1903

At a meeting held in Earl  
Wallbert Post rooms, called by  
Col. Sanborn for the further  
completion of arranging for  
the encampment, the following  
committees were appointed

Entertaining Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Ward Comrades. Moss & E. Wallace  
2<sup>nd</sup> " " Wheelock & Mattoon.

Committee to meet trains

Comrades Kennedy, Wheelock  
L. Holmes & Clark

Motion made and carried  
we adopt Martial Music

Comrade Kennedy was appointed  
a committee to raise a Martial  
Band.

W D Southworth  
Adjt



Grand Lodge Sept 16" 1903

The business meeting of the Battalion was called to order by Col. Sanborn

Roll	Call	
Posts 40	A. S. Williams - Charlotte	2
107	Jim Lewis - Dimondale	2
108	Earl Halbert - Grand Lodge	2
111	J. B. Brainard - Eaton Rapids	2
112	John Snyderman - Mulliken	1
163	Edward Delwight - Vermontville	3
213	J. B. Mason - Belleview	1
256	Geo. A. Walker - Partello	Withdrawn
275 & 256	Lewis Clark - Olivet	-
288	S. W. Grinnell - Sunfield	3
324	O. W. Jackson - Potterville	3

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

The only Post asking for the Encampment was Sunfield.

Motion was made by Post 40 and supported by Post 108 that the next encampment be held at Sunfield.

The motion was carried.

The following officers were then elected under the following Resolution.

Resolved; that the rules be suspended and the Adjt. be instructed to cast the ballot for the following officers

Col.	William Edwins	Sunfield
Lt. Col	S. W. Harmon	Charlotte
Major	John Vanostall	Dimondale
Lt. M.	Clark Richard	Sunfield
Chap	Frank Mc Alpine	Jackson
Surg	Dr Geo Snyder	Mulliken

Moved and carried that the Battalion return to its former system of government by Council of Administration and rescind the motion adopted at



Eaton Rapids Aug 28 1901 creating an Executive Committee.

Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the Battalion Officers.

Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to citizens of Ired. Ledge for their hospitality, and to the Ladies of the Congl Church for the feast of good things provided for the injured man.

W. D. Southworth  
Adjt

Eaton County Battalion in account with E. W. Bennett Quartermaster  
Amount received from L. M. J. A. Burchard.  
1902

Receipts of Encampment		\$ <del>40.00</del> 42
Total		<u>64.55</u>
Expenditures of Encampment		\$ 113.47
Balance due Battalion		<u>56.75</u>
		\$ 56.72



## Head Quarters

## Eaton County Battalion

Sunfield Mich June 25<sup>th</sup> 04

In obedience to order No 2 the officers and members of Council of Administration of Eaton County Battalion met at the A S Williams Post Hall Charlotte at 2 P. M. this day Officer Colonel William Edwins was present with members from the following posts

Post	Name	Location	Present
Post 40	A. S. Williams	Charlotte	3
" 107	Jim Lewis	Dimondale	3
" 108	Earl Halbert	Ed Gedge	
" 111	J. B. Brainard	Eaton Rapids	3
" 112	John Crideman	Mulliken	
" 163	Edward Dwight	Utville	
" 213	J. B. Mason	Bellevue	3
" 256	Geo A Walker	Partello	
" 283	S W Grinnell	Sunfield	3
" 326	O D Jackson	Putterville	
" 275	Lewis Clark	Oliver	

A motion is made by Comrade Andrews of Dimondale, and supported by Comrade Norton of Eaton Rapids that the Eaton Co Encampment be held on the week of Aug 22-27-04. Motion prevails

Wesley C Troy  
Adjt



Head Quarters  
 Eaton Co Battalion  
 Sunfield Mich July 14<sup>th</sup> 1904  
 General Order No 3

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
 Encampment of the Eaton Co Battalion,  
 will be held at Sunfield, Aug 24-25-26-04  
 Every effort will be made to insure success.

Ample accommodations will be provided  
 for those with teams.

Gen Washington Gardner has promised  
 to be present with us.

Comrades, make an effort to come to Sunfield,  
 and bring your best girl along, learn  
 and take a rest and grow young.

William Edwin  
 Colonel Commanding

W C Foy  
 Adjutant

Amount Received by Clark Richards 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co	
Jan set. 1904	\$ 56.72
from E D Bennett 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co Grand Ledger	
Received from Sunfield Encampment	\$ 44.50
	<u>\$ 101.22</u>
Total expenses of Encampment	44.22
Amount turned over to John Spiller 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co	\$ 57.00
of Diamonddale	\$ 57.00



**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
EATON COUNTY BATTALION.**

SUNFIELD, AUG. 24, 25, 26.

Headquarters Eaton Co. Battalion. Wm. Edwins, Col. Com.

At a Battalion meeting at the A. S. Williams Post room at Charlotte, Mich. on June 25, 1904., it was decided to hold the 21st. Annual Encampment at Sunfield, Mich., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Aug. 24—25—26, 1904.

I. Headquarters of the Battalion will be held in S. W. Grinnell Post Hall, on Main St. which may readily be found by the flag tower in front of the Hall.

II. Upon arrival all visiting comrades are requested to report at Headquarters, register, procure badges, and be assigned to quarters.

III. S. W. Grinnell Post No. 283 will have charge of all necessary arrangements for the Encampment

IV. An effort has been made to procure State tents without success. Accommodations can be furnished for Posts coming in a body, who will be provided with ample provision, or for comrades who may prefer to be assigned quarters.

V. Wednesday, the 24th., will be devoted to getting settled in camp, tying the knot that will bind us still stronger in true comradeship. In the evening there will be a campfire. Comrade O. A. Jones, United States Pension Agent is expected to be present. Taps at 9:00 p. m.

VI. Thursday, the 25th., 6:30 A. M. Reveille. At 7:30 breakfast call. The next 4 hours will be set aside to fight those battles over, telling some of the details of the retreats we found it necessary sometimes to make, losing our baggage wagons which contained our rations, then "of necessity" the cackling of the hens.

VII. At 11:30 dinner call. At 1:30 form in column for a short parade, and march to the Ball Park, where there will be an appropriate program, including an address by our comrade, the Hon. Washington Gardner, and others who will be instructive and entertaining. We hope to have with us on this memorable occasion, Comrade Aaron T. Bliss, Governor of Mich. Appropriate music has been secured.

Comrades: The good citizens of Sunfield have assured the officers of the Battalion, that their latch strings will be hanging out, and that you will be accorded a right royal welcome. Let us improve the passing years to strengthen the ties that bind us to commemorate the years of 61—65, of marches and countermarches, digging trenches and fighting, the earth for our bed, and many times the blue sky for our covering.

VIII. An invitation is hereby extended to the citizens of Eaton Co. and surrounding county, to join with us and extend that loyal support you gave us during the days of our nation's peril, by way of supplies and encouragement, without which this glorious and united country of to-day might not have been. You are therefore entitled to a full share of a Soldier's honors and glories.

IX. Headquarters of the Relief Corps will be established in S. W. Grinnell Post Hall, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of Relief Corps, and Sons of Veterans.

X. The citizens of Sunfield will provide wood for fuel, straw for bedding, potatoes, bread, cucumbers, salt, and water for those who wish to provide for themselves. Ample accommodations will be provided for those with teams, at reasonable rates.

XI. A business meeting will be held at 8 a. m. Friday the 26, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. The meeting will comprise the Commander and two delegates from each post. After the business meeting, the day will close with a grand Farmer's Picnic, for which an appropriate program has been provided, consisting of sports of various kinds, including a double balloon ascension, also speaking by various prominent men.

After the program has been fully carried out, strike tents, pack knapsacks, break ranks, march. And may God's blessing go with you.

By order of Wm. Edwins.  
Colonel, Commanding Battalion.

**Resolution of Thanks.**

WHEREAS the G. A. R. is doing many noble acts, and casting a good influence, and the patriotism and loyalty laid down by their precepts will leave to coming generations a rich inheritance of our Nation's honor, therefore is it. RESOLVED that we extend to the citizens of the village of Sunfield, our warmest thanks for their generous hospitality, and kindness shown us during our stay with them, and we will ever cherish for them a grateful remembrance.

William Edwins Col. Comd'r.  
Wesley C. Fay Adj't.

Eaton Co 73  
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W C Foy

Adj't

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Annual Meeting of Eaton Co 73  
 Battalion Aug 25 1904

The Business meeting of the  
 battalion, was called to order by  
 Colonel Edwins at 2 P.M.

Boll	ball.	No of Delegates
40	of Charlotte	3
107	" Dimondale	2
108	" Grand Ledge	3
111	" Eaton Rapids	3
112	" Menlliken	2
163	" Vermontville	2
213	" Bellevue	3
256	" Partello	withdrown
275	" Olivet	"
283	" Sunfield	3
326	" Potterville	3
		<u>25</u>

Minutes of last meeting read  
 and approved.

Motion made by Comrade Dilno of  
 Post-213 and supported by Dimondale,  
 that the next encampment be held  
 at Dimondale, which motion prevailed.

The election of officers for the  
 ensuing year resulted as follows.

- Colonel Q. G. Andrews.
- Lieut. Col. W. J. Melburn.
- Major Henry Dilno.
- P. M. John Spitter.
- Chaplain Rev Frank McAlpine.
- Surgeon Charles Hedecome.

A vote of thanks was extended to  
 Colonel Edwins, for his able services.  
 A vote of thanks was also extended  
 to the citizens of Sunfield for  
 their courteous hospitality during  
 the encampment.

W. L. Foy

Adjt



HEADQUARTERS  
EATON CO. BATTALLION,  
G. A. R.

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General Order No. 1.

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*Dimondale, Mich., Mar. 20, '05.*

*Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battallion at its meeting held at Sunfield, August 24-25-26, 1904, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office with headquarters at Dimondale, Mich.*

*Comrade Andrew Pray, Post No. 107, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.*

*A call for a meeting of the officers of the Battallion will be issued later.*

*ANDREW PRAY,  
Adjutant.*

*O. G. ANDREWS,  
Col. Commanding.*



HEADQUARTERS  
EATON CO. BATTALLION,  
G. A. R.

General Order No. 1.

Dimondale, Mich., Mar. 20, '05.

Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battallion at its meeting held at Sunfield, August 24-25-26, 1904, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office with headquarters at Dimondale, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS  
EATON CO. BATTALLION,  
G. A. R.

General Order No. 2.

Dimondale, Mich., May 31, 1905.

The Council of Administration consisting of the Battallion Officers, Post Commanders, and two delegates from each Post, will meet in the A. S. Williams Post rooms in the city of Charlotte, on Saturday, June 24th, 1905, at one o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. It is hoped that every Post will be represented.

For the information of those who were not present at the last encampment the names of the Battallion officers are here given.

Colonel---O. G. Andrews, Dimondale;

Lieut. Col.---H. J. Milbourn, Eaton Rapids;

Major---Henry Dilno, Bellevue;

Quarter Master---John Spitler, Dimondale;

Chaplain---Rev. Frank McAlpine, Charlotte;

Surgeon---Chas. Holcomb, Dimondale.

ANDREW PRAY,  
Adjutant.

O. G. ANDREWS,  
Col. Commanding.



## A. S. Williams Post Room.

Charlotte Mich June 24 1905 / 05

In Obedience to Gen Orders No 2 the Officers and Delegates of Eaton Co Battallion were called to order by Commander C. S. Andrews in the chair Officers present Commander C. S. Andrews and Surgeon Charles Halcomb Adjutant A Pray the Roll call of Posts of the Battallion show Delegates to this meeting as follows

Post No 40	Charlotte	3
" " 107	Dimondale	2
" " 108	Grand Seder	0
" " 111	Eaton Rapids	0
" " 112	Mulliken	0
" " 163	Vermontville	2
" " 213	Bellrose	0
" " 256	Partello	0
" " 275	Olivet	0
" " 283	Sunfield	0
" " 326	Patterville	2

minutes of last meeting read and approved as read after some remarks by Commander Andrews of arrangements he had made with Q. M. Gen of the State for procuring tents it was moved and supported that the Battallion encampment be held at Dimondale on the fifteenth sixteenth and seventeenth of Aug 1905. It was moved and supported that the matter of furnishing to the visiting comrades of the Encampment be left with the Battallion Officers and Tim Lewis Post motion prevailed. It was moved and supported that this meeting adjourn motion prevailed.

