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OF THE
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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY
of the REPUBLIC

HELD AT

DETROIT, JUNE 9-10-11, 1937

WITH ADDRESS

OF

IRA M. STEWART, *Department Commander*

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

*A spirit of true comradeship was beautifully exemplified by the
citizens of Detroit*

Verily "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**Headquarters Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Lansing, 1937.**

Hon. Frank Murphy, Governor of the State of Michigan :

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic held in Detroit, June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1937, as required by the statutes.

**IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1936-1937

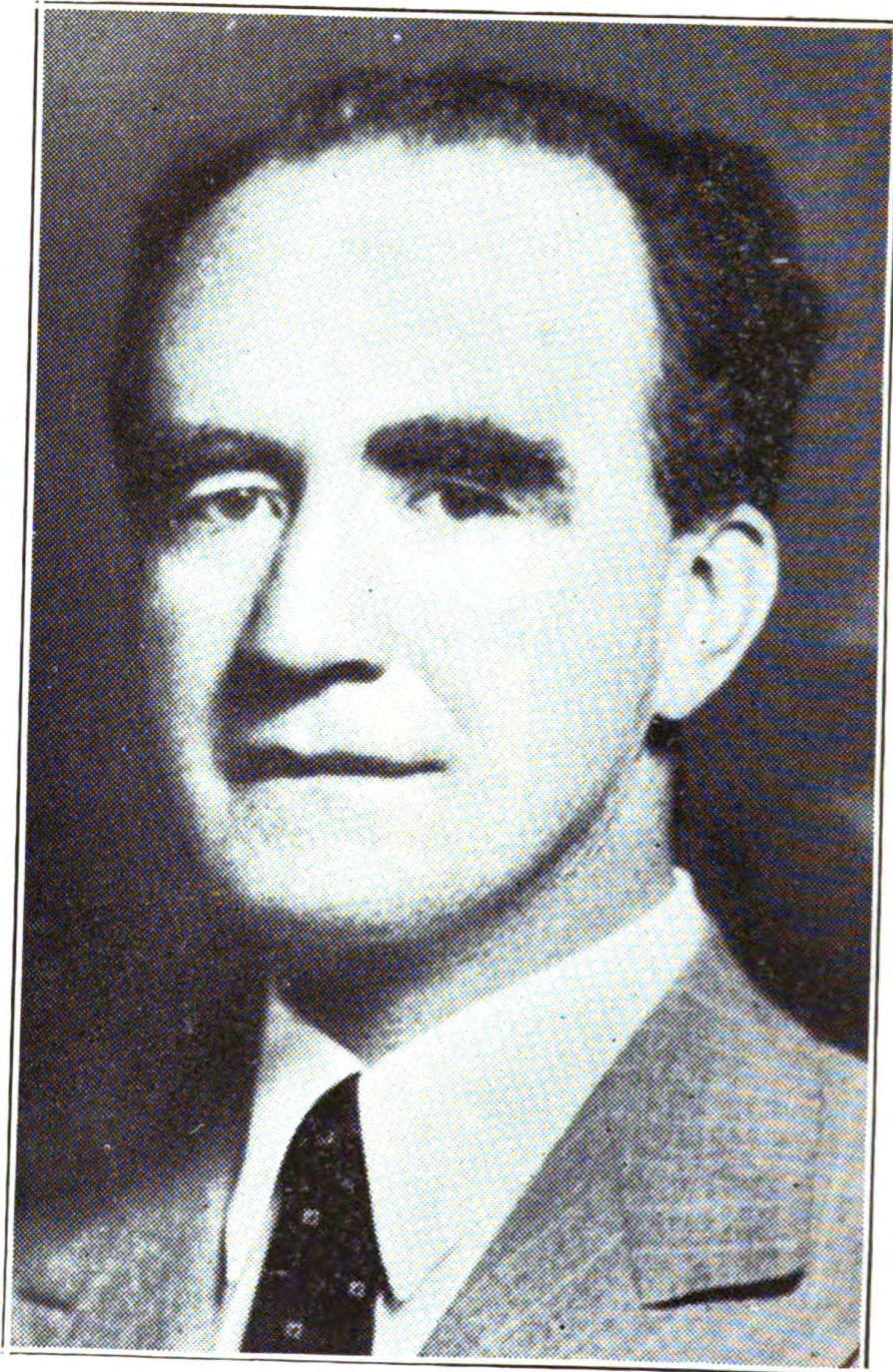
Department Commander—Ira M. Stewart.....	Petoskey
Department Sr. Vice Commander—Theodore Burden (died in office).....	Holly
Department Jr. Vice Commander—J. F. Beaumont.....	Milford
Department Chaplain—Orestus Blake.....	Jackson
Medical Director—W. J. Warner.....	Grand Rapids
Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook.....	Grand Rapids
Judge Advocate—Frank D. Keeler.....	Saginaw
Patriotic Instructor—A. F. Chappelle.....	Detroit
Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant.....	Reed City
Sr. Aide—Charles Green (died in office).....	Grand Rapids
Sergeant of National Colors—A. H. Lightcap.....	Jackson
Sergeant of Department Colors—O. LeValley.....	Caro

NATIONAL OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Commander-in-Chief—C. H. William Ruhe.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Adjutant-General—John Little.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster-General—Samuel P. Town.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Henry F. Russell.....	Alliance, Ohio
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Thomas Ambrose.....	Chicago, Ill.
Surgeon-General—Dr. Edward H. Cowan.....	Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. King Gibson.....	Dayton, Ohio
Judge Advocate-General—James W. Willett.....	Tama, Iowa
Inspector-General—Robert M. Rownd.....	Ripley, N. Y.
National Patriotic Instructor—J. W. Carroll.....	Lisbon, N. D.
Assistant Adjutant-General—A. C. Estabrook.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Chief of Staff—George H. Pounder.....	Ft. Atkinson, Wis.
Senior Aide-de-Camp—Charles E. Nason.....	Gray, Maine



IRA M. STEWART
Department Commander
Petoskey, Michigan



HON. FRANK MURPHY
Governor of Michigan

WELCOME

June 1, 1937.

As Governor of the State of Michigan, it is my great privilege to welcome to this commonwealth the State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It would be presumptuous in me to attempt to find words for a fitting tribute to the gallant men who fought to save the Union and who succeeded so nobly.

The people of this State join with the Michigan members of the Grand Army to welcome their comrades and brothers and to assure them of true Michigan hospitality.

FRANK MURPHY,
Governor.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Russell A. Alger, deceased	Detroit, 1867
Wm. A. Throop, deceased	Detroit, 1868
Wm. Humphrey, deceased	Adrian, 1870
C. V. R. Pond, deceased	Lansing, 1878-9
A. T. McReynolds, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1880
Byron R. Pierce, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
Oscar A. Janes, deceased	Detroit, 1883
Rush J. Shank, deceased	Lansing, 1884
Charles D. Long, deceased	Flint, 1885
John Northwood, deceased	New Lothrop, 1886
L. G. Rutherford, deceased	Hart, 1887
Washington Gardner, deceased	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown, deceased	Big Rapids, 1889
Henry M. Duffield, deceased	Detroit, 1890
Charles L. Eaton, deceased	Paw Paw, 1891
Henry S. Dean, deceased	Ann Arbor, 1892-3
James H. Kidd, deceased	Ionia, 1893-4
Louis Kanitz, deceased	Muskegon, 1894-5
S. B. Daboll, deceased	St. Johns, 1895-6
Wm. Shakespeare, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased	Detroit, 1898-9
Russell R. Pealer, deceased	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James VanKleek, deceased	Bay City, 1901-2
Edward C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Vanraalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
George H. Hopkins, deceased	Detroit, 1904-5
E. C. Cannon, deceased	Evart, 1905-6
Joseph B. Griswold, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1907-8
Charles Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1909-10
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Detroit, 1910-11
Geo. W. Stone, deceased	Lansing, 1911-12
John T. Spillane, deceased	Detroit, 1912-13
Frank R. Chase, deceased	Smyrna, 1913-14
Riley L. Jones, deceased	Detroit, 1914-15
Henry Rankin, deceased, died in office	Ypsilanti, 1915-16
Eli Strong, to fill vacancy, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1915-16
Lucius H. Ives, deceased	Mason, 1916-17
William O. Lee, deceased	Port Huron, 1917-18
David S. Howard, deceased	Pontiac, 1918-19
Edwin F. Lamb, deceased	Detroit, 1919-20
Henry Spaulding, deceased	Lansing, 1920-21
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1921-22
William Mears, deceased	Manton, 1922-23
Lyman A. L. Gilbert, deceased	Highland Park, 1923-24
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1924-25
John Steel, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1925-26
James R. Stephenson, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1926-27
Charles A. Bartlett, deceased	Detroit, 1927-28
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1928-29
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1929-30
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1930-31
Orestus Blake, deceased	Jackson, 1931-32
Orestus Blake, deceased	Jackson, 1932-33
(Charles M. Cook, (died in office)	Kalamazoo, 1933-34
John Killeen	Jackson, 1933-34
Frank D. Keeler, deceased	Saginaw, 1934-35
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1935-36
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1936-37

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Bigelow, deceased	Montague, 1878-9
No record for 1880 or 1881	
G. R. Wright, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
George L. Fisher, deceased	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer, deceased	1886
W. W. Cook, deceased	Lansing, 1887
True Hart, deceased	Midland, 1888
William H. Russell, deceased	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton, deceased	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecou, deceased	Petoskey, 1900
Theo. C. Putnam, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1901
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1902
L. D. Vankleek, deceased	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich, deceased	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwell, deceased	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan, deceased	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones, deceased	Saginaw, 1907
Edwin B. Nugent, deceased	Bay City, 1908
J. J. Drake, deceased	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1910
A. J. Ward, deceased	Holland, 1911
H. C. Rankin, deceased	Ypsilanti, 1912
John A. Wardell, deceased	Lansing, 1913
Frank L. Manning, deceased	Jackson, 1914
Eli Strong, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1915
Thomas Davey, deceased	Detroit, 1915
M. M. Andrews, deceased	Bay City, 1916
H. W. Stevens, deceased	Tecumseh, 1917
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1918
George H. Keating, deceased	Bay City, 1919
M. D. Richardson, deceased	Lansing, 1920
E. A. Jennings, deceased	Flint, 1921
Samuel D. Bailey, deceased	Detroit, 1922-23
John A. Miller, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1923-24
Edwin R. Havens, deceased	Lansing, 1924-25
George W. Howe, deceased	Port Huron, 1925-26
Willis W. Crocker, deceased	Jackson, 1926-27
William E. Walker, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1927-28
J. P. Riley, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1928-29
J. P. Riley, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1929-30
John Killeen	Jackson, 1930-31
S. S. Puckett, deceased	Petoskey, 1931-32
J. J. Reiser (died in office), deceased	Grand Rapids, 1931-32
C. M. Cook, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1932-33
Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, 1933-34
Ira Stewart	Petoskey, 1934-35
Theodore Burden, deceased	Holly, 1935-36
Theodore Burden, (died in office)	Holly, 1936-37

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

S. B. Kitchell, deceased	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879-90
Dallas Johnson, deceased	Montague, 1881
Oscar A. Jones, deceased	Hillsdale, 1882
J. N. Kellar, deceased	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Humphrey, deceased	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins, deceased	Petoskey, 1885
August Gobel, deceased	Detroit, 1886
Thomas H. Williams, deceased	Jackson, 1887
George W. Stone, deceased	Harrison, 1889
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley, deceased	Owosso, 1892
E. C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1893
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer, deceased	Grayling, 1895
James O. Bellaire, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1896
Ren Barker, deceased	Reed City, 1897
D. C. Spears, deceased	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallory, deceased	Lake Odessa, 1900
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Wyandotte, 1901
H. A. Backus, deceased	Detroit, 1902
M. D. Richardson, deceased	Lansing, 1903
Edward S. Jamison, deceased	Marine City, 1904
Dan J. Wilson, deceased	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer, deceased	Grayling, 1907
Henry Spaulding, deceased	Hartford, 1908
George W. Wheeler, deceased	Boon, 1909
Albert Dunham, deceased	Jackson, 1910
George I. Nash, deceased	Marcellus, 1911
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1912
Charles A. Coolidge, deceased	Detroit, 1913
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1914
Thomas Davey, deceased	Detroit, 1915
Allison L. Bryant, deceased	Mayville, 1916
E. E. Lewis, deceased	Coldwater, 1917
Frank Lester, deceased	Mason, 1918
William G. Miner, deceased	Portland, 1919
E. S. Post, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1920
George G. Freeman, deceased	Detroit, 1921
John Seel, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1922-23
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1923-24
Arthur E. Ferry, deceased	Owosso, 1924-25
Josiah Creque, deceased	Jackson, 1925-26
George S. Farrar, deceased	Port Austin, 1926-27
J. P. Riley, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1927-28
Wm. Barrett, deceased	Bay City, 1928-29
James Churchill, deceased	Pontiac, 1929-30
A. F. Chappell	Detroit, 1930-31
C. M. Cook, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1931-32
Frank D. Keeler, deceased	Saginaw, 1932-33
John W. Finch, deceased	Greenville, 1933-34
John W. Finch, deceased	Greenville, 1934-35
Edmond Rogers, deceased	Allegan, 1935-36
J. F. Beaumont	Milford, 1936-37

