



CIVIL WAR VETERANS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

"The 4th Battalion"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to our new members! Fall is now upon us and the "SHOW" season will be slowing down as it always does. I would like to mention that there are some important struggles going on around the country at places like SHARPSBURG, MD., JOHNSON'S ISLAND, CEDAR CREEK, VA., and BRANDY STATION, VA., between developers and preservationists. Please take the time to write your representatives and senators or donate to these causes if you are of a mind to.....don't wait and or think that someone else is going to do it! You may contact me for further details. I also understand that a lot of progress has been made on restoring the G.A.R. CORPORAL SKELLY POST NO.9 hall in Gettysburg, Pa. If you ever have the time to see it while in Gettysburg, it is located on West Middle Street. The building is usually locked, but seeing even the outside is worth going by. Finally, I hope everyone's researching and collecting has been fruitful. I haven't been able to get out much due to a heavy work load so I suspect somebody besides me is picking up all the good stuff! Have a nice autumn.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Loba

On September 21st 1989 Professor Jay S. Hoar attended the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy Convention held in Houston, Texas. Jay spoke on "Why and How a Maine Man Wrote The South's Last Boy's in Gray." On the 22nd at the Hilton in College Park, Texas, Jay was awarded a Jefferson Davis Medal for his Southern study. CONGRATULATIONS Jay.

October 6,7, and 8 will be a great weekend to be in Winchester, Va. the following events are scheduled: Civil War & Antique Arms Show at the Travelodge I 81 and Routes 17, 50, & 522 (Exit #80) Winchester, Va. Friday, October 6, 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.- Saturday, October 7, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.- Sunday October 8, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The show is co-sponsored by member #43 Howard A. Hoffman. NSSA National Skirmish Fort Shenandoah, Winchester, Va. On Saturday October 7, member #28 Rance Hulshart will have a G.A.R. display in the veterans building from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the fort. Anyone can enter the campground as a visitor during the day. Battle of Cedar Creek Reenactment at Belle Grove, Middletown, Va. Belle Grove is located on the outskirts of Winchester.

AN ANDERSONVILLE SURVIVOR

Recently, I was fortunate enough to acquire the National Society Of Andersonville Survivors badge which belonged to William T. Ziegler of Gettysburg, PA. As some of you know, it's a fairly hard badge to come by and is not seen very often. It is not my intention however, to expound upon my find but on the badge's original owner, William Ziegler. As I began to collect information about him, I found that he was undoubtedly an interesting fellow and his story deserved to be shared.

Since I have gathered so much information about Ziegler, I have decided to break his story into two parts. The first (or this part) will cover his war record and a brief background of his life. The second (to be printed in our next newsletter) will consist of what I hope you will consider to be one of, if not the best post-war prison related letter that you will have ever read.

William Ziegler was born on October 3, 1840 in Gettysburg to Samuel and Susan Ziegler. His family moved to Philadelphia in 1844 and later William became a hatter by trade following in the footsteps of his father. He then took up coachpainting as his profession and returned once again to Gettysburg just before the Civil War.

Ziegler enlisted September 2, 1861 into Company F, 87th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry at Gettysburg. He was mustered into the service at York (PA) on September 25, 1861. He participated with his regiment in the early battles of the war and was captured at Winchester (VA) on June 15, 1863. After being sent to one of Richmond's prisons (most likely Belle Isle) he was paroled at City Point (VA) on July 23, 1863. Ziegler was then transported to Maryland and reported at Camp Parole on August 2, 1863. Apparently he deserted his regiment right after that for almost two months as his wartime records show that he returned to Camp Parole October 7 and was sent back to the 87th, October 12, 1863.

The 87th Pennsylvania then went into winter camp and waited for the spring and another campaign. Ziegler was promoted to Corporal on March 1, 1864 and was present for duty when the battle of the Wilderness commenced on May 5. He would later report that he began to lose the sight in his right eye during this battle and at Spotsylvania three days later. Corporal Ziegler did however remain with his regiment through the remainder of the campaign and was still with the 87th at Petersburg when Grant began his siege of the city in early June 1864. It was during the series of battles that took place in June that Corporal Ziegler was taken prisoner for a second time.