C. S. Andrews  
Col Commanding

A Pray  
Adj't



Head Quarters Eaton Co Battallion

In Camp Dimondale Mich Aug 17/05

Meeting called to Order by Colonel  
 Commanding O. G. Andrews the minutes  
 of the last meeting not being present  
 through a mistake of the adjutant moved  
 and supported that we dispense with the  
 reading of the minutes of last meeting  
 motion prevailed Quarter Master  
 reports fifty seven dollars received  
 from past Q. M. Clark Richards of  
 Sunfield moved and supported the  
 Q. M. report be accepted motion prevailed  
 moved and supported the Commander  
 appoint a committee for resolutions  
 on the death of Battallion Officer  
 for the past year. moved to amend  
 motion and H. J. Millbourn be appoin-  
 ted chairman of said committee motion  
 as amended prevailed. committee as  
 appointed were H. J. Millbourn Post 111 Joseph  
 Shaw Post 40

moved and supported that H. J. Millbourn  
 be a committee to send a letter of condolence  
 to the Widow of Frank McAlpine Chap  
 of Battallion who died the past year  
 motion prevailed the Roll call  
 of Posts of the Battallion for Delegates  
 Shaw delegates present as follows

Post No 40	Charlotte	3	Post No 326 Patterville	3
" " 107	Dimondale	3		
" " 108	Grand Sledge	3	Total	21
" " 111	Eaton Rapids	3		
" " 112	Mulliken	0		
" " 163	Vermontville	2		
" " 213	Belleuve	3		
" " 236	Partello	0		
" " 275	Olivet	0		
" " 283	Sunfield	1		



the place for holding next encampment  
 being now declared in order Comrades  
 of Vermontville extended an invitation  
 to the Battalion to meet at their Town  
 for the 2<sup>3rd</sup> Annual encampment  
 moved and supported that the Rules be  
 suspended and the Adjutant cast the  
 ballot to go to Vermontville motion  
 carried. moved and supported that  
 C. B. Snell of Vermontville be elected  
 Colonel. motion prevailed. moved  
 and supported that Henry Dilno of  
 Bellevue for Lieutenant Colonel <sup>carried</sup> moved  
 and supported for Shaw for Major  
 motion carried moved and supported that  
 H. H. Brown of Vermontville act as Q. M.  
 motion prevailed moved and carried  
 that D. H. <sup>Estlin</sup> ~~Lang~~ be elected Surgeon moved  
 and carried that Albert Chatwell of Dimondale  
 act as Chaplain moved and supported  
 that the Battalion extend a vote of  
 thanks to Tim Lewis Post and the  
 citizens of Dimondale for the entertainment  
 motion prevailed. moved and supported we  
 pay the Boys Cornet Band \$5<sup>00</sup> out of Battalion  
 fund. motion prevailed. moved and carried  
 we extend a vote of thanks from the  
 Battalion to the W. K. C. for entertainment  
 and committee on music for music furnished  
 moved and supported that we now  
 adjourn. motion prevailed

A. Pray  
 Adjt

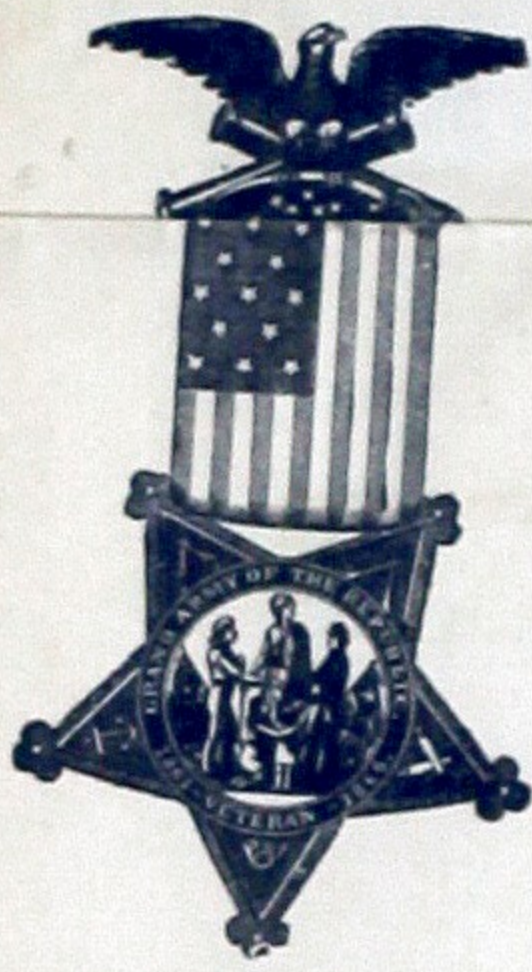
C. G. Andrews  
 Col Commanding



Dimondale Mich  
 Eaton Co Battalion in account With  
 J. M. Spittler Quartermaster  
 Total amount Received \$153.45  
 Expenditures of Encampment \$115.33  
 Balance Due Battalion \$38.12

Reviewed by H. H. Brown S.M. Capt.





HENRY DILNO, Lieut. Col., Bellevue      Jos. SHAW, Maj., Charle  
D. H. LONG, M. D., Surgeon, Eaton Rapids      ALBEI

Headquarters Eaton County  
G. A. R.

J. N. HAWKINS, ADJUTANT.

CHA

VERMONTVILLE.

**GENERAL ORDER No. 1**

COMRADES OF THE G. A. R., I SALUTE YOU:

FIRST. Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion G  
ment held in Dimondale, August 17th, 1905, I assume and enter upon the du  
Vermontville, hoping and expecting that every officer and comrade will render such  
will be a pleasure.

SECOND. Comrade J. N. Hawkins of Edward Dwight Post No. 163 G.  
of the Battalion and will immediately enter upon the duties of his office. He will b

CHAS. S. S



HENRY DILNO, Lieut. Col., Bellevue Jos. SHAW, Maj., Charlotte H. H. BROWN, Q. M., Vermontville  
D. H. LONG, M. D., Surgeon, Eaton Rapids ALBERT SHOTWELL, Chap., Dimondale

## Headquarters Eaton County Battalion, G. A. R.

J. N. HAWKINS, ADJUTANT.

CHAS. S. SNELL, COLONEL.

VERMONTVILLE, MICH. *July 22 1906*

### GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

- 1 Officers and Comrades We Again Extend to You Our Kindly Greeting.
- 2 At a meeting of the Council of Administration held in Charlotte, June 19, it was decided that we hold our Annual Encampment in Vermontville on the 7th, 8th and 9th of August, 1906.  
(a) It was also decided that a portion of the Campfire exercises on Tuesday evening, August 7, be devoted to Memorial Service in honor of the comrades of the Battalion who have died since our last encampment.

3 We hereby appoint Comrades C. A. Hallenbeck of Post 163, W. Beekman of Post 4 and H. J. Milbourn of Post 111 a Board of Commissioners whose duty shall be to secure the names and record of service of such deceased comrades (referred to in clause "a" Art. 2 of this Order) together with such other matters and incidents of their lives as shall be appropriate and write them in a book for future reference and knowledge.

4 At the meeting of Administration it was also decided that the W. R. C. have the afternoon of August 7 for their special exercises. Lieut. Col. Henry Dilno of Bellevue, being quite well acquainted with the ladies of the Department will appoint a temporary chairman, who shall appoint a committee on entertainment and we shall be pleased to receive an early report from said chairman and committee.

5 The Council of Administration directed that the command salute the Barry County organization of "Old Soldiers and Sailors" with kind wishes and with warm words invite them to go into camp with us on August 7th, 8th and 9th. These orders have been fulfilled and although we, as yet, have had no official communication from them, we hope and expect these brave old boys will be with us—also the W. R. C and S. O. V. and thousands of their citizens.

6 It was decided at the Council and it is our wish and order that each and every old soldier come to camp armed with a CANE, whether he brings a gun or not—and we earnestly urge upon you that you familiarize yourselves with the execution of order: To order, carry, present and support arms, with the cane as you would with a sword remembering you can march with the cane at order arms. Also familiarize yourself with the position of the cane at parade rest, which should be the same as with the sword.

7 We hereby appoint D. M. Purchis Drum Major in Chief. All bands of music will report to him and he will assign to you your position and duty.

8 We are very desirous that we may be informed by the Commander of each Post whether or not they will be accompanied to camp by a band of music. We also wish to hear from the Commanders of each and every Post without delay of anything your Post or a member of your Post, your W. R. C. or your S. O. V. may contribute to the entertainment of the camp. We want every Post to furnish several volunteers or to detail several or more comrades who will take part at the campfires—the Life, the Light of the camp.

We wish further to be informed as soon as possible of how many from your Post will volunteer to take part in a "Sham Battle"—should we have one. We are constantly being urged to have "just one more" by citizens of both counties. They realize that our ranks are rapidly becoming depleted and that which we do must be done quickly.

It would give us much pleasure to hear from the Commanders of Posts or from any of the officers or comrades any ideas or suggestions that will aid us in our effort to make the encampment a success. For your edification I am pleased to say that five eloquent speakers of state and national reputation have promised to be with us and address us.

By order of

*J. N. Hawkins* Adjutant

CHAS. S. SNELL, Col. Commanding



- 1906 -

The Council of Admin  
met in A. S. William  
in the city of Char  
June the 19th 1906,  
P. M. and called to  
Col. Snell. In they  
Adjutant, J. N. Hawkin  
was appointed Adjutant  
Roll Call. Delegates  
following Posts respon  
Post No. 40 - Charlotte.

A. B. Allen

O. J. Mark

W. M. B. F. Beeler

Post No. 107 - Diamonddale.  
Albert Shotwell

John Spittle

Post No. 108 - Grand Led  
J. J. Holmes

Post No. 111 - Eaton Rapids.  
H. C. Milbour  
Olando Markha  
Eli Cook

Post No. 112

Post No. 163 - Vermontville -  
Chas. Fuller.  
M. J. Cunningham  
M. Herrick

Post No. 213 - Bellevue -  
J. A. Birchard  
Geo. P. Stevens.  
Robt Bishop.

Post No. 256 - Partello -  
Jac. Bosworth  
Carried forward



No. of Delegates brot forward	15
Post No. 275 - Olivet (Absent)	0
Post No. 283 - Sunfield - (Absent)	0
Post No. 336 - Potterville - A. P. Woodwin Milbourn	2

## Battalion Officers.

Col. C. J. Snell	
Lt. Col. Henry Delno	
Maj. Joseph Shaw	
I. M. H. H. Brown	
Chaplain - A. Shotwell	
Drum Maj. D. M. Purchis	6
Grand Total	<u>23</u>

The Council of Administration unanimously decided to hold the Annual Encampment at Vermontville on the 7th, 8th and 9th of August 1906.

By vote it was decided that the matter of furnishing materials and entertainment be left entirely to the Officers of the Battalion and Edward Dwight Post.

By vote the Col. was instructed to extend a cordial invitation to Barry Co. Battalion to meet and participate in the pleasures of the Encampment.

By suggestion of the Col. it was decided to spend the evening of the first day of the Encampment in pleasant memory of those of the Battalion who were mustered out during the past year.

Adjourned.

Edwin Tyler

Acting Adjt.



Headquarters Eaton Co. Battalion in  
Orchard Grove, Vermontville, Mich.  
Aug. 8th 1906

Minutes of the last meeting read  
and approved. Credentials of the  
delegates from the different Posts  
approved and the delegates seated.  
By unanimous vote it was  
decided that the next Encampment  
be held in Charlotte.

Election of Officers, as follows:  
Col. - Miles D. Allen, Charlotte  
Lieut. Col. - Eli Cook, Eaton Rapids.  
Maj. - John S. Holmes, Grand Lodge.  
I.M. - J. D. Butler, Charlottetown.  
Surg. - C. S. Snell, M.D., Vermontville.  
Chaplain. - Jay M. Mason, Olivet.

It was voted that each Post  
should furnish at the next  
meeting of the Encampment the  
names and service records of  
its deceased since the organization.  
A vote of thanks was tendered to  
the Edward Dwight Post and citizens  
of Vermontville for their splendid  
entertainment.

By unanimous vote Wm. Beckman  
was appointed to extend thanks to  
the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps.  
Report of Treasurer.

Received from past I.M.	\$38.12
From all other sources	\$233.51

	\$ 271.63
Disbursed for camp expenses	\$248.79
On hand	\$22.84

Signed J. H. Brown I.M.  
J. N. Hawkins Adj. Adjt.  
Approved  
C. S. Snell, Col.



ELI COOK, Lieut. Col., Eaton Rapids. JOHN S. HOLMES, Major, Grand Ledge. J. D. BUTLER, Q. M., Charlotte.  
C. S. SNELL, Surgeon, Vermontville. JAY M. MASON, Chaplain, Olivet.

# Headquarters Eaton County Battalion, Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.

GILES B. ALLEN, COLONEL.  
W. M. BEEKMAN, ADJUTANT.