ROSTER

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

January 1, 1937

- JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.**
Chartered December 9, 1887. Membership 6.
Post Commander—James F. Ives.
Members.
Charles Waltz. Peter Delamater. Alexander Smith.
John G. Meyers. Jordan Barr.
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- CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**
Chartered September 27, 1878. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Eugene Owen.
Member.
M. J. Warner.
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- C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.**
Chartered February 26, 1878. Membership 2.
Post Commander—George A. Slayton.
Member.
H. W. Chase.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.**
Chartered October 16, 1879. Membership 1.
Post Commander—George W. Francesco.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.**
Chartered May 11, 1880. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Fred F. Main.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**
Chartered May 9, 1881. Membership 6.
Post Commander—A. F. Chappelle.
David Plumadore. Isaac L. Greusel. Wm. H. Jackson.
Peter P. Miller. Emory Morris.
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- A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**
Chartered May 20, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Harrison Ashley.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.**
Chartered July 11, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—John Hanley.
Cared for by American Legion.
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- FENTON POST No. 24, FENTON.**
Chartered August 19, 1881. Membership 2.
Post Commander—I. H. Lawrence.
Member.
Andrew Bly.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

- DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**
Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 2.
Post Commander—A. S. Beardsley.
Member.
George W. Wilt.
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- FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**
Chartered November 31, 1881. Membership 5.
Post Commander—J. W. Walker.
Members.
Winfield Faith. M. D. Strickland.
Chas. Stephens. James McDonald.
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- ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**
Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 4.
Post Commander—Nelson R. Wood.
Members.
John Eitel. William W. Buys. William H. Parker.
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- SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**
Chartered December 14, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Frank D. Keeler.
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- CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**
Chartered February 2, 1882. Membership 5.
Post Commander James A. Hamilton.
Members.
M. D. Richardson. James Kennedy.
Geo. E. Osborn. Joseph Covert.
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- WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**
Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 6.
Post Commander—Cornelius VanEtten.
Members.
Baker J. Cole. Reuben Merriman. Charles E. Riker.
Grovemor Vanderpool. J. H. Pangborn.
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- EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**
Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 8.
Post Commander—Orestus Blake.
Members.
Anson Croman. W. F. Graham. A. H. Lightcap.
Thomas H. Nichols. Lewis H. Brower. John Killeen.
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- C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**
Chartered April 25, 1882. Membership 5.
Post Commander—William Burnett.
Members.
A. C. Estabrook. Amasa Jones. Edward Rogers.
Willard Moore.
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- U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.**
Chartered June 12, 1882. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Martin Heath.
Member.
John Wilbur.
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- SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**
Chartered July 27, 1882. Member 1.
Post Commander—E. M. Holt.

- ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.**
Chartered September 20, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander—S. H. Carlton.
Members.
Lewis Sergent. Charles Filmore.
- WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**
Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander—R. S. Mann.
Members.
Orin Sitts. Charles Montrey.
- BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**
Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 6.
Post Commander—L. H. Daniels.
Members.
Henry Stall. Jefferson Burns.
Lewis Pierce. George Fetterly
L. L. Bosserman.
- FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS**
Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—T. O. Webber.
- WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**
Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Randall T. Valkenberg.
Member.
LeRoy Park.
- WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**
Mustered May 25, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Orlanda LeValley.
Member.
Lyman C. Grady.
- GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**
Chartered June 7, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Theodore Burden.
- HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.**
Chartered July 12, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Merritt S. Harding.
- LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**
Chartered August 11, 1883. Membership 4.
Post Commander—Ira M. Stewart.
Members.
A. J. Ramsby. C. H. Harris. R. G. Teachout.
- E. B. STILE POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.**
Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Frank Richards.
- CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.**
Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—A. D. Austin.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**
Chartered September 3, 1883. Membership 3.
Post Commander—John F. Beaumont.
Members.
James Taylor. George Sturtevant.

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- FRANK POWEL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**
Chartered September 27, 1883. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—Samuel Adams.
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- GEORGE C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**
Chartered October 5, 1883. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—Nathan Green.
Cared for by the Sons of Veterans.
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- L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**
Chartered December 21, 1883. **Membership 3.**
Post Commander—William Guipe.
Members.
Isaac Hodgkins. Comrade Spencer.
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- E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**
Chartered January 4, 1883. **Membership 2.**
Post Commander—Jacob Perrine.
Member.
James Harrington.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**
Chartered December 23, 1883. **Membership 2.**
Post Commander—C. C. Eyester.
Member.
Lemuel Tingley.
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- H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**
Chartered January 7, 1884. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—Gilbert LaCroix.
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- ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**
Chartered January 15, 1885. **Membership 3.**
Post Commander—David Cantine.
Members.
S. G. Webster. Comrade Russel
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**
Chartered May 21, 1887. **Membership 2.**
Post Commander—John L. Hinman.
Member.
A. E. Stewart.
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- GEN. CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.**
Chartered May 21, 1887. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—S. H. Frye.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- AMASA B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.**
Chartered November 15, 1888. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—Ebenezer Childs.
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- GEN. O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.**
Chartered November 18, 1893. **Membership 4.**
Post Commander—John Hains.
Members.
Joseph Craver. Milton Slater. James J. Atkinson.

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STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.
Chartered December 31, 1897. **Membership 7.**
Post Commander—Henry B. Appleton.
Members.
Isaac Morris. Holden Albro.
Thomas Wright. Robert Lee.
Obadiah Smith. Dennis McGonegal.

GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.
Chartered April 28, 1900. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—Isaac Grant

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.
Chartered February 9, 1903. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander—J. J. Brown.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1937

MIRRORED ROOM OF THE BOOK CADILLAC HOTEL
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The fifty-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order by Commander Ira M. Stewart, who extended greetings to the Comrades and declared the meeting opened. The following officers were then appointed to serve during the session:

Officer of the Day—Eugene Owen
Officer of the Guard—John Killeen
Chaplain—S. H. Carlton

Commander Stewart: Will the Chaplain please open the meeting by invoking the Divine blessing?

Chaplain: Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide and Protector. We thank Thee for our lives; for Thy mercy which has kept us until this hour; for Thy guidance on land and sea, by day and by night, for Thy constant care in our hours of danger, and for the preservation of our national integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our Comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause; in all distresses comfort them and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Bless our country; grant that the memory of our noble dead, who freely gave their lives for the land they loved, may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless our Order; make it an instrument of great good; keep our names on the roll of Thy servants, and at last receive us into that Grand Army above, where Thou, O God, art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Commander Stewart: Mrs. Davidson will now call the roll.
Mrs. Davidson called the roll and the following officers responded:
Ira M. Stewart—Department Commander.
J. F. Beaumont—Jr. Vice Commander.
M. J. Warner—Medical Director.
A. C. Estabrook—Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General.
A. F. Chappelle—Patriotic Instructor.
O. LeValley—Sergt. Department Colors.

Officer of the Guard: A committee with greetings is at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to introduce the delegates from the Daughters of the G. A. R. Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. LaDow.

Mrs. LaDow: I would like to present to you Mrs. Stella Bell our National Commander-in-Chief of the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Stella Bell: Department Commander and Comrades, I just can't tell you how much pleasure it gives me and how honored I feel, to present the greetings of the Michigan Daughters of the G. A. R. to you Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. It probably means a little more to me because I am a Michigan girl, born here. My dad served in the Third Michigan Infantry, Company I, and I am mighty proud and happy to be able to present these greetings with the love of the Daughters of the Department of Michigan.

Commander Stewart: Thank you very much.

Mrs. Bell: I hope you have a very nice Encampment and tomorrow at 12:30 P. M. you are all invited to be the guests of the Department of Michigan National Daughters of the G. A. R. to go out to Dearborn Inn. They will get you back here between 4 and 5 o'clock.

Badges were presented and the Daughters of the G. A. R. are then escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard: We have another delegation here at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the Children of the Daughters of the G. A. R. represented by Mrs. Carrie Boggs.

Mrs. Boggs: I am here to represent the Children of the G. A. R. Daughters, who were organized twenty-two years ago in Detroit. This is one of our younger members. I want to present Buddy Potter. He is five, but he knows how to salute a soldier. I give these with the love of the Children of the G. A. R. Daughters. Presents flowers.

He knows that they saved our Union and our flag; that is the main thing. I wanted to say to the Comrades, as I have greeted you a number of times always with great pleasure, that my father was a "99" Ohio man, but he came to Michigan in 1906 and joined the Fairbanks Post and was always a member until his death in 1916. He asked me to be a member of that order as he decided it was the very best thing to perpetuate the name

of the G. A. R. and I want to say I surely love to greet you here this year and hope that I will meet many of you in the years to come. Remember, we are working for our children and they are the blood kin of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you and Goodbye Comrades.

The Committee was presented with badges and were escorted out.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, there is a representative from the Mayor of the City of Detroit waiting to be admitted.

Commander Stewart: Admit him.

Officer of the Day: May I have the honor to introduce to you the representative of the Mayor, Mr. Henry Busch from the City of Detroit.

Mr. Busch: Department Commander and Comrades, I feel that I was signally honored by the Mayor when he asked me to come to address you in his behalf. He directs me to say that the City is yours, that a hearty welcome is yours, that Detroit is proud to have you come here this year. We hope it will not be the last time.

In coming over here this afternoon, my memory sort of carried me back and I tried to think, although, of course, I could not go back as far as you gentlemen, but I tried to think of what happened in the last seventy-five years since you enlisted and marched away in defense of that glorious flag of ours; and I thought of the wonderful development in the sciences, particularly those things which we appreciate today in our every day lives. When you were boys they had candles; today they have electricity. You have seen the street car, the electric car, come and go, you have seen the phonograph, the radio, the wireless, the airplanes, the automobile and a hundred other things. All because men showed some genius in the developing of them; all of which went for the comfort of people and which, in a sense, made the world a little better to live in. But sometimes I wonder why we have developed along these lines, that our civilization is so slow in developing the human characteristics.

So much has happened in seventy-five years and yet how little is there to be shown in the development of our civilization and of mankind generally. It is true the average education has developed to a greater degree, more boys and girls and men can read and write today, than they did probably seventy-five years ago in proportion to the population, but have they developed more than that, have they acquired more than a mere education, have they developed an intelligence? Sometimes I think it has been rather slow, when I think of this day and age when we read and hear of the turmoil and the unrest, all of which is the result of a lack of tolerance, a lack of consideration for one another. That old vice, greed and selfishness, is still rampant. Let us hope that in another seventy-five years the moral fibre will be improved somewhat.

I didn't come here, however, to preach but rather just to give my reactions, as I said, because you gentlemen have done your part. You are pioneers like all pioneers who carried on firm in their faith to do something for their country and for mankind and for posterity; because of your unselfishness and your devotion there was an inspiration for we of a later day in 1898. We were inspired by your service and when that

year carried on and so another generation passed after us and we came to 1918 and still patriotism had not completely died and millions of our youth went forward to again serve that flag.

So I say, your example was an inspiration to those of 1898; it was an inspiration of 1918 and I hope that as you pass away something will still be with us to keep alive the spirit so that the youth of today, which we sometimes term as radical, may come to realize that the freedom that they enjoyed did not come out of thin air. The freedom and the opportunities of the present generation are because men who have gone before have sacrificed, have served, have been unselfish, have been devoted, have been tolerant and considerate of their fellow men. That is the trouble today, there is too much of a lack of consideration for the other fellow and I oft times think, "oh, if the world could but carry out the idea of that famous person who said—two minutes to live and could be given the power to do that which I would like to do, I would like the power of making it possible to place every person in the position of every other person." We would then have that understanding, that perfect understanding, that education, that development which provided and must have provided the inspiration from which was drawn the ideas of the poets and saviours of our race because they must have suffered as others have suffered; and so in closing let me again say the Mayor sends his hearty greetings, the people of Detroit send their greetings, we hope that you will be with us for a long time to come and that while you are in this city that you will enjoy yourself and if there is anything that we can do for you do not hesitate to let it be known. I thank you.

Commander Stewart: I will ask Comrade Estabrook to respond to these hearty words of greeting.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY A. C. ESTABROOK. A.A.G.

Comrade Busch: On behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated societies, I thank you for your cordial words of welcome; for your expressions of regard for the veterans of the Grand Army and for the proffered hospitality of your illustrious city.

These comrades present, who wore the blue and whose heads are now crowned with silver; provided by the Ruler of the Universe, are just a remnant of that great army, who went forth in their youth to crush one of the greatest rebellions that had ever existed. They have shown their loyalty and courage on the field of Battle and saved our country in unity and its flag in honor and beauty.

But the greatest distinction that these comrades claim is, that after four years of warfare, they returned to their homes, changed the uniform for garbs of toil, became exemplary citizens and took active part in administering the government of their state and of the United States. Thus demonstrating that they were able both to defend and govern this nation.

You have surrendered your city to these men and their associates and I can assure you that it is duly appreciated. Should any fall by the way-side, please remember "the parable of the good Samaritan" and befriend them and we will feel extremely grateful.

We hope the city of Detroit will have a pleasant remembrance of this occasion, and I'm sure we will carry to our homes many fond memories of our annual encampment in the city of Detroit, 1937.

Officer of the Guard: We have a delegation from the Spanish War Veterans.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

The committee is then admitted by the Officer of the Day.

Mr. Duncan McCall, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander: Comrade Stewart, Comrade Estabrook and Comrades of the G. A. R. it gives me pleasure today to come over here and bring greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans. We have always tried to follow the teachings and examples of the G. A. R. and we want to always continue. We are all trying to teach our children the love of our country and flag the same as you did us.

Some almost sixty years ago I remember of the G. A. R. in their glory marching down the streets and how thrilled the young people of that date were, but they seem to have gotten away a great deal from that and I believe it was the martial music on your parades. We are always welcome to the G. A. R. We always thought a great deal of it. Now our convention is in Flint and I hope that next year that the G. A. R. can meet again with the Spanish War Veterans. We never wanted to be away from the G. A. R. The reason why we had to pull away from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries because they were getting so big, and so we had to pull away from the Veterans of Foreign Wars but we always wanted the G. A. R. with us and we would like to meet as we have been in the years past. I am very glad to see you here today. Although your numbers are small and your organization is dwindling down, we are trying to take your place. It will be a hard, hard road for us. We have always loved you and respected you and considered you a dad of all organizations. I thank you.

