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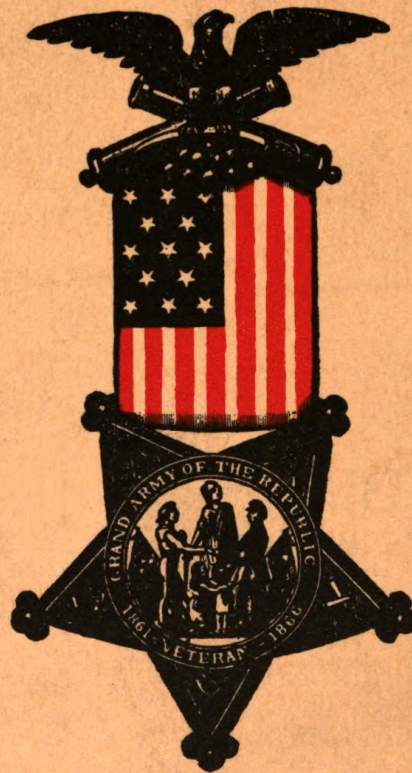
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GRAND ARMY
of the REPUBLIC

HELD AT
LANSING, JUNE 18, 19, 20, 1941

WITH ADDRESS
OF
MARTIN J. WARNER, *Department Commander*
AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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

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, 1941.**

Hon. Murray D. Van Wagoner, Governor of the State of Michigan :

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Sixty-Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Lansing, June 18, 19 and 20, 1941, as required by the statutes.

**MARTIN J. WARNER,
Department Commander.**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
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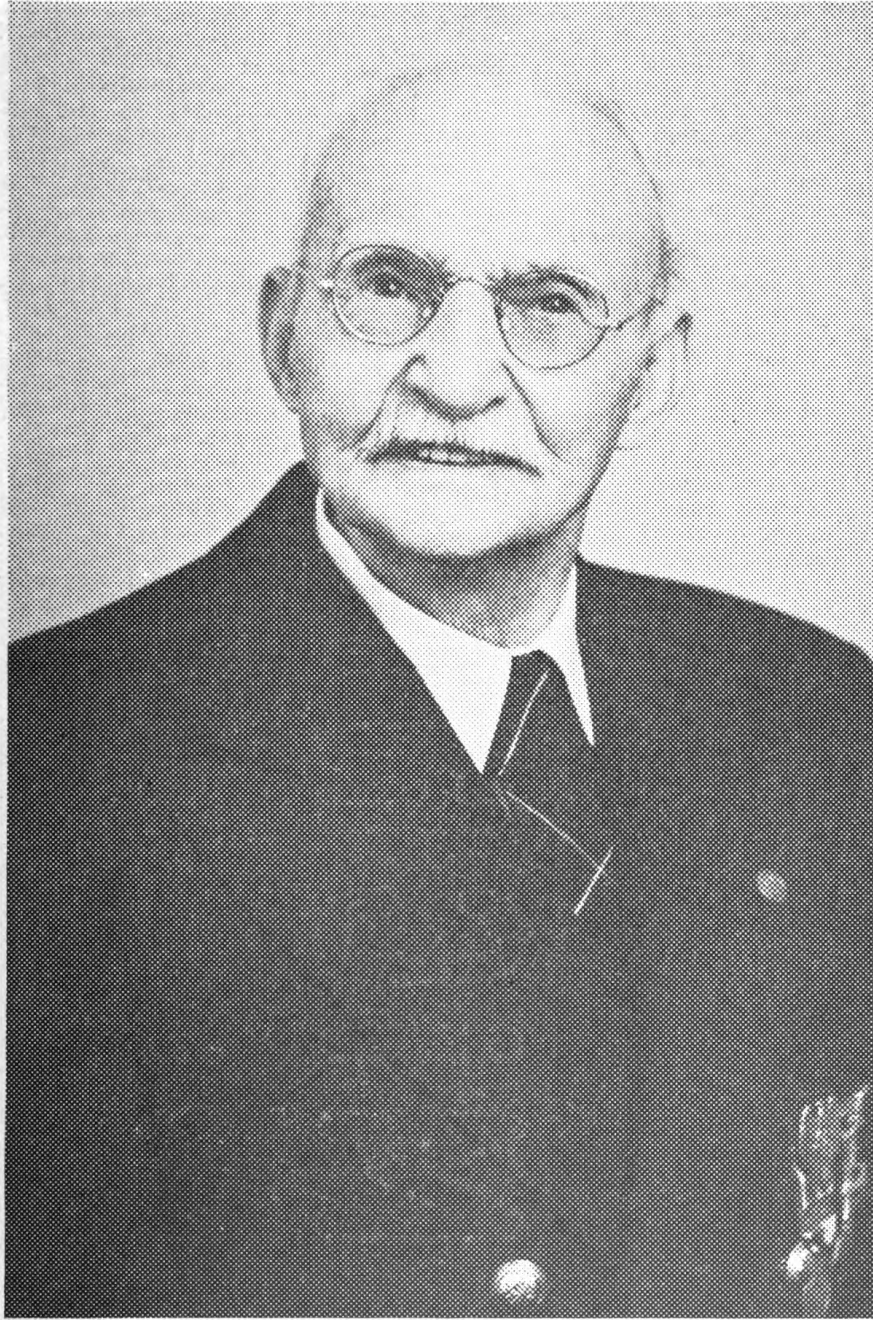
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 Commander Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids
 Senior Vice-Commander Orlando Le Valley, Caro
 Junior Vice-Commander
 Assistant Adjutant General Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids
 Chaplain David Plumadore, Detroit
 Judge Advocate A. F. Chappell, Detroit
 Patriotic Instructor J. A. Hamilton, Lansing
 Chief of Staff W. R. Howland, Battle Creek
 Senior Aide E. M. Holt, Shelby
 Sergeant of National Colors *N. J. Dunn, Saginaw
 Sergeant Department Colors James F. Ives, Grand Rapids
 Department Secretary Leah M. Simpson

NATIONAL OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1940-1941

Commander-in-Chief William W. Nixon, Jewell, Kansas
 Adjutant General Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles Cal.
 Quartermaster General J. A. Hamilton, Lansing, Mich.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rustan O. Reed, Seattle, Wash.
 Surgeon General Dr. Edward H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Ind.
 Chaplin-in-Chief Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.
 Judge Advocate-General Thomas J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa
 Inspector-General Joseph B. Henninger, Indianapolis, Ind.
 National Patriotic Instructor Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Ore.
 Assistant Adjutant-General John Shearer, Houston, Texas
 Chief of Staff Thomas Ridenour, Crestline, Ohio
 Senior Aide-de-Camp Lyman E. Butterfield, Manchester, N. H.
 Secretary Miss Katharine R. A. Flood



* A. C. ESTABROOK
Department Commander
June, 1940 - February, 1941



MARTIN J. WARNER
Department Commander
Grand Army of the Republic
1941

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. Reynolds, 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
Ethan 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
S. H. Carlton	Kalamazoo, 1937-38

A. C. Estabrook	Grand Rapids, 1938-39
A. F. Chappell	Detroit, 1939-40
A. C. Estabrook, (died in office)	Grand Rapids, 1940-41
Martin J. Warner, to fill vacancy	Grand Rapids, 1940-41

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. Frieeseke, 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
J. F. Beaumont	Milford, 1937-38
Gilbert LaCroix (died in office)	Mt. Clemens, 1938-39

J. F. Beaumont (died in office) Milford, 1939-40
 Orlando Le Valley Caro, 1940-41

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

S. B. Kitchell, deceased Coldwater, 1878
 W. A. Palmer, deceased Grand Rapids, 1879
 W. A. Palmer, deceased Grand Rapids, 1879-80
 Dallas Johnson, deceased Montague, 1881
 Oscar A. Janes, 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
 Alison 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, deceased 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
 Eugene Owen Grand Rapids, 1937-38
 William Parker Lake Odessa, 1938-39
 Ira M. Stewart Petoskey, 1939-40
 Orlando Le Valley Caro, 1940-41

ROSTER.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC JANUARY 1, 1941.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887. Membership 1.
Post Commander—James F. Ives.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Eugene Owen.
Member.
Martin J. Warner.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881. Membership 3.
Post Commander—A. F. Chappell.
David Plumadore. William H. Jackson.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—George W. Wilt.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—W. R. Howland.

ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Nelson R. Wood.

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882. Membership 2.
Post Commander—James A. Hamilton.
George E. Osborn.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander—Baker J. Cole.
Charles E. Riker. J. H. Pangborn.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—John Killeen.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—A. C. Estabrook.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—E. M. Holt.

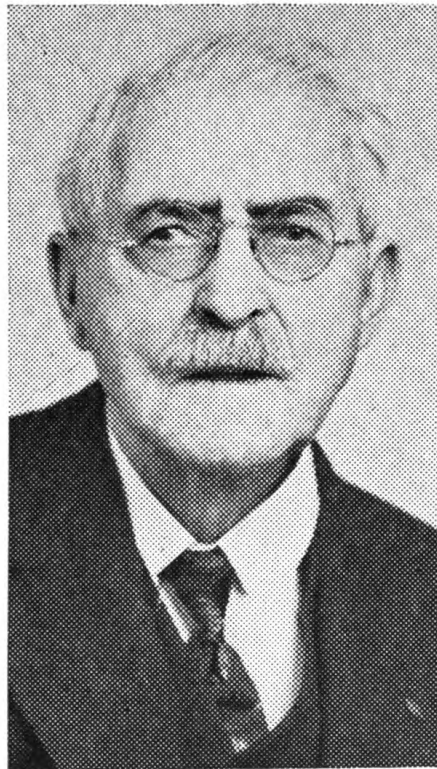
ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—S. H. Carlton.

- BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**
- Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—L. S. Daniells.
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- FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**
- Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—T. O. Webber.
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- WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**
- Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—Orlando Le Valley.
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- L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**
- Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—Isaac Hodgkins.
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- E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**
- Chartered January 4, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—Jacob Perrine.
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**
- Chartered December 23, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—Lemuel Tingley.
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- ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**
- Chartered January 15, 1885. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—R. H. Russell.
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
-
- GEN. O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.**
- Chartered November 18, 1893. Membership 1.
 Post Commander—John Hains.
-
- STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**
- Chartered December 31, 1897. Membership 3.
 Post Commander—Dennis McGonegal.
 Lewis E. Springsteen. Holden Albro.

COMRADES AT LARGE.

- Madison Richards, Holland—Sponsored by W. R. C. No. 231.
 Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar—Sponsored by W. R. C. No. 191.
 James Rooney, Port Huron—Sponsored by Daughters of Union Veterans, Tent 18.
 Oscar Mott, Benton Harbor—Sponsored by Daughters of Union Veterans, Tent 34.
 Ira W. Mason, Pontiac—Sponsored by Daughters of Union Veterans, Tent 9.
 John M. Park, Coopersville.
 Ralph R. Towner, Allegan.
 Charles P. Hurd, Grand Rapids.
 Alonzo Dibble, Detroit.
 George Morgan, Gosse Pointe.
 Joos Ver Plank, Spring Lake
 *Simon Smith, Fair Haven.
 *R. M. Teeter, Manchester.



EUGENE OWEN
Asst. Adjutant and Q. M. General
Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Michigan



BUT FEW CIVIL WAR VETERANS AB

The "Boys in Blue" rallied 'round the flag once again Thursday morning when Civil war veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Michigan arrived here for the 63rd annual encampment. Reading from left to right, seated and including newly-elected officers, are: John Killeen, Portland, past department commander; Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids, quartermaster-general; Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, immediate past department commander; Orlando Le Valley, Cal



—State Journal Photo.

ATTEND STATE G. A. R. CONVENTION

Senior vice commander, and John M. Park, Coopersville, newly-elected department commander. Standing, left to right, at the extreme left are Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar, senior vice commander, and A. F. Chappell, Detroit, past department commander. James A. "Al" Hamilton, Lansing's only surviving veteran, who had attended sessions Wednesday, was unable to be present when the picture was taken, being confined to his home by a cold.

PROCEEDINGS
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1941.

HOTEL OLDS HEADQUARTERS SUITE.

The first session of the sixty-third annual Encampment convened at 1:30 o'clock.

Commander Warner: I am happy to greet seven Comrades at this opening session and regret our Quartermaster General Hamilton was too ill to remain after the official opening this morning. Our thoughts turn to the Commander we so often greeted. We sadly miss Commander Estabrook and in his honor we will maintain silence. The gavel sounds for the opening session.

Commander Warner: I will appoint John M. Park, as Officer of the Day.

Commander: In the absence of the Chaplain, who lies very ill in his home I will ask our Secretary to lead us in prayer.

Miss Simpson:—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 till this hour; for Thy constant care by day and by night. Bless our Country; Grant that the memory of our noble dead, 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.

Roll call responded to by—

Department Commander	Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids
Sr. Vice Commander	Orlando Le Valley, Caro
Judge Advocate	A. F. Chappell, Detroit
Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster	Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids
Past Department Commander	John Killeen, Portland
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar
John M. Park	Coopersville

Officer of the Day: Commander, a greetings committee wait to enter.

Commander Warner: You will admit them.

Mrs. Mathews, President of the local Auxiliary No. 701, Veterans of Foreign Wars, accompanied by Mrs. Cook and Hanel, enter and are presented to Commander by Miss Simpson.

Mrs. Cook: Dear Commander and Comrades: We are happy to welcome so many to our city and hope you will allow us to be your hosts again. We know our flowers will fade but our Flag and the memory of what you did to preserve it to us, will never fade. Presents a desk Flag and standard to every Comrade and the Secretary. A happy time spent in greeting every Comrade.

Commander Warner: We thank you for coming to us and for these grand Flags we love.

Comrade Killeen: We hope you visit us again and thank you. Comrade Park escorts the ladies to the door, returning announces, Comrade Dept. Commander, there are other ladies to enter, is directed to admit them.

Miss Simpson: Commander, I present Mrs. Goff, Past Dept. Commander Daughters of the G. A. R. and Mrs. Murray, who bring greetings and badges from their Department Commander, Mrs. Iva French. They greet each Comrade and pin a lovely rose on each saying, "Roses are the dearest flower that grows and to us the Boys of 61-65 are the dearest Boys." Comrade Le Valley thanks the ladies for the flowers and tribute.

Commander Warner: While we have a lull in greetings we will begin reports. I will ask the Sr. Vice Commander Le Valley to assume the chair while our Secretary reads my report.

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Comrades:

One year ago at Ann Arbor, I was your unanimous choice for Department Senior Vice Commander, with no thought that Death would enter our Department, take from us our Commander and advance me to that honored position. With a deep sense of loss I assumed the position and its duties.

In the early part of his illness, Commander Estabrook spent a week at the Home sharing my room, I shall always treasure the Comradeship of those days. Our Secretary assures me that many times in his weeks of illness he spoke kindly of the content of our days together. If any service of mine gave him comfort I am thankful the opportunity was mine and so far as strength permitted I have tried to carry on since he left us.

Through the provisions of the State law requiring an authorized representative in Lansing Headquarters and the wise provisions of the 61st Encampment making Miss Simpson our life Secretary, the work of the

Department, despite many anxious days spent with our Commander, went on with no interruption. The year saw the necessity of two extra General Orders and the Memoriam to be prepared and issued. I appreciate the faithful service of our Secretary; all have been on time.

It is now understood the work of the Commander is to keep before the public the grand organization he represents, by attendance at Flag presentations, Anniversaries, Memorial Day, social and patriotic events sponsored by our Allied Orders.

Last September I attended every session of the National Encampment in Springfield, Ill. November 11, a double celebration at the home of Comrade Owen where Miss Giradot entertained three Comrades, many Daughters and W. R. C. members for my birthday and Armistice Day. I have attended two Flag presentations with Daughters and Ladies of the G. A. R. I am indebted to Col. Baker and Major Weeks for the many times they have made it possible for me to attend patriotic evenings.

I took part in all the festivities at the Home during Christmas time and attended a Washington and Lincoln program.

Installation Day, Feb. 27, though filled with memories of many installations when Comrade Estabrook had received the honors, was a happy day; to Comrade Owen, my friend of many years who read the obligation, to Col. Baker and Major Weeks who saw that the Chapel was gay with flowers and bunting, our Secretary and all the Home folks who filled the Chapel, it seems little to say "I thank you" simple words but straight from the heart. Since installation our Secretary has visited me four times for conference on matters important to our Department. It had been planned to call a session of the Board before Encampment but this has not been possible. Because of this, I offer the following recommendations: typed copies supplied the members by the Secretary for your consideration.

FINANCE.

From our Secretary I learn there are no Funds coming into the Department. Many have not realized the entire one dollar Tax is sent to National, with the Asst. Adjt. report in December, the Department paying any not received as the rule of this Department is, to drop no one. This year thirty-five dollars was our contribution to National. It has not been generally known that the appropriation of twelve hundred dollars known as Convention Fund has been dropped from our appropriation. The present Secretary assuming office in 1939 was confronted with this reduction and has exercised the most rigid economy consistent with the dignity of the Grand Army. With this in mind I urge a careful consideration of our finances.

Since my Installation I have attended two Flag presentations to Boy Scouts, a great meeting of the Creston Townsend Club; motored to Ionia to attend a Patriotic program sponsored by the Legion and Auxiliary and to the Depot to say goodbye to the boys leaving for training Camp. For these and other visits I am indebted to Col. Baker and Major Weeks.

Memorial Sunday was guest of the Bostwick Lake Congregational Church. In 1905 I had a part in the building of this church and retain many happy memories of the community.

April and May were busy months. With our Daughters I attended the annual services at Southwestern School; was guest of the Spanish War members at the United Brethren Church and with the American Legion at their service in the Baptist Church. These have been inspiring events largely attended. Many times I have been accompanied by our Asst. Adjt. Owen.

Memorial Day at the Home has come to be one of the outstanding days of the year when representatives of every patriotic organization gather to pay tribute to our soldier dead. The day dawned cold and threatened rain but nine o'clock found Adjt. Owen, Comrade Hurd and our Secretary ready to join the great parade which I headed with an escort of Sons. Tribute was paid and flowers placed by our Sons at the monument before we proceeded to the Home where Col. Baker entertained us at lunch. At three o'clock the wreath was placed on the cemetery monument by Raymond W. Starr, Judge of the Supreme Court, who later gave the address of the day. Taps sounded and another "Sabbath Day of the Nation" drew to its close.