CHARLOTTE, MICH. June 3, 1907

## GENERAL ORDERS NO 1.

First. General orders of the Battalion No. 7 of Current Series of 1906 announced that at a business meeting of this Battalion with headquarters at Vermontville, held Aug. 8, 1906, I had the honor to be elected Colonel and, as General Order No. 7 above referred to turned over command of this battalion to me, I hereby assume command, and yet, my comrades, I do so with much reluctance and a shrinking heart, for I fully realize the responsibilities and labor necessary to keep the pace that has been set in so many of our late annual encampments, and were it not for the fact that the Grand Army is the most loyal of all organizations, and the comrades are always true to their comrades, and ever ready to give their hands and hearts to a comrade in his necessities, I should feel that I could not carry this burden at this time. And so my comrades I turn to you and ask your hearty co-operation and your good will and hope you will condone the shortcomings and mistakes I may make as your commander for the season before us.

Second. Comrade Wm. M. Beekman of A. S. Williams Post No. 40 G. A. R. is hereby appointed Adjutant of the Battalion and will enter upon the duties of his office at once. He will be respected and obeyed as such.

Third. The council of administration will meet at the Post rooms of A. S. Williams Post No. 40, in the city of Charlotte, on Friday, June 28th, at 1 o'clock p. m. Each Post is entitled to be represented by its commander and two delegates. It is hoped and expected that every Post will be represented in this council, as the coming encampment will depend upon the zeal manifested for its success. Remember, comrades, that the plans for our meeting will be laid at this meeting and we ask that you bring your ideas to help us along.

It is hoped that the officers of the Battalion will all be present, as they also are members of this council of administration and their counsel and advice is especially desired.

Comrade T. J. Snow is hereby appointed Quartermaster Sergeant and Comrade A. C. Walters is hereby appointed Sergeant Major.

By order of

*G. B. Allen*  
Col. Commanding.

Official

*W. M. Beekman*  
Adjutant.

*Melbourn that we do not furnish tents this year. Motion Carried.*



The council of administration met in  
 A.S. Williams Post room in the City of  
 Charlotte Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1907 at  
 One o'clock. And was called to order  
 by Col. Giles B. Allen. Upon the roll  
 call the following Posts were represented

A.S. Williams Post	1840	3	Delegates
Jim Lewis	107	2	"
Earl Halbert	108	3	"
J. B. Brainard	111	3	"
John Bryderman	112	-	#
Edward Dwight	143	3	"
J. B. Mason	213	1	"
Geo. A. Walker	256		Partetto
Lewis Clark	275	1	"
D. W. Grinnell	283	2	"
D. D. Jackson	326	2	"

Motion made and supported that the date  
 of the Encampment be left with A.S.  
 Williams Post. Motion Carried.

Motion made and supported that we  
 have three days Encampment.  
 Motion Carried.

Motion made by Comrade H. J.  
 Milbourn that we do not furnish  
 tents this year.  
 Motion Carried.







CAMP POLLOCK, CHARLOTTE, MICH., AUG. 28, 1907.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

I.

Comrades:-

Once more we have assembled in annual encampment, and Battalion officers all wish you a very pleasant and profitable union.

Let us all, as comrades, endeavor to make each and every course feel that it is good to meet and renew that spirit of comradeship that united us in the past. Let us draw strength from each other our mutual aid for strength to carry us through those days of trials and fortitude, and may the true spirit of Patriotism and loyalty to Country, Home and Liberty surround us throughout our stay in the 26th Annual Encampment.

II.

The following details are hereby announced for Wednesday Aug. 28.

Officer of the Day. Past Commander. Wm. Jordan.

Officer of the Guard. Comrade. A. C. Walters, and he is

authorized to detail as many of the Comrades of A. S. Williams Post. Solo as may be necessary for the safety and good order of this camp.

III.

Retreat at 8:00 p. m.

It is desired that Posts will form a hollow square and observe the ceremony of "Salute The Flag" when it is furled for the night.

IV.

The Colonel commanding desires to say to the comrades that he hopes that most caution be observed to prevent fire in the quarters and guests that no smoking be indulged in anywhere in the quarters or about the buildings where inflammable material may happen to be, and comrades are particularly cautioned concerning the lighting of matches, as the safety of human lives are in question, as well as the buildings.

V.

Arrangements of saluting the flag at the camp by the comrades and by the

VI.

Details for tomorrow.

Past Commander, ...  
Past Commander, ...

Respected ...

W. M. Beckman,  
Adjutant.

By order of G. B. Allen  
Colonel Commanding.



CAMP POLLOCK, CHARLOTTE, MICH., AUG. 28, 1907.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.

I.

Awake tomorrow morning at 6:30 a. m.  
Salute the Flag.

Following the raising of the flag at that hour, and it is desired  
that the ceremony of salutation to flag be observed when the flag has  
been raised and secured.

*Read Program for War*

II.

The Battalion will assemble at 2:00 p. m. at Court House Square  
and squads will be formed about the square under the direction of  
Lieut. Col. Cook, and Major Holmes and will form columns under their  
directions and march to Oak Park where the exercises will be held  
that afternoon.

III.

It is desired that the ceremonies of saluting the flag be observed  
at 8:00 p. m. at the camp by the comrades who are in camp  
at that hour.

IV.

Details for tomorrow.

Officer of the day. Past Commander, Williams Edwins of Post.  
Officer of the Guard. Past Commander. L. D. Fisher, John Cryderman

No.                      they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.



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~~The Council of Administration met in U.S. Williams Post Room in the City of Charlotte on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 1907 at one o'clock P.M. and was called to order by Col. B. Allen.~~

~~Roll Call of Delegates from the following Posts responded,~~

~~Camp Callock, Charlotte M.~~

August 30<sup>th</sup> 1907

Minutes of last meeting approved. Motion made and supported that the Post not having delegates present, be allowed to have comrades present name delegates for the several posts not represented by regular delegates. Motion made by Col. Brainard that comrade present be allowed to vote. After a short discussion, the Col. B. Allen declared the question of order.

Motion made by Commander Andrus that we hold our next Encampment at Eaton Rapids. Motion carried. All voting for Eaton Rapids except J. B. Brainard Post.

Motion made and carried that Eaton Rapids name the Col. H. B. Christy as selected and was confirmed by a vote of all the delegates. For Lt Col, Charles A. Fuller rec'd 8 votes, and J. D. Butler rec'd 8 votes. Comrade Fuller was declared elected. The adjt. was instructed to cast the ballot for Allen, McKensie for and the same for Jay M. Warren for Chaplain.



Chas. S. Snell was elected Surgeon -  
 Charles B. Fowler was chosen Quartermaster  
 Comrade Drake & A. S. Williams Post to 40  
 made some good remarks in favor of a  
 Soldiers Monument.

Comrade Beckman made a motion which  
 was supported, that a Soldiers Monument be  
 erected in Charlotte to be known as  
 a "County Soldiers Monument," after a  
 discussion the question was laid upon the  
 table. A Motion was then made that  
 the question of a Soldiers Monument  
 be referred to each Post Commander.  
 Motion carried. A vote of thanks was  
 given Lt Col Eli Cook for his generous  
 offer of holding the encampment at  
 his home. A vote of thanks was given  
 Col. Allen and all of the Officers and  
 A. S. Williams Post, and W. R. Co. for  
 the good times at this encampment.

Quartermaster J. D. Butler made a  
 partial report. Registration 349.

Motion made that an Architecture Committee  
 be appointed by the Col. Motion carried.  
 Lt Col. Cook, A. D. Baughman and  
 William Jordan Committee

A vote of thanks was given to the  
 good citizens of Charlotte.

Adjourned. N. M. Beckman Adjt.

Report of Quartermaster J. D. Butler.

Received from former Quartermaster \$22,84

" from all other sources 245

Total 267.84

Disbursements as per Audited

bills \$227.58

Balance on hand 40.26

J. D. Butler Quartermaster  
 N. M. Beckman Adjutant  
 Col.



HEADQUARTERS EATON COUNTY BATTALION, G. A. R.

Eaton Rapids, Mich., May 7, 1908

General order No. 1. Having been elected Colonel of the Eaton County Battalion at its annual encampment at Charlotte, Mich. Aug. 30, 1907, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office with headquarters at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

No. 2. Comrade H. J. Milbourn, Post No. 111, is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected as such.

No. 3. The council of administration consisting of the Battalion Officers, Post Commanders and two delegates from each Post will meet in A. S. Williams Post rooms at Charlotte, Mich., Saturday at one o'clock P. M. June 27, 1908 for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. It is hoped that every Post will be represented.

No. 4. For the information of those not present at the last encampment the names of the Battalion officers are hereby given:

Col. H. B. Olmsted,	Post 111	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Lt. Col. Chas. Fuller	"	163 Vermontville, Mich.
Maj. Alex. McKenzie	"	"
Chap. J. M. Warren	"	275 Olivet, Mich.
Surg. Chas. S. Snell,	"	163 Vermontville, Mich.
Q. M. Chas. B. Fowler	"	111 Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Adj. H. J. Milbourn,	"	111 Eaton Rapids, Mich.

H. B. OLMSTED.  
Col. Commanding.

H. J. MILBOURN.  
Adj.



HEADQUARTERS OF  
EATON COUNTY BATTALION  
EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

General Orders No. 2.

**25**TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT of the Eaton County  
Battalion will be held at Camp Hamlin on the Island in  
EATON RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 1908.

Tents will be pitched on the 17th. Straw, wood and  
water will be furnished FREE.

Good Speakers will be in attendance. Marshal music  
and songs by the best singers.

Everything will be done for the benefit of the comrades  
and their families.

Geo. B. Noble of Post No. 111 has been appointed  
Serg't Major and William Randall has been appointed Q. M.  
Serg't and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Headquarters Eaton County Battalion  
EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

CAMP HAMLIN—PROGRAM.

Geo. W. Norton is hereby appointed Officer of the  
Day.

W. A. Small, Officer of the Guard.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

10:30 Address of Welcome by Mayor B. H. Custer.

2:30 p. m. Address by Corvis M. Barre and E. N.  
Dingley.

8:00 p. m. Camp fire Address by O. A. Janes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

10:30 Speaking and singing and roll call of the dead.

1:30 Form for parade on post office square. After  
short parade return to camp where speeches will be made  
by Hons. Washington Gardner, J. B. Bradley, L. T.  
Hemans, H. S. Earle, F. M. Warner.

8:00 p. m. A rousing camp fire.

H. J. MILBOURN  
Adjutant

H. B. OLMSTED  
Col. Commanding.

*Order No. 1.  
delegates from  
met at  
at Charlotte  
One Octick Ave.  
slid Col.*

*of*

*Col. Olmsted*

*delegates*

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*tents could not  
be instructed to*

*the Battalion furnish  
free.*

*on carried*

*being held aug 20  
during Officers  
meeting year.*



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Serg't and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Citizens are cordially invited to meet the old Boys of  
1861 and 1865.

Dated, Eaton Rapids, Mich., August 4, 1908.

H. B. OLMSTED, Colonel.

H. J. MILBOURN, Adjutant.

Order No. 1.  
Delegates from  
meet at  
at Charlotte  
One O'clock P.M.  
said Col.

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Col. Olmsted

Delegates

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accepted.

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encampment

1908

18 & 20.

Motion Carried.

if for any reason the tents could not  
be procured on the days above mentioned  
then the Col. Q.M. & Adjt. be instructed to  
make suitable dates.

M & S. that the Battalion furnish  
wood water & straw free.

Motion Carried

at the Business meeting held Aug 20  
at 9. A.M. The following Officers  
was Elected for the ensuing year:



In accordance to Genl order No 1.  
The Battalion Officers, and 3 delegates from  
Each Post. was ordered to meet at  
A.S. Williams Post Room. at Charlotte  
Mich June 27-08 at One O'clock P.M.  
H.B. Clussted Col.

H. Milbourn  
Adjt.

Charlotte Mich June 27-08

Meeting called to order by Col. Clussted  
present.

40	A.S. Williams Post.	3 delegates	-
107	Jim Lewis	3 " "	-
108	Grand Ledge	none	-
111	Eaton Rapids	3	-
112	Mulliken	none	-
163	Vermontville	2	-
213	Bellvue	2	-
275	Clivet	none	-
283	Sunfield	2	-
336	Pittsville	2	-

adpts report read and accepted.

Genl order no 1. read. & filed

M & S. that the date of the encampment  
to be held at Eaton Rapids Mich. 1908  
to be fixed for August 18-19 & 20.

Motion carried.

if for any reason the tents could not  
be procured on the days above mentioned  
then the Col. I.M. & Adjt. be instructed to  
make suitable dates.

M & S. that the Battalion furnish  
wood water & straw free.

Motion carried

at the Business meeting held Aug 20  
at 9. A.M. The following Officers  
was Elected for the ensuing year.