Mr. Ruedisuelle: Yes, I have always got something to say but I don't want to take too much of your good time. I know you are going to be busy but I want to express the sentiments of the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan that you will be with us at our next convention. I think the Spanish War Veterans are the followers of the G. A. R. and I think it is up to us to look after you fellows if you need looking after. Of course, I don't presume you need much looking after yet but if there is any, we want to be able to do it and anything we can do for the Grand Army of the Republic we will be more than pleased to do it. I thank you. Good luck to you.

Badges are presented and the delegation is escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard: There is a delegation outside the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all consisting of past department commanders.

Past Commander McMurtrie: It gives me great pleasure as one of the committee to extend greetings and to introduce Perle Fouch.

Perle Fouch: Past Commander and present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our Sons: Comrades of my father, I am very happy to come in today and tell you I am very glad to see you. I am very glad to be here as a Son of the Union Veterans and we see you as a symbol here today and our mind goes back to our boyhood when the department encampments were made of hundreds instead of a few. Our mind goes back to the struggle in which you fought. We remember that you fought your battles and major struggles under the tropic suns, that you battled a lot with heat, ice, and swift flowing currents, that you carried forward your duties to a completion that could not be better and we are mighty happy that you are here today and hope that you can come for many more years and we hope that you will enjoy yourself. We hope that you will have your full visit out with your Comrades and we wish you not only a good time, but we hope that when you get to your homes, that you generally enjoyed yourselves in this encampment and I hope you will have many more.

Past Commander French: Commander Stewart and Comrades of the G. A. R., I assure you that it is a pleasure to be here and that all faces seem so familiar that it seems like being together back home. I express my sincerest thanks to be with you and I express the sympathy of all for a happy prosperous convention.

Commander Fisher: Commander Stewart, it certainly is a pleasure to be here to bring greetings, to call upon you old Comrades. I am very glad to see so many here today. I hope we will see just as many a year from today and I hope I will be able to meet with you. I certainly wish you success with your convention and many happy days.

Past Department Commander Wood: Commander Stewart, I am one of the Past Commanders of the Sons of Veterans and I am pleased to state that I want to remain in the work of the G. A. R.

Present Commander Adams: Commander Stewart and Comrades, I appreciate being here and I want to congratulate you upon the manner in which you have conducted the meeting and I want to tell you how we appreciate what you boys have done for the present generation and we sincerely hope that you will live long and be to several more meetings with us and that we will meet here for many years to come. I want to express our appreciation of this generation for what you did and the hardships that you suffered and that we are your humble servant. We enjoy coming to you each year and I assure you to demonstrate to you in some small degree the loyalty and the love and the devotion that we have for each and every member of the G. A. R. we bring you a few cigars.

The delegation was presented with badges and escorted out.

Officer of the Guard: The delegation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans is at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: Allow me to present the delegation; Mina Johnson, Albertine Baker, and Edna Heinrich.

Mina Johnson: Commander Stewart and other Comrades of our dads, it gives us a great deal of pleasure to visit you in your convention. We are very happy to present you with this little token of our love and esteem. Presents flowers. We just wish you many more harmonious conventions. We are sorry to see the number so depleted. Every year seems there is less and less to attend your convention, and more and more advance to the last roll call. We are very happy to visit you at your convention. Please accept this gift with love from our Department President, Ruby Anglin (presents handkerchiefs to Commander).

Albertine Baker: Commander Stewart and Comrades, I appreciate deeply the honor and privilege of bringing greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans. I hope you have a very pleasant Encampment.

The ladies were presented with badges and were escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation from the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans is outside.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: May I have the honor to present the delegation; Libby Cornell and Jessie Lane.

Libby Cornell: Commander and Department Commander of the Grand Army, we come to you in behalf of the Auxiliary from the Sons of Union Veterans and we just wish you a most happy convention and I don't know when I am more proud to come to your convention. My dad was a volunteer but he has been laid away for fifty-seven years and I am most happy to come for someone else's dad. And in behalf of the Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans, we present you these flowers. They are just like the girls that sent them and we wish you to come back to the next convention just as well as you are today, and I am very glad to be here for the meeting.

Badges were presented to the ladies and they were escorted out.

The Commander's Annual Report was read by Adjutant Estabrook.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

My dear Comrades:

Another year is about to pass in the Department history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan. As your Department Commander, may I make my report as to this past year.

You honored me one year ago by electing me the Commander for a second term. I deeply appreciate that trust which you placed in me.

We have had no financial worries. The report of the adjutant and Quartermaster-general will show how small they have been.

As your Department Commander I attended the National Encampment at Washington. I also appeared as your representative at the Department Conventions of the United Spanish War veterans at Muskegon, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War at Coldwater the past year. I presided as Chairman at the mid-winter Conference of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations here in Detroit in February. In all I have traveled about 3,000 miles on Department business. I did not make any trips to Department Headquarters at Lansing this year as all work was done by correspondence with our Department Secretary, Mrs. Davidson. I feel that in doing this I have saved the Department unnecessary expense, and at the same time conserved my own strength.

It is with sincere regret that I must report the following deaths within the official Department family during the past year:

Theodore Burden, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander.

Frank D. Keeler, Judge Advocate.

William Green, Dept. Sr. Aide.

I am unable to fully thank Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-general Estabrook for his work, advice and counsel which he has rendered the Department and myself, as Department Commander. We have been in almost constant communication and out of his rich experience he has been a wonderful help to me and more than just a comrade.

I cannot praise the work of our Department Secretary, Mrs. Ida F. Davidson, fully enough. We all appreciate her work of this year and for many years past. May she be spared us as long as there is need for a Department Secretary.

In closing may I thank all of the Comrades of our Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan. May I wish you the happiness that is yours with a long life well spent in the service of this grand Republic.

Your obedient servant,

IRA M. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that the report be referred to the committee. Motion seconded and carried.

Commander Stewart: I appoint Comrade Carlton, Comrade Chappelle and Comrade Warner as a committee of three.

The Junior Vice Commander's report was read by Mrs. Davidson.

REPORT OF JR. VICE COMMANDER

Davisburg, Mich., June 4, 1937.

Commander Stewart, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Comrade: Report of Junior Vice Commander for 1936.

It is with regret that I report the death of Comrade James Taylor of Highland who passed away March 20th, 1937. He was buried at Highland. Comrade Theodore Burden of Holly passed away April 8, 1937, at the home of his grandson in Flint, he was Senior Vice Commander of the State and Commander of Crapo Post, Flint. He was buried at Cass City. Many beautiful floral offerings showed the esteem in which he was held. I was the only Civil War veteran attending the funeral services.

Have written the war department at Washington, D. C. to ascertain how many of my regiment are still alive and out of 2,264 there are only five living.

I was the honored guest at the Memorial Service at White Lake, May 30th; also attended the Memorial Services at Highland, Decoration Day. There were two Civil War Veterans at Milford Decoration Day, Mr. George Sturdevant and myself. I will be 94 December 27th. I thank you for the honor of being elected Junior Vice Commander but on account of failing eyesight it will be impossible for me to fill the office. My eyesight has failed very fast since attending the National Encampment at Washington last Fall.

Hope that you will have a very successful meeting at Detroit, June 9-11, and that you will elect some one to fill my place.

J. F. BEAUMONT,
Junior Vice Commander,
Milford, Michigan.

The Commander's report was Approved by the Committee.

S. H. CARLTON,
M. J. WARNER,
A. F. CHAPPELLE.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Grand Rapids, Michigan,
June 1, 1937.

To Ira M. Stewart, Department Commander.

In accordance with Rules and Regulations I herewith submit my report for the year ending June 1st, 1937.

Number of Posts in good standing June 1st, 1936 66



A. C. ESTABROOK

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By surrender of Charter	7	
By surrender of Charter (all died)	14	
Total loss		21
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Number of Posts in good standing June 1st, 1937		45

MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing June 1st, 1936	198
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LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By Death	64	
By surrender of Charter	14	
Total loss		78
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Number of members in good standing June 1st, 1937	120	
FUNDS ON HAND JUNE 1ST, 1936		\$2,623.04

RECEIPTS

Interest from Savings and Loan Co.	\$66.00	
Per capita tax on 120 members	12.00	
For Buttons	45	
Total		78.45
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		\$2,701.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Traveling expenses of Commander Stewart	\$55.98	
Traveling expenses of A. C. Estabrook Adj.	25.40	
Traveling expenses of S. H. Carlton	1.50	
Traveling expenses of Ida Davidson	2.50	
J. K. Davidson, Past Commander's Jewel	40.00	
Post Master Claude Cady, rent of box 433	6.00	
Bond of Assistant Adjutant General	5.00	
Express on flags	2.58	
Samuel P. Town, for buttons60	
Samuel P. Town, per capita tax on 120 members	2.40	
Post Master Claude Cady, postage	32.50	
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Total	\$174.46	
Balance on hand June 1st, 1937		\$2,527.03
In Standard Savings and Loan Co.	\$2,200.00	
In closed bank	273.03	
On hand	54.00	
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Total		\$2,527.03

I sincerely thank you and all the members of your Staff, and the members of the Department, for the uniform courtesy and good will shown

me, during the past year, in my dealings and associations with them. "Not forgetting our efficient Secretary, Ida F. Davidson, to whom I owe much for her faithful services".

Fraternally Yours in F. C. L.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

Moved and supported that report be accepted—Carried.

Department Commander: Are there any other Committees ready to report.

Comrade Carlton—Commander I have the report of the Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, of the Council of Administration submit the following report.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and find them correct with the following amounts:

In Standard and Savings Loan Co.	\$2,200.00
In Capitol National Bank.....	273.03
Cash on Hand.....	54.00
Total	\$2,527.03

S. H. CARLTON,
JOHN KILLEEN,
Committee.

Comrade Chappelle: Commander, I move that the report of the executive committee be accepted. Supported and carried.

The report of the Department Chaplain was read by Mrs. Davidson, due to the illness of Comrade Blake.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

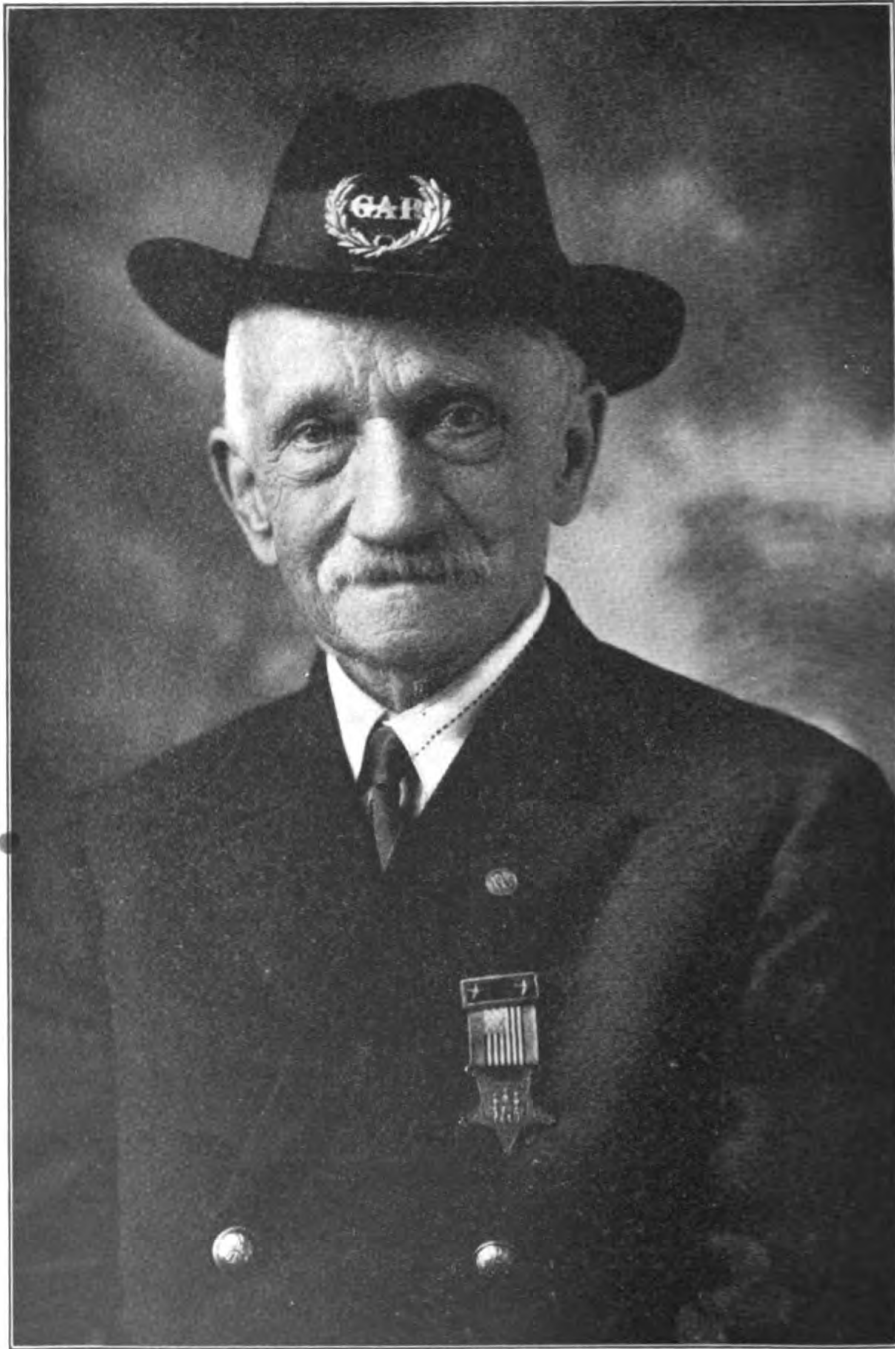
To the Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the G. A. R.