This time his regiment had been involved in the action along the Jerusalem Plank Road near the Weldon Railroad - Lee's supply line to Petersburg from the south. Grant had ordered Wrights' and Birney's Corps to take this important railroad but General A. P. Hill's Corps had smashed head on into them checking their advance. Ziegler and some 1700 other union men were captured in this battle on June 22, 1864 and the railroad still remained in Confederate hands.

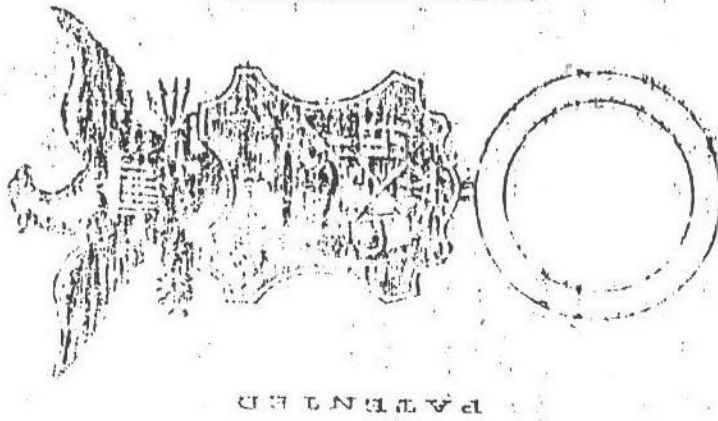
According to his own recollection, Ziegler and the others entered Andersonville Prison on or about the first of July 1864. I don't believe I need to go into detail about his stay there at Andersonville - I'm sure we all know basically what the conditions were there. There are however some conflicts in Ziegler's records after his admittance to the twenty seven acre stockade. One states that he was later sent to Millen Prison on October 31st, he apparently was either sent back or never left Andersonville as he later recalled that he was one of the very last (if not the last prisoner) to leave the stockade on April 17, 1865, through it's south gate. He also lost the rest of the sight in his right eye at Andersonville. Ziegler then journeyed to Jacksonville, Florida (via Hilton Head, S. C.) where he was sent north once again to Camp Parole, Maryland. Corporal Ziegler mustered out of service at Harrisburg, PA on May 30, 1865.

Returning to Gettysburg, he once again took up coachpainting and then the manufacture of coaches. Ziegler married Rebecca Harmon on July 15, 1867 and their union would produce seven children. In 1870, he joined his ex-comrade-in-arms W. D. Holtzworth (also a member of the 87th PA) in the livery business. He and Holtzworth would enjoy a very prosperous business relationship as survivors of the war and the battle, as well as others visited Gettysburg by the tens of thousands. (Holtzworth would later testify on Ziegler's behalf that because of his blind right eye, he could not run the teams of horses or "hacks", as well as a man with two eyes" to help Ziegler get a larger pension). Their firm Holtzworth and Ziegler even earned a national reputation for their battlefield guide service.

Ziegler would sever his ties with Holtzworth in 1892 and pursue other interests from being proprietor of the Eagle Hotel in downtown Gettysburg, to building a shirt factory in the town as well. He was also one of the founders of the Gettysburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Gettysburg Citizens Bank. His interests were wide and his business judgements was highly esteemed by all of his associates. Ziegler was a charter member of Corporal Skelly Post 9, G.A.R. of Gettysburg. He had also served as it's commander several times and was serving his third consecutive term in that position when he died. He must have been an extremely well known man as he was also a member of the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, Elks, and had held several local elected positions as well as served in the Pennsylvania legislature for two terms.

There are no known 3BN officer badges as shown in this cut. The inside of each Circular is the same. Sorry about the poor copy work.