The location of the next Encampment was taken up and the following posts were represented. Charlotte, Dimondale, Sunfield, Bellvue, Pattsville, Olivet, Sunfield and Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Custer & H. H. Hamilton gave a cordial invitation to come here again next year. on motion of O. J. Andrews. & separated the next years meeting was set for Eaton Rapids Mich.

Officers Elected.

Col. Eli Cook	Eaton Rapids Mich
1st Col. Andrew Pray	Dimondale Mich
Maj. C. F. Fuller	Vermontville
Lt. G. W. Boston	Eaton Rapids Mich
Chap. J. M. Warren	Olivet Mich
Surg. D. H. Lamy	Eaton Rapids Mich

a vote of thanks was given to Mayor Custer and the Citizens for the Royal entertainment given the Encampment.

The Commander appointed Wm M. Beckman, as Ex Com.

The following Posts registered as follows.

J. B. Braimard Post	111	=	78	
A. S. Williams	40	=	20	
Tim Lewis	107	=	24	
Bellvue	213	=	6	
Vermontville	163	=	6	
Pattsville	326	=	4	
Sunfield	288	=	5	
Hot Ledge	108	=	2	= 145



Recd from J. D. Butler.	\$ 40.26
Recd from all sources.	106.48
Total receipts.	<u>\$ 146.74</u>
Disbursements.	<u>\$ 96.74</u>
Total on hand.	\$ 50.00

A B Foubert Lt Col  
 Estu Co Battalion  
 Dated at Baton Rouge Mich. Feb 3 1909

I hereby have the Honor to turn  
 over the Command of the Baton County  
 Batt. to Col. Eli Cook.  
 I wish to thank my assistants for  
 their help in my time of need.  
 Respectfully Submitted.

A B Olmsted  
 Col. Comdg.

H. J. Mithorn  
 Adjt.



In accordance with General Order No. 1. from Battalion Headquarters. The Council of Administration. Met in the Post Room of A. S. Williams Post No. 40 L. A. R. in the City of Charlotte. on Saturday May 22. 1909.

The meeting was called to order by Eli Cook. Colonel Commanding Battalion.

The following officers were present.

Eli Cook Colonel - Andrew Gray Lt. Col.

C. F. Fuller Major - N. S. Drained Adj. G.

Posts represented.

Charlotte	A. S. Williams Post No: 40.	3 Delegates
Dumontal	Tom Lewis	" 107 - 3
Go Ledge	Earl Halbert	" 108 - 2 "
E. Rofide	Jas. B. Drained	" 111 - 3 "
Mulliken	Geo. Cryderman	" 112 - 0
Vermontville	Ed Dwight	" 163 - 1 "
Belleme	J. B. Mason	" 213 - 1 "
Clinton	James Clark	" 275 - 0 "
Sunfield	J. W. Grinnell	" 283 - 2 "
Patterson	O. S. Jackson	" 316 - 0 - 15

The Adjutant's report was read and on Motion approved.

On motion of Commodore Milburn The officers were authorized to furnish everything that in their judgement may be needed.

Commodore Allen Moved that it was the sense of this meeting, that the Colonel should by Gen. Order, request each Post in the Battalion to report to the Battalion Adjutant the names of those in their respective posts who have died since the last encampment together with such history of their services as may seem appropriate Motion Carried -



Comrade Milburn moved that the duty of the Memorial Committee turn over his Record Book to the Battalion Adj. and Comrade Pray moved as a substitute that the Committee be continued and the Adjutant receive reports from posts and transmit the same to the Memorial Com. for record. and that they report to the next meeting of the Battalion -  
The substitute was adopted =

On motion of Comrade Pray. it was voted that the next encampment be held at Eaton Rapids on the week of Aug. 23.

1909 -

After informal discourse in the meeting adjourned -  
N. D. Drained Adjutant

Business Meeting of the Eaton County Battalion S. A. R. held at Camp Custer - Grand Army Park. City of Eaton Rapids - Thursday Aug. 26 - 1909  
The Colonel Commanding, Eli Cook in the Chair -

Present. Col. Cook - Lt. Col. Pray  
Mason Fuller - Chaplain Warren - R. M. Norton

The following Posts were represented  
Post No. 40 - by Commander + 2 delegates

107 -	"	2 "
111 -	"	2 "
163 -		1 "
213 -		2 "
275		1

Posts No. 108 - 112 - 283 + 326 not represented

On motion it was voted that blue Posts were not represented by regular appointed delegates - the members of said Posts, present



to be permitted to act as delegates from their posts.

The Adjutant's report was read and on motion placed on file.

The report of the Memorial Committee was read, and on motion accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Lt. Col. Pray the Roll of Posts, were called for officers, for location of next encampment no officers being given.

Commander Bulman moved that the next encampment be held in Grand Army Park, City of Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Austin on behalf of the Citizens of Eaton Rapids City extended an invitation to meet again in this City.

The motion of Commander Bulman was unanimously adopted.

Commander Warren Post No. 40 moved that the Adjutant be instructed to convey the thanks of the Battalion to the Mayor and Common Council and through them to the citizens, for the loyal manner in which they were entertained while in camp in the City. - adopted

On motion of Commander Bulman the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballots of the meeting, for the present officer as they appear for the coming year. The motion adopted and vote so cast.

On motion a vote of thanks was given to the Battalion officers for their efficient service in this encampment.

Adjutant

W. D. Branard

Adjutant



Roster 1910

- 40 A. A. Williams Post no 40 Charlotte  
 Com - F. S. Warren - Charlotte  
 Adjt. Geo F. Gardner " ✓
- 107 Jim Lewis Post no 107 Primmdale  
 Com - Andrew Pray - R.F.D. #2 "  
 Adjt. - O. G. Andrews - " °
- 108 Earl Halbert Post no. 108 Grand Edge  
 Com - John C. Clark " °  
 Adjt - J. W. Flemming " °
- 111 James B. Brannell Post no 111 Eaton Rapids  
 Com - Chas B Fowler " °  
 Adjt - H. J. Milbourn " °
- 112 John Bryderman Post no. 112 Mulliken  
 Com - Pomeroy Kaufeld " °  
 Adjt - L. H. Hicos Ed. Edge °
- 163 Ed Dwight Post = 163. Vermontville  
 Com - D. M. Purchan " °  
 Adjt - M. J. Horvick " °
- 213 J. B. Mason Post = 213 Bellvue  
 Comd. Alex. McKenzie " °  
 Adjt - Wm Hawley " 1
- 275 Lewis Clark Post = 275 Olivet  
 Comd. H. D. Lamphere " °  
 Adjt. M. A. Hayes " °
- 283 S. W. Grinnell Post = 283 Sunfield  
 Comd. William Edwins Woodbury °  
 Adjt. E. W. Taylor Sunfield °
- 326 A. D. Jackson Post = 326 Pottsville  
 Comd. A. P. Goodman " °  
 Adjt - J. M. Henderson " 2



1910  
 The Council of Administration  
 met in the A. B. Wilkerson Post Room  
 G.A.R. Charlotte June 11<sup>th</sup> 1910. 1<sup>st</sup> P.M.  
 The Colonel Commanding, Eli  
 Cook, in the Chair

Present - Col Cook - Major Fuller  
 & Mr. Norton<sup>sr</sup> & Adjt Brannin -  
 The Roll of Delegates were  
 called Present from -

Charlotte - Post, No. 40.		3 Delegates
Eaton Rapids	" 111	2 "
Bellvue	" 213	1
Pottersville	" 326	2

On motion of Comrade Allen it was  
 voted that Eaton Rapids furnish  
 food, water, straw & tents for the coming  
 encampment

On motion it was voted to hold  
 the encampment at Eaton Rapids  
 on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August - 1910  
 and continue the balance of the week.  
 The business meeting to be held on  
 Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock. A.M.  
 also the Battalion officers to the committee  
 of arrangements

after remarks by Comrade  
 Norton - Bellvue - Brannin - Merritt &  
 others

Adjourned  
 R. D. Brannin  
 Adjt



Business Meeting of the Eaton  
County Battalion held at Camp  
Frank Brainerd - Grand Army  
Park, Eaton Rapids. Wednesday  
Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1910. at 10. A.M.

of Col. Eli Cook in the Chair.  
Present - Col. Cook, Lt Col. Gray  
Major Fuller, L. M. Norton, Sgt.  
Brainerd and

2	Delegates from Post 40. Charlotte
2	" " " 107 - Drimondale
3	" " " 111 - Eaton Rapids
1	" " " 112 - Mulliken
1	" " " 163 - Vermontville
7	" " " 213 - Bellevue
1	" " " 326 - Potterville

On motion it was voted  
that any comrade present, be  
permitted to represent his post,  
if no regularly appointed delegate  
be present.

The Adjutant's report was  
read and approved.

The Quarter Master's report  
read and returned placed on file -  
Amount paid from L. M. 1908 - "50."  
" " " from Encampment 1909 81.77  
Expended for Badges and 113 1.77  
Other expenses 79.77  
Balance on hand \$52.00  
56

An Invitation was extended by  
Comrade Shattuck, Lansing Post -  
and President of Ingham County Soldiers  
& Sailors Association, to join with  
them in forming a Tri County Association  
(Eaton - Ingham & Clinton Counties) and  
asked if a committee to meet  
with them in Lansing Sept 14<sup>th</sup> to  
further consider the matter -



The Chain appointed Comrade  
Allen Post 40 - Fowler Post 111  
and Fuller Post 163. as such Com.

On motion of Comrade F. G.  
Harrin it was voted to hold  
the next encampment at Eolia  
Rapids.

On motion of Comrade C. B. Fowler  
it was voted to re-elect the old  
officers for the ensuing year.

A vote of Thanks was then  
unanimously voted to the officers  
of the Battalion for their faithful  
services during the past year -

Adjutant -  
A. W. Brainerd  
Adj't

#### PROGRAM

The following is a brief program for the encampment week:

#### Tuesday, August 23rd

Making camp and getting ready for a good time. Camp fire in the evening.

#### Wednesday, August 24th

10:00 a. m. - Business meeting.

2:00 p. m. - Address of welcome, Mayor Littell. Response by ~~Chaplain~~ J. M. Warren. 7/6

3:00 p. m. - Reception to Department Commander, Sam'l J. Lawrence.

7:30 p. m. - Address by Department Commander Lawrence and A. A. Gen'l Wyckoff.

#### Thursday, August 25th

10:00 a. m. - Citizens' meeting in which short addresses will be given by prominent citizens.

1 p. m. - ~~Short parade~~ by encampment, escorted by U. R. K. P., led by the city band. Rain

2 p. m. - Address by Hon. J. M. C. Smith, of Charlotte, and Hon. Washington Gardner.

7 p. m. - ~~Camp Fire~~ by the "Old Boys." Rain.

#### Friday, August 26th

Free-for-all, with boat excursion on Grand River, and exhibition drill by the U. R. K. P. in the evening.

#### Saturday, August 27th

Breaking camp and hiking time.

The camp is lighted by electricity, and a flowing well furnishes cool, sparkling and healthgiving water. Come and spend a week away from dull care.

By order of

W. D. BRAINERD, Adjutant

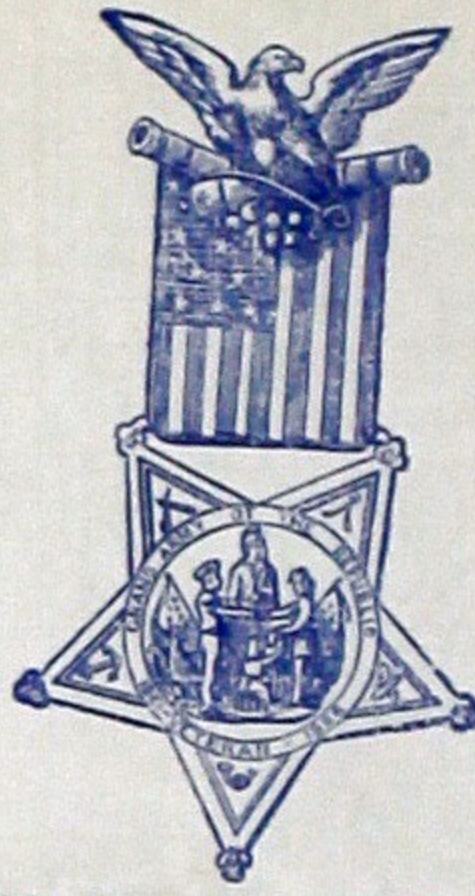
ELI COOK, Colonel Commanding



**ELI COOK, Eaton Rapids,  
Colonel.**

**ANDREW PRAY, Dimondale,  
Lt. Colonel.**

**C. F. FULLER, Vermontville,  
Major.**



**G. W. NORTON, Eaton Rapids  
Quarter Master.**

**F. G. WARREN, Charlotte,  
Chaplain.**

**D. H. LONG, Eaton Rapids,  
Surgeon.**

## HEADQUARTERS Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.

EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, JULY 19, 1911.

### GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

The 28th Annual Encampment of the Eaton County Battalion, G. A. R., will be held in the City of Eaton Rapids, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th days of August, 1911.

The Camp will be located in "Grand Army Park" and will be designated as Camp Wilkins.

Tents, straw, wood and water will be furnished on the grounds free. Stable room, with or without feed for horses at a small cost.

As the Camp is located in the center of the city, meals can be had at the various hotels and restaurants, if desired. Stoves will be on Park for cooking.

Adjutants of the several Posts in the Battalion are requested to send to the Adjutant of the Battalion, H. J. Milbourn, a list of their Comrades who have died since our last Battalion encampment, with their age, service, and such other incidents connected with their history as may seem appropriate for record. Such lists should be sent by the 1st of August, so that the Memorial committee can be ready to report at the encampment.

Comrade C. B. Fowler, Post No. 111, is hereby appointed Q. M. Sergeant, and Comrade D. M. Beman, of the same Post, is appointed Sergeant Major.

All wishing tents Saturday, August 5th, can be supplied by notifying the Adjutant. Union Vesper Services on the Park, at 5:00 p. m., Sunday, August 6th

Department Commander George W. Stone and Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, of Lansing will be present. Good speakers will be in attendance.

Tuesday afternoon and evening is assigned to A. S. Williams Post, No. 40, of Charlotte.

Wednesday, at 10:30 a. m., address by Mayor Littell; response by F. G. Warren. 1:00 p. m., short parade by encampment; 2:00 p. m., address; 7:30 p. m., camp fire by the Old Boys.

Thursday is Citizens' Day. Farmers' Picnic; look out for fun.

Friday—Business Meeting of Battalion at 9:45, for location of next encampment and election of officers.

All musical arrangements are under the direction of W. Scott Munn during the entire week. The different Posts bring along your fifers and drummers.

H. J. MILBOURN, Adjutant.

ELI COOK, Colonel Commanding.

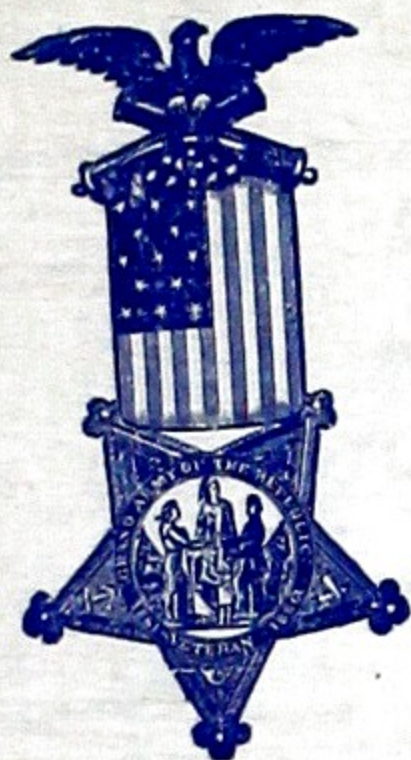


ELI COOK, Eaton Rapids,  
Colonel

ANDREW PRAY Dimondale,  
Lt. Colonel

C. F. FULLER, Vermontville,  
Major

H. J. MILBOURN, Eaton Rapids,  
Adjutant



G. W. NORTON, Eaton Rapids,  
Quarter Master

J. M. WARREN, Deceased,  
Chaplain

D. H. LONG, Eaton Rapids,  
Surgeon

## HEADQUARTERS

# Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.

*Edam.*

Eaton Rapids, Michigan,

1911

### General Order No. 1

At the annual encampment of the Eaton County Battalion, held in the City of Eaton Rapids, August 24-26, 1910, I was the recipient of the unusual honors of being selected, for the third time, to assume command of the Battalion, from which I may assume that my services in the past are satisfactory to my comrades of the Battalion. I desire to assure you, my comrades, that I shall endeavor, with the help of the patriotic citizens of Eaton Rapids, to make the coming encampment the most enjoyable one yet held.

### Second

Comrade H. J. Milbourn, Post No. 111, is appointed Adjutant of the Battalion for the ensuing year, 1911, and will be obeyed as such.

### Third

The Council of Administration, consisting of the Battalion officers, the Post commanders, and two delegates from each Post, will meet in A. S. Williams' Post rooms, Charlotte, on Saturday June 17, 1911, at 1:30 p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them. Every Post should be represented. Remember the date.

By order of

Official

H. J. MILBOURN, Adjutant.

ELI COOK, Commanding.

*Comrade H. J. Milbourn was elected to per  
takeover in office of Chaplain  
H. J. Milbourn Adj.*



June 17, 1911

Pursuant to the order of  
Hd Qrs Eaton Co Batt<sup>m</sup> The following  
named Comrades met in  
A. S. Williams Post Rooms.

Charlotte Ulrich...

Col. Eli Cook.

Lt. Col. Andrew Gray.

Maj. - Fuller.

Lt. M. Geo. W. Norton.

Adjt. H. J. Diebmann

The following Posts were represented

Post 40	Charlotte,	2	Delegato
" 107	Dunsmuir	3	"
" 104	Red Ledge		
" 111	E. R. Lee	3	"
" 112	Mulliken		
" 163	Vermontville	3	"
" 213	Bellevue	1	"
" 275	Olivet		
" 283	Sumfield		
" 324	Patterson		

Present 18. Members of the Council.

M + S that the encampment be held  
the week of Aug. 8-11

M + S that the Lt. M. send certain no of  
badges to each post in the Co. for sale.  
Motion Carried

Batt<sup>m</sup> to furnish wood Tents + Straw.

M + S that the Col. and Quartermaster Post. be  
authorized to make all arrangements  
for the Encampment.  
Motion Carried

Comrade F. A. Warren was elected to fill  
vacancy in office of Chaplain  
H. J. Diebmann Adjt



August 11<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Business Meeting of the Eaton  
County Battalion. Met. at 10<sup>30</sup> A.M.  
at Camp S.M. Wilkins S.A.R. Park

Present

	Col. Eli Cook	Surg. D.H. Long	
	Lt. Col. Andrew Bray	2nd Lieut. Norton	
	Major C.F. Fuller	Adjt. H.J. Wilbourn	
	Chap. F.G. Warren	Aud.	
3	Delegates from A.S. Wilkins	Post 40	
3	" "	Tom Lewis Post.	107
3	" J.B. Bramerd	"	111
1	" Vermontville	"	163
2	" Bellevue	"	213
1	" Sunfield		283
1	" Pattenville		324

The Adjutant report read and  
approved

Quartermasters report read and  
reporting as follows. on hand from 1910

	\$51.50
Rec <sup>d</sup> from all sources	79.40
Expenses for 1911	\$130.90
	83.90
On hand 1911 =	\$47.00

Mayor Custer and H.H. Hamilton gave in  
behalf of the Citizens of Eaton Rapids such  
an invitation to come to Eaton Rapids next year  
F.G. Warren in behalf of Charlotte Business  
mens. Association, to come to Charlotte  
N.P. Bateman. Moved that the next meeting  
be held in Eaton Rapids. Mich. F.G. Warren  
Substituted it be held in Charlotte  
After duly considering the matter  
it was voted. V 16 to H. to  
come to Eaton Rapids. 1912

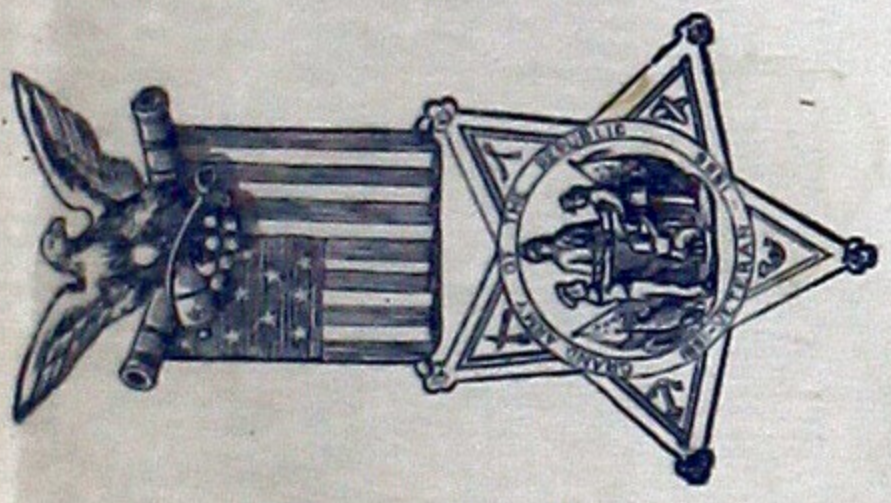
The next order of business being  
the Election of Officers.



Resulted as follows

Col.	Alougo, Cheney.	Eaton Rapids
Lt Col.	Jacobus Umbarger	Charlotte
Maj.	Frank Milbourn	Patterville
Surg.	Louis A Snell.	Charlotte

J. UMBARGER, Lieut. Col., Charlotte; FRANK MILBOURN, Maj., Pottersville; C. B. FOWLER, O. M. Eaton Rapids; L. A. SNELL, Surgeon, Charlotte; D. H. LONG, M. D., Chaplain, Eaton Rapids.



Headquarters Eaton County Battalion,

G. A. R.

J. M. PUTNAM, Adjutant.

A. CHENEY, Colonel.

EATON RAPIDS, MICH., May 15<sup>th</sup> 1912

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.**

First: To the Officers and Members of the Battalion We Extend Greeting.

Second: The Council of Administration meets in the A. S. Williams Post Room, in the city of Charlotte, Tuesday, the 7th day of June, 1912, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Council. We are very desirous that there should be a full attendance as questions of interest and importance are to be discussed. The Council consists of Battalion Officers, Post Commanders and two Delegates from each Post. Please report the names of your Delegates to the Adjutant as soon as possible.

By order of

J. M. PUTNAM, Adjutant.

A. CHENEY, Col. Commanding.

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Resulted as follows

Col.	Alongo Cheney.	Eaton Rapids
Lt Col.	James Amburger	Charlotte
Maj.	Frank Milbourn	Pattersonville
Surg.	Louis A. Snell.	Charlotte
Chap.	F. G. Warren	

The Col. chose C. B. Fowler as. L. M. and was confirmed by the meeting.

C. B. Fowler, Geo B Noble + C. F. Fuller was appointed finance Committee for 1911.

Comrade Lye. was Elected one of the Memorial Committee in place of C. A. Hellmbeck = Deceased

Vote of thanks was unanimous for the Citizens of Eaton Rapids for their help and presence. Also to the Officers of the Batt<sup>y</sup> for their untiring efforts to make the meeting a success.

I hereby have the honor to turn over the command of the Eaton County to Col. Alongo Cheney. I wish to thank my assistants for their help in my time of need.  
Respectfully.

A. J. Milbourn  
Adj. S.

Oli Cook  
Col. Comd'g

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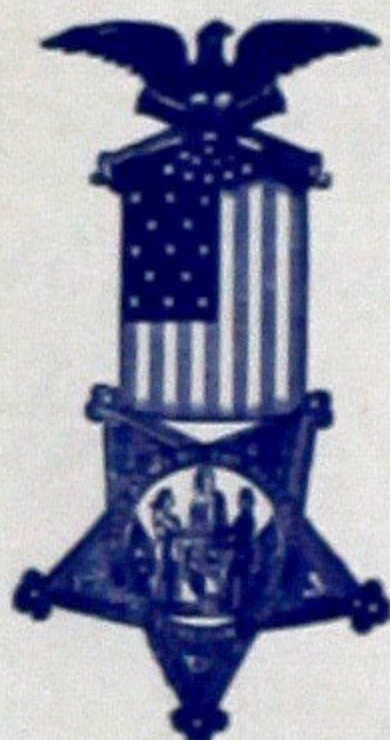


ALONZO CHENEY, Eaton Rapids  
Colonel

JAMES UMBARGER, Charlotte  
Lt. Colonel

L. R. WARNER, Potterville  
Major

J. M. PUTNAM, Eaton Rapids  
Adjutant



DR. LEWIS A. SNELL, Charlotte  
Surgeon

F. G. WARREN, Charlotte  
Chaplain

C. B. FOWLER, Eaton Rapids  
Quartermaster

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**Eaton County Battalion, G. A. R.**

**Eaton Rapids, Michigan**

**General Order No. 3**

The twenty-ninth annual encampment of the Eaton County Battalion, G. A. R., will be held in the city of Eaton Rapids, on the 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th of July, 1912. Camp will be located on G. A. R. Park and will be designated as Camp True. Tents, straw, wood and water will be furnished on the grounds free, stoves will be on the grounds for cooking. Adjutants of the several Posts are requested to send to the Adjutant of the Battalion, J. M. Putnam, a list of their comrades who have died since our last encampment. Write names plainly, with their age, service and such other history as may seem necessary; such list should be sent us by the 10th of July so that the memorial committee can be ready to report at the encampment.