June 9th, 10th, 11th, 1937.

Reports received from Posts over the State indicate clearly that the spirit of true Patriotism still exists in the hearts and souls of the dwindling number of our members.

Memorial Day was faithfully observed in quite a number of places, and a few, not so good.

It is with much pride we notice how the Sons of Veterans, our Auxiliaries, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliaries took a very active part in these exercises. All of this is a source of the greatest satisfaction to each and every Comrade.



ORESTUS BLAKE, DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
Died June 10th, 1937

It is a great and lasting comfort to us to know that the work laid out by us will faithfully be carried on by our children and associates.

I wish to add a word of thanks to each and every one who have so willingly and cheerfully assisted us during the past year. It would be impossible to mention each one by name.

Yours in F. C. L.,
ORESTUS BLAKE,
 Department Chaplain.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that this report be received and placed on file.

Seconded and carried.

A report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Sons of Veterans for placing markers at the various graves that were unmarked, is read by Mrs. Davidson.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF SONS OF VETERANS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
 ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT AT
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

At the fifty-eighth encampment held at Battle Creek, your permission was secured for receiving the Descriptive Books which were presumed to be in storage in the attic of the capitol at Lansing, Michigan. Soon after the Encampment adjourned, a trip was made to secure the same but upon investigation, information inferred that the books in question were no longer in the capitol building, but had been taken to some other building for storage and had become water soaked by high water or from leaky roof. However, some thirteen were in the office of the secretary, Mrs. Davidson, which were from disbanded posts which were from Evart, Charlotte, Armada, Onaway, Three Rivers, Union, Hadley, Rockford, Mackinac, Sherwood, Lake Odessa, Bay City and Vassar.

If at any time, any of you members of the Grand Army of the Republic know of any Post which is about to disband and want to dispose of their Descriptive Book, please have them send it to me at my address.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
FRANCIS E. HALL.
 129 Summer Ave. N. W.
 Grand Rapids, Mich.

Comrade Chappelle: I move this report be received and placed on file.

Supported by Comrade Estabrook and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: I have a suggestion to make which will end in a motion. We have reached a point where we are getting to be nearly helpless when it comes to getting around, and we have so few at these encampments that were once in good standing in Michigan. We see before us today thirteen members of our Department and as I said it

was time that we reserve our strength. So I am going to suggest that the Grand Army appoint no committee, no visiting greetings committee, to visit other organizations while in encampment. So if we can say a good word to those that visit us with greetings, I think that will be sufficient for the Grand Army to do and I believe there is no need of any motion because we have so few left.

Commander Stewart: Comrades, I think that is a good suggestion. It is useless for us to undertake to go through the routine that we used to go through when we had a lot of members and on his suggestion I am not going to appoint any committee to go to any of these orders as a committee.

Comrade Warner: Well, I think it is a good idea as we have very few now that are able to go anywhere, and I think that we better save all the strength that we possibly can because there are only a few and we are fast going too, and there is only now and then one from a different place that even can get here any more to our encampments and I think it is wise that we shouldn't appoint any committee.

Commander Stewart: It isn't going to have any effect on the orders at all, only we haven't got any delegates to send. It will not stop them from coming to us in any way, shape, or form. We can tell them we haven't any delegates to send to them.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we proceed to the election of five members to the Council of Administration.

The motion is seconded and carried.

The Council of Administration is as follows:

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| 1. Comrade Chappelle | 4. Comrade Warner |
| 2. Comrade John Beaumont | 5. Comrade Owen |
| 3. Comrade LeValley | |

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we vote, and vote for them all collectively.

Motion seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: We have moved to vote collectively, now I move that the Council of Administration be declared elected.

Motion seconded and carried.

A recess of five or ten minutes was declared.

Officer of the Guard: The Ladies from the Women's Relief Corps is outside waiting.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: Allow me to present the Department President, Ella Ramsdell, and Past Department Presidents of the Women's Relief Corps. and the National Inspector Lizetta Coady.

Department President: Commander Stewart and our Comrades. I am so proud to introduce to you the Past Department Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Evelyn Creusere.

Ella Rice.

Eliza Taylor.

Elizabeth Stephens.

Lizetta Coady.

Minnie VanTuyl.

Ethel Wrobbel.

Julia Allen.

Gertrude Lewis.

Isabel Thomas.

Leah Simpson.

Each Department President expressed her love and personal greetings to the Comrades when introduced, and presented badges to each one, also beautiful flowers.

Department President: Commander, I would like to read my report.



ELLA RAMSDELL
Department President



ESTHER BRAENDLE
Department Secretary

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Number of Corps June 1, 1936	118
Number of Corps instituted	none
Number of Corps disbanded	2
Number of Corps June 1, 1937	116
Cash received from former treasurer	\$760.42
Cash expended by Corps for relief	\$395.79
Relief by Corps—other than money	\$25,861.52
Cash for flowers	\$1,087.34

Cash for Child Welfare	\$398.56
Cash—Department Relief	\$75.00
Amount sent to non-pensioners	\$105.00
Grand Army Veterans assisted	209
Grand Army families assisted	769
Others not relatives assisted	2,402
Army nurses assisted	11
Total number assisted	3,391
Number of members March 31, 1936	5,695
Number of members March 31, 1937	5,497
Flood Relief—cash	\$2,319.47
Clothing to the value of	\$3,125.30
Food to the value of	\$294.05
Bedding to the value of	\$925.40

Department President: Commander and Comrades, it is time for our joint Memorial Services and we want every Comrade to go with us to the Tuller Hotel.

After presentation of badges to the ladies a motion was made, supported and carried that we adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the memorial service, a chair was placed on the platform, with a drape of lavender across the back, and on the chair a sheathed saber and battered blue campaign hat.

The courtesy committee, with the Dept. Pres., Ella J. Ramsdell, escorted the Comrades to the platform, there being only eleven able to attend.

Department President: Comrades of the Grand Army we certainly are glad you are here.

We now will have the Memorial in charge of our Chaplain, Julia Burt.

Agnes Franz, soloist sang "The Vacant Chair."

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Tribute paid to the Past National officers, by Lizetta Coady.

To me has been given the duty to pay tribute to the past National Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, our pioneers and upbuilders of our order, who have passed through the Golden Gates to meet Him Who said "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." It is indeed very fitting that we pause and pay tribute. Some of these lives were long as we consider years; others were taken in the prime of womanhood. Each in her own way performed her duty to the best of her ability. The day of memories would not be complete without mention of those who have entered that haven of rest from which none returns. These memories are treasures that give us inspiration to go forward in our work and be faithful to the obligations and hold aloft our motto of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

“Unto each mortal who comes to earth,
 A ladder is given by God at birth,
 And up this ladder each one must go,
 Step by step from the valley below.
 Step by step from the center of space.
 Up the ladder of life to the starting place.”

And to these Past National Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, I pay my tribute of love and esteem.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Written by Evelyn Creusers, and given by Ella Rice.

Once more we pause to pay tribute to those for whom taps have been sounded. They were men of courage. They were patriots going forth to do their part. But today our hearts are saddened, for their faces we see no more. They were our inspiration, and their deeds will live in our hearts forever.

The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC has done its part. They have left us a noble heritage and a splendid foundation upon which to build, and it is now our privilege to do our part in every way to honor their sacred memory. And to that memory, and the memory of the Comrades who have been summoned during the past year, I pay this loving tribute.

The little green tent where the soldiers sleep,
 And the sunbeams play, and the women weep,
 Are covered with flowers today;
 And between the tents walk the weary feet
 That were young and stalwart in sixty-two
 When they went to war far away.

The little green tents are made of sod,
 And they are not long, and they are not broad;
 But the soldiers have plenty of room;
 For the sod is part of the land they saved
 Where the flag of the enemy darkly waved.
 The symbol of dole and doom.

The little green tent is a thing divine;
 The little green tent is a Country's shrine,
 Where patriots kneel and pray:
 And the brave men left, so old, so few.
 Were young and straight in sixty-two,
 When they went to war far away.

And with the tenderest love and devotion I place this tribute on the altar of memory for the departed members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

**A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
FRANK D. KEELER.**

Given by Isabel Thomas.

Captain Frank D. Keeler answered the final roll call Friday morning June 4, 1937. Mr. Keeler's death closes a colorful chapter in military life. He was just 12 days short of his 96th birthday. Born June 16, 1841, in Union Broome County, New York state. Mr. Keeler lived on a farm in the Nanticooke Valley until May, 1855, when he came to East Saginaw with his parents. Throughout his 82 years in Saginaw he witnessed with satisfaction the growth from a village of 1800 population to the present industrial city.

He attended what was known as the Academy on the site of the present Hoyt School. He enlisted August 13, 1861, in Ben Fischer's regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

The regiment became known as 76th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, after the first battle in July, 1861. A good soldier, Mr. Keeler rose from the ranks as corporal through sergeant, regiment commissary sergeant, second lieutenant, acting captain, and final captain in that rank during the last two years of the war. Mr. Keeler was a charter member of Saginaw Post 38, Grand Army of the Republic, and for many years its commander. He served as Dept. Commander of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic in 1934 and 1935.

Private funeral services were held Monday, June 7, 1937, at the home and he was laid to rest in the beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery in Saginaw.

LIGHTS OUT AND THE SOLDIERS SLEEP

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas,
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hands
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

In loving memory of my commander, Frank D. Keeler, I place these flowers.

**TRIBUTE TO DEPT. SENIOR AIDE OF THE GRAND ARMY OF
THE REPUBLIC**

By Eliza Taylor.

In loving reverence we offer tribute in remembrance of the one who has been called from us since our last encampment.

We think of him as one who served and stood faithfully.

"Their works do follow them."

I place these flowers in his memory.

One by one they are passing
 While Celestial trumpets sound
 With a grander army massing
 On Eternal muster grounds.

I place these flowers in memory of Theodore Burden, Sr. Vice Commander, who died April 8, 1937.

By Garnet Spalsbury.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY NURSES

By Julia Allen.

In memory of the Army Nurses of '61 to '65 we pay loving tribute. Their devotion and service during the Civil War never has been surpassed. Our Comrades have told of their sacrifice and have sung their praise o'er and o'er. It truly has been said,

"Angels of Mercy to Heaven.
 Each day we wander along the way:
 Only time will tell what we do or say.
 Life reports must be rendered to Him on high,
 When He calls each one in,
 In the sweet bye and bye."

I place these flowers in their memory.

TRIBUTE TO PAST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

By Gertrude Lewis.

Their work on earth is finished and they have entered into their reward, but the influence of their good deeds remain with us and we cherish their memory. They never quite left us, these friends who have passed through the shadow of death—a thousand sweet memories are holding them fast.

In loving memory I place these flowers.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED MEMBERS OF MICHIGAN

By Minnie Van Tuyl.

To those of our number who were loyal, who were true, who were faithful to the principles of our Order, those who gave us an example to follow, in loving memory I place these flowers. Let us not forget those who have gone before.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARTHA GILBERT

By Grace Fernandez.

Martha Gilbert, known and loved wherever Patriotic work was performed, passed away at the age of 78, on June 20, 1936.

She was the widow of Captain Lyman Gilbert for whom our Corps was named, and was a most devoted worker for our Cause.

She had often expressed a desire to meet her Maker while working on her beloved Federal Flags of which she was Custodian. This desire was granted, as the great Master did call her just as she was mending one of the tattered Emblems.

Mrs. Gilbert was an inspiration to thousands of people, especially to the Woman's Relief Corps of America whom she loved dearly. No task was too difficult to undertake—no burden too heavy to bear for her Country's sake.

In loving Memory of Martha Gilbert, I now place these flowers.

“Sister brave—Sister true
To the flag of the Red, White and Blue
May the Glory of God be with you.”

TRIBUTE TO OUR JUNIORS, BY IDELLA MAC NEAL

IN MEMORIAM

“When our best beloved are gathered to Thee,
And when affliction becomes our portion,
Teach us then to say “Thy will be done.”

Again the Silent Messenger has entered our order and taken another of our precious Jewels and left our hearts sad and lonely.

“So few years we spent together
Quickly did they pass away.
Tho' you're gone from us forever
We will think of you each day.

In loving memory of Betty Barnes, I place these flowers.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER F. D. KEELER

By Edith Hodgson, of Canadian Legion Auxiliary

I place these flowers of tribute to the dearest, most patriotic friend that ever lived. Also the Honorary President of the Federation of Patriotic organization of Saginaw. My father and grandfather. May his soul rest in peace. May God bless him. As one soldier would say to another “Farewell dear brother. On that battlefield of love—I will meet you in the great beyond.”

The soloist, Mrs. Agnes Franz, sang “The Garden of Tomorrow.”

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1937

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Commander Stewart.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, I move that we proceed with the election of delegates to the National Convention.

Motion was carried and seconded.

The delegates are as follows:

Comrade Haynes, Delegate at Large.
Comrade Le Valley, First Delegate.
Comrade Le Croix, Second Delegate.

Moved and seconded that the delegates be voted on collectively.

Motion was carried and they were elected.

Officer of the Day: Commander, our Commander-in-Chief.

