

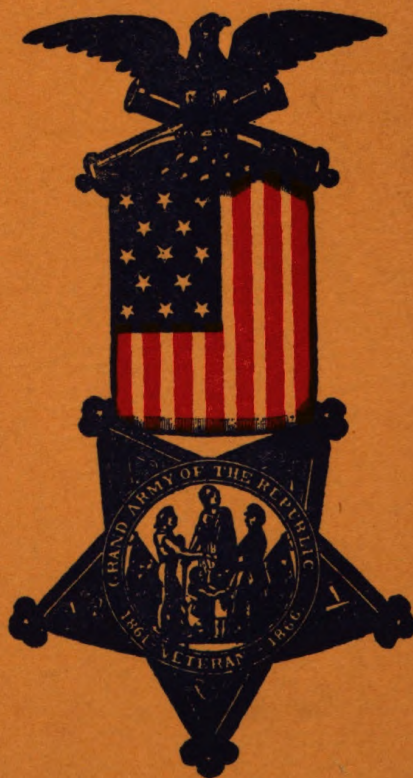
**Journal of the
68th
Annual
Encampment**

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Department of Michigan
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**Grand Army
of the
Republic**

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**Held at Lansing
June 27th-29th
1946**





STARS IN THE FLAG OUR SOLDIERS HAVE CARRIED TO VICTORY

June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress in Philadelphia decreed the Flag of the United States shall be, 13 stripes alternate red and white with 13 Stars white on a blue field, the number of Stars to increase as a new state was admitted into the Union; the increase of Stars to indicate the growth of the Nation.

June 14, 1777	13 Stripes, 13 Stars.
May 1795	15 Stripes, 15 Stars.
July 4, 1818	13 Stripes, 20 Stars, return to the original 13 Stripes
1846 Mexican War	28 Stars.
1861 Civil War	34 Stars.
1898 Spanish War	45 Stars.
1912	48 Stars.
1917 World War I	48 Stars through 1946 World War II.

*Sign of a people, great and strong
To ward her people from foreign wrong,
Pride and glory and honor, ALL
Live in the colors to stand or fall.*

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY HEADQUARTERS MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander:

It is my privilege to submit a resumé of my work for the year ending June 30, 1946.

The 67th Annual Encampment week so delightfully spent in the Pantlind, Grand Rapids, over, our good-byes and good wishes exchanged I returned to Lansing to open another year with Comrade Le Valley our Department Commander. The box overflowing with mail evidence the U. S. Postal Service continues while Headquarters is temporarily in the Encampment city.

Closing our year for June 30th brings added duties but July 1 finds all gifts, favors and programs to comrades, Resolutions and thanks in mails, General Order compiled and at Estimate, and new stationery ordered. I appreciate the holiday when Capitol closes for July 4th. No special program I observe the day in Jack most unusual parade as many from nearby communities join the Service men and patriotic organizations.

Preparing to write the Annual Journal I visit Comrade Riker asking for a Camp Fire story of his experience and happily surprised to find it waiting my return to Headquarters; my pleasure soon turned to sadness when the message reached me that he was critically ill and on July 31 he passed away. I notify our Allied Orders and prepare to attend the service in Addison and burial in Cement City. Mrs. Ethel Beavor, Secretary of his Post for many years joined me in paying tribute at the grave. His passing disbands Woodbury Post No. 45 in Adrian, chartered in 1882.

AUGUST begins weeks of controversy, telegrams and letters regarding a National Encampment, the final decision to meet in Columbus, Ohio a relief to all. I notify Comrades. War news of the month has been terrifying—Russia declares war on Japan—the Atomic bomb released wiping out 60 percent of Hiroshimo—Nothing accepted but unconditional surrender; Governor Kelly declares cessation of office work when message of surrender is sure; the welcome news comes on August 14; the street swarm with happy people yet with its undercurrent of sadness as we think of the thousands who will not return to their Homeland. The 18th attend a formal reception in Marshall honoring Department officers of Sons and Auxiliary; presentation of two Flags to American Legion Posts; a special program by Soldiers from Camp Custer. The Sons to be congratulated for sponsoring such a rare treat.

Visit Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek before returning to Headquarters to proof read G. O. No. 1; Session and dinner with Camp No. 7; carry our greetings to Past Dept. President, W.R.C. ill in hospital; cooperative lunch with D.U.V.; one Corps meeting; spend hours in State Library tracing the records of family whose ancestors served in Washington's Army 1778—and through the years till 1861 the Grandfather enlisted in the Civil War; make a late application for pension for Civil War widow; enjoy interesting visitors—two World War II Servicemen enroute to homes in Wisconsin, secure their Grandfathers' records and examine the Flags and Civil War relics, proud of the service of their grandfathers. Close the month report and mail to Adj. Gen. Towner Address 450 envelopes and mail G.O. No. 1 and Memoriam.

SEPTEMBER Capitol closed for Labor Day, I observe the day in Detroit; Make appeal from decision of Claims Board, Washington, D. C., for accrued pension for Civil War Widow. Routine work so demanding I find I must decline invitations to be with our Allied Orders outside of Lansing. The record of one day, fourteen callers, each asking the record of a veteran of the Civil War, these cleared and typed several carried over one day to be mailed out when completed. On the 19th I represent our "Fathers" as the Daughters entertain Sunfield Tent and Department officers. On the 21st, Commander Le Valley and daughter Ivah arrive at the Capitol to motor to my home in Jackson there to observe his 97th birthday at a family party of the Allied Orders sponsored by Camp No. 7 SUV. Representatives from U.S.W.V., American Legion, Caldwell Post, V.F.W. bring gifts and greetings and join in paying honor attend session of No. 32. Compile G. O. No. 2. is in Michigan to attend National Encampment I make every effort to inform him

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WITH ADDRESS OF

ORLANDO LeVALLEY, *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, 1946.

Hon. Harry F. Kelly, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Sixty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Lansing, June 27-29, 1946 as required by the statutes.

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,
Department Commander.

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HARRY F. KELLY
Governor

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
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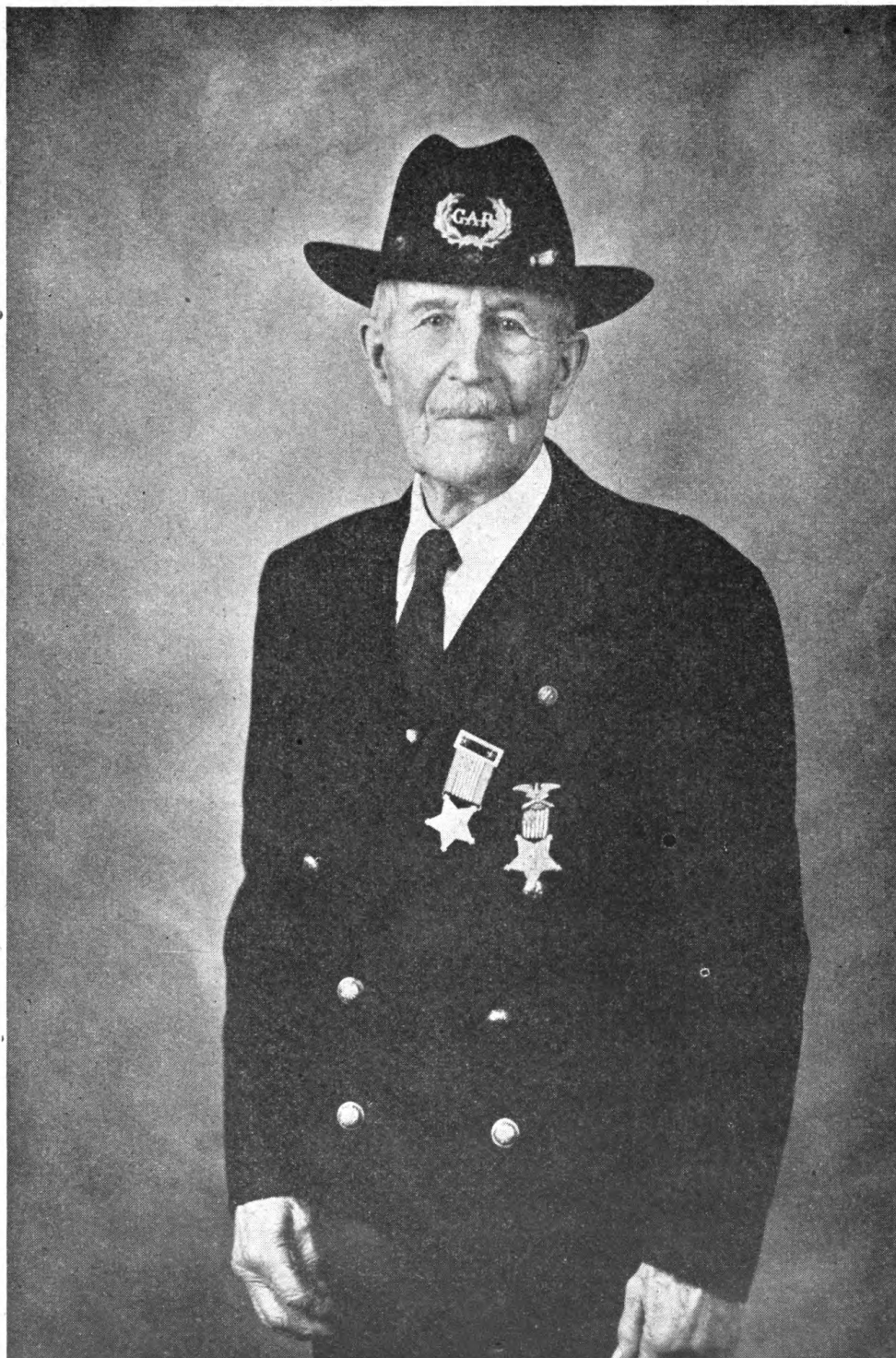
Orlando LeValley Department Commander, Caro, Mich.
Cyrus Perrigo Senior Vice Comander, Vassar
Charles E. Riker Junior Vice Commander, Cement City

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

James F. Lyon Menominee
Holden Albro Leslie
Oscar Mott Benton Harbor
Charles E. Riker Cement City
M. A. Loop Sacramento, Calif.

. OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Ralph R. Towner
..... Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General, Allegan
Leah M. Simpson
..... Department Secretary, Box 433, Lansing 2, Mich.



ORLANDO LE VALLEY

**Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.
National Patriotic Instructor.**



RALPH R. TOWNER
Assistant Adjutant General
Died in office, April 27, 1946.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Russel 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
Ethan M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James Van Kleek, 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	Ewart, 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, deceased	Petoskey, 1935-36
Ira M. Stewart, deceased	Petoskey, 1936-37
S. H. Carlton	Kalamazoo, 1937-38
A. C. Estabrook, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1938-39
A. F. Chappell, deceased	Detroit, 1939-40
Martin J. Warner (advanced)	Grand Rapids, 1940-41
John M. Park, (Orlando Le Valley presiding)	Coopersville, 1941-42
Orlando Le Valley	Caro, 1942-43
William H. Ferguson	Kent City, 1943-44
Martin J. Warner (died in office)	Grand Rapids, 1944-45
Ralph R. Towner (advanced)	Allegan, 1945
Orlando Le Valley	Caro, 1945-46

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
O. 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	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, deceased	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

M. L. Warner	Grand Rapids, 1940-41
Orlando Le Valley	Caro, 1941-42
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1942-43
Ralph Towner (advanced)	Allegan, 1943-44
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1944-45
Cyrus Perrigo (died in office)	Vassar, 1945-46

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	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, 1925-28
Wm. Barrett, deceased	Bay City, 1928-29
James Churchill, deceased	Pontiac, 1929-30
A. F. Chappell, deceased	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, deceased	Milford, 1936-37
Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, 1937-38
William Parker, deceased	Lake Odessa, 1938-39
Ira M. Stewart, deceased	Petoskey, 1939-40
Orlando LeValley	Caro, 1940-41
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1941-42

M. A. Loop, deceased Adrian, 1942-43
George Heusted, deceased Vassar, 1943-44
George Morgan (died in office) Detroit, 1944
Charles Riker Cement City, 1944-45
Deaths of Comrades—duplicates the year.

ROSTER

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
JANUARY 1, 1946**

WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 1.

Post Commander—Orlando Le Valley.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 1.

Post Commander—Holden Albro.

Comrades at Large—Jan. 1, 1946.

Martin A. Loop

James F. Lyon

Oscar Mott

Ralph Towner

Cyrus Perrigo

PROCEEDINGS
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Suite 814, Hotel Olds.

Promptly at nine-thirty o'clock Department Commander Le Valley prepared to open Encampment when a message was sent in that Comrade Loop had arrived, having motored from Adrian with Mr. Raymond Bachman of American Legion Post No. 97, and was holding an impromptu reception in the hotel lobby; the Secretary was dispatched to bring him to the session. After greetings exchanged Commander Le Valley asks for order.

Commander Le Valley:

Secretary, you will announce all visitors as our door will remain open through our session. I trust our proceedings will be harmonious and successful. I now declare the 68th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department open for business.

Almost at once the room fills with happy Daughters led by their Department President, Loveva Hammond and her guest, Sister Emma McLaughlin National President from Elm Grove, West Virginia, twelve Past Department Presidents and several members who surround our Comrades delighted to again greet Comrade Loop.

Mrs. Edith Stevens Clark pays a glowing tribute to comrades of her father and presents gifts to each. Comrade Loop provokes laughter in responding by hoping the Daughters would "live forever and he one day after." Commander thanks the Daughters for the many gifts and the fine things they are always doing for him and the Comrades with a special word to Mrs. Clark who had spoken with such deep feeling; insists on sharing the great box of candy presented by the Sons at the Campfire.

Commander Le Valley:

We have had a happy time—let us again come to order. The Secretary will lead us in the Lord's Prayer. All reverently join followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Simpson:

Commander, I present Sister Emma McLaughlin, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. McLaughlin:

Commander, to me this is one of the happiest hours of Convention long to be remembered. It has not been often in my travels I have greeted two comrades of my father able to conduct the business of the Encampment. I bring greetings from "Way down south in old Virginia" my home state. I wish you health and happiness that you and our Daughters may meet and work together through many Encampments.

Commander Le Valley:

Not many of us left but we will carry on the best we can. I am glad to see a Daughter from the South.

Department President, Loveva Hammond:

Commander, we have met many times during my year and I have found doing my best for our Grand Army and the Daughters, very pleasant. I hope you have a grand Encampment and that we meet soon at National.

Commander recalls the party given for him on his 97th birthday while visiting the Secretary in Jackson, and warmly thanks Mrs. Hammond and Jackson Sons and Daughters.

Miss Eleanor Giradot, past Tent President presents an article regarding use of title "War Between the States" instead of Civil War; Comrade Loop and Commander listen attentively; Secretary Simpson explains the action taken by Grand Army when this was first brought to our attention; every Comrade opposing it.

Commander Le Valley:

Abraham Lincoln called it a "Great Civil War" and that should settle it. Thanks Miss Giradot for bringing it to our minds again and for her interest in everything touching the Grand Army.

With hand clasp and good wishes to our Comrades the Daughters withdraw as many duties await them.

Commander Le Valley:

Next order of business would be Roll Call.

Secretary:

I have registered Commander Le Valley and Martin A. Loop. No others able to attend; Comrade Mott sends his regrets. Death has claimed three from your official family, Ralph R. Towner, our Adj. General; James F. Lyon and Holden Albro; in silence we hold them in memory.

Secretary Simpson:

Reading of reports last Encampment, was limited to the Commanders and Adj. General, what is your wish?

Commander Le Valley:

It is impossible to hear the reading, I received the copy of them when written but Comrade Loop had none.

Comrade Loop:

I would like to hear them as I find it impossible to read any printing though I manage the General Orders.

Secretary sits near Comrade and reads both reports as they appear in her Journal.

Comrade Loop:

I am sorry I asked you—never thought could be so long and I did want to see what was doing these days; seems plenty think we keep the Secretary pretty busy doing it alone for all of us; I thank you, for reading to me and I heard every word.

Commander Le Valley:

The reports will be accepted for the Journal.

Communications:

Secretary reads invitations from Mr. Frank Whitwam, Manager, Grand Rapids Convention Bureau; Mr. R. Habermann, Secretary Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Moran, Vice President, Wenonah Hotel, Bay City, for consideration when choosing Encampment city for 1947.

Commander Le Valley:

I like them all but some years ago we voted since we no longer do the work to leave all Encampment plans in the hands of the Secretary and I think that stands now.

Secretary:

I will attend to it and inform you when a decision has been reached. You wish is, "to meet as one family with our five Allied Orders." Secretary reports 160 dollars was presented at the Campfire banquet and explains the Happiness Fund to Comrade Loop; he recalls the great basket of flowers that greeted him on his birthday.

Secretary reads a tribute from the Department United Spanish War Veterans on the passing of Adj. General Towner.

Commander Le Valley:

Any other business before election of officers?

Secretary Simpson:

We have not received the usual visit of Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps and all Past Department Presidents who accompany her when she reads her report to you. The Sons are to recess for our Installation before noon. I can present other communications while we wait for the Woman's Relief Corps. Reads regrets from Commander in Chief Hiram Gale.

Commander Le Valley:

We have no one to nominate or vote for new officers, think we could dispense with Election.

Comrade Loop:

I would not mind holding the honorable office of Commander but would not nominate or vote for myself while we have a Commander able to hold it.

The entrance of the entire delegation of the Sons brings a happy hour of tribute, reminiscences and pledge of continued service.

Commander Floyd Jewell present a box of candy to Comrade Loop who was not at the Camp Fire Banquet when the Department remembered the Grand Army with a gift; to Commander. Past Commander in Chief Urian Mackey extends the greetings of the National Commander, pledging the Sons will always live "worthy of their fathers". Brother Fouch speaks of the coming National Encampment when some decision may be reached as to carrying on when the last Comrade is gone. Brother Mc Murtrie, the oldest Past Department Commander of the Sons recalls his 59 years of association with the Grand Army of the Republic, that always it had been a delight not a duty to serve and to greet the Comrades. Senior Vice Commander Dexter endorses every sentiment expressed and pledges continued service. Comrade Loop has a happy answer for all with thanks for his gift.

Commander Le Valley:

Sons, I thank you for visiting us but as all officers are holding over this year we had no election and so need no Installation.

Secretary presents badges to each Son as they reluctantly withdraw with "good bye, till another year we will all be here to greet you."

Commander Le Valley:

Secretary, will you notify all members not here that the appointments remain the same and that all attending National Encampment are now voting Delegates. Have we any further business to consider while we wait the Woman's Relief Corps?