IN MEMORIAM

The year has seen the passing of three from our official family—Past Department Commander, Ira M. Stewart, died July 4th, 1940, Sergeant of National Colors, Nelson J. Dunn, Jan. 12, 1941, Department Commander, A. C. Estabrook, Feb. 12, 1941.

13 members have also passed from our ranks.

"They heard the call of Lincoln and they gave,
To God, to Home and native land, their best."

Comrades, we know we can no longer do the work as in years past; Stand by your National and your Department; we have a Secretary who has dedicated her life to the Grand Army of the Republic. So long as one member lives in our State, the Department of Michigan lives, to share with our Allied Orders in all their patriotic work.

I have been faithful to the trust given me. I have done all I could do, and as I pass this honor to another Comrade I pledge the same loyalty and kindness that I have received. For our Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General Owen, and our Secretary, Miss Simpson, who have borne so heavy a burden through the year and for every Comrade my heart is filled with gratitude.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARTIN J. WARNER,
Department Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander: I appoint Comrades Owen, Chappell and Killen, Committee on Reports.

Commander Warner, resuming station, thank you, Comrade Le Valley.

Commander Warner: Miss Simpson will read the Sr. Vice Commander Report which will be referred to same committee.

Commander: Is the A. A. G. and Quartermaster report ready?

Comrade Owen: I have asked Miss Simpson to read the report so all may hear it.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTER-
MASTER GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



EUGENE OWEN

June 1, 1941.

Martin J. Warner, Department Commander:

In accordance with the rules of the Grand Army, I submit a report of the finances of the Department and standing of Posts, compiled from reports received at Headquarters.

Members in good standing June 1, 1940	43
Number of Posts	25

LOSS

Number of members, by death	16
Posts, by surrender of Charter	7

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Comrades at large	6
In good standing June 1, 1941	33
Posts June 1, 1941	18

FINANCES

Cash in hand of A. A. and Quartermaster General June 1, 1940	\$290.90
Received, interest from Savings & Loan	55.00
Dividend paid	30.81
Received National Per Capita Tax	27.60
Total Receipts	\$404.31

DISBURSEMENTS

June, 1940	\$72.67	Dec.	\$10.12
July	9.46	Jan., 1941	74.44
Aug.	6.52	Feb.	39.00
Sept.	20.48	Mar.	8.55
Oct.	16.39	Apr.	10.27
Nov.	7.15	May	16.17
Total Disbursements	\$290.06		
Cash balance on hand June 1, 1941	\$113.64		

No withdrawals from the Department Savings and Loan Fund have been made since 1933. but with no receipts from any other source coming in to Department a careful checking of this report will convince us that this can no longer continue. I am in full accord with the recommendations submitted by our Commander, with whom I have conferred many times, that this fund should be for the benefit and happiness of our Comrades on bills presented and properly vouchered out.

Department expense has been greatly increased this year owing to the illness and death of our Commander, necessitating four trips to Grand Rapids by our Secretary, the installation of a new Commander, and the issuing of five General Orders and the Memoriam. For the first time in several years a Past Dept. Commander's jewel was purchased. National Per Capita Tax was \$35.00. Over 3,000 pieces of mail left Headquarters with postage amounting to \$45.74.

The continued enrollment of Comrades at Large, entirely through the efforts of our Secretary, is a source of great satisfaction to me. Every veteran of the Civil War should align himself with the Grand Army whose leaders in years past have done so much for us. With the enthusiasm of our Secretary to lead us our Department gains new life and recognition.

I have attended many patriotic events and several Flag presentations and school visits. In February installed Martin J. Warner as our Commander. With Commander, Secretary and Comrade Hurd rode in the Memorial Day parade; had luncheon at the Soldiers' Home and attended the services arranged by Col. Baker.

Accompanied by our Secretary visited Comrade Carlton in Kalamazoo, finding him well and taking great interest in patriotic activities.

To our efficient Secretary I am deeply grateful, realizing as I do, the work of the Department falls on her willing shoulders. I appreciate the visits made to me and the interest shown in making this report. The passing of Commander Estabrook who appointed me to this position, was a sad shock, our years together had never known discord. My gratitude to our Secretary for carrying us through the sad days of his leaving us, and to Commander Warner for the honor of serving him these past months.

In F. C. and L,

EUGENE OWEN,
Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Commander Warner: This report referred to Comrades Le Valley, Killeen, Chappell.

Comrade Park: Commander, more ladies all seem to know our Secretary.

Miss Simpson: These are our Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I present Past National President, Ida Glasgow with this group of seven Past Department Presidents—Sisters Odren, Johnson, Berry, Reeber, Clarke and Clara Mosher, from Los Angeles, California, who brings the greeting of our National Adjutant, Col. Russell C. Martin. Our Daughters greet each Comrade, present flowers and exchange badges. Sister Glasgow speaking for the National and Department Presidents.

Commander Warner: Daughters, it is good to have you with us. I don't know what we would do without our Daughters. Thank your President for the flowers, we rather have them while we are living to see and enjoy them.

Comrade Chappell has a word for Flossie Berry with whom he worked this year.

Comrade Killeen: The Daughters always look after us. Jackson has a fine Tent. Amid happy goodbyes the Daughters are escorted from the room.

Commander Warner: We will soon adjourn to attend Memorial Services with our Auxiliary. Have we other reports?

Miss Simpson: After the passing of Commander Estabrook which advanced our Junior to the office of Sr. Vice Commander, the Department did not elect a Jr.

Comrade Le Valley has covered his activities in the one report presented. I can read the Patriotic Instructor's report. Please do so.



JAMES A. HAMILTON

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Martin J. Warner, Department Commander:

From reports received at Headquarters, we gather, that each year our Comrades are less able to do the work, but the spirit of patriotism grows stronger and the co-operation of the Allied Orders is greater than ever before; "We can Trust Them with the Story when the Boys in Blue are Gone."

Schools are well supplied with Flags and replaced when no longer fit for display. It is a coveted honor to assist in the daily raising and lowering of the Flag.

Memorial Day is the great day of the Grand Army and while no longer able to march it is heartening to note, every Comrade had some part in the services of the day.

Eight Comrades attended Department Encampment and three the National at Springfield, Ill.

Comrade Daniells, Post 109, seems to have carried off all honors for activity. Entertained the W. R. C. at his home; attended Corps sewing circle eight times; bade the boys leaving for training at Camp Beaugarde, La., "God Speed"; three Flag presentations and Memorial Day make for a busy year.

Commander Wood, South Haven, attended service with the Legion and made his yearly pilgrimage to Covert, speaking at both services.

Comrade Chappell, Dibble and Morgan find it impossible to attend all events in Detroit but Memorial Day finds them ready to pay tribute to their comrades.

Comrade Haines had expected to attend Encampment, not being able sent his picture to the "Boys" for our Headquarters room. With Comrade Chappell, rode in parade and with Comrade Morgan was honored guest at the Sons Regional meeting. Closing his report "I observe all patriotic days but hold my meetings in silence, reviewing past memories of my dearly beloved Comrades."

Comrades Warner, Owen, Ives and Hurd had part in the service at Soldiers' Home.

Since becoming our Secretary Miss Simpson has secured twelve Comrades at Large; this labor of love has been richly rewarded, each one has done his bit.

Nelson Dunn, though almost helpless, shows the keenest interest in the work of the Corps, named in his honor; Prizes have been offered for patriotic essays in an effort to reach the young people. His loved Flag is always at his bedside.

John Park writes interestingly of Coopersville observances. Attends all meetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

From Vassar, home of Cyrus Perrigo, only surviving member of First Michigan Sharpshooters, a record of service in church and at the bridge.

Immigration restrictions were relaxed to allow James Rooney to cross from the hospital in Sarnia to proudly ride in the Port Huron Memorial day parade with Department President, Mrs. Estelle Dicer. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, whose Tent sponsors his membership.

These peeps into reports received show a love of Country and true comradeship is the dominant influence in the lives of our Comrades and that to the last man—we will carry on.

SUMMARY

Number attending Memorial Sunday service	19
Memorial Day	22
Conventions	11
Anniversary parties attended	17
Flag presentations	37

My relations with patriotic organizations has been entirely cordial. Memorial Sunday, with representatives of many societies, attended service in the First Evangelical Church and was specially honored in being recipient of a large basket of flowers from the church members.

Memorial Day with Chief Marshal McDonald rode at the head of the parade to the Capitol entrance where the address was given.

Following the death of Quartermaster General Estabrook, this honor was offered me, upon being assured that Miss Simpson would be retained as my secretary I was proud to accept this unexpected honor from Commander in Chief W. W. Nixon. Miss Simpson has carried this added burden wholeheartedly, meeting every requirement. A most enjoyable day was our visit to Jackson, to attend the Regional meeting of the Sons.

I anticipate the Department Encampment in my home city and the National in Columbus, Ohio.

For the honor of serving the Department and to you, Commander Warner, I am grateful.

In F. C. and L.,

J. A. HAMILTON,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

The Committee has examined the report of the Patriotic Instructor and find it excellent, reflecting the activities of our Comrades. We recommend the acceptance of report. On motion made, seconded and carried report accepted to appear in Journal.

Sadly we record the passing of Comrades Daniells and Dunn since receiving their reports.

Officer of the Day: Commander, I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Mayme Curtis, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps and several Past Department Presidents.

Commander Warner: We are glad to welcome so many from our Auxiliary.