DJK



NOVEMBER 26, 1868

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Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

ADJUTANT GENERALS OFFICE

411 F STREET

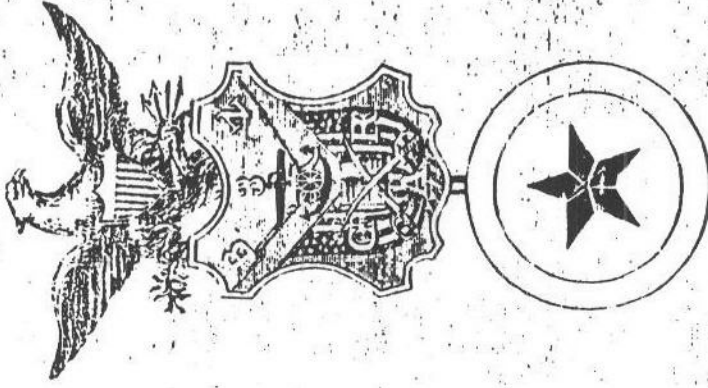
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1868

CIRCULAR
No. 4

The badge of rank adopted for Officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, by the Council of Administration, at Philadelphia, is reproduced by the above cut. The circular pendant attached to the badge proper of the Army is described as follows:

For all Officers of the National Encampment, except Chaplain and Surgeon (General) gilt border and dark blue enameled field.

For all Officers of Departments, except Chaplain and Surgeon (General) same border and enamel enameled field.



HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Adjutant General's Office,

411 F STREET, near the U. S. Post and Patent Office Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 4, 1869.

CIRCULAR
No. 6

The attention of Posts, Grand Encampments, and Comrades generally, is specially called to the Grand Army Lodge which was adopted by the National Council of Administration, October 2, 1868. The badge is represented by the above cut, and described as follows:

Attached to the talon of the National Eagle is the Grand Army Shield; pendant to the shield is a circle, one and one-half inches in diameter, with a gilt border of one-eighth of an inch face, bearing within it the insignia of rank, described as follows:

For all Officers of the National Encampment, except Chaplain and Surgeon (General) same border and dark blue enameled field.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC BADGES.

	Privates.	Officers.
Silver-plated.....	40	50
Silver—open back.....	75	\$1.00
Silver—solid.....	\$1.10	1.50
Silver—solid.....	1.40	2.00
Silver—solid.....	1.70	2.50
Silver—solid.....	2.45	3.00
Gold—plated.....	1.10	1.50
Gold—plated.....	1.40	2.00
Gold—plated.....	1.80	2.50
Gold—plated.....	2.60	3.15
Gold—solid.....	8.00	10.00
Gold—solid.....	11.50	12.50
Gold—solid.....	19.00	17.50
Gold—solid.....		25.00

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

Official:
WM. T. COLLINS,
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For all Officers of Departments, (except Chaplain and Assistant Surgeon General,) same border and crimson enamelled field.

For all Post Officers, (except Chaplain and Surgeon,) same border and light blue enamelled field.

For all Officers of the Surgeon General's Department, same border and green enamelled field.

For Chaplains, same border and black enamelled field.

The insignias of rank enclosed in the circle are as follows:

- For: Commander-in-Chief..... four silver stars.
- " Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief..... three silver stars.
- " Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Grand Commander..... two silver stars.
- " Adjutant, Inspector, Quartermaster and Surgeon Generals, Senior Vice Grand Commanders and Provisional Dept. Commanders..... one silver star.
- " Junior Vice Grand Commanders..... one gilt star.
- " Assistant Adjutant, Inspector, Quartermaster, Surgeon Generals and Post Commanders..... silver eagle.
- " Senior Vice Post Commanders and Aids-de-camp to the Commander-in-Chief..... silver leaf.
- " Junior Vice Post Commanders, Post Surgeons, and Aids-de-camp to Grand Commanders..... gilt leaf.
- " Members of Councils of Administrations..... silver letter "C."
- " Chaplain of the National Encampment..... silver star and cross.
- " Chaplains of Departments..... large silver cross.
- " Post Chaplains..... small silver cross.
- " Post Officers of the Day..... two gilt bars.
- " Post Adjutants and Quartermasters..... one gilt bar.
- " Post Officers of the Guard..... vacant field.
- " All Post Officers, the insignia of their former rank with silver-bordered circle.

The entire badge rests on red, white and blue ribbon.

The badge without the circular pendant is to be worn by all comrades.

The design of the badge has been secured to the National Encampment by letters patent, and a contract made with the lowest reliable bidder for manufacture. The badge will be furnished to officers direct from these Headquarters. Comrades making application for the badge must have the endorsement of some Post or Department Officer.

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