Secretary Simpson explains the Resolutions will be prepared and sent to all responsible for this splendid Encampment, with thanks to all Departments for the Happiness Fund and that each Comrade will be remembered with the favors and gifts as usual as Headquarters will be opened on Monday. After luncheon with Comrade Loop and Mr. Bachman we will visit a session of each Allied Order and the WRC Junior Clubs where you have the presentation of your photograph to the Dearborn Club named in your honor, and at 6:30 we are guests of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at their annual banquet.

Commander Le Valley:

Quite a program but we will manage it before leaving for home tomorrow. It is now 12:30; all business completed I now declare the 68th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, closed, sine die.

ADDENDA:

Upon reaching the lobby we are met by delegation from the Lyman A. Gilbert WRC No. 59 of Detroit who never fail to bring their Memory gift honoring Past Department Commander Gilbert whose name the Corps reverts.

Since the Happiness Fund was created a check instead of flowers has been received. President Pilotte and members pay respects to Commander and present the check for three dollars.

Mrs. Genevieve Viets, Past Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic had not known we held only one session presents a gift to Commander and Comrade Loop, and in memory of her father, Comrade Metzger a check for five dollars to be added to Happiness Fund. Commander Le Valley, seated in comfortable chair in the lobby surrounded by members of Allied Orders, warmly thanks the ladies.

The measure of a man's greatness, is his ability to SERVE; Comrades Gilbert and Metzger served well, their memory lives on.

After luncheon with Comrade Loop and Legionnaire Bachman we can only visit the Ladies of the Grand Army as Comrade Loop must return to Adrian according to plan made with Mr. Bachman who brought him to us. The Ladies extended every honor to our Comrades; National President Catherine Schroeder paid glowing tribute to which both Commander and Comrade Loop responded.

Bidding good bye and God speed to Comrade Loop we proceed to Veterans Building only to find the Sons had adjourned.

Our signal at door of Auxiliary to Sons brought Guide and Color Bearers to escort Commander to President's station to receive honors and welcome from Department President Marie Luedders who presents the National President Gladys Stallman—proud and happy to greet a Commander "so few able to carry on as does Michigan's Commander". Stella Braddon in her usual brilliant manner extends greetings in response to Commander. Tears dim many an eye as to strains of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" we pass slowly from the session room.

Our next visit to Daughters and Commander has fulfilled his promise made Department President Loveva Hammond at the observance of his 97th birthday. The exemplification of the Ritual by Tent 9 was about to begin; Commander expresses desire to remain; we are amply repaid as the work was perfect, a most unusual feature the obligation given to three returned Service men of World War II, brought the remark from Commander Le Valley—"they're like we were 80 years ago." God grant the Victory they won brings peace to this troubled world. All join in singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart, You Belong to Me" as good byes are said.

A short rest in hotel and Commander is ready for his second visit to the Woman's Relief Corps happy to suspend business to receive their Commander and Secretary. Department President Bogart regrets Comrade Loop was obliged to leave before visiting her convention and explains how impossible it had been to leave with Past Department Presidents to visit the Grand Army session and asks Secretary Simpson to read her report and use it in the Journal; Presents cigars for the Comrades. Secretary assures her the report will be published and the gift divided among the comrades and added to the remembrances sent each comrade following Encampment.

Commander Le Valley is happily surprised as Mary Bryanton, acting General Chairman of the Encampment, presents a check for 25 dollars and 26 dollars in cash left in the fund earned and solicited by the Corps to carry on the many lovely features of the Convention. Secretary Simpson assures the members such generosity is greatly appreciated, every comrade will be remembered many times during the year and always the birthday party so much enjoyed. Commander rises to the occasion and adds warm words of thanks. While all sing "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching" we retire.

The official visits of our Commander happily completed, and anticipating a happy hour with the Juniors Clubs of the Woman's Relief Corps.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

COMRADES:

For the Sixty-Eighth time the Department of Michigan is now assembled in Annual Encampment and for the eighth time in the hospitable city of Lansing, and I am called upon to report my activities for the year: One year ago with some reluctance I accepted for the second time the honor of serving the Department as Commander, knowing full well the responsibilities and work must fall on our Secretary in Headquarters. The Installation was conducted by Commander in Chief of the Sons, Urian Mackey with Department Commander Linsley, Officer of the Day, and the entire delegation of our Sons in attendance. Following my installation, with the Secretary, I visited each Allied Order then in session.

The year has been pleasant because of the full cooperation of the Allied Orders and service of our Secretary yet shadowed by the passing of Adjutant General Towner; Charles E. Riker, and James F. Lyon from my staff. We met but seldom but the knowledge of their loyalty to the Department was an incentive to carry on while strength was mine.

The summer months passed quietly at home with one visit to Comrade Perrigo who had been unable to attend his 100th birthday party in May—sponsored by Department and Vassar Corps.

September 19, on my 97th birthday was happily surprised by Circle No. 38, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic who motored from Bay City bringing the many good things for a Pot Luck Dinner. On the 20th with my daughter, Ivah, motored to Jackson, the home of our Secretary, who, with Camp Blair of our Sons had planned a joint banquet with the Allied Orders. More than a hundred guests representing United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and civic officers, with our Allied Orders, greeted me. For these honors, with the many gifts, I express appreciation, in full.

I would have been glad to linger many days with these dear friends but National Encampment was approaching and on the 29th accompanied by my daughter, Mrs. Kirk, we left for Columbus, Ohio where upon arriving we found all plans for my comfort had been made by Secretary Simpson. Beginning with the Memorial Service on Sunday night I attended all social events and every business session and rode in the parade with the few Comrades able to attend. I was honored by the appointment as National Patriotic Instructor.

In October was honor guest of District No. 1 WRC, in Lapeer participated in by about 200 members.

November, motored to Caro to extend greetings of our Department at the banquet of V. F. W. in Montague Hotel largely attended by State Officers.

Prospect of long cold winter days with thought of sunshine and warmth in the South, determined my visit to Florida with my daughters. The many letters from our Secretary kept me in touch with the Department. I returned to Michigan at Easter time.

The month of May, always anticipated as it brings the annual visit of Secretary Simpson to review the year, preparatory to her compiling this report and together we visit Comrade Perrigo on his birthday; this year the weather was fine; we meet the Secretary in Vassar and join members of Vassar Corps No. 191 at dinner in home of Mrs. Burza. This proved an unusual occasion as we were surprised when President Harriet Walmsley and members of Grant Corps No. 97, Bay City joined us. I gladly share honors with Mrs. Burza's son, Earl Cookingmaster, recently returned from service in World War II.

Many pictures were taken as we enjoy the beautiful grounds surrounding the home until time to motor to Comrade Perrigo's for a few hours with him on this his 101st birthday and share his pleasure in the many gifts we present.

Tears dimmed his eyes as we say good bye. God grant we meet another year.

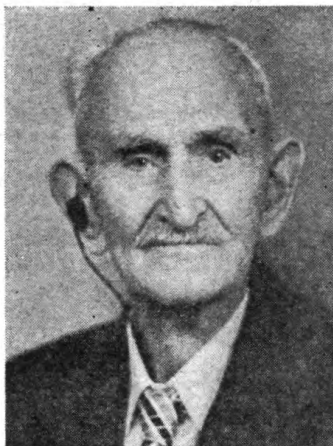
No special services on Memorial Sunday in Caro but one of the most spectacular parades in many years featured Memorial Day, honoring the memory of our soldier dead. I was given honor place with Veterans of World Wars I and II; Boy and Girl Scouts; Cub Pack; Ladies Auxiliaries; Boots and Saddle Club; and Caro High School Band to the Cemetery where flowers were laid on every soldier's grave.

As the year closes and I surrender the office of Department Commander I express thanks for the honors I have shared with our Department; A feeling of pride was mine when the WRC Junior Club of Dearborn was given my name. Believing the patriotic work in the future lies in the training of the young people, my earnest desire is that they be trained in the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic, a love for America and willingness to serve.

Time waits for no man—in a few hours this Sixty-Eighth Encampment will be history and we face another Department year with its joys and sorrows. We are pledged to hold our Department till Death claims the last Comrade, this pledge we will keep. The cordial support of officers and Allied Orders with the constant care of Department work by our Secretary have carried us this year and will not fail in the future. My heart is filled with thankfulness and a prayer that these blessings be ours many years to meet in Encampment.

In F. C. and L.
Orlando Le Valley
Department Commander.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.



RALPH R. TOWNER
Died in office April 27, 1946

Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander:

Following the close of Encampment I notified Comrade Towner you wished to honor him with the appointment as Assistant Adjutant General and upon his acceptance I prepared a statement of membership, finances and the newly created Happiness Fund, explaining for what purpose it was disbursed and that each month he would receive the record of daily expense as paid by the Secretary in Headquarters.

A great sadness was mine when the message of his sudden passing reached me, as only a short month had elapsed since I visited him on his 98th birthday and enjoyed a long chat regarding the work and future of the Michigan Department. His only regret that he was wholly unable to do any work of the office you had honored him with, but entirely satisfied with the itemized account of every Department transaction as prepared for his approval and suggestion.

The realization that our Comrades were slipping away, that soon the last one would answer the call, brought a deep concern as to the closing years of the Department and the appeal to "carry on the best you can for us till the end."