MAYME CURTIS
Department President
Woman's Relief Corps



FRANCIS S. BAIRLEY
Department Secretary
Woman's Relief Corps

Mrs. Curtis: Department Commander, I have the honor to present to you these Past Department Presidents: Prudence Bowman, Gertrude Lewis, Ella R. Scott, Lizetta Coady, Bertha M. Goss, Minnie Van Tuyl, Isabel Thomas, Ella Ramsdell, Ella Gordon, Idella MacNeal, and your Secretary, Leah M. Simpson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC

Department Commander, M. J. Warner.

As President of the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, it is a pleasure to submit to you and your comrades a report of the work for the year by your Auxiliary:

Number of Corps June 1, 1940	107
Number of Corps June 1, 1941	106
Number of Members March 31, 1940	5473
Number of Members March 31, 1941	5354
Cash expended for relief	\$ 618.92
Cash expended by Dept. for relief	10.00
Cash expended for flowers	1,355.58
Value of relief other than money	26,737.57
Child welfare other than money	14,296.16
Cash by Dept. to non-pensioned widows	

G. A. R.

Number of Veterans of G. A. R. assisted	910
Number of Veterans' Families assisted	103
Number of Army Nurses assisted	16
Number of Spanish War Veterans assisted	114
Number of World War Veterans assisted	692
Number of Others assisted not relatives	9,029
 Total number assisted	 <hr/> 10,864

And now, Department Commander, our year's work is nearly finished and one of my most pleasant memories will be that of having had the pleasure of serving you.

I thank you sincerely for all the courtesies given me, and may you live many more years.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MAYME CURTIS,

Department President, Woman's
Relief Corps.

Mrs. Minnie Van Tuyl, National Treasurer is presented to Commander by Miss Simpson.

Mrs. Van Tuyl: I bring the love and greetings of our National President, Mrs. Grace Hahn, whom I represent today. No greater pleasure at this convention could be mine than to bring greetings for all these Presidents and spend a few minutes in your Encampment. We hope to come to you many times.

Past National President Mrs. Coady, Mrs. Scott, Bowman, Thomas and all add a word. The Department President presents a gift to Commander.

Commander Warner: Thank you one and all. No encampment is complete until our faithful Auxiliary visits us, and we receive your badge which we wear with pride. I know you must return to your convention and we will recess to go with you for our Memorial.

Each Comrade accepts the arm of a Past Department President and proceeds to the Ball Room, where one of the most impressive and beautiful Memorial service is conducted by Department Chaplain, Myrtle Clark.

It has been customary to introduce the Comrades following the Memorial Service. This was done at the official opening, Miss Simpson giving some interesting record of each. Commander Warner giving the roll of his 17th Ill. Cavalry; all responded with a word or wave of the hand. The ball room, owing to lateness of the hour needed to be prepared for the great banquet of the evening; the Comrades escorted by Past Department Presidents retire to Headquarters to close the first session of their 63rd Encampment.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1941

Promptly at 9:30 A. M. the gavel fell calling the second session to order.

Commander Warner: We will join in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Commander Warner: I am glad all seem to have rested well after our late banquet last night and every one is in his place.

Comrade Park will continue to act as Officer of the Day.

Comrade Park: A gentleman wishes to speak to the Secretary. Miss Simpson presents Mr. Roberts of the Detroit Convention Bureau who speaks of the beauties and facilities of Detroit as a Convention city and retires.

Commander Warner: Have we any communications?

Miss Simpson presents: Greetings and good wishes from Commander-in-Chief W. W. Nixon who regrets his inability to attend any Encampments other than those of states bordering Kansas; Greetings from George S. Geis, Past Sr. Vice Cammander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans and Past National President Philippine Veterans; together with invitations to hold the 1942 Encampment received from Detroit, Flint, Owosso and Muskegon.

Motion by Comrade Owen, seconded by Comrade Chappell, the Secretary be instructed to answer letters received and the invitations be acted on separately.

Motion carried.

Officer of the Day: Some happy ladies want to enter.

These ladies needed no introduction to our Comrades: Mrs. Geneva Camp, Department President Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Department

Presidents Lillie and Nellie Wall, Francis Dorsey, Genevieve Viets and Mrs. Dietz vie with each other in happy tribute to the men of 61-65. Mrs. Camp presents a gift to Commander and flowers to all reminding us, all are guests at their noon banquet. Badges are exchanged. Commander voices the thanks of every Comrade to Genevieve Viets for the beautiful basket of flowers that adorns his station. Each year since the passing of her father Comrade Theodore Metzger this has been her loving tribute.

Commander: You will give careful consideration to each invitation when read by our Secretary.

The vote on each city taken separately resulted in Owosso being chosen for encampment city in 1942, providing no unforeseen circumstances arise, making this impossible. The letters from the Mayor, Postmaster and Committee stating the appropriation was assured were much appreciated.

Comrade Owen: Commander, I move the Secretary answer all invitations with our thanks and hope we may meet with each at some future date; also notify the Mayor and Committee of our choice and all Department Heads when elected.

Motion carried.

Commander Warner: If there is no objection we will recess and allow the photographers from Detroit to take pictures.

Commander Warner: Resuming business—We will listen to the Chaplain's report prepared by Miss Simpson.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN

Department Commander:

Today as we meet we miss the familiar face of Department Chaplain, David Plumadore—for years one of the first to greet us at Encampment; today he lies seriously ill at his home in Detroit. Our prayer for strength goes out to him.

With exception of two, every Post in the Department reports Memorial Day activity; these with a single member may yet be heard from.

The Grand Army of the Republic, recognizes no one creed; Loyalty to our Country and love for God who has preserved it to us—has been demanded of every member. Today ministers of every denomination join with our Comrades in paying tribute, in Memorial service. Reported are—Evangelical; Catholic; Baptist; Presbyterian, each two; United Brethern, one; with sermons being preached by two Spanish War Veterans, two World War and one Civil War Veteran:

School pupils assisting.....	1752
Organizations	40
Comrades attending	22
Graves decorated	900
Posts owning burial plats	12

In Detroit the great task of decorating more than 5,000 graves is in charge of the Joint Memorial Association; Past Department President Mrs. Idella Mac Neal of the W. R. C. has for many years been chairman of the Decorating Committee.

Hundreds of potted plants are also taken to the Shut Ins of all wars.

A Flag floated over every grave in the cemetery at the Soldiers' Home. Services conducted by Chaplain Swart; three comrades escorted by the Congdon Junior Club, attended the service for those "who sleep beneath the wave." Memorial Day brought the Department heads of all patriotic societies to the Home for the observance planned by Col. Baker. Hon. Raymond Starr, Judge of the Supreme Court, paid the tribute to our soldier dead.

Commander Warner, Quartermaster General Owen, Dept. Secretary Miss Simpson with Comrade Ives and Hurd represented the Grand Army.

In South Haven 325 graves in four cemeteries were decorated; 550 school pupils each with a Flag, marching; Flag and flowers marked the resting places of three Canadian World War Veterans, one of the War of 1812 and all Civil War Veterans.

The Post in Ionia has no burial plat but the Secretary, Nellie Laden, made wreaths for the G. A. R. monument. Comrade Tingley, always faithful, attended services.

Many Posts report the work now must be in charge of our patriotic organizations. These reports coming into Department are no indication of the thousands of graves cared for and the many services held throughout the State, where no Comrade lives to inspire such service, but from them, we learn that we as a people, recognize the great contribution the men of all wars have made to the life of our beloved America. On each succeeding Memorial Day we pledge, "If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trusts, ours shall keep it well as long as light and warmth of life remain in us."

Again the Comrades of Michigan Department have done their part, have kept the trust.

Department Secretary for

CHAPLAIN DAVID PLUMADORE.

Commander Warner: Miss Simpson, what comes next?

Miss Simpson presents the report of Senior Vice Commander Le Valley, and again the recommendations made by Commander. These receive careful consideration as the committee desired the expression of every Comrade before presenting their report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Realizing the need of proper National Defense for America—resolved that we go on record approving all efforts toward Defense for America only; that we take our place in the National Defense Council of Michigan to be represented by our Secretary.

That the expense of all Comrades attending Department Encampment be allowed.

That the expense of the Commander, Quartermaster, Delegate at Large and Secretary attending National Encampment, be allowed.

That the Department Savings account be placed in a Lansing bank, subject to withdrawals on vouchers drawn by Quartermaster.

The Secretary requests audit of Cash book by accredited Auditor at the expense of Department.

That the bond of the Quartermaster be secured at the expense of Department.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

We have carefully considered the recommendations of the Commander and recommend the adoption of them by this Encampment.

We commend our Commander for the faithful discharge of his duties.

We feel the savings of the Department should be carefully guarded and used for the Comrades and legitimate expenses of the Department.

We acceded to the wish of the Secretary for audit of books and to the bonding of the Quartermaster.

EUGENE OWEN,
A. F. CHAPPELL,
JOHN KILLEEN.

Commander Warner: What will you have done with this report?

Motion made by Comrade Le Valley, seconded by Comrade Perrigo, the report of committee be accepted and provisions of recommendations be carried out.

Motion carried.

Comrade Le Valley: I move the Secretary prepare the Resolutions of thanks and send to all who have made this Encampment a great success. A general second and so ordered.

Comrade Killeen: I think a message should be sent to those known to be ill: our Chaplain Plumadore; Comrade Dibble, who broke his arm; our Secretary knows them all.