Comrade H. B. Olmstead of Post No. 111, is hereby appointed Sergeant  
Major.

Good speakers will be in attendance. Wednesday will be Citizens' Day.

**ALONZO CHENEY, Colonel**

**J. M. PUTNAM, Adjutant**



Gen orders No 1

Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912

H. B. Olmsted Having Resigned his  
 Office as Adjutant of The Eaton County  
 Battalion on account of sickness  
 I Hereby appoint J. M. Putnam Battalion  
 Adjutant to fill the vacant office

Alonso Cheney  
 Col

At the Council of administration Held in  
 as Williams Post Rooms on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1912  
 L. R. Warner was appointed Maj to fill vacancy  
 caused by the Resignation of Colonel  
 Frank Milbourn

J. M. Putnam Adjutant



June 7<sup>th</sup> 1912

Pursuant to General Orders No. 2 Head  
Quarters Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.  
The officers and delegates met in A. S. Williams  
Post Rooms in the City of Charlotte Mich  
at 2 o'clock P.M.

The Following Officers were Present

Col Alanzo Cheney

Post Master Charles Fowler

Chaplain J. S. Warren Adjutant J. M. Putnam

The Following Posts were Represented

" G. B. Brainerd Post No 111	—	3
" Charlotte	.. .. 40	— 2
" Dimondale	.. .. 107	— 2
" Grand Ledge	.. .. 108	— 2
" Muliken	.. .. 112	—
" Remondville	.. .. 143	—
" Bellvue	.. .. 213	—
" Olivet	.. .. 275	—
" Sunfield	.. .. 283	—
" Potterville	.. .. 324	—

M & S. That that the Encampment of the  
Battalion Be held July 23<sup>d</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

Motion Carried

M & S That G. B. Brainerd Post and the Officers  
of the Battalion arrange the Program and  
make arrangements for the Encampment

Motion Carried

M & S That The commanders of the several Posts  
of the County or delegates from said Posts meet  
in Eaton Rapids to confer with Officers of  
the Battalion and G. B. Brainerd Post to  
arrange Program for the Encampment

Motion Carried

M & S That the meeting of the Council adjourn

Motion Carried

J. M. Putnam  
Adjutant



July 25<sup>th</sup> 1912

The Business Meeting of the Eaton County  
Battalion met at 9:45<sup>am</sup> at court. True  
G. R. Park. The Following Officers of The  
Battalion were Present

Col Alongo Cherry

Lt Col James Mumbarger

Major L. R. Warner

Adjt G. M. Putnam

Quat Master Chas Fowler

The Several Posts of the County were Represented  
as follows No of Delegates Present 14

Charlotte Post No 40	-	2	2
Diamondale .. ..	107	-	2
Grand Ledge .. ..	108	-	0
Eaton Rapids .. ..	111	-	3
Muliken .. ..	112	-	0
Vermontville .. ..	168	-	3
Bellvue .. ..	213	-	0
Oliver .. ..	275	-	0
Sunfield .. ..	283	-	1
Rollsville .. ..	326	-	3

G. B. Hendee crwd Mayor True in Behalf  
of the Citizens of Eaton Rapids Extended The  
Request For the Encampment to be Held in  
Eaton Rapids Next year

Mrs S That the commanders of Each Post have  
the Privilege to Fill Delegates from Their Posts  
if the Regular Elected Delegates are not Present  
Provided Thos appointed By him or Present  
Motion Carried

Adjutants Report Requested Read and  
approved



M + S thus the next Encampment be held  
in Eastern Provinces next year.  
Motion Carried

Elect Officers  
 Col of G. Holmes  
 Lieut Col. E. Russell of Sledge  
 Maj. Aray, W. Smart  
 Lt. Master George Weston  
 Surgeon D. Le. Long  
 Chaplain of Chaplin



ALON  
JAM  
L.  
J.

Res 5 That 30 dollars be taken  
from the Battalion fund and  
turned over to Eaton Rapids Post  
Luan Council

Res 5 that the B meeting be  
held on Thursday Sept 9 at 9.  
Washington

Fowler	50	Hole 19
Holmes	3	
Chap	1	

ed motion Fowler was Elected

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Quartermasters Report Recd and Reported  
as follows

Money on hand from 1910		\$ 51.50
Received from all sources		79.40
Expence for 1911	Total	<u>130.90</u>
		83.90
	Leaving Cash Bal of	<u>47.00</u>

It was M & S That the Encampment Be  
Held in Eaton Rapids Next year

Motion Carried

M & S That Memorial Committee be Dropped  
From the Battallion Motion Carried

M & S That the Memorial Reports from  
the Posts Be sent to the Battallion adjt and  
that the Memorial Committee turn over the  
Memorial Books to the Battallion adjt

Motion Carried

The Following Officers were Elected for  
The ensuing year

Col Chas Fowler Eaton Rapids  
Lieut Col James Umbarger Charlotte  
Maj Andrew Bray Diamondole  
Surg D. H. Long Eaton Rapids  
Chap. J. Claffin Eaton Rapids  
Quartermaster George Norton Eaton Rapids

Comrad Chas Fowler Hearing Been Elected  
Col of the Eaton County Battallion for the Ensueing  
year I share the Pleasure and Honor to Turn over  
The Command of the Eaton County Battallion S.A.R  
To so worthy Comrad I wish to thank the Officers  
and Comrads of the Battallion for their help in  
my time of Need.

J. M. Putnam  
adjt

Respectfully

Alanzo Cheney  
Col Eaton Co Battallion



Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion  
G. A. R. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1912  
I here by appoint J. W. Putnam Battalion  
Adjt

A. B. Fambler, Col



Edon Co Battalion Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912

Amount on hand Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912

Sale of Badges

4700

5193

8993

Dyeing	370
Band and Tagging	420
Inspecting tents Carniss	100
going to Henry for tents	194
B H Luster Ribbon and Pins	896
Printing orders and Program	601
Desk Blake for stream	573
Printing Programs	369
Printing Badges	250
garnes Case	200
George Nables	200
H P Webster and sons	650
Brought on tents	370
	<u>5193</u>

Received from M to B Faulk

\$4817

By order of,

J. M. PUTNAM,  
Adjutant.

CHARLES B. FOWLER,  
Colonel Commanding.

Postage 25c  
JH



JAMES UMBARGER, Charlotte  
Lt. Colonel

ANREW PRAY, Dimondale  
Major

J. PUTNAM, Eaton Rapids  
Adjutant



GEORGE WORTON, Eaton Rapids  
Quartermaster

D. H. LONG, Eaton Rapids  
Surgeon

REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids  
Chaplain

HEADQUARTERS  
EATON COUNTY BATTALION, G. A. R.  
EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, JUNE 13, 1913.

FIRST—To the Officers and Members of the Battalion, We Extend Greeting.

SECOND—The Council of Administration will meet in A. S. Williams Post Rooms, in the City of Charlotte, on Tuesday, July 8th, 1913, at one o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Council.

We are very desirous that there shall be a full attendance, as questions of interest and importance are to be discussed.

The Council consists of Battalion Officers, Post Commanders and Two Delegates from each Post. Please report the names of delegates from each Post to the Adjutant as soon as possible.

By order of,

J. M. PUTNAM,  
Adjutant.

CHARLES B. FOWLER,  
Colonel Commanding.

Postage 25c  
JPH



July 8<sup>th</sup> 1918

Pursuant to General Order No 1  
Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.  
The Officers and Delegates met in A. S. Williams  
Post Rooms in the City of Charlotte on Tuesday  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 at 1 O'clock P. M.

The Following Officers of the Battalion were  
Present  
Lieut Col James Lambarger  
Quartermaster George Horton  
Adj. J. M. Postmann

The Posts of the County were Represented as  
Follows

Charlotte Post No 40	Commander and 2 Delegates
Eaton Rapids .. .. 111	Commander .. 2 .. ..
Wesmontville .. .. 163	1 .. ..

The Meeting was called to order By Lieut Col  
Lambarger  
as no Business came before the Meeting it  
was M + S that the Meeting adjourn  
Motion carried  
J. M. Postmann Battalion Adj. G.



Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1913

The Business Meeting of the Eaton County  
Battalion A. S. R. Met at 9.30 a.m. at Camp  
Cook. The Meeting was called to order By  
Col Fowler

The Following Officers of the Battalion were  
Present

Col Chas Fowler  
Lieut Col James Amthanger  
Quartermaster George Norton  
adpt J. M. Putnam  
Sergeant Eli Cook  
Out Sergeant George Noble

The Posts of the County were Represented as  
follows

Post No 111	Eaton Rapids	Delegates	3
" "	40 Charlotte	"	2
" "	107 Diamonddale	"	3
" "	143 Vermontville	"	2
Total No of Delegates Present			11

The adpts Report Read and approved

The Quartermaster Reported as follows  
amount of money on hand Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912 \$ 47  
Received from sale of Badges

5-1 99  
\$ 98.99

Disbursements

5-1 99

\$ 47.00

The Report filed on Page 114

Leaving a Balance



It was M + S That the Encampment Be  
Held in Eaton Rapids Next year  
Motion carried

The Election of Officers was the Next Business  
Which Resulted as Follows

Col John Putnam Eaton Rapids  
Lieut Col James Cummings Charlotte  
Maj N. P. Bateman Dimondale  
Quar Master George Norton Eaton Rapids  
Surge D. H. Long Eaton Rapids  
Chaplain Rev. J. Claffin Eaton Rapids

It was M + S That the Memorial Records  
be discontinued Motion carried

M + S That the Council of Administration  
Meetings be discontinued Motion carried

M + S That all the arrangements of the  
Battalion Encampments be left in charge  
of the Battalion Officers Motion carried

M + S That a Detach Be sent from  
Each Post to Help Erect the Tent and get  
the Camp Ready at the Battalion Encampments  
Motion carried

A Motion By Conrad Cook Whether the Battalion  
was favorable to the Erecting a Monument on  
G. A. R. Park The Motion Was amended By  
Conrad Fowler so that the Monument should  
be Battalion G. A. R. Park the Motion was  
S as amended and Carried

M + S That the Meeting adjourn  
Motion carried

J. M. Putnam Battalion Adjt



1913

Comrad John M. Putnam having been  
 Elected Col of the Eaton County Battalion G.S.  
 I have the Pleasure and Honor of Turning over  
 The command of the Battalion to Comrad  
 Putnam I wish to thank the Officers and  
 Comrads of the Battalion for their assistance  
 and support During my term of office

L B Faulk Col

Head Quarters Eaton County Battalion  
 Eaton Rapids Mich Sep 27<sup>th</sup> 1913  
 Comrad J. J. Holmes of J. B. Brainard Post No. 111  
 is hereby appointed Battalion adjutant for  
 the ensuing year  
 John M. Putnam, Col Commanding

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1914  
 Comrad H. B. Ormstead of ~~Post~~ J. B. Brainard  
 Post No. 111 is hereby appointed  
 Sargt Major.

Comrad Geo Nobles of J. Brainard Post 111  
 is hereby appointed  
 Unt. Sargt.



July 31<sup>st</sup> - 1914

The business meeting of the Catron County Battalion G. A. R. met at 9.45 a. m., at camp Quince. The meeting was called to order by Col. J. M. Putman.

The following officers of the Battalion were present.

Col. J. M. Putman.  
 Capt. Wm. James Umbarger.  
 Quarter Master George Norton.  
 Adj. J. J. Johnson.  
 Sgt. Maj. H. B. Ormstead.  
 Det. Sgt. George Noller.

The Posts of the county present were as follows:

Post No 40	Charlotte	Delegates	2
" " 111	Catron Rapide	"	3
" " 107	Simon Lake	"	2
" " 163	Vermontville	"	2
Total No of Delegates Present			9

The Adj. report read and approved.

The Quarter Master reported as follows:

Amount turned over from 1913	\$ 58.31
Received from sale of bedges & straw	\$ 67.29
Amount on hand	\$ 60.39
Total Disbursements	65.21

It was moved and seconded that the next encampment be held at Catron Rapide, <sup>concord.</sup>

The election of officers was the next order of business with the following result.



Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1915

The Business Meeting of the Cator County  
Battalion met at 9:30<sup>am</sup> at Camp Topeliff  
The Meeting was called to order by Col  
George Noble

The Following Officers of the Battalion were  
Present  
Col George B. Noble  
Lieut Col Chas Fuller  
Adj G. M. Putnam  
Quartermaster Eli Cook  
Sargent Major H. B. Christen  
Quartermaster Sargent D. M. Benson  
Surgeon D. N. Long  
Chaplain John Staffin

Delegates Present from the Posts of  
the County were as follows

Post No 107	Diamondale	No of Delegates	2
.. .. 111	Cator Rapids	.. .. .	3
.. .. 283	Sunfield	.. .. .	1
Whole number of Delegates			<u>6</u>

Adj's Report Read and approved

Quartermasters Report Read and approved

M + S That the next Encampment Be  
held in Cator Rapids next year  
Motion Carried

The Next order of Business was the  
Election of Officers for the Ensnuing year  
with the following result



Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1915

Col John Thompson	Eaton Rapids
Lieut Col Percy Everson	" " " "
Major E. O. Russell	Grand Ledge
Surgeon D. W. Loring	Eaton Rapids
Chaplain John Chaplin	Eaton Rapids

The Col Elect made the following appoint<sup>nts</sup>

Quartermaster George Norton Eaton Rapids  
 adjt H. B. Christed Eaton Rapids

Motion made by C. Fuller of Vermontville that the Business meeting of the Battalion be held on the second day of the Encampment after some debate the motion was withdrawn

M + S that Hon J. M. C. Smith  
 Hon Huntley Russell and Edward Dingley  
 Be made Honorary Members of the Battalion

Motion Carried  
 M + S that we adjourn motion carried

Comrad John Thompson having been Elected Col of the Eaton County Battalion G. A. R. I have the Pleasure and honor of turning over the Command of the Eaton County Battalion to so worthy a Comrad I wish to thank the Officers and Comrads of the Battalion for their help and support during my term as commander of the Battalion

Geo. B. Noble Col

J. M. Putnam Battalion adjt



Eaton Rapids Mich Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1914

Comrad J J Holmes having been  
elected Col of the Eaton County  
Battalion I take pleasure in turning  
over the command of the Battalion to  
Comrad Holmes

John Tompson



Eaton Rapids Mich Aug 9-1917

The Business Meeting of the Eaton County Battalion S.A.R. was held on G.S.R. Park at 11 O'clock a.m. The Meeting was called to order by Col J.J. Holmes

No of Delegates Present was as follows

Charlotte Post No. 40	2
Dinwiddale . . . . . 107	2
Grand Ledge . . . . . 108	1
Eaton Rapids . . . . . 111	3
Summitville . . . . . 109	3

Whole No of Delegates Present 11

Adpts Report Read and approved

Quartermasters Report Read and approved The Quartermasters Report was as follows

Money Received	149.79
.. Paid out	118.01
Balance	<u>31.78</u>

A Request By H. Hermitton + S. Hamlin for the Eaton County Battalion to hold the next meeting in Eaton Rapids

It was M + S that the next Battalion meeting be held in Eaton Rapids  
Motion carried

M + S that we Proceed to Elect officers for the Battalion for the ensuing year  
Motion carried



Following is the Result of the  
Election of Officers

Col Alonzo Cherry Eaton Rapids  
Lieut Col Aley Smart Charlotte  
Maj Chas Fuller Vermontville  
Sergeant Dr D H Long Eaton Rapids  
Chaplain Rev John Chaplin Eaton Rapids

M & S that we extend a vote of  
thanks to the Officers & Citizens  
of the City of Eaton Rapids for its  
cordial welcome and kindness  
extended to the G. A. R.

Motion carried

Command L. C. Evans of Post No 111  
is hereby appointed ~~Commander~~<sup>Sergeant</sup>  
of the Battalion for the ensuing  
year and will be obeyed as such  
Alonzo Cherry  
Col

Command H. B. Christed of Post No 111  
is hereby appointed adjutant of the  
Eaton County Battalion for the  
ensuing year and will be obeyed as  
such  
Alonzo Cherry  
Col

M & S. that we adjourn

Motion carried

J. M. Putnam adjt



Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1917

Comrade Along Sherry having been elected Col. of the Eaton County Battalion G.A.R. I have the pleasure and honor of turning over the command to so worthy a comrade, I wish at this time to thank all the officers and comrades that helped in any way to make the Battalion week a successful meeting for the comrades and citizens and friends, I want to thank you again for your help and support.

Yours in F. & G.

J. J. Johnson Col.

Heat In Eaton Co Battalion  
Oct 17 1917

Having him elected Col  
of Eaton Co Battalion I hereby  
assume command H. B. Comstock  
is here by appointed Sgt and Will  
B observed as sutch

Along Sherry

Col



Eaton Rapids Mich August 8<sup>th</sup> 1918

the Business meeting of the Eaton County Battalion S.A.R. was held on S.A.R. Park at 2 o'clock P.M. the meeting was called to order by Col Alonzo Cheever  
No. of Delegates present was as follows

Charlotte Post	No 40	2	✓
Diamondale "	" 107	2	✓
Grand Ledge "	" 108	1	✓
Eaton Rapids "	" 111	3	
Vermontville "	" 143	3	✓

Adjutant's report read and approved

Quartermaster's read and approved

A request from the Citizens of Eaton Rapids to hold our next Battalion meeting in Eaton Rapids it was voted to have our next meeting in Eaton Rapids motion made and carried that we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year following is the result of the Officers elected

Col Ash Smaldt of Charlotte

2d Col Bent Brandel Eaton Rapids

Major Charles Fuller Vermontville

1st N.P. Bateman Diamondale

Chaplin John Claplin Eaton Rapids

Surgeon D H Long Eaton Rapids

Adj. H B Olmsted Eaton Rapids

Motion made and carried that we have two days session at our next encampment

Motion made and carried that it be left with the Eaton Rapids Post as to getting of tents or not  
motion made to adjourn motion Carried

H. B. Olmsted

Adj. S.



Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1918

Asa Smart having been elected Col.  
 of the Eaton County Battalion I.A.R. I have  
 the pleasure of turning over the Command  
 to one worthy Comrade of Charlotte  
 I wish to thank all the Comrades and  
 Citizens for their help in making the Battalion  
 meeting a successful one

Alongo Cherry ex Col



Eaton Rapids August 8<sup>th</sup> 1919  
 the Business meeting of the Eaton County Battalion  
 was called to order by Col Asa Smart  
 reading of the last meeting called for was read  
 and approved Pastmasters report called for was read  
 and approved  
 an invitation was given by one Loyal Citizen  
 H H Haralinton to hold one next Encampment  
 in Eaton Rapids motion made and carried  
 that we hold one next meeting in Eaton Rapids

motion made and carried that we proceed to  
 the election of Officers for the ensuing year  
 following is the Officers elected

Col	John Thompson	Eaton Rapids
Lt Col	Alonzo Cheney	" "
Major	Port Bateman	Dimondale
Chaplin	John Claplin	
Surgeon	Dr H D Long	



Eaton Rapids Mich Aug 6 - 1920

The Business Meeting of the Eaton Co Battalion  
G.A.R. Was called to order by John Thompson  
Col Commanding

Adpts report read and approved

Quarter Masters report read and approved

Remarks by N.H. Hamilton inviting the  
Eaton County Battalion to come to  
Eaton Rapids in 1921

M + S that the Battalion Meeting for 1921  
Be held in Eaton Rapids  
Motion Carried

M + S that we proceed to the Election of Officers  
for the ensuing year  
Motion Carried

The Result of the Election was as Follows

Col D.M. Benson	Eaton Rapids
Lieut Col Alvin Cheney	
Major Charles Knox	Pottersville
Quartermaster George Norton	Eaton Rapids
Chaplain John Claffin	Eaton Rapids
Surgeon D.A. Long	Eaton Rapids

M + S that the Meeting adjourn  
Motion Carried  
H.B. Olmsted adjt



J. D. M. Burren having been  
 Elected Col of the Eastern County Battalion  
 G.A.R. for the ensuing year I hereby  
 appoint Conrad J. M. Putnam  
 Battalion Adj. He will be obeyed as such  
 J. D. M. Burren Col  
 Commanding

L. C. Evans of Post III  
 is hereby appointed Sergeant Major  
 J. M. Putnam Battalion Adj.

John Thompson is hereby appointed  
 Quarter Master Sergeant  
 George Norton Battalion  
 Quarter Master



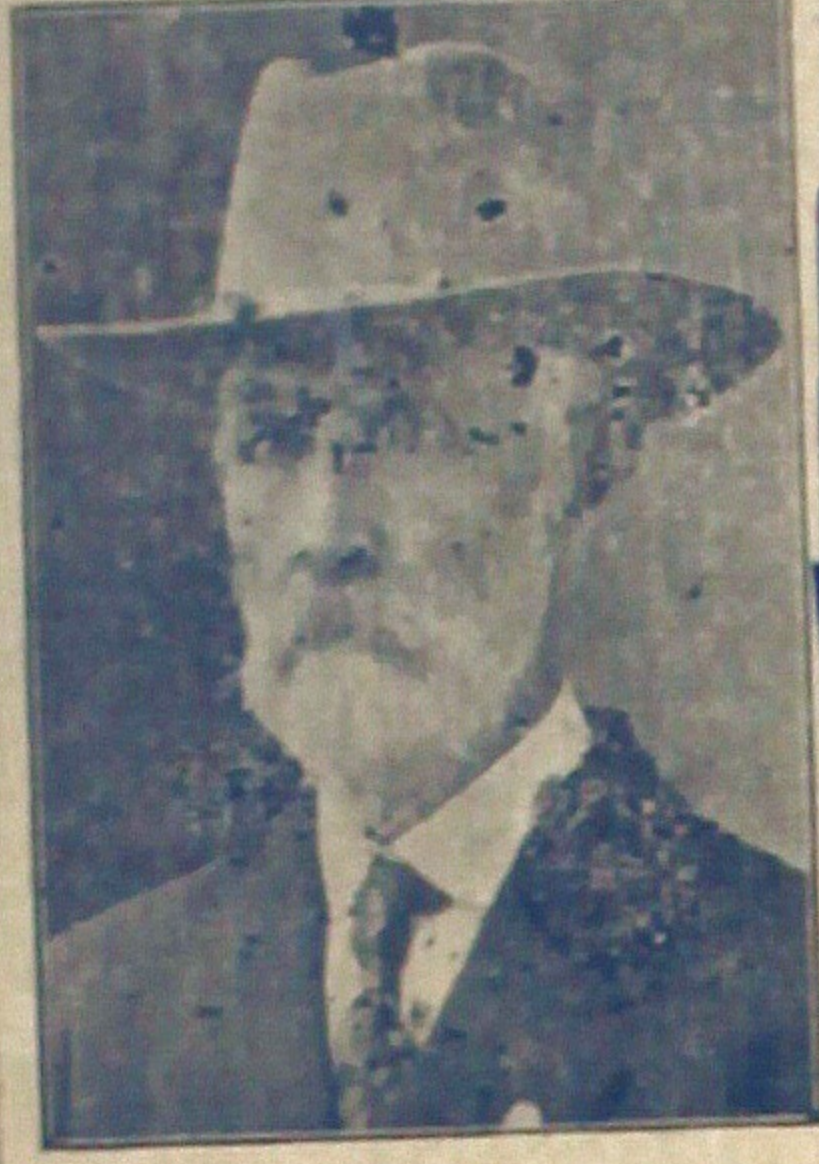




## Battalion Meet

### Old Soldiers Have Good Time Though Numbers Decrease

The Island Park was a busy place last Monday when many of the old soldiers were on hand to set up the state tents and make everything in readiness for the annual encampment of the Eaton County battalion, and long before nightfall something like fifteen tents had been pitched and straw had been furnished for bedding. Early the next morning the gas com-



Col. John Putnam

pany ran a pipe across the bridge and a range was in operation in one of the tents which was made public property and converted into a camp cook-house.

Colonel John Putnam and quartermaster George Norton were everywhere present and ably assisted by Major J. J. Holmes and other officers of the battalion during the forenoon and the women of the W. R. C. had mess prepared on schedule time, to the entire satisfaction of the sterner sex, who devoured the rations with ravenous appetites.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 in the afternoon by Col. Putnam, who introduced Rev. L. B. Hardy of the Congregational church as the first speaker. Mr. Hardy gave an eloquent address along historical and patriotic lines, and was succeeded by Rev. W. F. Jerome of the Department of State at Lansing, who had been substituted for Chas. F. DeLand because of the inability of that gentleman to be present. Mr. Jerome had served as a chaplain during the World war and saw much of the fighting in France, a vivid description of which was given. He was in Paris the next day after the armistice had been signed at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, and like all men who wore the uniform of the American army, had the experience of being surrounded by a regiment of French ladies and being kissed first on one cheek and then on the other, one for the war and one for the victory. He claimed that there were at least ten thousand of the finest ladies in France in the regiment, and that there was nothing one could do but to submit gracefully to the ordeal which was not altogether unpleasant.