Commander Stewart: Comrades, may I present to you, our Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, C. H. William Ruhe, who will speak to us now.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: Now Comrades we all have reminiscences of a long time ago and all the time when we were quite young boys, things occurred that people of today have but very little idea of and I generally try to refresh my own memory and also incidentally refresh the memory of my Comrades about the incidents through which we passed and which were of more vital importance to us at that time, and if they had not been carried to the conclusion to which they were, it is very difficult to say what the condition would have been here today. The only parallel that you could find in history is just exactly what is existing over Europe today. About the size of a state here, over there they have a different country; some of them have a republic, and some of them have a dictator but no two of them agree and that is just exactly what we would have had here if it had not been for us boys.

That, I think, is one of the greatest things that the inventing of the Civil War can be proud of and it is not more than that upon every occasion where a Comrade is able, he should refresh the memory and let the people know just exactly what they did.

In 1860 I was going to school. I was fairly well advanced but I was only a boy—slender, fairly tall, active, and tried to keep in touch with the projects that were discussed because at that time discussions were very rabid in some sections and conservative in others, and we boys took a very great interest with the questions of the day. I recall very distinctly that different pictures were displayed in the stationery rooms of stores giving descriptions of the presidential campaign at that time. There were four candidates in the field and I recall one picture. It was a gymnasium and the four different candidates were displayed going through different exercises. Some with the dumb-bells, others with the clubs, some were boxing, and some were playing on the horizontal bar. That was the kind of illustrations we had in those days. You didn't have those absurd cartoons that you see nowadays but it demonstrated in the schools just about the pace through which the young men of the country were going. We boys, of course, very much according to our antecedents also took part when, with petitions just the same as the elders and all we could do was talk about it while the others would exercise their privilege when the time came to vote. History tells us at that time of the Republican Convention they nominated for their candidate as president the immortal Abraham Lincoln. The Democrats held a convention and the Northern Democrats nominated the known Steven A. Douglas. The Southern Democrats withdrew from the convention, went to Baltimore and nominated John C. Breckenridge, a Southerner, thus splitting the Democratic Party. There then was another party called the People's Party by some, but the general phrase was the No Nothing Party. Their doctrine was that every foreigner coming to this country irrespec-

tive of his ability, should remain here twenty-one years before they would grant him the right of citizenship.

The division in the Democratic Party made it possible to divide the votes in the North so that the Northern States, which were naturally Democratic, the vote was so divided amongst the different electoral votes in order to make Abraham Lincoln President.

The former Secretary of War Floyds was transporting munitions and arms to the South and they were endeavoring to load some of the large siege guns onto the steamers in order to take them down the Mississippi when the people objected and halted the proceedings. The President immediately issued an order and they were all taken back to the arsenal. Then shortly after they fired the freight station in Pennsylvania, and I, as a boy, was working on the fire engine and a great many boxes were broken open which were supposed to contain rice but underneath a layer of rice there were layers of bullets suitable for muskets that were in use, and I don't know how much of that kind of material there was, but the freight station was an enormous one and various quantities were carted to the station.

This was one of the early episodes through which we boys passed. Then came what you might call the beginning of the controversy. The people were up in arms on account of the agitation that was going on and the secession ordinances that were being passed by the Southern States but the President, at that time was Buchanan, did nothing and the people anxiously awaited a change of administration in order to see if something could not be done.

By the way, I have a very distinct recollection of the previous campaign when Buchanan was elected and read considerably of what was being said, although I was young. James Buchanan, I formed this estimate later was one of the finest scholars on the question of political economy that we have had in the United States. Some of his utterances were remarkable and are practical lessons of today. However, the people were awaiting a change and it came when Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated on March 4, 1861. His Secretary of State, a very able man, in fact, every one had the ability, but his Secretary of War was as unscrupulous a politician as there ever was in the United States and just as able a man as they had but he would hesitate at nothing to gain his own end. But strange to say, Abraham Lincoln did just the same as Buchanan, he did nothing. Secession meant nothing, and it meant nothing then and it would mean nothing today. There was a pact between every state and the United States, not states between states, a pact between a state and a United States.

The United States originated with the thirteen original colonies. All those that were admitted later were upon an agreement between that state and the original United States and that contract could not be broken by any one state. There were two parties to the contract and it took two parties to break it. For that reason the United States paid no attention to any act of secession. The question then became what action would be necessary before something could be taken. That action came on the fourteenth day of April an organized mob fired upon the flag of the United States at Fort Sumpter; upon a flag that contained thirty-four stars and when those Southern men fired on that flag they fired upon their own state just as much as they did upon the states of

the North. They fired on the whole thirty-four states and during the whole conflict the flag that was carried by us contained thirty-four stars, and the thirty-four states represented by those stars waged a conflict against those who tried to secede therefrom but could not do so and finally did not do so. That was the situation.

Now comes the period in which we all took part. Some earlier, some later. I was one of the youngest in a very much later period. During the beginning of the new administration and previous thereto there were two men in Washington, acting men, who were at one time, one of them an opponent of the President, but the President consulted with those two men constantly and what I am going to tell you about those two men is a history that was written by the wife of one of those two men and took place during the last session of Congress and the Senate in the early part of 1861. Those two men were Steven A. Douglas, who was a United States Senator and who had been the opponent of President Lincoln but they were fast friends at that time. The other man was John A. Logan, who afterwards was one of our commanders and he was a Democratic Congressman at that time and also a very fast friend of Lincoln's. Those men worked day and night with the Southern Representatives and the Southern Senators in order to avert secession at the War and Mrs. Logan day after day in her memoirs gave the history of how Senator Douglas and Congressman Logan were out until three and four o'clock in the morning in order to avert this War. Now that history is not written. There is not enough glamour attached to that to make this, but Mrs. Logan's memoirs contained the whole history and it is a source of gratification to everyone who thought President Lincoln to know that he appreciated the fact that Steven A. Douglas and John A. Logan were just as good Union men as he was. Now that is what I want to impress upon you my Comrades. As the early part of the history with which I made myself familiar when I was going to school we as boys often played soldier. I was chosen by my boy friends to be a commander at that time and as the campaigns came they grew further. During the Gettysburg fight, I was working on a fortification in order to prevent them from getting to Pittsburgh.

Then came a period that made a remarkable change in personnel and how one man can profit by the unfortunate experience of another. We recall that in the early part of the war the Union Army worked its way down through Virginia after first losing skirmishes we had by being unprepared and I will begin with the period from which they worked their way from Washington to Yorktown. You recall the seige in Yorktown and according to the plan of the campaign, the Southerners were obliged to vacate Yorktown and it didn't require a shot. They had to evacuate position after position until they were interned in Richmond and by that time nearly half of the Union Army were in hospitals. George B. McClellan was Commander who worked out this plan. So far he had driven the Southerners down to their capitol city and the plan was working out successfully but he needed men. He telegraphed to the Secretary of War, "Send me fifty thousand men and I will take Richmond." The Army of the Potomac consisted of an enrollment of 125,000 and I recall distinctly that almost one-half of them were disabled. The Secretary of War, whom I mentioned before, telegraphed again back that McClellan could not have them. After a brief interval, McClellan

telegraphed again, "Send me 35,000 and I will take Richmond." The answer was the same, "You cannot have them." McClellan again telegraphed, "Send me 25,000 and I will try to take Richmond." The reply was the same. The Secretary of War knew that if that General took Richmond he would be the most popular man in the United States and he did not want that because McClellan happened to be a Democrat. He sent a telegram again that said he could not have any. It was then that the famous telegram came back that I am going to tell you of and which is now in the archives in Washington which the Secretary of War did not dare to destroy. "If I get this army out of this safely, I will owe thanks to no man. You have tried your best to destroy it."—George B. McClellan. Now that goes to show you how in the history of affairs in the world, men can be so unscrupulous. There was a man holding a high position willing to sacrifice 125,000 of those boys rather than see a success come to the United States. It is strange but it is true. The telegram is there and can be seen.

Then came the change after the Battle of Gettysburg. The Western man who had been successful was called to Washington by the President and the remark was directly made by those who followed the history of the war at that time. They said that the Eastern man was unsuccessful because he was too close to Washington; the Western man was successful because he was too far away from Washington to be interfered with. General Grant in his interview with the President hesitated for some time. Then finally made his demands and they were terse and to the point—"Mr. President, every demand that I may make for the requirements of men, munitions and equipment must be met. If I get your promise to that effect I will accept; otherwise I will not." The promise was given. General Grant was appointed. We had amongst others quite a number of fanatics in the North on other questions beside the War and especially there was a delegation authorized by their organization to seek the President, protesting against the appointment of General Grant—he drank whisky. The President listened very patiently; when they had finished he made this laconic reply, "Send me the name of the brand that General Grant drinks so that I can send a barrel to every General of the United States Army." That was the end of the conference. Later on the Army went forward and they went forward exactly on the same lines that General McClellan went forward in 1862. Then another protest came to the President that they were not doing anything just simply following out what they had been doing before. In the conference that followed, the President said, "We will fight it out if it takes all summer and it can take all summer and a little while in the next spring." The way Abraham Lincoln did it when I was down there I wondered where all the soldiers and where all the equipment and Army was to ever come from. The War would be over in 1862, but fortunately it go through in 1865. As a boy down there, I had an opportunity to observe. I had advanced considerably in my scientific studies; I used to go through all those various courses. I looked in amazement at the number of soldiers coming in day after day but what drew my attention more than anything else I would watch the transports, the provision teams, the six mules and I wondered and wondered the capacity of the man who was known that could arrange to feed probably a 150,000 men that we had there at that time and to see that they were properly cared for at all times.

and after giving the matter almost a life time of study, Comrades, I feel this way, and I believe that it takes a lot to care for an army. I think I have a verification of my statement from one of the statements made by the great Napoleon, when asked upon the efficiency of the army, replied, "That Army travels on its belly."

Now boys that is the history, and after the attack upon Petersburg, the retreat had been going on for some time, the evacuation of Richmond took place simultaneously. The army of the James followed on the Northern Route above the Rebel. The Army of the Potomac followed along the Southern route along the Southside Railroad and the Sherman Cavalry of the first and third division who had come down in Virginia and cleaned up everything so there would be no attempt in the rear of our own army. They took a more Southern route than we did. They were on the roadway South and they, being a little faster than we were because the horses could get through the mud a little quicker, and they finally headed off the whole column of the Southern Troops and then came the climax. Now I want to call your attention to the generosity of the commanding officer which is practically unknown. Right in that surrender it was the recognition of the private soldier in the ranks. He was to go to his home unmolested and anyone having individual property that did not belong to the Confederate Government was allowed to take it home, and that generosity went very far because they allowed all the horses to go because they were needed in order to work their farms to get provisions for their people.

Now we will talk about soldiers. Two days before the surrender at Wilston Depot on the Southside Railroad where some 50,000 prisoners were being brought back under guard. They were still our enemies. They had only laid down their arms under compulsion but by some means or other word got to the boys who were watching that those men were hungry. Those who had anything to spare immediately went to their tents, they came down with their haversacks. I stood in line with the rest of them and fed the boys in grey. If one dropped to the street how quickly they reached down to get them. Now that was the penalty that the Northern boys put on his enemy of the South. We held out his hand, it did not shake. Also to put upon the Southern soldier, we held out his hand, it do not contain a document that he would have to sign like they do in other wars where they try to enslave the nation just because they have conquered and let me mention, incidentally, the conquerors always come in for it by the force of number and that is just the way we caught the South, we were too many for them, but that hand that was stretched out to the Southern soldiers contained food, nourishment. That is the way we met the man who was our enemy.

Now after that conflict was over we boys commenced to go home and some of the thoughtful ones in your section of the country had been thinking for several months previous to the close of the War that there might be a great national organization that would keep up the memory of our experiences, who could talk over the pleasures and hardships that we endured for there certainly was a fraternity engendered that could not be generated elsewhere. We enjoyed the companionship and also had to go through some of the worst hardships that ever fell to mortal man. However, the thought of these men born, and it is well worth any of us to remember Comrade Stevens, who was the originator of the idea and

formed it of which we are a remnant today—The Grand Army of the Republic. Their teaching, their moral turpitude, their experience manifested in their action is ever since, their anxiety to assume the duties of citizenship, their wondrous effort in helping pay off what was at that time an enormous debt, their faithful observance to the United States of America again stands without unparallel. These boys certainly deserve a page in the history of memory that stands unsurpassed and that is exactly what we want to have ourselves, that we leave behind our successor, but all those who know of our organization how unselfish they have been for wherever anything was done of any magnitude, the Grand Army did not do it for the Grand Army of the Republic but they did it for the soldier of the Civil War. He didn't have to belong to the organization, they do it for them all so that when you look up that history and its final conclusion, nowhere in the history of the world can you find a more unselfish generous organization and for that reason in closing I give you my expression, "There was but one and there can be but one Grand Army of the Republic."

Mrs. Davidson: Commander-in-Chief, there never will be another Grand Army of the Republic. It is the G. A. R. on this side and over on the other side it is going to be the G. A. R., but it will be the Grand Army of the Redeemed.—Presents badge.

Comrade Estabrook moved that the Commander-in-Chief receive a standing vote of thanks from all of us. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: I thank you boys, but I want to tell you it is a pleasure for me to come to see you and I made a very great effort to get here. It is not often that you can get into an association of any kind that relates back to seventy-five years ago. That is the real test. I thank you, Comrades.

Officer of the Guard: There is a delegate outside, the manager of the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau.

Commander Stewart: Admit him.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present to you Mr. Schopps.

Mr. Schopps: I feel it a great privilege and an honor to be allowed to come before this assembly of gentlemen who have fought for our country. I feel that I am one of you as I spent two years as private in this last war that we had.