Commander: Is that a motion?

Comrade Killeen: Well, yes; it can be. All agree and Miss Simpson assures them all will be remembered.

Commander: Anything else, Miss Simpson, before election?

Miss Simpson: I have the report of Committee on Report of Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General which I will read:

Lansing, June 19, 1941.

Comrades: The Committee has examined the books of the A. A. and Q. M. General Owen and find the books carefully and systematically kept. All bills paid agree with vouchers submitted and all found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,
JOHN KILLEEN.

Comrade Owen: The report on Soldiers Home is in hands of our Secretary and will appear in the Journal. I want to say that is a fine Journal, Miss Simpson writes and she deserves our thanks for all she does for us.

Miss Simpson: Thank you Comrades, I think you all know I have dedicated my life to your service—in all things your wishes come first.

Commander: Miss Simpson reports all business completed.

Comrade Killeen: I move we proceed with election. Seconded and carried.

Commander: Nominations for Members of Administrative Board.

Comrades Chappell, Hamilton, Perrigo and Killeen placed in nomination. No other nominations. Motion made, seconded and carried, the Comrades be declared elected.

For Delegate at Large, Martin J. Warner; alternate, John Killeen. No other nominations; the Sr. Vice Commander declares them elected.

For Department Commander, Comrade Warner thanks all, but is not a candidate. Comrade Owen places the name of John M. Park, seconded by Orlando Le Valley. No other nominations, rules are suspended, and Secretary casts one unanimous ballot for John M. Park. He is declared elected by Commander Warner.

Comrade Perrigo: I nominate Orlando Le Valley for Sr. Vice Commander. No other nominations, the unanimous ballot is cast and the election declared.

Comrade Le Valley: I nominate Cyrus Perrigo for Jr. Vice Commander.

Commander Warner. No other nominations; I declare him elected. This completes our election. No one could ask for a more congenial one. I am sure the Department will continue to go ahead under the new officers. I thank you all for making it so pleasant for me.

Commander Warner: More photographers; it is nearing noon, when we are guests of the Ladies of the G. A. R. We could recess until that time. Before this can be done the halls and rooms fill with Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary—eighty in number, led by Commander James Hays and Department President Letha Mackey.

Commander Hays: Commander Warner, friend of many years, I bring you the love and greetings of the Sons and our Auxiliary. It has been

a joy to work with you this year. We have finished our election and I present our new Department Commander, Urion Mackey of your home city.

Urion Mackey: Commander, it is a real privilege to come to your session. The Sons are always ready to do your bidding; call on us for any help needed.

Upon being presented to our new Commander Park, greetings and pledges are given. Brother Hays presents a box of cigars, laughingly accepted by Commander Warner, who says "better to smoke here than hereafter."

Department President Mackey speaks of her pride in having Commander Warner her inspiration this year. Each Comrade receives a lovely red rose and the badge bearing her picture, a much prized memento of this happy hour. The Secretary, friend of many years patriotic work together is not forgotten.

Commander Warner recalls that last year Comrade Estabrook had asked the Sons to install the officers—suggests it would please every Comrade if this could now be done. Miss Simpson presents this wish to Brother Perle Fouch, Past National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who responds "any request from the Grand Army is granted the moment uttered." Robert French is appointed Officer of the Day and soon announces all in readiness.

Comrades John M. Park, Commander; Orlando Le Valley, Senior Vice Commander, and Cyrus Perrigo were then installed and upon re-appointment of Eugene Owen, Asst. Adjt. and G. M. General, took the oath of office.

The Sons receive words from Commander Park. Perle Fouch in his usual eloquent manner pays a glowing tribute to the men of 61-65. A recess is taken to allow the eighty members to pass through the room and personally greet every Comrade, closing one of the happiest hours of Encampment.

Comrade Park: It is now high noon. Miss Simpson says we must hasten to dine with the Ladies of the G. A. R. Recess declared.

The East room of Hotel Olds was filled to capacity and a most enjoyable hour passed. Commander Park presented to his co-workers for the year, Mrs. Pearl Nihranz, President of Ladies of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Elva Warner of the Woman's Relief Corps, who were guests. Miss Simpson is presented a beautiful luncheon set by the retiring President, the Comrades receiving many unique favors.

Following the dinner seven Comrades and the Secretary visit the Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to receive from the Department a glorious American parade Flag for use in Department Headquarters in the Capitol and at Encampments. Presentation was made by Patriotic Instructor, Louise Stern and accepted by Department Commander Park. Upon urgent request, Comrade Warner repeats the Roll of the 17th Cavalry with its ninety-five names. A memory test in which he never fails.

Amid happy good byes and to the strains of Tramp Tramp the Boys are Marching preceded by eight Color Bearers and Patriotic Instructor bearing the new Flag, the Comrades retire. Just one regret voiced by the Comrades—Quartermaster Hamilton is too ill to be with his Comrades.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1941—CLOSING SESSION

The Comrades re-assemble in Headquarters. Greeting from Winifred Miller, newly installed President of Auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans, received. The happiness of Comrades is complete when Chaplain Cornelius Swart of the Soldiers Home, newly elected Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, enters, having hastened from Encampment just closing in Ann Arbor. Commander Swart recalls not only "the leadership in the years 61-65 but that through long years of civic life, men from the ranks of the Grand Army have been leaders, even to the Presidency of the United States; America is what you have made it—a haven of Liberty—you are entitled to our love and loyalty, and this, every United Spanish War Veteran, freely gives to you. May God's richest blessing be upon you; many have gone before, safe in that Home which knows no parting; God grant you many years in which we may meet in true Comradeship."

It seemed a benediction fell upon this 63rd Encampment of the Department of Michigan, as he clasped hands with our Comrades and spoke his "good byes."

Commander Parks: Asks support of every Comrade that he may carry on the work in the same fine way of his predecessors. Is glad the action of the 61st Encampment made Miss Simpson life Secretary. The work will be conducted from Headquarters in Lansing as usual.

Miss Simpson explains Comrade Warner had requested "no Past Department gold jewel" and will be happy to retain the badge pinned on his breast at his Installation in Soldiers Home Chapel, which accounts for no gold badge being presented.

Commander Park: I now declare the 63rd Encampment of Michigan Department closed. God be with you till we meet again.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Martin J. Warner, Commander:

The duties of Senior or Junior Vice Commander are never many. I have always considered it high honor to serve the Grand Army and only wish my health and failing eye sight did not prevent my doing more.

This year it has been my privilege to serve under two fine Commanders; I never fail to pay tribute to my Comrades who have left us, on Memorial Day, though many sad memories are mine, I am the only member left in Post No. 143, so no meetings are held.

I attended every session of National in Springfield, Ill., and anticipate the Department in Lansing.

I appreciate being one of the official family, and will continue to do any thing possible for the Grand Army.

In F. C. and L.,

ORLANDO LE VALLEY.

MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME

Population

June 1, 1941

Men

Civil War Veterans	2
Spanish American War Veterans.....	54
World War Vetensans	220
Total	276

Women

Civil War Widows	40
Spanish American War Mothers	4
Spanish American War Widows.....	21
Spanish American War Wives.....	8
World War Mothers	57
World War Widows	3
World War Wives	10
Indian War Widows	1
Total	144

	Men	Women	Total
Duty	151	42	193
Hospital	48	55	103
Absent with leave	76	47	123
Absent without leave	1	0	1
Totals	276	144	420

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Whereas, The city of Lansing has entertained so royally the Grand Army, its Auxiliary and the Allied Orders, be it resolved our appreciation be expressed to the mayor and citizens for their warm welcome, the government officials who gave so willingly of their time, the management of the Hotel Olds, the Boy Scouts for their constant care of our Comrades, Sheriff MacDonald, marshal of the parade, the Michigan Fife and Drum Corps, the Presidents and members of local organizations with special commendation to Mrs. Elva Warner, General Chairman who left nothing undone for our enjoyment and success of the 63rd Encampment of the Michigan Department, Grand Army of the Republic.

Whereas, Under our Great Commander, Abraham Lincoln, loyalty to the Constitution and defense of our Country was demanded—be it resolved, we re-affirm our faith in the Constitution, in American ideals and standard of living and take our place as supporters of a proper “Defense for America Only.”



A. C. ESTABROOK

IN MEMORIAM

“I have fought the good fight
I have finished my course
I have kept the faith”

Silently, reverently, we who had gathered to pay a last tribute to a beloved Commander, echoed the words of the Text—Timothy 2, 4-7, read by Chaplain Cornelius G. Swart, over the flag draped casket of Commander Estabrook, in the little church of his home town in Allegan.

At the age of seventeen, Albert C. Estabrook enlisted in Co. E, 28th Michigan Infantry under command of Col. William Wheeler. With his regiment was sent to Louisville, and four days, after crossing the Mason Dixon line, was in active duty at the front. He held the rank of Corporal throughout the war and on December 6, 1865 was mustered out. A splendid record of service to his Country and Flag.

In 1890 he became a member of C. J. Bassett Post No. 56 in Allegan, serving his Post as an officer continuously since 1893. The last surviving member, his passing marks the close of another Post of the Grand Army.

Always an ardent Grand Army man, his faith in its principles and outstanding ability as a leader was recognized in both National and Department. In 1935 was Sr. Vice Commander in Chief.