This my pledge to every Comrade.

Submitted in F. C. and L.
Leah M. Simpson
Department Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Number of Posts Jan. 1, 1945—4
 Number of members Jan. 1, 1945—12

Number of Posts Jan. 1, 1946—4
 Number of members Jan. 1, 1946—8

Number of Posts June 30, 1946—1
 Number of members—4

Whiteside Post No. 143—Orlando Le Valley, Commander, only surviving member

Posts disbanded since Jan. 1, 1945:

Custer No. 5—Grand Rapids
 Woodbury No. 45—Adrian
 Steele Bros. No. 441—Mason

Comrades at Large June, 1946:

Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar; M. A. Loop, Adrian; Oscar Mott, Benton Harbor.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

At the 39th National Encampment held in Denver, Colorado, September, 1905, patriotic instructor was made a branch of Department work. A Patriotic Instructor was to be appointed by the Department Commander who by virtue of the office would become a member of the Administrative Board.

Winfield S. Sly, our first Instructor, was appointed in 1906 and each succeeding year until the June 1946 Department Encampment, a comrade has been appointed to this honorable office. Comrade Oscar Mott, appointed in 1945, became our Assistant Adjutant General at the June Encampment and no Patriotic Instructor was appointed to succeed him.

No blanks are sent from Headquarters but from our Allied Orders we learn each comrade was the honored guest of the community and where Memorial Day parade featured the observance of the Day, Department Commander Le Valley, in Caro, Oscar Mott, in Benton Harbor, and Martin A. Loop, in Adrian, led the motorclade to the cemeteries and river side to place the Flag and flowers in remembrance.

The work so long carried on by the Grand Army of the Republic must fall upon the Allied Orders; we have no fear; they will carry the torch of Patriotism high, no stain will ever touch our Flag. My sincere thanks to our Secretary for this report. Submitted in F. C. and L.

Oscar Mott
 Patriotic Instructor



OSCAR MOTT
In His Home for His 101 Birthday, November 16, 1946

REPORT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS



EDNA BOGART, President



LUVINA KOHLENBERGER, Sec'y

Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

As president of the Woman's Relief Corps, your Auxiliary, I am proud and happy to read to you the report of our year's work.

Report for the Year:

Number of Corps June 1, 1945	105
Number of Corps June 1, 1946	102
Number of members March 31, 1945	6,056
Number of members March 31, 1946	6,247
Cash disbursed for Victory Fund	\$4,717.20
Cash disbursed for relief of Civil War Veterans and their families	
Number of Widows of Union Soldiers Assisted	255
Spanish War Veterans and Nurses Assisted	130
World War Veterans and Nurses Assisted	3703
Number of members and others assisted	2095
Cash to Non-pensioners	\$12.00
Relief other than money	\$53,732.42
Cash relief expended	\$4,776.79
For flowers	\$1,858.63

We hope that this report meets with your approval, and now that our year's work together is about ended, I want to tell my Department Commander, Orlando Le Valley that I am proud and happy to have been able to serve the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary, and my wish for both is continued success and prosperity.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Edna Bogart
Department President Woman's Relief Corps.

CAMPFIRE BANQUET

Thursday evening June 26, the ball room of Hotel Olds was a scene of beauty as more than three hundred gathered to pay honor to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Campfire Banquet, always the anticipated event of the Encampment when this great patriotic family may break bread together.

Secretary Simpson, presiding, presents Department Commander Le Valley who receives an ovation to which he happily responds.

Mr. Marion Marshall leads in singing of America; Mrs. Lizetta Coady, National Patriotic Instructor, Woman's Relief Corps in the Pledge of Allegiance. Seated with the Commander as special honor guest, Mrs. Rosetta Piper, Civil War Widow and charter member of Chas. T. Foster WRC No. 7; three other Civil War widows living in Lansing were unable to attend.

Lieut. Glenn Carpenter, representing Governor Harry F. Kelly, Rev. Cornelius Swart, National Chaplain U. S. W. V.; Lizetta Coady, National Patriotic Instructor; Eleanor Stables, National Chairman Executive Board; Catherine Schroeder, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic with Department President Meryl Lintner; Emma McLaughlin, National President Daughters of Union Veterans with Loveva Hammond, Department President; Gladys Stallman, National President Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans with Marie Luedders, Department President; Edna Bogart, Department President Woman's Relief Corps who smilingly declared herself an "orphan" her National President not having arrived; Commander Floyd Jewell, Department Commander of Sons; Col. James Davis, Captain Stronach with Jr. Vice Commander Frank Witfoth representing U.S.W.V.; Mrs. Carolyn Mole and Mr. M. Marshall, soloists.

Lieut. Glenn Carpenter prefaced the reading of the Governor's greeting by saying "one of the proud days of my remembrance, when I was told my Grandfather was a veteran of the Civil War."

Following the reading of the Governor's greeting, Mr. Marion Marshall in magnificent voice sang "Stand by America" and responded to insistent encore with "The Prayer of Thanksgiving".

National Chaplain Swart quickened our enthusiasm with his fervid, inspiring message, "God is in his Heavens and our Government still lives, and will stand if we live true to God and these Colors that so long

have led us and cherish the ideals of the great men who have gone before". As he pays tribute to the noble dead who have served our Country and to our comrades he had known so well the many years lived at the Soldiers Home, we bow in thankfulness for the Comrades spared to us today.

As each Department President greeted Commander Le Valley, checks amounting to one hundred and sixty dollars were presented Secretary Simpson for the Happiness Fund. A resume of the many happy hours enjoyed with our Comrades on their birthdays and anniversaries was given by the Secretary with thanks that this may be continued during the coming year.

Brother Floyd Jewell, Department Commander of the Sons, presents the Department gift to Department Commander Le Valley, who responds with a word of thanks and praise for "the Sons".

Mrs. Carolyn Mole, soprano soloist, added much to the occasion with her rendition of a musical setting of the Lord's Prayer.

Benediction by Rev. Cornelius Swart, National Chaplain U.S.W.V.

State of Michigan, Executive Office, Lansing.

June 26, 1946

Soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic:

On behalf of the people of the great State of Michigan, I salute you as you meet in the 68th annual encampment of the Department of Michigan. It is my sincere hope that you, and the members of your Allied Orders, will have a happy reunion in this, the Capital of the State you have served so well.

As Governor, I can assure you that the passing of time and the thinning of your ranks have not diminished the honor and respect in which you are held by the people of this state. Rather, they continue to draw inspiration and courage from your endless examples of patriotic devotion in war and peace.

As a veteran, I can assure you that those of us who have followed the Flag in later wars will never forget that had it not been for your deeds of valor, there would have been no nation for us to defend.

Just as you are secure in the knowledge that you and your comrades have done your duty well, I want you to feel secure in the knowledge that your country is safe in the hands of the men and women of today.

Sincerely,

(Signed) HARRY F. KELLY
Governor

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Wednesday evening, Department Secretary Simpson represents the Grand Army at the "family dinner" when happy Sons, Daughters, and Sons Auxiliary make merry at the party held at Y. W. C. A., Brother Birt Hammond, Camp 7, of Jackson, presiding.

Thursday morning all Allied Orders open sessions with appropriate ceremony.

Friday morning Department President Edna Bogart, Woman's Relief Corps, meets Past Department Presidents and Officers at breakfast; Loveva Hammond, Department President of Daughters with the National President Emma McLaughlin, entertains Past Tent Presidents; Commander Floyd Jewell is host to Past Commanders at breakfast; Department President Luedders with National President Gladys Sallman, presides at luncheon of Auxiliary to Sons; Friday evening the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic sponsor one of the delightful banquets of the Encampment. Department Commander Le Valley and Secretary Simpson share honors with National President, Catherine Schroeder. Mrs. Meryl Lintner the gracious hostess; Department Senior Vice President, Mable Kemp presiding and presenting a fine program. Unusual favors and table appointments, exchange of gifts and address by the National President all tend to create an evening long to be remembered.

Saturday morning, again we had breakfast together, when nearly two hundred Aides of the Woman's Relief Corps with Margaret Hartman Senior Aide gather for the presentation of Flags and pins to members securing 7 new members during the year; every guest received a unique favor made by Senior Aide and members; Commander Le Valley "though a little early in the morning" is at his best as he expresses thanks for "every thing".

Following the closing of Encampment Commander Le Valley entertains at luncheon in Hotel Olds, Comrade Martin A. Loop, Department Secretary Simpson and Mr. Raymond C. Bachman of Wm. Stark Post No. 97, Adrian.

**MEMORIAL ROLL
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
FOR THE YEAR 1945**

CUSTER POST NO. 5—GRAND RAPIDS

Martin J. Warner; Private, Co. H., 17th Illinois Cavalry Mar. 12, 1945

WOODBURY POST NO. 45—ADRIAN

Charles E. Riker; Private, Co. A., 4th Michigan Infantry July 31, 1945

COMRADE AT LARGE

George Morgan; Private, Co. A., 77th Illinois Infantry April 15, 1945

**They shall not grow old as we that are left here grow old,
Age shall not weary them or the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.**

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS—MEMORIAL HOUR

IN MEMORIAM—Words that fill my heart with sadness as I speak or pen the record of a loved Comrade, called Home; the thought will come that all too soon will Death's cold hand summon the last Boy in Blue, and we will be alone with only memories of their long years of service to God and Country.

When that day comes may the mantle of their service fall on us.