I am representing the City of Grand Rapids. We have had the honor and the privilege to entertain the Grand Army of the Republic both State and National on different occasions. We have always felt a great deal of honor bestowed upon us. The city thinks so highly of your group that they sent me down to extend a personal invitation with your allied associates to again convene in Grand Rapids next year. You are all familiar with the city, you have always attended them and we know how to entertain you and we hope that you will accept our invitation to convene there next year. I have an official communication from the Mayor. It will take me a moment or two to read it. I have also the invitation from the Pantlind Hotel which we would like to have you

make your headquarters. The letter from the Honorable Mayor is addressed to the officers and comrades. (The letter is then read.)

Commander Stewart: I have attended a number of conventions in Grand Rapids and I don't think they can produce a city in the United States that will beat Grand Rapids for a convention. We always have been treated royally there and I am heartily in favor of making Grand Rapids next year our convention headquarters.

Comrade Estabrook moved that the invitation be accepted and placed on file for further consideration subject to approval of U. S. W. V.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: There are a few little incidents in reference to Grand Rapids that I think might be of interest to you boys because it is interesting to me. I was at the National Encampment the first time it was held in Grand Rapids and I was there the second time. Then through an accident I missed the later ones except the last one. I was there previous to the one held in Washington and most of you will know the Secretary Miss Katherine Flood. I became acquainted with her in 1914 at a Department Encampment in Pennsylvania at Harrisburg. She was then the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and I, taking part in the affairs of the Department in Pennsylvania at that time, accepted the solicitations of the Daughters of the Union Veterans to become an honorary member. I became acquainted with Miss Flood at that time and I think two years later she came to Pittsburgh as the National Secretary of the Commander-in-Chief Patterson who came from our city; and I frequently met her at that time in as much as I was active. Then I think I met her once afterwards, but last year or a year before last at Grand Rapids, when I arrived there, why one of the first ones that I met was Miss Flood, and she spoke to me and renewed our acquaintance. For a while, some of you who were there know that, I took a little bit of active part in the Encampment in Grand Rapids and when we were bidding each other goodby I said, "I would like to bring you back to Pittsburgh," and she replied, "I would dearly love to come." We had a Department Encampment in Pittsburgh and Commander-in-Chief Wright came there and I obtained the privilege from the Chairman to make the introduction. I was in charge of the encampment when I went down to the hotel the next morning and the Commander-in-Chief was found dead in his bed. Thinking over these matters then and the way the matter went on, I went on to Grand Rapids. There I met on the Committee of Resolutions, of which I was a member; a Comrade from Ohio whose name was Segress was also there and I formed a very high opinion of him. When we spoke it was to the point and I concluded at that time, after hearing that he was an intended candidate for Commander-in-Chief, that I would support him and that I would ask the Department to lend their support to him. The early part of last year I received the unfortunate message that Comrade Segress had gone to the great beyond. Some time thereafter when the powers met in Washington City they conferred with each other as to candidates for Commander-in-Chief. Comrade Segress having been recognized as a very able man, they thought they ought to look around and see if they couldn't see someone that would be agreeable to all the Comrades and

who could possibly be the man chosen. I had a number of friends amongst them on various committees and it appears that some of them suggested my name. A few days later I received a letter from them wanting to know if I wouldn't be a candidate. I said that I would be agreeable if that was their wish. But Comrade Findley was chosen at that time.

Some time later I received a letter again asking if I would become a candidate, but I replied that I would not announce myself personally. The Department of Pennsylvania did so and you boys know the result. It was certainly a surprise to me that the first time in the history of the G. A. R. that not another name was mentioned except mine. I certainly felt very, very much gratified to my Comrades. And that is how I became the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A recess of ten minutes is declared while waiting for a delegation to visit them.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation is waiting outside.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the Commander-in-Chief and delegates from the Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief S. O. U. V. Wm. A. Dyer: Commander and Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., I didn't expect to be here at all today, but I left my own Encampment a day ahead in order to come. I was in my home at 4:00 and this morning I was here at 7:20 and I am very glad that I am here. We had a very wonderful meeting in Albany. We had twenty-one men present from the Grand Army of the Republic, every one of whom I know personally and we had a very delightful meeting.

Now I want to say something to you especially of what the Sons have started; that is, a Grand Army of the Republic Highway which starts at Providence, through Hartford, from that point then over Pennsylvania and Northern part of Pennsylvania through Ohio, Indiana and so through Cleveland, and some of Chicago and Davenport, through Iowa to the coast. It is to be known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. It has been dedicated in Rhode Island and in Massachusetts it was dedicated on May 16. This month I took it up with the legislature of New York State and had the leaders agree and put it through. It passed unanimously, and I have a photostat copy of the act signed by Governor LaMont and by the Speaker of the House, Oswald, President of the Senate and we shall dedicate our portion of it in connection with Connecticut, and I took the blue print of the markers over to the State Office Building. It will take about a month to get those markers ready. The highway will be marked every ten miles which says upon it, Grand Army of the Republic with your insignia. This will go from coast to coast where the Union Army was recruited and where Grand Army Posts exist.

I think you will be so pleased with it. Those of you who go over it and to some of you it is known as U. S. Route 6. I have traveled part of it but it will be the longest highway in the United States and it will be the only highway of that kind and will be known as the Grand Army

of the Republic Highway, and that is our contribution to you this year. It has already passed Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Ohio, Indiana, is now in the House in Pennsylvania and Illinois, but it is not in process in the other states because the legislatures have adjourned. I am glad that I have had a portion to do with it. So share in it that my message to you this morning is of importance and I hope I can have the opportunity to shake hands with each one of you with great respect for all that you have done. Thanks.

These men were presented with badges and were ushered out by the Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard: Another delegation is waiting at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: Commander, Sidney Allen, John Edward, and Charles Pastor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

John Edward, Junior Vice Commander of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars: May I just extend my greetings from the organization. Comrades and Commander of the G. A. R., the Department Commander has given me a very happy detail to come over and wish you a very happy and successful convention. We want to extend to you our greetings and our regrets that you couldn't meet with us this year. So I wish you all the success in this world, in this convention and I hope that you will have many more of them. Thank you.

Charles Pastor: Commander Stewart, I have gone to Petoskey once or twice a year and the biggest playboy we have up there is your State Commander. I am representing today the State Commander of the Day who has asked me to extend the hope that you have a very enjoyable convention and that you have many more. Thanks.

Badges were presented to the delegation and they were ushered out by the Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard: We have delegates from the Ladies of the G. A. R. outside.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: May I present to you the National President, Francis Kuhns and Committee?

Francis Kuhns: Past Department Commander Stewart of Michigan, my Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, C. H. William Ruhe and Comrades, we are here to bring greetings to you from the Ladies of the G. A. R. and to say to you how happy we are to have some of you with us today and I am doubly happy to have the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic from my own state and my own town. I can tell the Grand Army in his presence what a fine Commander-in-Chief you elected in Washington, D. C. I come from Pennsylvania and there we all think that there is no one and never have been that is more interested in the organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic than Commander-in-Chief William Ruhe. He is

ever ready to help organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic and to you Comrade Commander of the Department of Michigan Stewart, I believe I obligated you yesterday in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. You came as a brother and you went out as a sister, and I again want to shake hands with you and to pin on your breast this badge from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan and wish for you a most happy and enjoyable convention and the Ladies of Michigan didn't stop with the badge but they have given to me this box of cigars, and the Grand Army of the Republic are to come forward and help themselves. Those of you who do not smoke, my past President has provided you with chewing tobacco so you are going to have a good time with our best wishes. Department Commander and Comrades, we are delighted to bring you our love and greetings this morning and we hope that you will enjoy these smokes and chews and just have a lovely time visiting together. My sister National Officer will speak for the balance of the Department Presidents of Grand Rapids, Michigan. I thank you.

The Sister Officer: I thank you for the service you have rendered our state President and I am sure I will cherish this with my most cherished presents. The flowers will fade but the memory of the donors will last ever in my mind. Goodby Comrades and may you have a very happy and enjoyable convention.

Badges being presented and the ladies were ushered out.

An invitation has been extended to the G. A. R. to come out in front of the hotel and have their pictures taken by a moving picture camera.

It is moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by Commander Stewart.

Commander Stewart: Are there any other Committees to report.

Detroit, Mich., June 11, 1937.

Comrade Chappelle—Commander

To the Officers and Members of Department—Michigan Grand Army of the Republic:

As Department Patriotic Instructor, my report can only be of my own work as no reports from Posts came to me.

I have kept Fairbanks Post No. 17 together with help of our Secretary Leah M. Simpson—holding a session whenever possible to have a quorum.

May 24 with our Corps, held Memorial for the 14 Comrades who have passed since our last service before the Post moved from G. A. R. building.

I attended three sessions of Joint Memorial Day Association, as one of its Presidents and Memorial Sunday services with Spanish War Veterans at St. Paul's Cathedral and in Veterans building.

Attended Flag presentation by our Secretary at Soldiers Plot in Woodmere cemetery and spoke in two schools.

I kept in touch with Convention plans by attending several Committee meetings.

I appreciate the honor of serving the Department and wish it had been possible to do more.

At present my Post has six members.

Loyally in F. C. & L.

A. F. CHAPPELLE,

Dept. Patriotic Instructor

Comrade Owen—Commander, I move the report be accepted. Supported and carried.

Mrs. Davidson: Commander, I have the Report of the Resolution Committee.

Commander Stewart: You may read same.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED—That we express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Management of the Book Cadillac Hotel for their many courtesies extended to us—To the Boy Scouts for their loyalty and devotion—To our Auxiliaries for their many acts of kindness—To all daily papers for courtesies extended—And last, but not least, To the General Chairman of arrangements, Eleanor Stables, who has been untiring in her efforts to make this 59th Encampment one of the most pleasant ever held by the Grand Army of the Republic.

S. H. CARLTON,

JOHN KILLEEN,

A. F. CHAPPELLE,

Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Comrade Estabrook moves that we accept the invitation from Grand Rapids subject to the approval of the Spanish War Veterans. Seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, having finished all the business I move that we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander and Comrades, I have in mind the name of a Comrade who I am sure you all know and will be pleased to give him any honor that is due him. A faithful attendant and he has performed every duty faithfully, so I nominate Comrade Carlton for the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Seconded.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, there being no further nominations, I move that the Secretary cast a ballot for Comrade Carlton for Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Davidson: I cast the unanimous vote for Comrade Carlton for Commander for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare him duly elected.

Comrade Estabrook: For Senior Vice Commander I will nominate John Beaumont, another faithful member.

Seconded.

Mrs. Davidson: Commander, I cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Comrade Beaumont for Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare John Beaumont duly elected.

Comrade Estabrook: For Junior Vice Commander I nominate Eugene Owens.

Seconded.

Mrs. Davidson: I cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Comrade Owens for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare him duly elected.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate for the office of Chaplain, Comrade Le Valley.

Seconded.

Mrs. Davidson: I cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Comrade Le Valley for the office of Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare Comrade Le Valley duly elected.

A recess was declared until the Commander-in-Chief comes to officially install the newly elected officers.

Officer of the Guard: We have a delegation waiting outside from the Ladies of the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: It gives me extreme pleasure to introduce Clara B. Koch, President; Elizabeth Mooney, Secretary of the Department of Michigan; and Betty Storer, Treasurer.

Clara B. Koch: Commander and Comrades, we want you to know we have you in our hearts and we hope that your convention will be just as pleasant as can be and that your remaining days be happy ones and with pleasure I present Elizabeth Mooney, Secretary of the Department of Michigan.

Mrs. Mooney: Comrades and Commanders, with my Department President, I wish you the best convention and may you have many, many more of them.

Betty Storer: Commander and Comrades, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here. I remember back when I was a little girl the G. A. R. always had a soft spot in my heart and still they have always held that very deep spot in my heart and I hope you have many more successful conventions.

The delegation was presented with badges and escorted out by Officer of the Day.

Commander Stewart: We will now have the installation of officers by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: I appoint Comrade Estabrook to act as Officer of the Day. The names of the officers elected will be read and the Officer of the Day will present them.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander-in-Chief-elect, The officers elected are in position to be installed and take the oath of office.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: Comrades, we will precede with the installation in a short way. You have been chosen to the various offices as mentioned by the Secretary in calling you before the chair.

Do you accept?

The officers: We do.

Commander-in-Chief Ruhe: I now declare the officers of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic duly installed and ready to assume their duties in the exercise of the Department. I will now install Comrade Estabrook as Adjutant and Quartermaster General, who has appointed Mrs. Ida Davidson as Secretary for the G. A. R.

Officer of the Guard: There is a delegation waiting to be admitted.

Commander Carlton: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: May I have the honor to present a committee from the Lyman A. Gilbert W. R. C. of Detroit who wishes to say a few words. The members of the delegation are Mrs. Amelia Hathaway, President; Mrs. Anna Millson; Grace Fernandez; and Mrs. Gage.

Mrs. Hathaway: In memory of Lyman A. Gilbert, we present these flowers to you since we promised Mrs. Gilbert that as long as you have one left we would do this. We are pleased to do it.

The committee is presented with badges and escorted out.

Mrs. Davidson: Commander-in-Chief and Commander, I want to present the lady who has been Chairman of the convention arrangements all the way through. She has been giving weeks and weeks of her time that you Comrades, all of you, might be comfortable and have a very splendid time while you were here, Mrs. Eleanore Stables.

Mrs. Stables: I have been asked by the Pres. of the Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ella Ramsdale, to ask that you all come and visit our convention this afternoon.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any question to come before this Department? Hearing none, I now declare the Department Encampment of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic adjourned sine die.

UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM

The 59th Annual Encampment is a pleasant memory due to the untiring efforts of the Chairman of the Committee of arrangements, Eleanor Stables, her efficient Committees and the co-operation of all allied organizations, whose first thought was to honor the Grand Army of the Republic, each one giving banquets and extending courtesies whenever they had the opportunity.

GREETINGS

Were extended by Hon. Frank Murphy, Governor of Michigan, page 7 and from the Mayor of Detroit.

June 3, 1937.

It gives me great pleasure to extend to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Organizations, cordial greetings of welcome to our city.

We are indeed gratified that you have selected Detroit for your Grand Encampment this year, and I assure you that our many facilities will be placed at your disposal.

You may expect the fullest cooperation from the officials of this city in helping to make your visit a most pleasant one.

FRANK COUZENS,
Mayor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1937

- 9:30 A. M. Registration.
- 10:30 A. M. Meeting of Council of Administration.
- 2:00 P. M. Opening Session, in Mirrored Room, Book Cadillac Hotel.
- 3:30 P. M. Joint Memorial Service with the Woman's Relief Corps at Tuller Hotel, followed by banquet and Campfire.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH

- 9:00 A. M. Business Session. Election of Officers and Installation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH

- 10:30 A. M. Annual Parade.

COMRADES REGISTERED AT THE 59TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
HELD IN DETROIT, JUNE 9TH, 10TH, 11TH, 1937.

	Age
Blye, Andrew, Fenton	91
Baumont, J. F., Milford	94
Beardsley, A. S., Detroit	98
Carlton, S. H., Kalamazoo	90
Chappelle, A. F., Detroit	92
Estabrook, A. C., Grand Rapids	90
Hains, J. C., Detroit	95
Haynes, G. W., Grand Rapids	96
Killeen, John, Portland	90
LeValley, O., Caro	88
LaCroix, Gilbert, Mt. Clemens	91
Owen, Eugene, Grand Rapids	88
Plumadore, David, Detroit	90
Parker, W. P., Lake Odessa	93
R. H. Russell, Big Rapids	88
Stewart, Ira M., Petoskey	91
Warner, M. J., Grand Rapids	91

After the Encampment was closed on Thursday afternoon the very sad news of the death of Past Department Commander Orestus Blake was received. The Sons of Union Veterans, being in session, adopted the following resolution:

We, the members of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now in Encampment assembled in the city of Detroit, Michigan, having just received news of the death of Past Department Commander Orestus Blake of the Grand Army of the Republic, in testimony of our love and affections for Comrade Blake, do hereby commemorate his memory on our records and his true worth as a soldier, a citizen, and a member of the G. A. R., be recorded and testified to by our order as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, that the death of Comrade Blake is a shock to the members of our Order, that we deeply feel the loss to our order in the passing of Comrade Blake, and we as Sons of his Comrades hereby testify to his true worth, his excellent record as a soldier, his loyal citizenship, his accomplishments for good citizenship, furtherance of Patriotism during his two years as Department Commander of the Michigan Department of the G. A. R. and his genial disposition.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread on our records, and that a copy be furnished the Jackson Citizen Patriot for publication, and a copy be furnished the family.

Signed,
 J. Ray FISHER,
 PERLE L. FOUCH,
 CHARLES H. WRIGHT,
 Committee.

Attest
 LYNN A. TIFFANY,
 Department Commander.
 CLOY V. SMITH,
 Department Sec'y-Treas.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, July 10th, 1936.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1. Series 1936-1937.

I.

Having been re-elected to the high office of Department Commander at the 58th Annual Encampment held in Battle Creek, June 10th, 11th, 12th, I hereby assume command. I deeply appreciate your confidence and loyalty, and as I enter upon my duties for another year it is with the hope and desire that I shall continue to have your cooperation and assistance, for which I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. "To do and give my very best efforts to perpetuate the fine record of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be my endeavor."

II. OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

Department Commander—Ira M. Stewart, Post No. 170, Petoskey.
 Dept. Sr. Vice Commander—Theodore Burden, Post No. 145, Holly.
 Dept. Jr. Vice Commander—J. F. Beaumont, Post No. 181, Milford.
 Chaplain—Orestus Blake, Post No. 48, Jackson.
 Medical Director—M. J. Warner, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Orestus Blake Post No. 48, Jackson
 John Killeen Post No. 48, Jackson
 Frank D. Keeler Post No. 38, Saginaw
 A. F. Chappelle Post No. 17, Detroit
 A. H. Lightcap Post No. 48, Jackson

III. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

J. F. Beaumont, Delegate-at-Large Post No. 181, Milford
 S. H. Carlton Post No. 79, Kalamazoo
 M. J. Warner Post No. 5, Grand Rapids
 A. H. Lightcap Post No. 48, Jackson
 N. R. Wood Post No. 14, Benton Harbor

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

George Wilcox, Alternate-at-Large Post No. 91, St. Louis
 T. H. Nichols Post No. 48, Jackson
 T. O. Webber Post No. 125, Hastings
 Winfield Faith Post No. 32, Battle Creek
 Joshua J. Brown Post No. 460, Saugatuck

IV. OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

A. A. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook Post No. 46,
 Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Judge Advocate, Frank D. Keeler Post No. 38, Saginaw
 Patriotic Instructor—A. F. Chappelle Post No. 17, Detroit
 Chief of Staff, Isaac Grant Post No. 451, Reed City
 Sr. Aide, Charles Green Post No. 395, Grand Rapids
 Serg't National Colors—A. H. Lightcap Post No. 48, Jackson
 Serg't Department Colors—O. LeValley Post No. 143, Caro

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Orestus Blake—John Killeen—Frank D. Keeler

SOLDIERS HOME COMMITTEE.

Howard Bond Post No. 7, Muskegon
 Ebenezer Childs Post No. 395, Grand Rapids
 David Plumadore Post No. 17, Detroit

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Frank D. Keeler—S. H. Carlton

VI. The 70th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Washington, D. C., the week of September 20th, 1936. Michigan Headquarters will be established at the Mayflower Hotel. Complete arrangements will be issued in next General Orders.

VII. All official communications should be addressed to A. C. Estabrook, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, 4861 Buchanan Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Mich., August 20, 1936.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2. Series of 1936-1937.

I. As previously announced, the 70th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 20th to 26th, 1936.

II. Michigan Headquarters will be established at the Mayflower Hotel. May I urge all Comrades, who are able, to attend the Encampment and visit the many interesting and historic places in the Capital City.

III. A meeting of Delegates and those entitled to a seat in the Encampment, will be held in Headquarters Room, Tuesday evening, Sept. 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. National Badges will be distributed at this time.

IV. RATES AND TRANSPORTATION

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has been chosen as the official route from Michigan.

The following one way railway fares are in effect from the principal cities listed below:

From	Coach Service	Pullman Service
Ann Arbor	\$12.10	\$18.15
Battle Creek	13.20	19.75
Bay City	13.90	20.80
Detroit	12.00	18.00
Flint	12.95	19.45
Grand Rapids	14.15	21.25
Jackson	12.25	18.40
Kalamazoo	13.65	20.45
Lansing	12.95	19.45
Petoskey	17.55	26.30
Saginaw	13.65	20.45

There will be no reduced rates in effect for this meeting.

Lower Berth	Upper Berth	Drawing Room	Compartment
\$4.25	\$3.40	\$15.00	\$12.00

The party will leave Detroit on the Baltimore and Ohio AMBASSADOR LIMITED, at 5:15 P. M., Saturday, September 19th, and will arrive in Washington at 8:30 Sunday morning, September 20th.

SEE YOUR LOCAL TICKET AGENT REGARDING RATES AND TRAIN CONNECTIONS.

Coach and Pullman reservations can be made direct with: R. V. JOHNSTON, DIVISION PASSENGER AGENT, BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD, 131-33 W. LAFAYETTE BLVD., DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

We have been notified that the Trans-Continental, Western and Southwestern Passenger Associations have taken the following action:

"That for conventions of War Veterans' Organizations held in Eastern Territory for which it has been customary to authorize one fare, rate of one first class fare for the round trip be authorized within Western territory, added to any fares by Eastern Lines and usual equalization of gateways."

In this case gateways means Chicago and St. Louis. The rates from Western Territory, therefore, will be one fare for round trip as far as Chicago or St. Louis, plus the regular fare from Chicago to Washington.

The reduced rates for Michigan apply only to the Upper Peninsula, where railroads connect with the Chicago and St. Louis lines.

V. HOTELS

THE FOLLOWING RATES ARE FOR ROOMS WITH BATH

	Single	Double Beds	Twin Beds
Ambassador	\$3.00—\$3.50	\$5.00—\$6.00	\$6.00
Annapolis	2.50— 3.00	4.00— 4.50	5.00
Benedick		3.50— 5.00	
Blackstone	3.00	4.00— 4.50	4.50—\$5.00
Cairo	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	3.50— 4.00
Capitol Park	2.50— 3.00	3.50— 5.00	4.00— 6.00
Carlton	4.00— 7.00	6.00— 9.00	7.00—10.00
Commodore	2.50— 3.50	4.00— 5.00	5.00— 6.00
Continental	2.50— 5.00	4.00— 7.00	5.00— 7.00
Dodge	2.50— 5.00	5.00	5.00— 8.00
Ebbitt	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	4.00— 4.50
Fairfax	3.00— 5.00	4.00— 6.00	4.50— 7.00
Hamilton	3.00— 4.00	5.00— 6.00	5.00— 6.00
Harrington	2.50— 3.50	3.50— 5.00	4.00— 7.00
Hay-Adams	3.00— 4.50	4.50— 7.00	7.00
Houston	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	4.00— 5.00
Lafayette	2.50— 4.00	3.50— 5.00	4.50— 6.00
Lee House	3.00— 4.00	4.00— 6.00	5.00— 7.00

	Single	Double Beds	Twin Beds
Martinique	\$3.00—\$4.00	\$4.00—\$5.00	\$5.00—\$6.00
Mayflower	3.50— 5.00	5.00— 7.00	6.00— 9.00
New Colonial	2.50— 3.00	3.00— 4.00	3.50— 4.50
Occidental	2.50	3.00	5.00— 8.00
Pennsylvania	2.50— 3.50	4.00— 6.00	4.50— 7.00
Plaza	2.50— 3.00	3.50— 4.50	5.00— 6.00
Portland	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	3.50— 4.00
Powhatan	3.00	4.00	5.00
Raleigh	3.00— 4.00	4.50— 6.00	6.00— 8.00
Roosevelt	3.00— 4.00	3.50— 5.00	4.50— 6.00
Shoreham	4.00	6.00	6.00
Wardman Park	3.00		5.00
Washington	3.00— 4.00	4.00— 4.50	5.00— 6.00
Willard	3.50— 4.00	5.00— 6.00	6.00— 7.00

THE FOLLOWING RATES ARE FOR ROOMS WITHOUT BATH

Ambassador	\$2.50	\$3.50	
Cairo	1.50— 2.00	2.00—\$2.50	\$2.50—\$3.00
Capitol Park	2.00	3.00	
Continental	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	
Dodge	2.00— 2.50	3.50	4.00
Harrington	2.00	3.00	
New Colonial	2.00	2.50— 3.00	
Occidental	1.50	2.00	
Pennsylvania		3.00— 4.00	
Plaza	2.00— 2.50	3.00— 3.50	
Portland	1.00— 1.50	2.00— 2.50	2.50
Raleigh	2.50	3.50	
Willard	2.50	3.50	

For information and rooms address Robert J. Cottrell, Executive Secretary, G. A. R. Encampment Committee, 204 Evening Star Bldg., Washington, D. C.

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, December 10, 1936.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3. Series of 1936-1937.

I. The Seventieth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the City of Washington, D. C., September 20-25, 1936. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps was established at the Hotel Mayflower, where all Comrades received a hearty welcome.

Fourteen Comrades from the Department of Michigan were registered.

II. Wednesday, September 23. The remnant of that once **MIGHTY HOST** again proudly marched up Pennsylvania Ave. while thousands of patriotic citizens and school children greeted them with cheers and tears. Your Commander was proud to have nine Comrades who marched and three who rode.

The National and Department Colors were carried by a detail from the Sons of Union Veterans of Michigan.

III. The sessions of the G. A. R. were held in the Hotel Mayflower. Comrade C. H. William Ruhe of Pennsylvania was elected Commander-in-Chief. Madison, Wis., was selected as the meeting place in 1937.

IV. Report blanks for the year ending December 31, 1936, are enclosed. Post Adjutants or Secretaries will fill out and return to Headquarters, Lansing, Mich., Box 433, with per capita of ten cents per member, by January 31, 1937. If officers hold over, fill out blank the same as if new officers were elected.

Patriotic Instructors' blanks should be filled out and sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor A. F. Chappelle, 1217 23rd St., Detroit.

V. That our lives were spared to enjoy another Thanksgiving Day, we are grateful to the "Giver of all good gifts", and as the Christmas and New Year draw near let us enter into the activities of these days, that Friendship, Loyalty and Charity may prevail throughout our Land. The Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Estabrook, joins me in extending a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our Comrades, our Auxiliary and Allied Organizations.

"As miles are reckoned, yes, 'tis true,
It's a long, long way from me to you;
But thoughts count neither time nor space
As they fly away on a swift, mad race;
So my thoughts on magic wings speed away,
To find and greet you on **CHRISTMAS DAY.**"

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Official
A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April 26, 1937.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4. Series 1937-1938.

"MEMORIAL DAY."

"Their work is done, how well only the Master knows,
One never sees the fruit, of all the seed he sows".

I. "Again, Memorial Day". In accordance with Rules and Regulations of The Grand Army of the Republic, Monday, May 31st, will be observed as Memorial Day.

The Comrades of the G. A. R. deeply appreciate the assistance rendered by the Sons of Veterans, Veterans of the late wars and allied organizations in arranging exercises and programs for this sacred day. All Comrades, who are able, are requested to attend services on Memorial Sunday, May 23rd, and to visit the Public Schools the following week. The children will be pleased to gather flowers and take part in the exercises of Memorial Day.

Post Chaplains must forward their reports promptly to the Department Chaplain, Orestus Blake, 115 South Gorham St., Jackson, Michigan. Blanks are enclosed.

"They kept the Stars in the field of blue,
They brought the State to allegiance true.
To them the Nation's debt is due.
And the Nation must never forget".

II. Sunday, May 9th, will be observed as "Mothers Day".
Let us wear a white carnation.

"This is the flower for Mother
Wear it on Mothers' Day,
Pinned to your lapel
For her who loved you well".

III. "FLAG DAY".

Let us join with our Allied organizations and the public schools in the observance of this day.

"Here is my love to you, Flag of the Free,
Flag of the tried and true.
Here is my love to your streaming stripes,
And your stars in the field of blue".

By Command of

IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Official

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

Lansing, Michigan, April 26, 1937.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5. Series of 1937-1938.

I. The 59th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Detroit, June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1937. Headquarters of the G. A. R. will be established at the Book Cadillac Hotel. Comrades can register and receive badges Wednesday A. M. All Comrades of this Department in good standing and in possession of the countersign are entitled to a seat and a vote in this Encampment.

The Council of Administration will meet in Headquarters room Wednesday, June 9th, at 10:00 A. M. to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and such other business as may be necessary.

The first session will be called to order in the Book Cadillac Hotel, Wednesday, June 9th, at 1:30 P. M.

Programs will contain complete arrangements.

Resolutions Committee—S. H. Carlton, Frank D. Keeler, John Killeen.

Other appointments will be made later.

II. Transportation.

In effect March 15, 1937

**ONE WAY AND ROUND TRIP BUS FARES FROM VARIOUS
POINTS IN MICHIGAN TO DETROIT.**

All Buses run through without change.

	To Detroit	One Way	Round Trip
Port Huron	To Detroit	\$1.75	\$2.80
Pontiac	" "	.75	1.20
Flint	" "	1.75	2.80
Saginaw	" "	2.50	4.10
Bay City	" "	2.75	4.60
Sault Ste. Marie	" "	10.00	16.00
Petoskey	" "	7.55	12.10
Lansing	" "	2.05	3.30
Grand Rapids	" "	3.25	5.60
Ann Arbor	" "	.95	1.50
Ypsilanti	" "	.75	1.20
Jackson	" "	1.80	2.90
Albion	" "	2.25	3.65
Marshall	" "	2.60	4.15
Battle Creek	" "	2.85	4.55
Kalamazoo	" "	3.25	5.45
Monroe	" "	1.00	1.60

Consult Ticket Agent for fare on R. R.

III. For information relative to rooms at Hotel, Address J. L. Rock, Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

"IN MEMORIAM".

IV. With deep sorrow I announce the death of two members of my Official Family: Charles A. Green, Department Sr. Aide who died August 17th, 1936 and Theodore Burden, Department Sr. Vice Commander who passed away April 8, 1937. They were faithful members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Sleep on, dear friends, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence, rare divine
O'er lives that here remain".

V. This being my last General Order, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Comrades for their loyalty and co-operation, and to our allied organizations for their many acts of kindness and consideration.

By Command of

IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Official

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General

IN MEMORIAM.

"They are resting now forever; from the war's wild scenes of strife;
They have fought their last great skirmish, on the Battlefield of life.
They have gone where none returneth; to the unknown Silent Shore,
But they've left with us a banner, that will float forever more.
They belong to that great army, which the martyred Lincoln led;
There are hundreds of them living, there are thousands dead."

MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1936

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
John A. Logan Post No. 1, Grand Rapids					
Charles Tuthill	Private	C	4th Michigan Infantry	Grand Rapids	Feb. 6, 1936
David Almy	Private	G	16th Michigan Infantry	Grand Rapids	Mar. 4, 1936
Albert D. VanVleet	Private	K	23rd Michigan Infantry	Grand Rapids	April 14, 1936
Melvin Shawl	Private	F	12th Michigan Infantry	Grand Rapids	Oct. 6, 1936
Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids					
John Krauskoph	Private	F	5th Maryland Infantry	Grand Rapids	April 4, 1936
Fairbanks Post No. 17, Detroit					
Robert McBeth	Private	D	1st U. S. Infantry	Detroit	Dec. 24, 1935
Seth Rice	Private	D	28th New York Battalion	Detroit	Dec. 27, 1935
George Beamish	Private	D	194th New York Volunteers	Detroit	Jan. 13, 1936
Robert Cheyne	Private	D	16th Michigan Infantry	Detroit	Feb. 16, 1936
Oscar Kelsey	Private	I	22nd Michigan Infantry	Detroit	Feb. 18, 1936
James Gillispee	Private	F	110th Ohio Infantry	Detroit	April 10, 1936
M. J. Whitney	Private	F	22nd Michigan Infantry	Detroit	May 15, 1936
William J. Fraser	Private	E	4th Michigan Cavalry	Detroit	Oct. 31, 1936
William H. Golder	Private	B	8th Iowa Infantry	Detroit	Dec. 2, 1936
David Becker Post No. 25, Ogden Center					
John Locke	Private	D	12th U. S. Infantry	Ogden Center	June 11, 1936
Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek					
J. J. Kleindent	Private	K	146th Indiana Infantry	Battle Creek	Mar. 21, 1936

Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven

Arthur E. Vanpelt	Private	F	60th Ohio Volunteers, Infantry	South Haven	Jan. 21, 1936
A. L. Nealey	Private	F	134th Illinois Infantry	South Haven	Feb. 20, 1936
John F. Jones	Private	F	10th New York Infantry	South Haven	July 30, 1936

Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, Lansing

H. H. Larned	Private	C	1st Minnesota Cavalry	Lansing	June 9, 1936
George H. Saxton	Private	B	1st Michigan Sharpshooters	Lansing	July 15, 1936

Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian

Charles VanNess	Private	I	18th Michigan Infantry	Adrian	April 29, 1936
Henry Chulip	Private	E	55th Ohio Volunteers, Infantry	Adrian	July 10, 1936
Thaddeus Austin	Private	No record		Adrian	Aug. 2, 1936

Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson

Uriah L. Prine	No record			Jackson	Jan. 6, 1936
Wellington Moulton	No record			Jackson	July 13, 1936

Phil McKernan Post No. 53, Mason

Theodore Bortle	Private	I	Engineers and Mechanics	Mason	Jan. 5, 1936
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Oreutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo

William Allen	Private	G	23rd Ohio Volunteers, Infantry	Kalamazoo	Feb. 24, 1936
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Corbin Post No. 88, Union City

Samuel Ashmore	Private	F	9th New York Heavy Artillery	Union City	Mar. 9, 1936
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William D. Wilkins Post No. 91, St. Louis

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
George Wilcox.....	Private.....	C	8th Michigan Cavalry.....	St. Louis.....	July 12, 1936

Wallace Post No. 95, Flat Rock

Albert W. Wager.....	Private.....	D	4th Michigan Infantry.....	Flat Rock.....	Oct. 8, 1936
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William Sanborn Post No. 98, Port Huron

George W. Howe.....	Private.....	K	29th Michigan Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	Feb. 16, 1936
Theo Shars.....	Private.....	E	5th Michigan Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	April 7, 1936

Tim Lewis Post No. 107, Dimondale

Norman P. Bateman.....	Private.....	H	6th Michigan Infantry.....	Dimondale.....	Dec. 1, 1936
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Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

Steuben Filkins.....	Private.....	C	11th Michigan Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	May 5, 1936
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J. B. Brainard Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids

John Henderson.....	Private.....	H	38th O. N. G. B.....	Eaton Rapids.....	June 11, 1936
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Waddell Post No. 120, Howell

George H. Barnes.....	Private.....	H	23rd Michigan Infantry.....	Howell.....	Nov. 4, 1936
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Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor

Earl A. Hoag	Corporal	90th New York Infantry	Ann Arbor	Mar. 12, 1936
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Whiteside Post No. 143, Caro

David S. Arnold	Private	C I	8th Indiana Cavalry 30th Michigan Infantry	Caro	Mar. 4, 1936 April 23, 1936
Josiah Hackett	Corporal				

Turrell Post No. 144, Lapeer

David R. Lang		13th Michigan Battery	Lapeer	Sept. 24, 1936
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Gov. Crapo Post No. 145, Flint

Wray Mitchel	Private	B E	Sharp Shooters Regiment 29th Regiment 23rd Regiment	Flint Flint Flint	May 10, 1936 May 2, 1936 July 13, 1936
Warren Gilbert	Private				
Amender Kubey	Private				

Dick Richardson Post No. 147, Pontiac

Samuel D. Bentley	Private	A	10th Michigan Infantry	Pontiac	1936
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Charles E. Grisson Post No. 156, St. Johns

George Stimson	No record			St. Johns	Oct. 1936
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Henry F. Wallace Post No. 160, Corunna

Leroy Requay	Private	E	29th Michigan Infantry	Corunna	June 1936
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Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
E. A. Dunton.....	No record.....			Petoskey.....	Mar. 1936
William J. V. Loper.....	No record.....			Petoskey.....	May 25, 1936
Silas Wright.....	Private.....	E	10th Michigan Cavalry.....	Petoskey.....	Dec. 31, 1936

L. C. Woodman Post No. 196, Lawton

Harvey Harper.....	Private.....	H	12th Michigan Infantry.....	Lawton.....	Sept. 16, 1936
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E. W. Hollingsworth Post No. 210, Albion

Lewis Wiselgal.....	Private.....	D	12th Michigan Infantry.....	Albion.....	1936
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Albert Jackson Post No. 300, Marquette

Detroit Post No. 384, Detroit

John S. Conant.....	Second Lieutenant.....	D	25th Michigan Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Jan. 18, 1936
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Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, Grand Rapids

Charles A. Green.....	Private.....	A	85th New York Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Aug. 17, 1936
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General O. M. Poe Post No. 433, Detroit

William Peabody.....	Private.....	E	17th Michigan Infantry.....	Detroit.....	June 1936
Daniel Ronecker.....	Private.....	C	30th Illinois Infantry.....	Detroit.....	July 1936

Steele Bros. Post No. 441, Mason

John C. Johnson.....	Private.....	I	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Mar. 15, 1936
Philip F. McLain.....	Sergeant.....	B	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Portland, Oregon.....	April 9, 1936
Robert Lyon.....	Sergeant.....	G	13th Michigan Infantry.....	Onondaga.....	Oct. 13, 1936

John Hunter Post No. 455, Montrose

William C. Bouck.....	Private.....	I	8th Michigan Cavalry.....	Montrose.....	Aug. 26, 1936
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ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Year	Entertaining City	Presiding Commander
1868	Detroit	Russell A. Alger
1869	Lansing	William A. Throop
1870	Lansing	William Humphreys
1879	Grand Rapids	C. V. R. Pond
1880	Grand Rapids	C. V. R. Pond
1881	Quincy	A. T. McReynolds
1882	Muskegon	Byron R. Pierce
1883	Battle Creek	Byron R. Pierce
1884	Detroit	Oscar A. Janes
1885	East Saginaw	Rush J. Shank
1886	Jackson	Charles D. Long
1887	Grand Rapids	John Northwood
1888	Lansing	L. G. Rutherford
1889	Bay City	Washington Gardner
1890	Adrian	Michael Brown
1891	Muskegon	Henry M. Duffield
1892	Ann Arbor	Charles L. Eaton
1893	Benton Harbor	Henry S. Dean
1894	Owosso	James H. Kidd
1895	Mt. Clemens	Louis Kanitz
1896	Saginaw	S. B. Daboll
1897	Greenville	William Shakespeare
1898	Port Huron	Aaron T. Bliss
1899	Petoskey	Alex L. Patrick
1900	Grand Rapids	Russell R. Peeler
1901	Flint	E. M. Allen
1902	Pontiac	James Van Kleeck
1903	Muskegon	Edward C. Anthony
1904	Holland	D. B. K. VanRaalte
1905	Traverse City	George H. Hopkins
1906	Saginaw	E. C. Cannon
1907	Bay City	Joseph B. Griswold
1908	Detroit	William Jibb
1909	Kalamazoo	George L. Holmes
1910	Holland	James M. Greenfield
1911	Ypsilanti	Samuel J. Lawrence
1912	Port Huron	George W. Stone
1913	Lansing	John T. Spillane
1914	Jackson	Frank R. Chase
1915	Kalamazoo	Riley I. Jones
1916	Bay City	Eli Strong
1917	Battle Creek	Lucius H. Ives
1918	Saginaw	William O. Lee
1919	Traverse City	David S. Howard
1920	Port Huron	Edwin F. Lamb
1921	Flint	Henry Spaulding
1922	Detroit	J. J. Holmes
1923	Grand Rapids	William Mears
1924	Lansing	Lyman A. Gilbert
1925	Port Huron	M. C. Barney
1926	Jackson	John Seel
1927	Benton Harbor	James R. Stephenson
1928	Kalamazoo	Charles A. Bartlett
1929	Bay City	A. C. Estabrook
1930	Pontiac	A. C. Estabrook
1931	Grand Rapids	A. C. Estabrook
1932	Petoskey	Orestus Blake
1933	Saginaw	Orestus Blake
1934	Grand Rapids	John Killeen
1935	Mt. Clemens	Frank D. Keeler
1936	Battle Creek	Ira M. Stewart
1937	Detroit	Ira M. Stewart

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