Wednesday morning was greeted with the much-needed rain which the soldiers usually bring and which had been fervently prayed for by everybody; but the campers made fun of it and passed away the time in the tents with many stories of the early 60's with much relish. At noon the clouds passed away and soon the grounds were alive with people, the air was clarified by the refreshing rain, and the regular program with several additions to the list of speakers was in effect. Department Commander William Mears of Manton was on hand and gave a nice little talk, Assistant Adjutant Gen. Henry Spaulding of Lansing was drafted for a few remarks, Senior Vice, H. D. Bailey of Detroit was pulled to the platform for a speech, Huntley Russell of Grand Rapids gave one of his nice talks with a song or two, and Dr. Dickey and Major Duff gave the principal addresses. All were received with much applause and favorable comment.

At the evening campfire Charles F. Hemans was scheduled for an address which he delivered in a pleasing style and Senator G. E. McArthur was drafted from the audience for a twenty minute impromptu speech which he gave from the shoulder, explaining some of his activities in the legislature and pointing out some of the grave dangers to which this government is subjected at the present time. His remarks were warmly received by the large audience. This was followed by a fine concert by Munn's band which held the crowd till a late hour and was deeply appreciated.

"Jakie" Riegler was on hand with the same old life that he played all through the war, but because he was "a little short of wind" he couldn't blow with his old-time vigor.



J. D. M. Benson having been  
 Elected Col of the Canton County Battalion  
 G. A. R. for the ensuing year I hereby  
 appoint Conrad J. M. Putnam  
 Battalion Adj. He will be obeyed as  
 J. D. M. Benson Col  
 Commanding

L. C. Evans of Post III  
 is hereby appointed Sergeant Major  
 J. M. Putnam Battalion Adj.

John Thompson is hereby appointed  
 Quarter Master Sergeant  
 George Norton Battalion  
 Quarter Master



E Rapids Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1921

The Business Meeting of the Eaton Co  
Battalion was called to order by  
John Thompson acting Colonel

A.D.J. Report read & approved

J. B. Hamlin

J. B. Hamlin in behalf of the City  
cordially invited the Battalion to  
hold their next annual Encampment  
in E. Rapids it was joyfully approved

Motion was made to proceed to the  
Election of officers Carried

The following Officers were Elected

Col.	John Putnam	Pattersonville
Lieut.	C. B. Fowler	E-Rapids
Major	C. D. Fuller	Vermontville
S. M.	H. W. Norton	E. R
Chaplain	John Claplin	" "
Surgeon	J. D. H. Long	" "

There being no further Business  
the meeting adjourned

Battalion Delegates Appointed

John Thompson

L. D. Chapman

D. W. Beaman



Eaton Rapids Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1922

The Business Meeting of Eaton County Battalion was held in E. Rapids City Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1922 at 9<sup>30</sup> a.m. at G.A.R. Park Lieutenant Col R.B. Fowler called meeting Order - called for A.D.J report which was read<sup>2nd</sup> approved  
 D.M.S - Geo Norton report read<sup>2nd</sup> approved  
 Reported cash from preceding years<sup>2nd</sup> this year 78.00 Dollars in Treasury  
 Exclusive of this<sup>year</sup> Expense

Lieut Col R.B. Fowler called for roll call of Delegates of the County

Charlotte Post No 40.	2	Present	None
Dimondale	107	1	"
Grand Ledge		3	"
E. Rapids	111	3	3
Vermontville	163	2	2

Motion was made by C.S. Fuller of Vermontville and see Brown's same place that we hold next Battalion Encampment as usual in E. Rapids carried  
 comrade Fuller said it was the nicest place and the citizens of the best  
 The meeting then proceed to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year 2 or 3 candidates in field for Cornell C.B. Fowler having a majority was declared Elected  
 then the rules were suspended and the rest were Elected by acclamation  
 the following Officers were Elected

Col	C.B. Fowler	E. Rapids
Lieut	R. A. Grandell	"
Mag	C.S. Fuller	Vermontville
D.M.S	Geo Norton	E-R
Serg	D.H. Long	"
Chap	R.W. Hardy	"

Motion was made<sup>3rd</sup> see that we hold our Battalion meeting first Monday in August



Motion was made <sup>and</sup> see that we  
hold our Business Meeting and Election  
on Thursday at 9<sup>30</sup> A.M. instead of  
Friday the last day



1923-40 Annual Encampment  
 Eaton County Battalion Grand Army Republic  
 met on the Island in E-Rapids City  
 Aug 13 to 16<sup>th</sup> Program carried out in full  
 Agt report was read & approved  
 2.00 " " " " " "

" " reported cash on hand \$80.<sup>37</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
 after Parade. Address by Hon A.B. Williams  
 Fif<sup>th</sup> & Drum Core made plenty music  
 and very sociable time was enjoyed  
 by all and then proceeded to the Election  
 of Officers for year 1924

	Col - C. T. Hartson	E-Rapids
Lt.	" M. Cronan	Charlotte
	May C. S. Fuller	Vermontville
D.M.	" G. Norton	E-R
Surg	Dr Long	" "
Chap	Rev Claplin	" "

J. S. Hamlin as representative of  
 Mayor Hansen<sup>nd</sup> City invited the  
 Soldiers to hold their next <sup>30th</sup> Encampment  
 in Eaton Rapids  
 Motion made & see that we have our next  
 Encampment first Monday after Camp m.  
 Carried - Motion made & see that we have  
 4. four days Carried Motion made that  
 we return vote of thanks to Hon  
 A. B. Williams for his splendid address Carried  
 speeches were made by Hartson  
 Cronan<sup>nd</sup> others  
 Motion Made to Adjourn

C. I. Ennes ap



1924 44<sup>th</sup> annual Encampment  
 Eaton Leo Rotation grand army of  
 Republic Met at the G H B Park  
 any 4 to 4 lotted to order Reg  
 lot L T H column ab. Relat Reed  
 and Except  
 J R Repet lock on Hand 98 98

at 230. The comrades met in  
 line and marched down the street  
 and back to the Park and Head  
 Hatched Bate gave the dress  
 form in line 47 and 10 Jokes  
 Marched to the turn of the Pipe and Drum  
 No rest to Hatched March yet Encamped  
 at Eaton Reports the Date ~~and~~ Days  
 to Bee Dept to the Office  
 Motion that we elect the officer

Lot	Henry	Henry
Lt "	B K	Trumble
Major	L S	Fuller
Lt R	G W	Warton
Surg	G S	Taney
Chaplain	G B	Fleming

Motion Made to again  
 C B Farley



August 5,

1925

42 annual Encampment of the Eaton  
County Battalion Grand Army of the Republic  
met on the G. A. R. Park in Eaton Rapids City  
August the 3-4 and 5 and the Program carried  
out in full the adgt report <sup>and</sup> approved the  
Quartermaster report excepted and reported  
\$ 105.27 on hand

Delegates Present

Dimondale	1
Eaton Rapids	2
Vermontville	$\frac{2}{5}$

Motion that we hold the next Encampment  
in the G. A. R. Park at Eaton Rapids  
motion to proceed to elect officers and motion  
carried officers for 1926

Col	John M. Putnam
Lieut "	Charles B. Fowler
Major	Henry H. Brown
Q. M.	Geo W. Norton
Serg	John Tompson
Chap	Charles Wilber

Motion made to a jaurn and the motion  
Carried

Geo B Noble adgt



1925  
 August  
 Comrades J M Putnam  
 having been elected Col of the Eaton  
 County Battalion Grand Army of the Republic  
 I having the pleasure and honor of turning  
 over the command of the Eaton County  
 Battalion to so worthy a Comrad I wish  
 to thank the officers and Comrades of the  
 Battalion for there help and support during  
 my term as Comander of the Battalion

Harzo Cheney



August 12 1926

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Encampment of the Eaton County Battalion  
at Eaton Rapids meeting, called to order  
by the Col John M Putnam and the minutes  
of the last meeting was read and approved  
the Quartermaster's report read and inspected  
and reported \$105.80 on hand August 12

1926

## Delegates

Vermontville	2
Dimondale	2
Charlott	0
Grand Seldg	0
Belvue	0
Eaton Rapids	3
Sunfield	$\frac{2}{9}$

Motion made and seemed to proceed to  
elect officers motion carried

Col	Charles Fuller	Vermontville
1st Col	John Thompson	Eaton Rapids
major	V. P. Bateman	Dimondville
S. M.	Geo W Norton	Eaton Rapids
Sq	J. Kelly	" "
Cha	D. H. Long	" "

Motion made and carried that the 44  
Encampment to meet on Monday after the  
camp meeting and meet on the G. a. R. Park  
in Eaton Rapids



Comrad Charles Fuller  
 having been Elected Col of the Eaton County  
 Battalion Grand Army of the Republic  
 I having the pleasure and Honor  
 of turning over the Command of the Eaton  
 County Battalion to so worthy a Comrad  
 I wish to thank the Officers and Comrades  
 of the Battalion for there help and support  
 during Term as Commander of the Battalion

J. M. Putnam

There was 34 Comrades registered  
 Aug 11 1926

The Office of Quartermaster of the  
 Eaton County Battalion G. A. R. Being  
 vacant By the death of Comrad Norton  
 I here by appoint Comrad George B. Noble  
 to the Office of Battalion Quartermaster  
 Chas F Fuller Col commanding

I here by appoint J. M. Putnam Battalion  
 Adj for the ensuing year  
 Chas. F. Fuller Col



Eaton Rapids Mich Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1927  
 The Business Meeting of the Eaton Co  
 Battalion G. A. R. Meeting Called to order  
 By the Battalion Col C. F. Fuller

No of Delegates Present 10

Vermontville	1
Diamondale	1
Grand Ledge	0
Charlotte	3
Bellview	0
Sunfield	2
Eaton Rapids	3

The adpts report was read and approved

Quarter Masters Report read and approved

The next order of Business was  
 the Election of Officers with the following  
 result

Col	Charles, F. Fuller	Vermontville
Lieut	Accey Smart	Charlotte
Major	N. P. Bakeman	Diamondale
Surg	T. Kelley	Eaton Rapids
Chaplain	Chas Wilber	Eaton Rapids

The Col then appointed  
 George, B. Noble, Quarter master for the  
 ensuing year

J. M. Putnam was appointed  
 Battalion aft



It was moved and Supported  
That any comrad in good Standing  
Should be allowed to vote at the  
Business Meetings of the Battalion  
Motion Carried

Motion made to adjourn  
Motion Carried

Eaton Rapids Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1928

The Business Meeting of the Eaton County  
Battalion. G.A.R. Called to order by Comrad  
Brown as Chairman

Adpts Report Read and approved

Quarter Masters Report Read and approved

The next order of Business was the  
Election of Officers with the following  
result

Col N. P. Bateman Drimondale  
Lieut Col L. D. Chapman Eaton Rapids  
Major Isaac Botwinchy Charlotte  
Surgen Warren Lorech Charlotte  
Chaplin Henry Brown Vermontville

J. M. Putnam was appointed Battalion Adpt

George B. Noble was appointed Battalion Q. M.

It was moved and Supported that  
the next Battalion Meeting be held in  
Eaton Rapids Motion Carried

Meeting then adjourned J. M. Putnam Adpt



Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1929  
 The Business Meeting of the Eaton

County Battalion was called to order  
 by Col H. P. Bateman

It was moved and supported  
 that the Eaton County Battalion G. A. R.  
 be discontinued Motion Carried

It was also that Charles Hartson and  
 L. D. Chapman take the Battalion flag  
 to Lansing and place in the Capitol  
 in care of the proper authorities

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn Motion Carried

J. W. Putnam  
 Battalion adjt

George B. Noble died  
 at 10:30 Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1929



May 16<sup>th</sup> 1911. Recd of Geo W. Watson 50<sup>c</sup> stamps



April 7<sup>th</sup> 1893 in case with  
 W. Spicer Quartermaster  
 Apr 7, 1893. Recd 1.00 for Postage of W. Spicer

Pd for printing Notice of Adjutant's appointment.	25-
Postage & Envelopes	30-
Postage & letters to M <sup>r</sup> Alpin.	.6
Printing Order for Meeting at Charlotte	25-
Postage & Envelopes	30
Pd Fairfield for Printing Law O.	1.50
Postage & envelopes.	50
Recd of Spicer ..	\$ 2.00
Postage	50
	<hr/> 3.66

Eaton County Bath <sup>ing</sup> Dr to H. J. Wilbourn, Adjt. 1901	
Cards for Council meeting at Charlotte	.20 <sup>c</sup>
Van Kleeck, Gardner, O'Donnell & Bliss	08
Printing Order to Adjutant July 23.	44
Telephone	86
Postage on Papers sent Gardner & O'Donnell	5-
	<hr/> \$ 1.63