Year after year he answered the call to serve, filling every office with distinction. In June 1940 for the fifth time was chosen Department Commander and in September received the appointment of Quartermaster General from Commander in Chief W. W. Nixon, who, with us mourns the passing of a Friend.

The morning of February 12, 1941 dawned cold and dreary as the Angel of Death touched him bidding him—"Come Home"; peacefully uncomplaining he slipped away and we who loved him well, were left desolate.

In the golden Autumn of life's journey, after long years of service to his Country and fellowman, laden with honors well earned, he has joined his Comrades on that Eternal Camping Ground, where those long lines of Blue—now almost unbroken—waited to welcome him.

Our eyes dim with tears as we close the record "Died in office, faithful to the end". No greater tribute can we pay.

"He has not lived in vain

If we can say when he has passed away,
He labored NOT for gain.

If only one can truly say,

I loved him for his smile
He walked with me awhile, and cheered my lonely way.

If only one shall stand, and sadly murmur this—

My Friend, Our Friend
We'll miss the pressure of your hand.

If only This remain, one heart that he has cheered,

His monument is reared
He has Not lived in vain.

Brave Soldier, wise Commander, Counsellor, Friend; in God's loving care we leave you. Farewell,

"Lights out,
A Soldier sleeps."

Leah M. Simpson,
Department Secretary:
Secretary to Quartermaster
General.

**MEMORIAL ROLL
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.
FOR THE YEAR 1940**

POST NO. 1—GRAND RAPIDS SOLDIERS HOME

Charles WaltzPrivate Co. A, 26th Michigan Infantry
Peter DelamaterU. S. Navy

POST NO. 6—HILLSDALE

Prof. H. W. Chase.....Private Co. E, 9th Maine Infantry

POST NO. 32—BATTLE CREEK

Winfield FaithPrivate, 45th Iowa Infantry

POST NO. 42—LANSING

George E. Osborne.....Co. A, First Maine Heavy Artillery

POST NO. 56—ALLEGAN

Willard MoorePrivate Co. I, 3rd Cavalry

POST NO. 67—BAY CITY

Thomas WebsterPrivate Co. E, 2nd N. Y. Heavy Artillery

POST NO. 79—KALAMAZOO

Lewis SeargentPrivate Co. H, 76 Illinois Infantry

POST NO. 170—PETOSKEY

Ira M. StewartPrivate Co. K, 7th Illinois Cavalry

POST NO. 181—MILFORD

John F. Beaumont.....Private Co. A, 3rd Michigan Cavalry
George Sturtevant.....Private Co. K, 14th Infantry

POST NO. 294—BIG RAPIDS

David CantinePrivate Co. A, 2nd Mich. Cavalry

POST NO. 384—DETROIT

John HinmanSergeant Co. A, First Cavalry

POST NO. 433—DETROIT

James J. Atkinson.....First Lieut. Co. K & H, Third Inf. Adj. 1865

COMRADES AT LARGE

Simon SmithCo. C, 6th Mich. Cavalry, Jan. 12, 1940
R. M. TeeterSergeant Co. E, 21st N. Y. Inf., Mar. 22, 1940

One by one, they're slowing passing
While celestial trumpets sound
With a grander Army, massing
On Eternal muster ground.

WITH 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 Kleek
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
1938	Grand Rapids	S. H. Carlton
1939	Jackson	A. C. Estabrook
1940	Ann Arbor	A. F. Chappell
1941	Lansing	M. J. Warner

RESUME

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized as a Provisional Department, May 8th, 1867, in the City of Detroit, by General R. A. Alger, who became the first Commander. He was followed by William A. Throop—William Humphreys.

In March of 1878 the Department of Michigan barely existed. There were supposed to be four Posts but in reality there were but two that showed any signs of life. January 22nd, 1879, the Department of Michigan was reorganized.

COMRADES REGISTERED 1941 ENCAMPMENT

		Age
Chappell, A. F., Detroit	Co. E, 6th Ohio Cav.	96
Hamilton, J. A., Lansing	Co. G, 12th Mich. Inf.	93
Killeen, John, Portland	Co. E, 8th N. Y. Cav.	93
Le Valley, Orlando, Caro	Co. E, 23rd Mich. Inf.	92
Owen, Eugene, Grand Rapids	Co. I, 177th Ohio Inf.	92
Perrigo, Cyrus, Vassar	Co. I, 1st Mich. Sharpshooters	96
Park, John M., Coopersville	Co. H, 2nd Ohio Cav.	92
Warner, Martin J., Grand Rapids	Co. H, 17th Ill. Cav.	95

The following numbers show the gain and loss of Posts and members in the Department of Michigan after it was re-organized—year by year from Jan., 1879, to Jan., 1941:

Year.	Posts.	Members.	Year.	Posts.	Members.
1879	6	127	1911	309	9,372
1880	9	281	1912	286	8,707
1881	13	482	1913	279	8,226
1882	27	1,019	1914	271	7,821
1883	100	4,442	1915	267	7,452
1884	209	10,311	1916	263	6,995
1885	288	14,475	1917	252	6,257
1886	316	16,957	1918	240	5,553
1887	348	19,226	1919	238	5,115
1888	371	21,353	1920	227	4,667
1889	373	21,418	1921	212	4,000
1890	377	21,255	1922	197	3,386
1891	375	20,765	1923	193	3,105
1892	391	20,905	1924	190	2,836
1893	390	20,469	1925	149	2,377
1894	384	19,020	1926	125	1,882
1895	383	18,059	1927	119	1,563
1896	373	16,766	1928	112	1,212
1897	382	16,096	1929	109	991
1898	385	15,831	1930	102	817
1899	386	15,531	1931	97	656
1900	382	15,102	1932	89	550
1901	375	14,930	1933	81	418
1902	368	14,406	1934	78	314
1903	359	13,716	1935	68	244
1904	355	13,168	1936	66	198
1905	346	12,282	1937	45	120
1906	340	11,566	1938	35	78
1907	326	11,068	1939	31	59
1908	318	10,688	1940	26	50
1909	313	10,220	1941	21	35
1910	311	9,854			

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Seventy-five years ago April 6, 1866, thirteen men, only a picket post of the nearly three million, who had worn the Blue of the Union soldier, met in Decatur, Ill., at the call of Dr. B. F. Stephenson, a surgeon of the 14th Ill. Infantry and organized the first Post of the Grand Army.

The name derived from Napoleon's "Grand Army of France".

Only on the presentation of a bit of parchment—tattered and torn as it may have been, has the door ever opened for membership. The honorable discharge of a Union soldier, sailor or marine is the magic key. The Grand Army is unique among organizations. It had no predecessors; it can have no successors.

Men enlisted in the Civil War.....	2,859,122
Killed in Battle	67,058
Deaths from all Causes.....	359,528

There were over 2,500 battles fought in 1400 days.

WHY THEY CALL US "BOYS"

Under 11 years and over 10.....	25
Under 12 years and over 11.....	28
Under 13 years and over 12.....	224
Under 14 years and over 13.....	302
Under 15 years and over 14.....	1,523
Under 16 years and over 15.....	104,998
Under 17 years and over 16.....	231,051
Under 18 years and over 17.....	844,891
Under 19 years and over 18.....	1,151,438
Over 19 years	524,641

Average age 18 years. Of the half million meeting death, 85 per cent were under 21 years of age.

Enlistments in Michigan without reference to periods of service

90,048

The peak of membership in Michigan Grand Army of the Republic was reached in 1889 with 21,418 on the rolls.

In 1890 the membership on National rolls stood at

458,230

MEMORIES OF THE SIXTY-THIRD ENCAMPMENT

Wednesday morning found the great ball room of Hotel Olds filled with delegates and citizens of Lansing, when "Assembly" announced the entrance of Department Commander Warner, Quartermaster General Hamilton, Asst. Adj. Gen. Owen, five Comrades and Department Secretary of the Grand Army, to officially open the Encampment of the Grand Army and Department Conventions of the Allied Orders.

The words of Mayor Sam Street Hughes, rang true as he paid tribute and welcomed the Grand Army and Allied Orders. Response by Dept.

Secretary of the Grand Army, Leah M. Simpson. The program prepared by general chairman, Mrs. Elva Warner, who presided, was perfect.

JOINT BANQUET

A great family gathering of all the Orders. Mrs. Prudence Bowman, toastmistress, whose delightful introductions of guests can never be surpassed. Seven Comrades in attendance. Commander Warner giving his roll call of the 17th Ill. Cavalry, strains of beautiful music, and the climax the splendid address of the evening by Auditor General Vernon J. Brown.

THURSDAY

Every Comrade and Secretary lunch with the Ladies of the G. A. R. Greetings, flowers, favors and gifts to remind us of a happy hour.

At 2 o'clock recess to attend session of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Presentation to Department of Grand Army of the Republic of a beautiful silk parade Flag—"The Flag Our Fathers Saved"—a happy surprise to the Comrades.

At 6 o'clock all attend Banquet as guests of Sons, Daughters, and Auxiliary. Happiness reigned.

CAMP FIRE

Many and delightful have been the Camp Fires in past years; none can surpass this, of 1941, the verdict of seven Comrades, not one too weary to stay till all was over.

Unique dances and charming music by local artists. All introductions made in pertinent, often humorous words, by the presiding chairman, Mr. C. W. Otto, Secretary Manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

An hour long to be remembered, climaxed by moving pictures of the Michigan Soldiers' Home brought to us by Col. Baker, Commandant of the Home. Again the fine chairmanship of Elva Warner is evidenced.