Since the hush of last Memorial Hour fell upon us, it has been my sad duty to pay tribute to four Comrades of the Michigan Department—Ralph R. Towner, Assistant Adjutant General; Charles E. Riker, Junior Vice Commander; James F. Ryan and Holden Albro, members of Administrative Board.

Of the more than 90,000 who answered the call from Michigan in 1861-65 only four are spared to us today to claim our love and devotion. We will not fail in gratitude for their service and the heritage that is ours. These memory flowers speak our pledge of service and remembrance.

Weep Not! On recollection's tender crest
Ride happy memories that never die.

Leah Simpson Marshall
Department Secretary
Grand Army of the Republic

REPORT OF JUNIOR CLUB DIRECTOR

The Junior Club convention was held in the American Room of Hotel Olds June 29, 1946; we had a lovely convention; our banquet held in the Armory was put on by Chas. T. Foster Corps No. 7; pictures were taken of the Juniors.

We had the honor of having at our convention Orlando Le Valley who gave a nice talk and presented the Orlando Le Valley Club of Dearborn, a framed picture of himself; he was escorted from the room with the Colors.

The Memorial service by Chas. T. Foster Club was most impressive.

Through my efforts I have made \$118.15 for the Club during the past year; pillow cases netted \$50.00, a Junior crochet bag netted \$7.80. Prizes awarded: Orlando Le Valley Club most new members.

Second prize, Betsy Ross Club—Muskegon, \$3.00; Lansing and Monroe tied for 3rd prize. Michigan Department also received 1st and 2nd prize from National for the greatest gain in membership.

In leaving the Juniors as Director I leave this thought with you.

For all their constant thoughtfulness,
And for their loving praise

For all the many things they do,
To brighten up the days.

For all the love they plainly show
Each day throughout the year

For all of these and many more
God bless our Juniors dear.

Sarah Lytle
Department Director of Junior Clubs.

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

Year	Entertaining City	Presiding Commander
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
1942	Grand Rapids	Sr. Vice Orlando Le Valley
1943	Lansing	Orlando Le Valley
1944	Bay City	W. H. Ferguson
1945	Grand Rapids	Orlando Le Valley
1946	Lansing	Orlando Le Valley

The following numbers show the gain and loss of Posts and members in the Department of Mich. after it was re-organized—year by year from Jan., 1879, to Jan., 1946:

Year	Posts	Members	Year	Posts	Members
1879	6	127	1913	279	8,226
1880	9	281	1914	271	7,821
1881	13	482	1915	267	7,452
1882	27	1,019	1916	263	6,995
1883	100	4,442	1917	252	6,257
1884	209	10,311	1918	240	5,553
1885	288	14,475	1919	238	5,115
1886	316	16,957	1920	227	4,667
1887	348	19,226	1921	212	4,000
1888	371	21,353	1922	197	3,386
1889	373	21,418	1923	193	3,105
1890	377	21,255	1924	190	2,836
1891	375	20,765	1925	149	2,377
1892	391	20,905	1926	125	1,882
1893	390	20,469	1927	119	1,563
1894	384	19,020	1928	112	1,212
1895	383	18,059	1929	109	991
1896	373	16,766	1930	102	817
1897	382	16,096	1931	97	656
1898	385	15,831	1932	89	550
1899	386	15,531	1933	81	418
1900	382	15,102	1934	78	314
1901	375	14,930	1935	68	244
1902	368	14,406	1936	66	198
1903	359	13,716	1937	45	120
1904	355	13,168	1938	35	78
1905	346	12,282	1939	31	59
1906	340	11,566	1940	26	50
1907	326	11,068	1941	21	35
1908	318	10,688	1942	16	47
1909	313	10,220	1943	10	33
1910	311	9,854	1944	6	21
1911	309	9,372	1945	4	8
1912	286	8,707	1946	2	7

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

Lansing, Michigan, July, 1945.

General Orders No. 1,
Series 1945 - 1946.

- I. The Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department was held in Grand Rapids, June 20-21 with Headquarters in the Pantlind, where for the second time I was called to assume command of the Department. The Installation was conducted by Commander-in-Chief Urion W. Mackey of our Sons, as installing officer and Department Commander Edgar Linsley as Officer of the Day, who presented the badge. Fully appreciative of the honor I enter the year confident of the Loyalty of every Comrade and ask the support of our Allied Orders.
- II. For the tenth time, Grand Rapids opened wide its hospitable doors; every arrangement was perfect for our comfort; the welcome as warm as when in past years the "shrill of fifes, the roll of drums and hundreds of marching veterans, made merry thru the week."
- III. We delayed the opening, hoping Commander Towner would be well enough to open his Encampment but this was not possible and at ten-thirty Thursday morning I opened regular session with Headquarters well filled with members of the Allied Orders and greetings committees beginning to arrive. All business taken up in regular order as prepared by our Secretary.

OFFICERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED

- IV. Orlando LeValley Department Commander Caro, Mich.
Cyrus Perrigo Senior Vice Commander, Vassar
Charles E. Riker Junior Vice Commander, Cement City

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

James F. Lyon	Menominee
Holden Albro	Leslie
Oscar Mott	Benton Harbor
Chas. E. Riker	Cement City
M. A. Loop	Sacramento, Calif.

OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

- Ralph R. Towner... Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General, Allegan
Leah M. Simpson Dept. Secretary, Box 433, Lansing 2, Mich.
- V. The business of the Department will be conducted from Headquarters in the Capitol in charge of the Secretary, where members and friends in our Allied and patriotic Orders are always welcome.

- VI. Again the Secretary requests any person having knowledge of Charter or relics of a disbanded Post to notify Headquarters. The past year many valuable relics of H. F. Wallace Post 160, of Corunna, were received, catalogued and placed with Historical Museum for safe keeping pending the time a suitable Memorial Building may be secured. Secretary Simpson has this work in charge and is grateful to President Cummings and Mrs. Goodall for assistance and interest in preserving these relics of their Post.
- VII. The attendance at our Allied Orders sessions was cut to the limit to conform to the ruling of the ODT, each held separately. The one dinner together was a joyous affair; Commander-in-Chief Mackey was toastmaster; Secretary Simpson on behalf of the Grand Army responded to the official greetings and received the many love gifts to the Department, in the absence of Commander Towner.
- VIII. No decision regarding National Encampment has been received; you will be notified by letter or General Order.
- IX. The Department acknowledges the honor given Comrade Le Valley in his appointment to membership on the Executive Committee of the National organization.
- X. While we are in receipt of an invitation to hold 1946 Encampment, this was left with the Secretary who will later confer with our Allied Orders.
- XI. The past year as a Department, and personally, we mourn the passing of many Comrades whose service has brought the Grand Army to the heights in patriotic effort. We now rely on the continued fellowship of our Allied Orders and the devoted service of our Secretary to carry on.
- XII. Retiring Allied Officers, your love gifts have made the way easier and brought happy hours to every Comrade. Again this year Secretary Simpson plans a visit to every Comrade with your remembrances. To the newly elected "heads" may success attend you as we journey together. May Commander Towner and every Comrade who is ill be restored to health that again they may mingle with us.

By command

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,
Department Commander.

RALPH R. TOWNER,
Asst. Adjt. and QM. General.

IN MEMORIUM

ELIJAH M. HOLT: Was born in Georgia County, Ohio, September 25, 1847 and died at the home of his daughter in Las Cruces, New Mexico, August 20, 1943. In the early years of the war he made every effort to enlist in the service of his Country but was not successful till in 1863 he was enrolled as a private, substitute, and mustered into service at the age of 18 in Company C, 88th Infantry, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, serving under Captain Robert C. Thwate and honorably discharged following the close of the war at Washington, D. C., June 30, 1865.

A true Christian, the love of God and Country filled his life; soon after coming to Michigan he became a member of Shields Post at Shelby and through more than forty years of membership rarely was out of office. Twice elected Commander he saw his Post dwindle to two members and in 1935 on the passing of Comrade Dorrance, became Commander for the third time, serving till life ended. "Faithful unto Death" his letters from Las Cruces where he spent the last three years are treasured by the Department.

He was laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery in the old home community, Shelby, Michigan, where the Legion rendered full military honors for our beloved Comrade.

GEORGE CULVER, born February 15, 1848, died November 3, 1944, in Milan, age 96 years. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. C, Seventh Mich. Cavalry, serving under Gen. Custer in Virginia and Gen. Stagg when transferred to the Fifth Michigan Cavalry. After the surrender of Gen. Lee the Fifth marched to Washington to participate in the Grand Review, May 23, 1865. Later he answered the call to Colors and fought in the Indian Campaign with the regulars, under Colonel Bates, from 1870-1875.

Comrade Culver had been confined to his room the past ten years but the highlight of these years was the Memorial Day parade in Milan which was routed past his home that he might salute Old Glory with the pride of one who followed and served it well. At the burial service military honors were rendered by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

HOMER SHERWOOD was born in New York April 17, 1847. In youth he came with his parents to live in Michigan where most of his life was spent in the community of Milan, a loved and respected citizen; he died Oct. 15, 1943, at the age of 96 years.

When sixteen years old, he enlisted in Co. I, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, organized in Detroit and mustered into service August 24, 1863.

Comrade Sherwood participated in the Wilderness campaign in 1864 under command of General Sheridan with the Army of the Potomac which ended in the siege of Petersburg. Following the Grand Review he was mustered out June 23, 1865, and returned to Milan. It was his privilege to join his comrades in the reunion of the Blue and Gray at

Gettysburg in 1938. Possessed with a keen mind and memory, the late years of his life were spent in reliving the years when he served his Country.

We mourn the loss of every Comrade, tears dim our eyes as we say farewell.

Within our hearts there lies,
The memory of thy glorious deeds,
Which alone with death, can die.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, Oct. 30, 1945.

General Orders No. 2,
Series 1945-46.

I. After weeks of uncertainty and change, all restrictions on travel were released by the ODT, and the Seventy-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called by Commander in Chief Sharp to convene in Columbus, Ohio, the week beginning September 30. Michigan established Headquarters in the Deshler Wallick Hotel, where Department Commander Le Valley and daughter arrived in time to attend Memorial service Sunday evening.

II. Fourteen comrades, representing ten Departments were enrolled; thirteen attended the sessions. As we met at Camp Fire or visited in the hotel, we missed many comrades familiar through many years of attendance at National Encampment. Your Department Commander, as member of Executive Committee attended all committee meetings, answered roll call every session and served on the Auditing Committee; was guest of the Department President of Woman's Relief Corps at the Commander in Chief banquet and with his Department Secretary visited the Sons of Union Veterans Encampment to pay his respects to C. in C. Union Mackey of Grand Rapids, Michigan; a busy week as no social affairs were omitted; on Wednesday rode in the parade.

III. Comrade Hiram Gale of Seattle, Wash., was elected Commander in Chief; John Grant, Ohio, Senior Vice Commander; Theodore Penland, Oregon, Jr. Vice, and Comrade Robert M. Rownd, N. Y., Chaplain in Chief. Our good wishes go with the pledge of continued loyalty of the Michigan Department.

IV. Invitations were received, but no decision made as to 1946 Encampment. Keen interest in changing the name of U.S. Highway No. 6 to Grand Army of the Republic Highway; eight states having endorsed the project, it will now be sent to the Governors of the remaining six states for action. Again the 82 piece U.S. Marine Band under direction of Capt. Santelman, rendered programs at every social affair and heralded the parade with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

V. The Secretary has received several invitations from cities desiring to entertain the Grand Army in 1946; the Preliminary meeting of "heads of our Departments" will be called before the year closes.

VI. We welcome home, Past Department Commander Jr. Vice Commander Martin A. Loop, who has been in California since his 100th birthday, Jan. 4, 1943.

VII. THANKSGIVING DAY—Nov. 22, 1945—by resolution passed by Congress Dec. 21, 1941 and last year by Michigan Legislature—fixing the FOURTH Thursday of November.

After four long years of war, peace dawns; a peace costing three hundred million in dollars but the cost in lives of loved ones, in darkened

homes all over our land, millions filling hospitals, paying in terrible suffering, a toll, for the peace they won—this cost IS beyond calculation—yet should we give thanks the war is over, millions of our boys and girls are coming home. While we remember the suffering let us take inventory of our blessings and reverently give thanks they saved the land we love from War's desolation.

VIII. CHRISTMAS DAY—The dove of Peace hovers near, yet Peace has its price. To every member of our Allied Orders—you have worked unceasingly through the four years of war for the Peace, may your every effort now be to create that "Good will to all men" that shall guide us through a Happy New Year.

By Command of
ORLANDO LE VALLEY,
Department Commander.

Attest:

RALPH R. TOWNER,
Adjt. and QM. General Asst.

 IN MEMORIUM

CHARLES E. RIKER: The sudden passing of Department Junior Vice Commander Riker, brought deep sorrow to the Michigan Department. Born in Somerset Center, September 17, 1847, even in youth keenly alive to the freedom and greatness of his loved America; impatiently he waited his sixteenth birthday to enlist in the service of his Country; Oct. 14, 1864 mustered in the reorganized Fourth Michigan Inft. and eight days later left Adrian for Nashville, Tennessee and Alabama where his first encounter with the enemy was at Decatur and New Market. At Huntsville the regiment was assigned to the Third Division, Third Army Corps and began the long marches through Tennessee; days when the only ration was cracked corn, days of skirmishes and sickness taking their toll.

Often he recalled the joy, news of surrender brought the regiment, but for him the war was not over—always patrol duty and in June, 1865, he moved by transport down the Mississippi to New Orleans, later making the 170 mile march from Indianola, Texas, to San Antonio where May 16, 1866 Comrade Riker mustered out of service, returned to Detroit where the regiment was disbanded.

Funeral service was held in Addison with burial in Cement City where he had resided more than sixty years. Surrounded by representatives of the W.R.C., Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; D.A.R.; and veterans of the late wars, tribute was paid by Department Secretary Leah M. Simpson, representing the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Ethel Beavor, many years Secretary of Post No. 45, Adrian, deposited the wreath in tribute to the last comrade Commander, whose membership dated from 1927 and whose passing disbands Woodbury Post No. 45, organized in 1882.

Tender sympathy goes out to the loving wife who survives him.

*Tears would but shake the quiet of his rest
And mar the dignity of Death for him
Weep not! On recollection's tender crest,
Ride happy memories that never die.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April, 1946.

General Orders No. 3
Series 1945-1946

- I. The Department heads of the Allied Orders met in February at Hotel Olds to consider invitations received by the Grand Army of the Republic and plan for the June Encampment. In the absence of the Department Commander, Secretary Simpson presided. Several cities desirous of honoring the Grand Army had no facilities for housing the members of the five Allied Orders and for the eighth time Lansing was chosen as the hostess city. Mrs. Minnie Shroyer was elected General Chairman.
- II. Accordingly the 68th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the conventions of its Auxiliary and Allied Orders will be held in Lansing, Michigan, June 27-29, 1946.
- III. Temporary Headquarters will be established in Hotel Olds, Thursday morning, June 27th. All reservations will be made by Secretary Simpson and nothing left undone for your care and comfort. Please arrive early—while we have no session the Allied Orders open their deliberations at nine o'clock, the day may be happily spent in visiting them.

It may be an effort to leave your home but a great satisfaction will be yours, in giving the inspiration of your presence to our faithful Allied Orders.
- IV. The HIGHLIGHT of the Encampment will be the CAMP FIRE BANQUET Thursday at six thirty o'clock. Always a gathering of the distinguished leaders of our State, our National organizations and Veterans' organizations of all wars.

I urge every comrade to make the effort to once more meet and enjoy the fellowship that has been ours these long years. We voted some years ago to carry on while one Comrade remained—let us keep faith with those who have gone from our ranks.
- V. Only one business session is planned: this is to be called Friday morning, 9:30 o'clock, followed by Installation of Officers. Luncheon at noon with Department Commander will allow an early departure for home if necessary; the comfortable feeling of a duty well done with the launching of another year for your Department, will be yours.
- VI. Michigan would express appreciation of the honor conferred by Commander-in-Chief Gale, in the appointment of Commander-Orlando Le Valley as National Patriotic Instructor. Comrades, see that a report of Memorial Day and Memorial Sunday with your every patriotic activity reaches the Secretary. Address all communications to Box 433, Lansing 2—soon after Memorial Day.

VII. The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, the week of AUGUST 25-30. Again Secretary Simpson will make your reservations and pledges every care. Last year only one Michigan delegate; you are as comfortable as when at home; can I not urge a very special effort on your part? Some important legislation will be considered; we realize the Grand Army may well be called The Vanishing Army—its long lines are fading every day, your devotion has never faltered. Now in these closing days "Let us rally, once again".

VIII. MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12.

No nobler thought my soul may claim
No softer word my tongue may frame
Than just one loved word, MOTHER.

Comrades, wear the white flower in remembrance.

IX. MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY 26.

Wherever possible, Comrades, attend service with our Allied or the Patriotic Orders. Honor and reverence the memory of America's heroic dead.

X. MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30th.

On this sacred day we salute the noble dead of all wars. Let no grave be unmarked. Let the flag of our Country float over them and flowers proclaim we do not forget that devotion to their Country and the horrors of war made them Martyrs of Liberty and Justice. Remember those who fought as valiantly on sea, and in the air as did those on land.

Scatter flowers on the waters
And bid them float to where they lie,
Whose memory dear shall never die.

XI. FLAG DAY, JUNE 14.

The 169th anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress of our Star Spangled Banner, as the national emblem.

Those scarlet bars should tell the story
Of precious blood brave men have shed
To keep Old Glory pure and holy
And proudly floating over head.

I ask every Comrade and members of our Allied Orders to display the Flag at their home. Proclaim to the world our undying loyalty to Flag and Country.

Other Flags may mean a glorious past, ours must mean a glorious future, through your love and service.

We leave it to your care and keeping
Guard it well as years unfold
Its sacredness will grow upon you
Revealing glory yet untold.

XII. In closing this last General Orders, my thanks and good wishes go out to every Comrade and member of the Allied Orders. Only with your assurance of cooperation and my confidence in the loyal service of Secretary Simpson, did I consent for the second time to assume the honor bestowed on me as your Department Commander. The year has been a happy one. Our Secretary assures me no Comrade has been forgotten; because of the great distance, Comrade James Lyon, in Menominee, the only one not visited by her. The passing of four Comrades since last Encampment, the only shadow.

I ask the same loving care for those left in our Department and bespeak for my successor and our Secretary the same cooperation I have received and pledge my zeal and interest in the Grand Army of the Republic will never fail.

By Command of

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,
Department Commander.

Attest:

RALPH R. TOWNER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIUM

HOLDEN ALBRO, last Civil War veteran in Ingham county, died at his home near Leslie March 12, 1946, just eight days after reaching his 100th birthday.

Twice rejected because of his slight stature, perseverance won and February 1864 saw him mustered in Co. G, 11th Michigan Infantry. He mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1865, proud of his service to his Country.

In 1889 he mustered in Dewey Post No. 60 in Leslie, holding his membership till the Post disbanded, when he became a member of Steele Bros. Post 441 in Mason and in 1928 was elected Commander. One by one he saw his Comrades pass, till in 1936 the death of Commander McGonigal left him to carry on alone as Commander. His passing disbands Post No. 441. Military honors were accorded at the burial by the American Legion Post of Mason. The Department Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, paid the tribute for the Grand Army of the Republic.

To the devoted daughter-in-law who has cared for Comrade Albro since the death of his wife, to the son Hugh and the grandson, now in service, we tender our sincere sympathy.

JAMES F. LYON, born September 17, 1843, died April 20, 1946. When ten years of age he came with his parents to Menominee, Michigan, where

all his life has been spent, an honored citizen active in civic and fraternal circles. His 102nd birthday last September was made an outstanding day in Menominee.

Although a Michigan resident he mustered in Company C, First Wisconsin Cavalry, and was given the rank of First Lieutenant for "distinguished personal gallantry manifested in the storming of Fort Tyler."

Twice elected Commander of Lyon Post No. 266 with exception of these years he gave continuous service since 1906 as Adjutant, until his Post disbanded. With full Military and Masonic honors Comrade Lyon was laid to rest. As taps float on the air an era in the history of Menominee is ended. The last Civil War veteran in the Upper Peninsula has joined his Comrades on the Eternal Camping Grounds. Our sympathy goes out to the daughters and family.

RALPH R. TOWNER, born in Rome, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1848, died at his home near Allegan April 27, 1946, age 98 years. The message of his sudden passing came as a distinct shock to the Department. He enlisted at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., in Company F, 186th N. Y. Volunteers and served under General Grant until close of the war, when he returned to New York, but shortly after came to Michigan, was married, and established a home on the farm where he has since resided.

Following the death of Commander Martin Warner, he became Department Commander, being installed on his 97th birthday. At the time of his death was serving as Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General. The last services for Comrade Towner saw an outpouring of friends and members of the Allied Orders. The Department was represented by Secretary Simpson. With the granddaughter, Marjorie Rossell and family, we mourn the loss of our true friend and Comrade.

Sadness surrounds us as we say farewell to these once stalwart Men of 61-65.

Loving and kind in all their ways,
Upright and just to the end of their days,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories they leave behind.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT.

That a central authority to charter Posts and issue orders might be created, Major B. F. Stephenson in Springfield, Illinois, on April 1, 1866, instituted a Department, issued the first General Orders and on April 6 with twelve veterans of the Civil War met in Decatur, Ill., to organize the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic; Major Stephenson signed the first Charter.

Thus began the organization destined to become a power in the Nation they had preserved undivided with one Flag.

The first National Encampment was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 20, 1866.

May 5th, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan then Commander in Chief, issued the now famous General Order No. 11 designating May 30 as Memorial Day.

The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted at the 58th National Encampment at Boston in 1924.

In 1883 at Denver in appreciation of the great work of the women in caring for the soldiers, widows and orphans, endorsed the Woman's Relief Corps as a National organization giving the Order the right to use the title "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic": the only other organizations recognized and authorized "ALLIES of the Grand Army" of the Republic are—Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Daughters of Union veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. These five orders meet in National Conventions at same time and place as the Grand Army, on call by the Commander in Chief.

In 1890 the National enrollment showed 409,489 members; the report of the adjutant General at the 80th Encampment, held in Indianapolis August 25-30, 1946, gave the membership as 87.

The Pension Roll of Civil War veterans, released from Washington, D. C., August 31, 1946, carried the names of 141 veterans and 22,101 Civil War widows.

Michigan is credited with more than 90,000 enlistments in the Civil War. Nativity, White, 88,941; Colored, 1,661; Indian 145. American born, 76,345; Foreign born, 14,393.

The Michigan Department Grand Army of the Republic reached its highest enrollment in 1889 when 21,418 held membership in 375 Posts. June 30, 1946, only four in our State survive—"to maintain the Department till the passing of the last Comrade."

Only a few more twilights for the wavering ranks and thin
Then Night; the banners folded, the sabres gathered in.



**STARS IN THE FLAG OUR SOLDIERS HAVE CARRIED
TO VICTORY**

June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress in Philadelphia decreed the Flag of the United States shall be, 13 stripes alternate red and white with 13 Stars white on a blue field, the number of Stars to increase as a new state was admitted into the Union; the increase of Stars to indicate the growth of the Nation.

June 14, 1777	13 Stripes, 13 Stars.
May 1795	15 Stripes, 15 Stars.
July 4, 1818	13 Stripes, 20 Stars, return to the original 13 Stripes
1846 Mexican War	28 Stars.
1861 Civil War	34 Stars.
1898 Spanish War	45 Stars.
1912	48 Stars.
1917 World War I	48 Stars through 1946 World War II.

*Sign of a people, great and strong
To ward her people from foreign wrong,
Pride and glory and honor, ALL
Live in the colors to stand or fall.*

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

Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander:

It is my privilege to submit a resumé of my work for the year ending June 30, 1946.

The 67th Annual Encampment week so delightfully spent in the Pantlind, Grand Rapids, over, our good-byes and good wishes exchanged I returned to Lansing to open another year with Comrade Le Valley our Department Commander. The box overflowing with mail evidence the U. S. Postal Service continues while Headquarters is temporarily in the Encampment city.

Closing our year for June 30th brings added duties but July 1 finds all gifts, favors and programs to comrades, Resolutions and thanks in mails, General Order compiled and at Estimate, and new stationery ordered. I appreciate the holiday when Capitol closes for July 4th. No special program I observe the day in Jackson—a most unusual parade as many from nearby communities join the marching returned Service men and patriotic organizations.

Preparing to write the Annual Journal I visit Comrade Riker asking for a Camp Fire story of his experience and happily surprised to find it waiting my return to Headquarters; my pleasure soon turned to sadness when the message reached me that he was critically ill and on July 31 he passed away. I notify our Allied Orders and prepare to attend the service in Addison and burial in Cement City. Mrs. Ethel Beavor, Secretary of his Post for many years joined me in paying tribute at the grave. His passing disbands Woodbury Post No. 45 in Adrian, chartered in 1882.

AUGUST begins weeks of controversy, telegrams and letters regarding a National Encampment, the final decision to meet in Columbus, Ohio a relief to all. I notify Comrades. War news of the month has been terrifying—Russia declares war on Japan—the Atomic bomb released, wiping out 60 percent of Hiroshimo—Nothing accepted but unconditional surrender; Governor Kelly declares cessation of office work when message of surrender is sure; the welcome news comes on August 14; the streets swarm with happy people yet with its undercurrent of sadness as we think of the thousands who will not return to their Homeland. The 18th attend a formal reception in Marshall honoring Department officers of Sons and Auxiliary; presentation of two Flags to American Legion Posts; a special program by Soldiers from Camp Custer. The Sons to be congratulated for sponsoring such a rare treat.

Visit Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek before returning to Headquarters to proof read G. O. No. 1; Session and dinner with Camp No. 7; carry our greetings to Past Dept. President, W.R.C. ill in hospital; cooperative lunch with D.U.V.; one Corps meeting; spend hours in State Library tracing the records of family whose ancestors served in Washington's Army 1778—and through the years till 1861 the Grandfather enlisted in the Civil War; make a late application for pension for Civil War widow; enjoy interesting visitors—two World War II Servicemen enroute to homes in Wisconsin, secure their Grandfathers' records and examine the Flags and Civil War relics, proud of the service of their grandfathers. Close the month report and mail to Adj. Gen. Towner Address 450 envelopes and mail G.O. No. 1 and Memoriam.

SEPTEMBER Capitol closed for Labor Day, I observe the day in Detroit; Make appeal from decision of Claims Board, Washington, D. C., for accrued pension for Civil War Widow. Routine work so demanding I find I must decline invitations to be with our Allied Orders outside of Lansing. The record of one day, fourteen callers, each asking the record of a veteran of the Civil War, these cleared and typed several carried over one day to be mailed out when completed. On the 19th I represent our "Fathers" as the Daughters entertain Sunfield Tent and Department officers. On the 21st, Commander Le Valley and daughter Ivah arrive at the Capitol to motor to my home in Jackson there to observe his 97th birthday at a family party of the Allied Orders sponsored by Camp No. 7 SUV. Representatives from U.S.W.V., American Legion, Caldwell Post V.F.W. bring gifts and greetings and join in paying honor to our Commander. Attend session of No. 32. Compile G. O. No. 2. Hearing Comrade Loop is in Michigan to attend National Encampment by telegram and letters I make every effort to inform him

of our plans. On 24th issue National G. O. No. 4 with Encampment plans. Clear desks of all work and leave on the 30th for Detroit enroute to Columbus, Ohio. Arriving find Commander Le Valley and Mrs. Kirk comfortable in Deshler Wallick Hotel. Eighteen Comrades registered.

OCTOBER—The week filled with the usual activities of a National Encampment. With Commander guest of our Dept. President Edna Bogart, WRC, at the banquet tendered the Commander in Chief; Semi Official and Camp Fire at Memorial Hall; the reception at Capitol by Governor Lausche and staff; accompany Commander to session of the Sons to greet C. in C. Mackey our Michigan Son. Parade Day, our comrades in automobiles, the Fife and Drum Corps of other days missing but the spirit of the occasion undimmed. Happy hours with friends of many years draw to a close on October 5th we leave for home resting over Sunday in Detroit.

October 8, open Headquarters; mail gift, programs and badges to Comrades; typing Journal; address 300 envelopes to be in readiness; attend District Meeting in Fowlerville; receive from Mary Schnell, Department Secretary the sad particulars of the passing of Ira Stormes in Chicago as they journeyed home from National Encampment. The only surviving member his passing disbands the Utah Department—well known and loved we shall miss them at National Encampments.

An unlooked for bag of 1942 National Journal received I soon have them in mails to interested members. Disquieting letters that National Secretary Katharine R. A. Flood is seriously ill in hospital at her home in Newton, Mass. and as the month closes that she passed suddenly. A great sadness is mine, our friendship of twenty years, broken only by Death. Every noble life, leaves the fibre of it, interwoven forever in the work of the world—her life was devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic, in gratitude for that service, ours the duty to carry on as she would have us do.

NOVEMBER 5—Lunch and visit with Mrs. Kirk our Commander's daughter; two inspections with greetings from Commander: WRC No. 7; and Daughters No. 14; an evening session in Mason with Corps 131 and enjoyable "tea" follows. On 8th, leave for Saginaw to inspect Corps No. 272. A warm welcome from President Dora Minard, a beautifully appointed dinner at home of Mrs. Kline, a corsage from Press Correspondent Catherine Dunn, gift from the Corps, with good work at session; Visitors from 3 Corps, District and Department officers and friends of our National Junior Vice Commander Theodore Penland complete a day now a happy memory.

Proof read G. O. No. 2; spend Armistice Day in Jackson; on 15th leave for Benton Harbor to enjoy a day with Comrade Mott as he reaches his 100th birthday. A big birthday cake, flowers and gifts all enjoyed by our comrade at the reception planned by Department and our Allied Orders and held at the Morton Memorial Club House. Allied Orders and patriotic societies joined to honor the only Civil War veteran in Benton Harbor. No transportation I am obliged to stay over night; spend the evening with Mrs. Beaudette, President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Return to Headquarters, mail G. O. No. 2; attend Past President Club; close for Thanksgiving in Jackson.

Misfortune entered my home on 30th, I began making a daily visit to hospital in Jackson returning to Headquarters each morning with no interruption in my routine work continuing this till well into March; I truly appreciate the value of friends, as members of our Allied Orders in this and many States shower me with good wishes.

*"Who hath a Friend with whom to share,
Hath double joy and half of care."*

DECEMBER, always a busy month though our exchange of greetings each year lessens as Posts and Departments disband. Our Comrades remembered as usual. Receive an appeal from a son living in California to assist in securing the admittance of his mother—a Civil War widow, into the "Soldiers Home." By telegrams, long distance and the personal interest of Col. Walter J. Baker the application for membership received special consideration by the Board and on December 11 Mrs. Norgate was with the Ladies in the Annex.

I join the Allied Orders in Christmas parties; spend Christmas Day in Jackson return on 27th to prepare final report for Adj. Gen. Towner and close Headquarters for the year.

*It is finished, the year with its shadow and sun
Its smiles, its tears—its duties and fears;
We stand face to face, with the New Year
Nor know what it hides from sight
God grant it be kind to you and to me,
That it leads us in ways that are light.*

JANUARY—A quiet month follows the Holiday festivities; The local committees planning June Encampment begin meetings in Headquarters; we secure session rooms for three Allied Orders in the Veteran Memorial Building. January 14 Comrade Martin A. Loop would be 103 years "young", the Department party anticipated is postponed because of the elaborate plans made by the N. Y. Central Conductors Association to honor "their grand old man" their oldest Charter member, at a banquet in Toledo however our Greeting and gift was greatly enjoyed; On the 15th I carry our Commanders greetings as Betsy Ross Tent celebrates its 25th birthday with banquet and dance at Otsego Hotel, Jackson; a brilliant event. February, my annual visit to Peter Reeves Corps in Dearborn; accept invitations to speak at one Lincoln, two Washington parties and one Americanization class. Comrade Loop visits at my home; send cards to Comrades and check to Comrade Albro who is critically ill; Regional meeting with Sons; Comrade Albro failing I decline attending the 5th birthday party of Owosso Daughters. Tent No. 44.

MARCH, brings the birthdays of Comrade Towner and Albro, I remember Comrade Albro as he reaches 100 years on the 4th, too ill to receive visitors and on the 12th the message that he had slipped quietly away, I return to Leslie to make arrangements to pay the tribute at the service; Comrade Albro accorded every honor with military service by Post 148 American Legion of Mason; Taps sounded by two High School pupils in tribute to the last Civil War Veteran in the county.

Always in life, sunshine and shadow mingle, closing the week, with Department President Loveva Hammond of the Daughters, I motor to

reception in Allegan tendered our Adj. Gen. Towner as he greets his many friends on his 98th birthday. My first long chat with him since his appointment we plan the work for the year.

Another letter to Orrin Ferris asking what disposal had been made of the Civil War headstones removed from the Cemetery at Leonidas, no reply.

Disquieting letters that Comrade Towner is ill.

Because of extra Headquarters work I decline all social affairs for April, while I realize a great treat would have been mine when Monroe Corps entertained on Grand Army Day.

Issue National G. O.; compile and proof read Dept. G. O. No. 3; address envelopes in readiness for mailing. Spend a day in Adrian with Comrade Loop who suffers a great shock in the passing of his only son.

On the 20th, Comrade James Lyon last Civil War Veteran in the Upper Peninsula, answered the call of the Great Commander; I shall miss the friendly letters and greetings from this grand Comrade who had served us so long and well.

I was entirely unprepared for the message that Comrade Towner passed from among us on the 27th, we had hoped and prayed for his recovery; I attend the service in Allegan in the old home where so many happy hours had been spent while he served the Department.

A sense of personal loss and bereavement is mine as I say farewell to these Comrades—"Christian Soldiers, they have not lived in vain".

MAY enters happily with a day in Detroit, guest of Michigan Corps No. 257, their 48th birthday party; All General Orders in mails, files cleared of unfinished work, plans completed for Encampment with invitations ready to mail out, programs and badges at printers I leave for Vassar via Saginaw, have dinner with Commander at home of Mrs. Kline of Vassar Corps and motor to be with Comrade Perrigo on his 101st birthday, happy with the many gifts we bring; the pleasure of seeing our two comrades chatting together, highlights the day. I spend one day with Commander at his home in Caro reviewing the year's work and securing items preparatory to writing his report for Encampment.

Close Headquarters for Memorial Day in Jackson, with Corps No. 5 "Strewing Flowers on the Waters" with other patriotic organizations, at the Trail St. bridge.

JUNE; Early in the month I accepted the invitation to speak at the opening of the Encampment of United Spanish War Veterans, held in Grand Rapids. Much to my regret was stranded enroute as the tornado striking Michigan, disrupted all transportation. I telegraph Department greetings.

Have dinner with Allison L. Bryant Corps, meet with Encampment committee as they check all plans for Encampment. Close Headquarters on the 25th to open temporarily in Hotel Olds for the 68th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and conventions of the Allied Orders.

MAILING RECORD

National and Department General Orders	1050
Special Memoriams	400
Gifts, badges, programs, greeting cards	307
Applications; pension, headstones, Mich. Veteran Facility	27
Journals, National and Department	287
Service records typed and mailed	188
Service records at Headquarters	26
Official letters	445

Total pieces.....2730

The research and service record work, while the most interesting in Department requires long hours of delving into old files and many trips to Library. This year brought my first Application for headstone for one of the 145 Indians who served in the Civil War, from Michigan. That my duties are varied is evident in a request to find a Motor route to the grave of a Michigan soldier killed in action and buried in a little cemetery in Virginia in 1864. This has been accomplished, the record cleared, the route to grave secured and the Grandson made happy.

Since last Encampment death has claimed five of our best known and loved comrades and since closing June 1946, Comrade Martin A. Loop, has answered the call.

It has not been easy to bid farewell to these Comrades with whom my life has been linked through many years of happy service.

Sadness is mine in the realization that never again may I walk and talk and clasp their hand in friendly greeting.

May their spirit of sacrifice and duty so inspire and enthrall me, that no shadow of regret be mine as I continue to serve the Grand Army of the Republic.

Loyally yours,
Leah Simpson Marshall,
Department Secretary,
Grand Army of the Republic.

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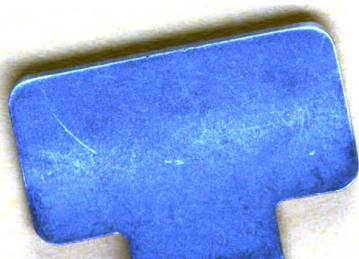
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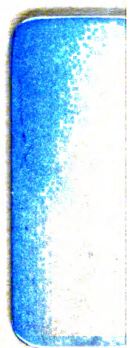


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