PARADE

Sessions of the Grand Army finished, once again our Comrades gather for this last event. Only in memory can they keep step to the shrill note of fife, the beat of drum. Today seven Comrades ride slowly along through streets lined with citizens, members, and school children who would pay tribute to the men of 61-65. Tears dim the eye and hearts grow sad as these few remaining Comrades of that once magnificent Army, pass from our sight.

The last note of fife, the last roll of drum of the Michigan Fife and Drum Corps, and another Encampment of the Grand Army is history.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, June 26, 1940.

General Orders No. 1.
Series 1940-1941.

- I. Having been unanimously elected Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, at the 62nd Annual Encampment held in Ann Arbor June, 19-20 and 21, 1940, I hereby assume command, with appreciation of the honor again conferred on me; I accept the responsibilities and pledge my best effort to advance the interests of the Department.
- II. OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED
 Department Commander A. C. Estabrook, Grand Rapids
 Dept. S. Vice Commander Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids
 Dept. J. Vice Commander Orlando Le Valley, Caro
 Chaplain David Plumadore, Detroit
- III. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
 Orlando Le Valley Caro
 Martin J. Warner Grand Rapids
 Ira M. Stewart Petoskey
 John Haines Detroit
 John Killeen Portland
- IV. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
 Delegate at Large Orlando Le Valley, Eugene Owen
 Alternate at Large Martin J. Warner, A. F. Chappell;
 John M. Park.
- V. OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS
 A.A. and Quartermaster General . . . Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids
 Judge Advocate A. F. Chappell, Detroit
 Patriotic Instructor J. A. Hamilton, Lansing
 Chief of Staff Wm. R. Howland, Battle Creek
 Sr. Aide E. M. Holt, Shelby
 Serg't of National Colors N. J. Dunn, Saginaw
 Serg't of Dept. Colors James F. Ives, Grand Rapids
- VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 Orlando Le Valley; M. J. Warner; Ira M. Stewart
- VII. SOLDIERS HOME COMMITTEE
 Eugene Owen, Charles Hurd
- VIII. The 74th National Encampment of the Grand Army will be held in Springfield, Illinois, the week of September 8th, 1940. Headquarters of the Department will be at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln. Complete details in next General Orders.
- IX. Communications for the Attention of the Department Commander may be addressed to A. C. Estabrook, 4861 Buchanan Ave., Grand Rapids, those for Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General to Headquarters; Leah M. Simpson, Secretary, Box 433, Lansing, Mich.

- X. I deeply appreciate the many greetings and good wishes received and ask the continued co-operation of every Comrade and our Allied Orders, that this year be crowned with success and the Youth of our land be brought to a keen realization of the blessings of our free America.

By command of

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Department Commander.

Official:

Eugene Owen,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, November 1st, 1940.

General Orders No. 2-3.
Series 1940-1941.

- I. As previously announced, the seventy-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, convened in Springfield, Ill., the week of Sept. 8. Your Commander accompanied by Sr. Vice Commander Warner and Adjutant General Owen, arrived on Saturday and found the Hotel Abraham Lincoln had already welcomed many comrades. Soon we were comfortably settled in Headquarters arranged for us by our Secretary. Monday we were joined by our Jr. Vice Commander Le Valley, making our voting delegation four at every session.
- II. Sunday morning the usual church services; in the evening, the Memorial at the Illinois Army brought out a crowd that overflowed that great auditorium. Memorial address by the Rev. Myron Pontius, who paid this tribute to the "Men of '61"—"Three words come to me as I think of Civil War Veterans and Civil War days—Sacrifice, Patriotism and Peace." Music was furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and enjoyed at all functions during the week.
- III. Wednesday, September 11. The pulse of drum and blare of bugle ushered in the "Parade of the Grand Army". Only a score of aged but happy veterans ventured to walk the eight blocks—to pass once more through the streets where the spirit of Lincoln still lingers—the city where the sacred dust of their war President and Commander-in-Chief, is entombed. Cheers and tears were mingled, as the throngs greeted these "Preservers of the Union". Ninety-nine participated in the parade. The oldest registered veteran was Henry Mack, 103, of Minneapolis; the youngest, Capt. Eugene Merrick, 85, of California.
- IV. The sessions of the Grand Army were held in Hotel Abraham Lincoln. Comrade W. W. Nixon of Jewell, Kansas, was elected Commander-in-Chief. Michigan was again honored, in the ap-

pointment of Commander A. C. Estabrook as National Quartermaster General. No decision was reached as to Encampment city for 1941. Invitations were received from three States.

ARMISTICE DAY

- V. It is a long "trek" back to the day the news of the signing of the Armistice flashed over our country. As we think of the horrors of war again raging across the ocean, let us recall the warning of George Washington—"Against the insidious wiles of a foreign influence the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly AWAKE."

"Sleep honored dead in foreign land,
Once more the torch is flaming bright,
Though tyrants rule with iron hand
'Tis sundown, and they flee the light."

THANKSGIVING DAY

- VI. With your Commander, let every Comrade give thanks for the freedom of this great Country—our HOMELAND.

Great God, we thank Thee for this home
This bounteous birthright of the free,
Where wanderers from afar may come
And breathe the air of liberty.

Still may her flowers untrampled spring
Her harvests wave, her cities rise;
And yet till time shall fold her wing
Remain Earth's loveliest paradise.

- VII. In accordance with National ruling you are reminded the Per Capita Tax is now one dollar each year, payable with December reports. Your liberal pension is the result of the continued effort of National officers and Legislative Committees of the Grand Army. One dollar each year seems small return for each Comrade to make, and could well be called "a thank offering." Several last year did not respond. We trust we may credit every member this coming 1941.
- VIII. The PRELIMINARY MEETING, to plan the Department Encampment for 1941 will be called by the Commander early in the new year. Notice of time and date will be mailed by our Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, to the head of each affiliated order in ample time to assure attendance.
- IX. Report blanks are enclosed for year ending December 31, 1940. Post Adjutant or Secretary please fill and return with Per Capita Tax.
- X. Patriotic Instructors: please note every activity in which our Comrades had a part and all attendance at patriotic events. All blanks should be returned to Headquarters, Leah M. Simpson, Secretary. Box 433, Lansing, Mich. Please be prompt.

- XI. Your Commander delegates every Commander, Adjutant or Secretary to search their respective communities for honorably discharged veterans of the Civil War; Any unable to join a Post are now eligible to become a Member-at-Large. Send any such name to Department Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, Box 433, Lansing. We will appreciate this effort on your part. It is our desire to contact every veteran. Members wishing to communicate personally with the Commander will please note change of residence, for the winter. A. C. Estabrook, Hotel Cody, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IN MEMORIAM.

- XII. One by one our Comrades join that Bivouac on the other shore. In sorrow we record the passing, July 4th, 1940, of Past Commander, Ira M. Stewart, age 94. Comrade Stewart enlisted in Co. K. 7th Illinois Cavalry. He served the Department as Commander in 1935 and was re-elected in 1936, serving with distinction. To all who mourn, the Department extends sincere sympathy.

“Across the way we find new life, a better day.”

- XIII. Time moves on and again we are nearing the Holiday season. This year it has a deeper meaning than ever before. In many lands no Christmas greetings may be heard—misery and desolation stalk, where happiness and God love should reign. May the spirit of Charity urge us to do more for our fellow man, making it a Merry Christmas to all in our communities. That “Peace on Earth” with the dawn of the New Year may bring joy and happiness to every Comrade, and to every member of the great patriotic organization associated with the Grand Army, is the wish of your Commander and staff.

By command of

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Department Commander.

Official:

Eugene Owen,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, Feb. 24, 1941.

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1940-1941.

- I. With deep sorrow I announce the passing of Department Commander, Comrade A. C. Estabrook, in Grand Rapids, February 12, 1941. For some months he had not been in his usual health, but his death was unexpected and came as a great shock to friends and Comrades.

Always a leader, Michigan mourns deeply the passing of this favorite son,—a true Soldier in peace as in war.

At the time of his death he was serving the National as Quartermaster General.

- II. James A. Hamilton, Commander of Post No. 42, Lansing, has accepted the appointment of Quartermaster General and our Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, has been retained as his Secretary. We appreciate the honor shown our Department by Commander in Chief, W. W. Nixon. All communications should be addressed to Box 433, Lansing, Michigan.

Miss Simpson was in Chicago during the sessions of the National Council and reports Commander in Chief Nixon and Past Commander in Chief Russell Martin have recovered from their recent serious illnesses and able to attend all activities during the week. For this we are truly thankful.

While Columbus, Ohio, was chosen as next Encampment city, details will appear in next General Orders.

- III. Orlando Le Valley assumes the office of Sr. Vice Commander, leaving the office of Jr. Vice Commander to be filled by our Board of Administration.
- IV. To Mrs. Oscar Konzen, daughter of our late Commander, I extend the sympathy of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in this dark hour. "We shall meet, but we shall miss him."
- V. In assuming the office of Department Commander, I ask the support of every Comrade that we complete the work of the year, as the Commander so lately with us, would wish.

To Col. Baker, Major Weeks, Chaplain Swart, at the Soldiers Home, who made my installation such a happy event and to Asst. Adjt. General Owen who administered the oath of office and to our Secretary who presided, I express my sincere thanks. I shall long remember the day, and cherish the gifts, flowers and good wishes.

- VI. Comrades, as we take up the task of the year, let us forget all differences. Clasp closer the hand of Comradeship and Loyalty as we resolve to carry on. To this I pledge my best effort.

By command of

MARTIN J. WARNER,
Department Commander.

Official:

Eugene Owen,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April 18, 1941.

General Orders No. 5.
Series 1940-1941.

I. The 63rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Lansing, Michigan, June 18, 19, 20, 1941. Headquarters will be established in Hotel Olds, where all sessions and social affairs will be held. Attention is called to the ruling of National that all members and Comrades at large of the Department are entitled to seats and vote in Encampment. Your Commander urges every Comrade to attend this Encampment.

II. PROGRAM

Wednesday

- 9:00 A. M. Council of Administration will meet in Headquarters.
- 10:00 A. M. Official Opening: Ball Room, Hotel Olds.
- 11:30 A. M. Luncheon.
- 1:00 P. M. Business session.
- 2:00 P. M. Greetings Committees.
- 3:30 P. M. Joint Memorial with W. R. C.
- 6:30 P. M. Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Organizations. Reception and Banquet. Ball Room, Hotel Olds.

Thursday

- 9:30 A. M. Business session.
- 11:30 A. M. Luncheon.
- 2:00 P. M. Business session.
- 5:30 P. M. Banquet with Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary. Central Methodist Church.
- 7:30 P. M. Camp fire and drills, Ball Room, Hotel Olds.

Friday

- 10:00 A. M. Annual Parade.

Address all inquiries to Secretary Leah M. Simpson, Box 433, Lansing, Mich., who will make all arrangements for Comrades. Please notify as early as possible. We desire all Comrades to be at Headquarters, Hotel Olds.

III. This is our DIAMOND JUBILEE year; April 6, 1866, seventy-five years ago at Decatur, Ill., the Grand Army of the Republic was organized by Comrade B. F. Stephenson. As the years roll on we are reminded of our thinning ranks and realize that in a few short years we will be only a memory of a glorious past; but the spirit of patriotism and the principles for which we fought will never die.

IV. The National Encampment will be held at Columbus, Ohio, the week of September 14. Comrades, make a supreme effort to attend. Keep Michigan a banner State. Address our Secretary for rates and details—Box 433, Lansing, Mich.

V. MOTHER'S DAY

By proclamation, President Wilson first set aside the Second Sunday in May, as an expression of love and reverence for Mothers and a day on which our Flag may be flown from Government buildings and our homes. These things every Comrade can do—wear

The gay carnation blossom—white or red—
 Living, a loving greeting at the door,
 Remembrance and a prayer of thankfulness, if dead.

VI. MEMORIAL

May 30, 1868, General John A. Logan, our Commander in Chief, issued the now famous General Orders No. 11, establishing a MEMORIAL DAY. Let it form a part of every program, solemnly pledging yourself. "If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, Ours shall keep it well as long as light and warmth of life remains in us." At the close of the day when the visible tokens of our remembrances have been placed upon our soldiers' graves and we return to our homes, let it be with consecrated thought of greater service to our Country.

VII. Chaplain reports must reach Headquarters immediately following Memorial Day. Please do not fail.

VIII. FLAG DAY

There are no special days for PATRIOTISM, this day set apart is but to remind us of the blessings of a free Country—blessings won at so great a cost. The FLAG is the visible symbol of this Land of the Free. Comrades, by your presence at Flag presentations teach the youth of your communities to serve it.

Millions have fought for it,
 Millions have died for it,
 Millions are living to love and serve it.

IX. MEMORIAM

Sorrowfully we record the passing of another from the official staff and fifteen Department members.

Nelson J. Dunn, Sergeant of National Colors, last member of Post No. 90, of Saginaw, died January 12, 1941, aged 93 years. Though stricken with paralysis seven years ago Comrade Dunn never lost interest in patriotic work and till the day of his passing proudly guarded his loved Flag at his bedside. Our tender sympathy goes out to his devoted wife.

Into the many homes of our Comrades where Death has entered may there come consolation, such lives as these, live on in memory.

X. Comrades I have served you but a few short months but no greater honor can ever be mine. My only regret I am able to do so little. If the visits made to Allied Orders and among the youth of our city have in

any way led them to be better Americans, to love their Country and Flag more, then I am quite content. I know the work of our Department is in hands that never tire in doing for the Grand Army; truly our Secretary has dedicated her life to our service. God give her strength to lead our weary foot steps to the end of the trail.

As my official year draws to a close my heart is filled with gratitude to friends old and new for the many honors and courtesies shown me.

To my successor in this honorable office I pledge Loyalty and true Comradeship. To our faithful Assistant Adjutant and our Secretary, my sincere thanks.

By command of

MARTIN J. WARNER,
Department Commander.

Eugene Owen,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Martin J. Warner, Commander,
Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to submit to you a report of my work during the year. Returning to Lansing following Encampment in Ann Arbor my first duty to formulate and make application for the Headquarters appropriation and to prepare and issue General Orders No. 1, necessitating a trip to Grand Rapids.

The compiling of the Journal is begun at once; these are printed under state orders and must take their place among thousands of documents to be printed, it behooves one to start them on way, as the rule of Department has always been to issue the Journal before closing Headquarters for National Encampment.

During July and August Commander Estabrook spent several days at Headquarters. I made two trips to Mason trying to contact Post 441 but found no Comrades. Later I did locate two members of that Post.

In September, I joined Commander Estabrook, Comrades Owen and Warner in Springfield, Ill., where the week was spent attending National Encampment. Upon the appointment of Commander as Quartermaster General I was named his Secretary, an honor I prized, the work to be conducted from Headquarters in Lansing.

Whenever possible I have accepted invitations from our Allied Orders; have installed officers in Corps and Junior Clubs, inspected four.

During the winter months our Commander accepted few invitations, it was my enjoyable duty to represent him at three Washington and four Lincoln Anniversaries; two Anniversaries and the Christmas party in Lansing together with many parties given by the Daughters.

In January, issued the call of Commander, to heads of all Departments for the Preliminary meeting to plan for 1941 Encampment; presided at this meeting in Hotel Olds.

Commander had decided to call a meeting of the Council that matters important to the Department might be considered, but inclement weather prevented. Accordingly I went to Grand Rapids where many hours were spent planning recommendations he wished to present at Encampment. This was not to be—on February 12, death claimed him, his service to the Grand Army was finished. In deference to his advice and experience, I have given these recommendations to Commander Warner.

During the weeks of Commander Estabrook's illness I made four trips to Grand Rapids and was with his Daughter when, with never a word of complaint, he slipped away.

I attended the funeral in Allegan, proceeding at once to Chicago where Commander in Chief Nixon and Adjutant General Martin were in conference. A new Quartermaster General, J. A. Hamilton was appointed and I, retained as his Secretary. The work has continued as before.

I have visited five Posts endeavoring to find the Comrades carried on our roll; succeeded in this but saddened to find Death had claimed three and two had moved from the state.

Upon receiving the Pension roll I found Michigan credited with more than a hundred veterans only half of whom were members of the Department. Through correspondence and calls I have enrolled twelve as Comrades at Large. This year the Daughters of Union Veterans have sponsored three. My ambition is to enroll every veteran.

I have made forty-one calls on Comrades; visited the Soldiers' Home four times; attending the Memorial Day services, riding in the parade with Comrades Owen and Hurd; visited Comm. McGonigal in Leslie, finding he had never lived in Mason; spent a pleasant hour with Past Dept. Commander Carlton in Kalamazoo. Have visited every Comrade when word of illness reached me and attended the last service for three. These are not duties—I treasure them as God given privileges—though each brought its hour of sadness.

The year saw the necessity for five General Orders and the Memoriam. These I prepared and issued. Callers at the Headquarters number in the hundreds.

It has been my delight to "tell about the Civil War Boys" to show pictures and records to interested groups of school pupils; during the week of "Wolverine Boy State" fifty-nine stormed our portals, many asking the record of a Grandfather. I had printed and have given out as my personal contribution 500 Flag laws and leaflets.

Headquarters mailing record shows—with no record of National work.

- 1000 Department General Orders.
- 100 National General Orders.
- 200 Memoriam.
- 275 Department Journal.
- 65 National Journal.
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181 Records of Civil War Veterans typed in response to requests from 16 states.

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I appreciate the honor that is mine in serving this Department, my every effort will be to merit the confidence show in making me the life Secretary.

If this journal with its memories of the year brings pleasure to one loved Comrade, I am well repaid.

There's a comforting thought at the close of day,
That sort of grips hold of my heart,
It's just the sweet memory that chants the refrain—
I'm glad I touched shoulders, with you.

Loyally Yours,
LEAH M. SIMPSON,
Department Secretary.

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"Heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic."

"The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization. No child can be born into it. No proclamation of President, edict of King or Czar can command admission. No university or institution of learning can issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secures recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase the position. Its doors open only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the Nation during the war against the rebellion, and, unlike any other organization, no new blood can come in. There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were closed forever; its lines are steadily growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with ever-lessening tread. The gaps in the picket lines grow wider every day. Details are made for the reserve summoned into the shadowy regions until by and by only a solitary sentinel will stand guard, waiting until the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic."