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"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."

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President's Corner

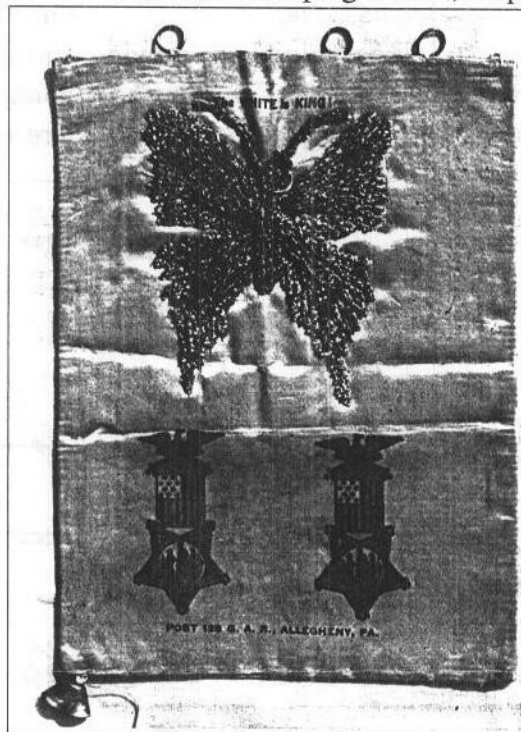
by Dennis Loba

Happy Holidays to everyone! It's been a quiet fall for me with not a lot of things turning up for the collection. Don Williams, the Ohio Civil War Show Chairman, has begun to mail out the applications for that event (also the site of our association's annual Encampment) and I urge all of you to start making your plans to join us there. The show will be at a new location this year - the County Fairgrounds at Mansfield, Ohio. There are three exhibit buildings and arrangements have been made to have our usual

"block" of tables located in the center one near the entrance. I have asked Secretary Rance to include the details of getting in touch with Don, accommodations, etc. in this newsletter to help you with your plans.

I managed to get some time off from work back in September and traveled up to

Gettysburg to participate in TNT's filming of the "Killer Angels." It was a lot of fun and after the smoke cleared from one of the Little Roundtop fight takes, I hap-



pened to spy member Mike Albanese across the way on the 20th Maine side. It was good to see him and we managed to exchange our hellos before we grabbed our muskets and began firing at each other once again. You know how it goes, brother-against-brother...member-against-member!! Member Marty

Travis was also there although I didn't see him. It really was a great experience.

A sincere welcome to our new member. I wish all our members a joyous Holiday Season! ❧

Left. Tan silk piece backed with smooth white cotton. Three of the six original rings for hanging at the top remain. The motto "The White is King" was used by the White Sewing Machine Co. The butterfly is made of gold and brass colored metallic thread. At the bottom is "Post 128 G.A.R. ALLEGHENY, PA." (Lt. James M. Lysle Post.) Only one brass bell remains at the bottom. h-8", w-6". From the collection of Rance Hulshart.

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From the Secretary

by Rance Hulshart

By the time you receive this newsletter Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be just around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. To the right is a map of the Mansfield, Ohio area where our 1993 National encampment will be held in conjunction with the 1993 Ohio Civil War Show. It's not too early to start planning for this show. Anyone wishing to obtain a table should contact Don Williams as soon as possible as invitations have been out for a while and the show might be filling up with dealers. Our CWVHA dinner meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Comfort Inn (#1 on the enclosed map.) In order to use the banquet room at no addi-

tional charge, we will need an attendance of approximately fifty. For those of you who have never attended the show or the dinner, its an event and activity containing more veteran items and related conservation than can be found at any other location or event. If at all possible, I urge you to attend. I will include more information concerning our dinner, etc. in the next newsletter. At this time I am not aware of any guest speaker at our dinner. If you are interested in putting on a veteran-related program for us, please contact either myself or Pres. Dennis Loba.

Concerning the movie which was filmed at Gettysburg, I am sure it was a good time for all

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 membrance Day at Gettysburg and each year the Park Service makes it harder with their regulations for us to show respect to departed soldiers on both sides. Yet, a company with lots of money can come in and do things we could never dream of doing. Personally, I and other members felt this was wrong and therefore we chose not to attend. I am not going to debate the matter in future issues, but I felt a varying

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MAP OF GENERAL AREA MANSFIELD, OHIO 1992

Use Home Road Entrance to Richland County Fairgrounds CIVIL WAR SHOW

Trimble Road Exit Details

Map No.	Motels	Phone: Area Code 419
1	Comfort Inn	529-1000
2	Knight's Inn	529-2100
3	Holiday Inn	525-6000
4	Merrit	522-5142
5	Best Western	589-2200
6	Travelodge N.	589-3938
7	Travelodge S.	756-7600
8	Super 8	756-6875
Ashland Area:		
9	Surry Inn	289-7700
10	LK-Motel	281-0567
11	(New) Day's Inn	289-0101


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EXHIBITOR TABLE INFORMATION

8' - Buy-Sell & Competition Display Tables \$45
 8' - Non-Competition Display Tables \$35
 Table Set-up, Friday, April 30, 1993: 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, May 1 & 2, 1993, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 Security Provided Both Friday and Saturday Nights.
 No Dealing from Display Tables.
 Provide your own Table Cover.
 Two Day Show Tables Only.


For Information & Tables Contact:
 Don Williams
 1083 Oak Hill Circle
 Ashland, Ohio 44805
 Phone (419) 289-3120

opinion should be given.

CWVHA members are entitled to place buy/sell classified ads in this publication for free. Please keep these ads reasonable in length and include only collectible items which would be of interest to our members. Thanks. 

15th National Ribbon


by Rance Hulshart

Recently I purchased the ribbon shown at the lower left which is yellow with black print. I feel it is the ribbon which was used for Representatives or Delegates whichever term you prefer. My question is could anyone either confirm or disprove my assumption? This ribbon is in my collection and any replies concerning this can be sent to me for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thanks. 

Book Review

by Rance Hulshart

I recently had the pleasure of reading the 1992 revised edition of member Stan Cohen's book "Hands Across the Wall - The 50th and 75th Reunions of the Gettysburg Battle." I enjoyed the book which consists mainly of captioned photos taken during the reunions. Personally, I can't say how much new material was added to this printing but considering the reasonable cost even if you have the first printing I recommend obtaining a copy. Copies can be purchased for \$7.95 plus \$2.50 S&H for the first copy and 25 cents for each additional

copy. Send your orders to Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Inc., c/o Stan Cohen, 713 S. 3rd St., Missoula, MT 59801. 


Guidelines for Submitting Articles

by Rance Hulshart

Several members have written me concerning how to submit articles for publication in "The VETERAN." First of all, select a subject matter that is original - don't just copy an article word-for-word unless it is something that isn't already available to most collectors. Include all of your sources in a bibliography. Feel free to submit photocopies of interesting ads, badges, CDV's, old newspaper articles, ribbons, business cards, or anything else that would be of interest to members. If you submit photocopies, use as light a setting as you can without sacrificing clarity or contrast. If possible, make a copy of the copy to insure that it reproduces well. When taking photographs to submit, as a general rule use a background color lighter than the object be photographed. Again, try photocopying the photo prior to submitting it to verify that it photocopies well. Please make sure that the photocopied image is no larger than 10" x 7 1/2". Reduce large items (such as newspaper articles) to this size as necessary to make sure that they fit in our newsletter format.

Don't be too concerned about your grammar and spelling as this can be corrected by "The VETERAN's" newsletter editor,



Dave Maloney, when he prepares the newsletter. Most important is the accuracy of the information you submit. I look forward to receiving articles and items from you for future editions of "The VETERAN." 

CDV Inquiry

The CDV shown in illustration #1 was submitted by Henry Deeks who hoped a member could assist in identifying the subjects. Henry notes that this view was taken by E. Cady Photographer, Cobleskill, N.Y.


Rance Hulshart replied that he owned two varying views of the same men! Illustration #2 was taken by Levi Langcor Photographer, Washington, D.C. Illustration #3 does not have a photographer's imprint but the men are identified at the bottom. On the left is G.W. Brown who served in the 157th Pa. and on the right is E.S. Kellogg who served in the 89th N.Y. Most likely these were sold to help support these two amputees. Another view of Kellogg appears in "A Pictorial History of Civil War Era Musical Instruments & Military Bands" by Garofalo & Elrod, page. 64. 



Illustration #1



Illustration #3

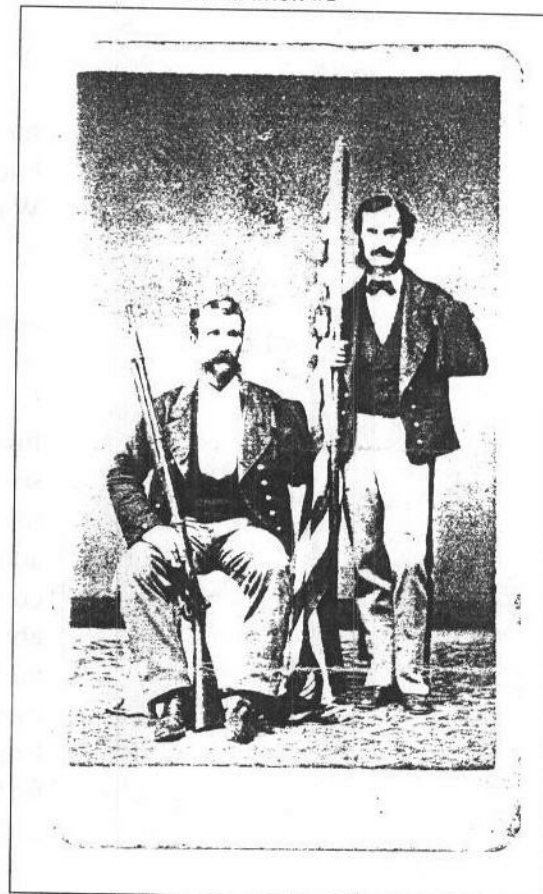


Illustration #2

Welcome to Our New Members

- #171 Michael Friedel, P.O. Box 1047, Bettendorf, IA 52722 GAR, SV
- #172 Stan Cohen, 713 S. 3rd St., Missoula, MT 59801 GAR, UCV, Book Publisher
- #173 Barbara Phillips, 269 Fellsway East, Maeden, MA 02148 GAR, L of GAR
- #174 Charles Plank, 2702 Fulford St., Deltona, FL 32738 GAR especially Dept. of IND., L of GAR, Loyal Legion
- #175 Franc Connor, 8728 Grandee Dr., Orlando, FL 32829 GAR, WRC, SV, L of GAR
- #176 Jim Hilton, 4039 Dogwood Ct., Grove City, OH 43123 GAR, SV, Ohio items
- #177 Chuck Morgan, RFD #6 Box 492, Augusta, ME 04330 GAR, UVL, UVU, EX POW, Loyal Legion, Maine items
- #178 Ken Smith, P.O. Drawer 900, Hazlehurst, GA 31539 UCV
- #179 Clair Bressler, Jr., 1345 Picketown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112 GAR, SV, Naval Vets
- #180 Van Frischkorn, 929 W. Decatur St., Decatur, IL 62522 GAR, UCV, UDC, WRC
- #181 Kent Theurich, Straford Apts. 5-13, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 GAR, UCV, National badges
- #182 Nyle Monday, P.O. Box 757, Bellingham, WA 98227 GAR, UCV, Naval, SV, Membership badges
- #183 Robert Coch, 25914 Wolverine Rd., Flat


Rock, MI 48134 GAR
 #184 Douglas Roussin, RT4 Box 4, Desota, MO 63020 GAR, L of GAR

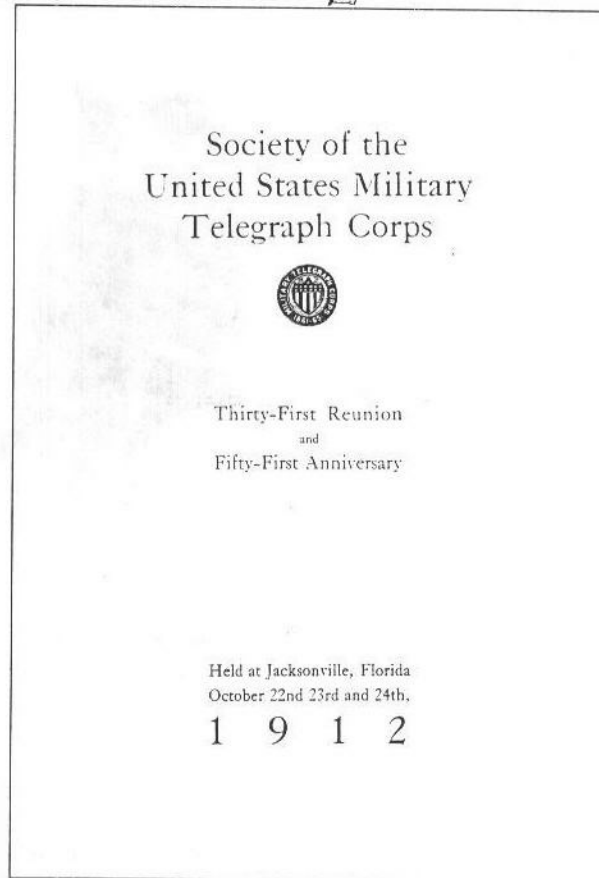


Above. Brass or possibly gold plated Society of the Army of the Potomac broach pin most likely given by one of the members to his wife. Note that the insignia of rank is in the center on blue enamel. The arms of the cross alternate red and white enamel.

Telegraph Corps

by Rance Hulshart

Illustrated below is a title page (reduced) of a reunion program of an organization that I am sure many members are not familiar with, the Society of the United States Military Telegraph Corps. In 1912 they had 248 actual veteran members along with additional hereditary members and they were still fighting to get government recognition for their service in order to receive a pension. The famous Andrew Carnegie, the founder of the corps, personally had a fund set up to help needy members and their families. 



G.A.R Commander-in- Chief George S. Merrill 1882-1883

*Submitted by Pres. Dennis Loba
Excerpted from Beath's "History of the Grand
Army of the Republic", 1889 and "Generals in
Blue", Ezra J. Warner, 1964.*

"Major Geo. S. Merrill, Commander-in-Chief, was born in Methuen, Massachusetts, in 1839. He served an apprenticeship in the composing-room of the *Lawrence Courier*, and in his twentieth year purchased an interest in the *Lawrence American*, of which paper he became sole proprietor in 1860. He was a member of the Common Council of Lawrence in 1859-1861, and again after the war, in 1865-66, being President of that body during the latter years. In 1861 he was appointed Postmaster at Lawrence by President Lincoln. In August, 1862, when the call was made for nine-months men, he assisted in raising Com-

pany B, 4th Massachusetts Volunteers, of which he was commissioned as First Lieutenant, and was promoted Captain, December 1862. His Regiment went with General Bank's expedition to Louisiana, where it participated in the siege of Port Hudson, and in other operations in the Department of the Gulf. He was re-appointed Postmaster after the war, and discharged the duties of the office until a recent date, when he retired on the appointment of a successor by President Cleveland. Major Merrill was also the Commander of the 1st Battalion of Light Artillery of the Massachusetts Militaria. In 1883, he was Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston. He served for a period as

Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts.

"Comrade Merrill was a charter member of the Needham Post No. 39, Lawrence, and was it's first Commander and was Massachusetts Department-Commander in 1875. He was noted as a skillful parliamentarian and strong debater and served as chairman of the National Committee on Pensions when he retired as Commander-in-Chief."

[Known to all of his comrades as the "Major", he died February 17, 1900 at his home in Lawrence, Mass. As a mark of respect for Comrade Merrill, all Massachusetts Department Post Officers were ordered to wear their mourning badges and drape their post clusters for thirty days following his death. - Ed.]

Badge Descriptions

Drawing and Description by Pres. Dennis Loba

1897 31th National Encampment Delegate's Badge (right)

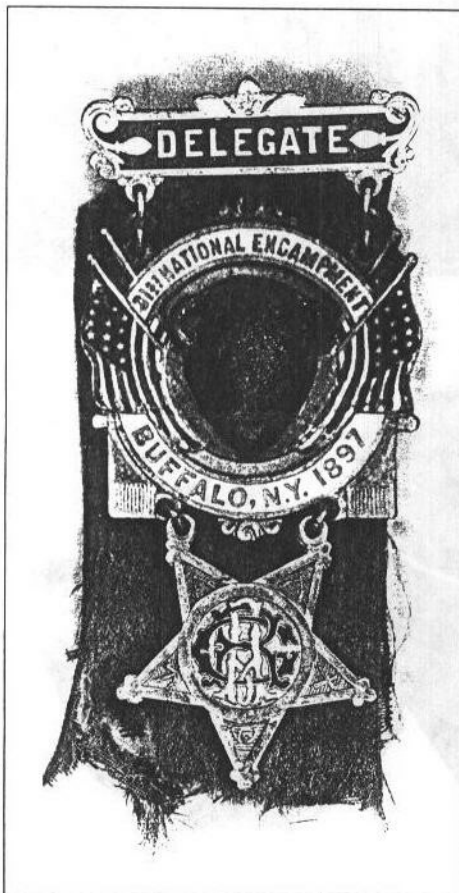
Probably one of the most ornate of all the GAR delegate badges, the 1907 badge, made by G.G. Braxmar of New York City, is also one of the few that doesn't have a buff or gold backer ribbon.

The badge has a gold-colored top pinback suspension bar with red and white enameling and is inscribed with the word "DELEGATE" in gold letters. Suspended from either side by three links of chain is the center suspension which has a three-dimen-



Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill

sional brown buffalo head over which are the words "31ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT" and under which are the words "BUFFALO, N.Y. 1897" in gold letters on a white enameled field. The bear head is flanked by four U.S. flags (two on either side) enameled in red, white, and blue with gold stars. The background of the center section is also gold. A bottom drop or suspension hangs by one chain link on each side from the center section. The bottom drop is in the form of the familiar gold GAR star with intertwined red, white, and blue script letters "GAR" centered on it. The regular service branch symbols are located on the star points like on the membership badge. A dark blue ribbon (folded half over the top section ribbon bar) serves as the background.



CWVHA Membership Badges

Membership badges for CWVHA members can still be obtained for the nominal cost of \$5. This is a very nice enameled badge which not only shows pride in our club but also identifies you to others as a member of the CWVHA. Make your check payable to Marshall Brighenti and mail to RR #2 Box 61, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

Lincoln Centennial Medal

by Rance Hulshart

Illustrated below is a pamphlet (reduce by 50%) concerning a medal struck in 1909 in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The medal was made for the G.A.R. by Jos. K. Davison's Sons of Philadelphia, PA. The actual size of the medal is 75mm in diameter. Although I have seen these medals readily available in the bronze metal, I have not seen any made of sterling silver.

To afford an opportunity for every Comrade of the Grand Army to obtain one of the Medals issued by the Order in commemoration of the celebration of the Hundreth Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the date for closing the subscription list has been fixed for the last day of the National Encampment to be held at Atlantic City in September next.

Orders cannot be recognized unless sent to Allan C. Bakewell, 34 Gramercy Park, New York City, with remittance in New York Exchange or Post Office Money Order.

By order of the National Committee
 ALLAN C. BAKEWELL, Chairman
 WILBUR F. BROWN, Secretary

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
 CENTENNIAL
 MEDAL

ISSUED BY THE
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

JOS. K. DAVISON'S SONS
 DESIGNERS AND MAKERS OF
 MEDALS
 IN GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE
 718 BARKUM STREET
 PHILADELPHIA

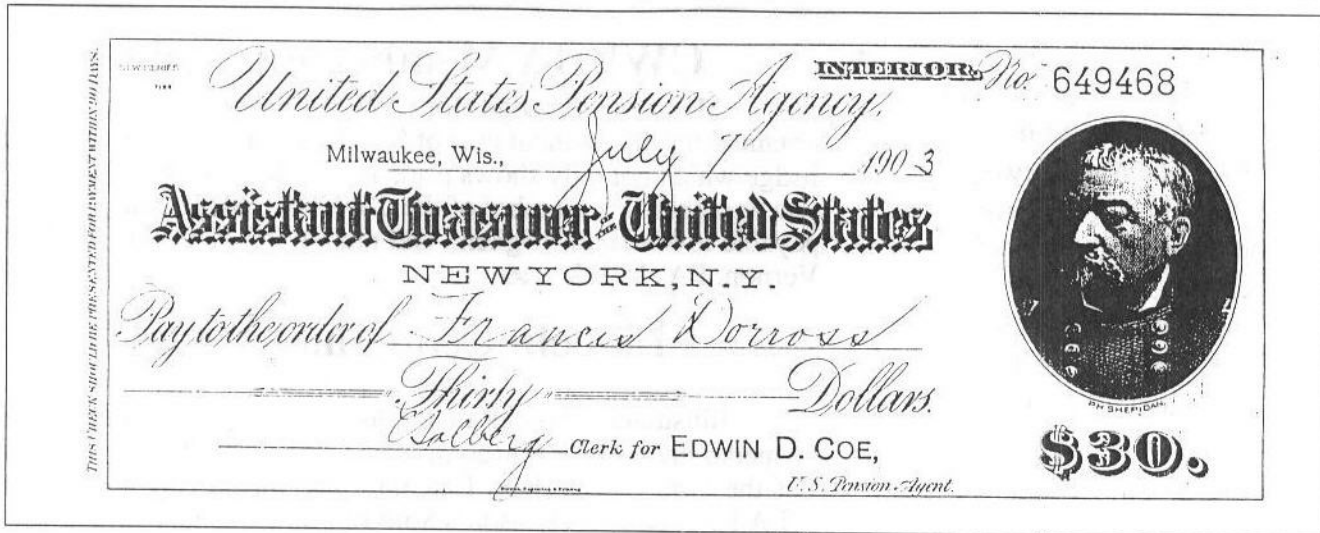
REAL BRONZE

Medals | Bronze - - \$1.00 each
 | Sterling Silver - - 7.50 each

Shipped by express—charges collect

ACTUAL SIZE

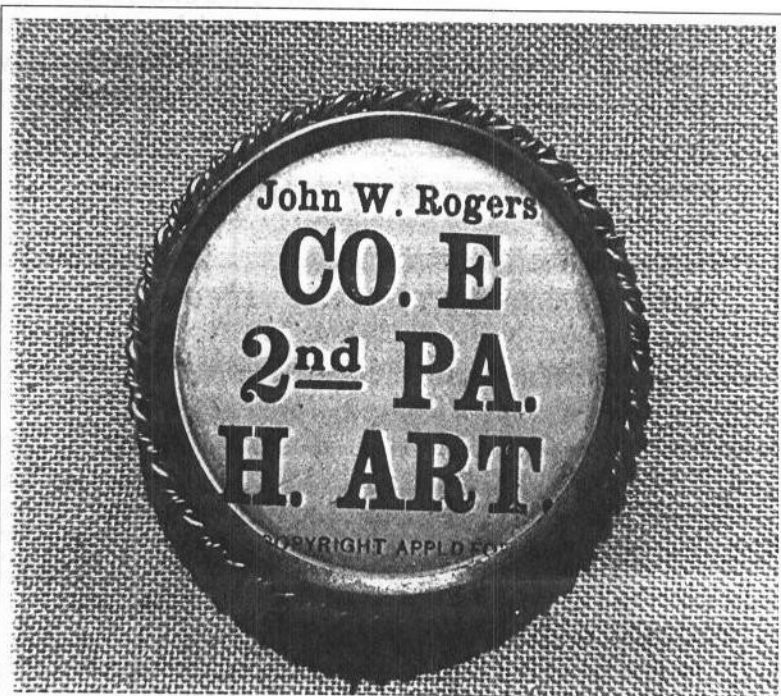
Single medal sent by registered mail on receipt of price of medal and charges, \$1.20



Pension Check

by Moe Olson

Illustrated above is a U.S. Government pension check made out to Francis Forross, formerly of Co. B 7th N.Y. Heavy Artillery. Although hundreds of thousands of such checks were issued few have survived.



G. A. R. Official Badge



The only Official Badge to be on sale at the 1917 G. A. R. Encampment

PRICE 25 cts.

Sent postpaid on receipt of price

GEORGE E. HOMER
 45 WINTER STREET, - BOSTON, MASS.


Headquarters for Boston Souvenirs



Above is a photocopy of the Official Badge to the 1917 National encampment. From the collection of Rance Hulshart.

G.A.R. Camp

submitted by Nick Luberto. Article by Rance Hulshart


Illustrated below is an advertisement for a G.A.R. Camp located in Maine submitted by my good friend Nick Luberto. In corresponding with Nick I mentioned that I have several postcards from this same Camp, but I wondered if it is indeed related to the veterans or just playing on the GAR initials to bring in trade. Note in fine print "Great American Republic." We also both agreed that GAR members of good standing were allowed to use the organization's symbol in their trade and this is possibly such a case where the GAR initials were similarly employed. There were laws in many states restricting non-members from using the GAR name and symbols for business purposes, but just how well enforced these regulations were is anybody's guess. In any case, it's food for thought. If any other member can shed light on this matter, please do. 

Unusual Souvenirs

by Rance Hulshart

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Middle ~~Right~~ Round 44mm white celluloid identification badge with black print set into a fancy brass frame with pinback fastner. No manufacturer's name, only "Copyright Appl'd. For." I have several other examples of this type of badge that vary only in that the owner's name and Regiment are different. Does anyone know who patented or manufactured this type of badge? Please let me know if you do.

Lower ~~Right~~ Round 2" dia. imitation ivory box marked on the bottom "England" with a GAR star professionally applied to the lid. Some powder residue remains inside so it could have been some sort of dresser ~~Box~~. 

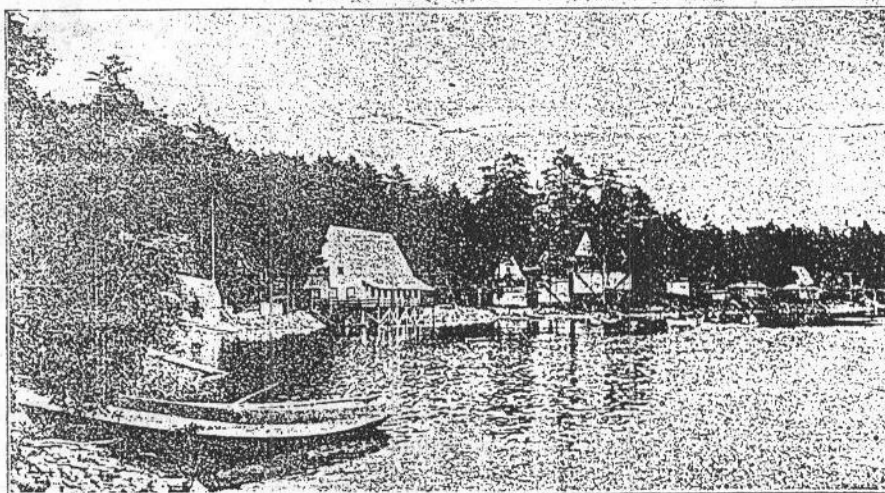
SPRING, 1907

G. A. R. CAMP,

GREAT AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

EMERY'S MILLS, ME.

COTTAGES TO LET.



COTTAGES

With 4 Spring Beds.

3 Quarts of Milk,

1-4 lb. Best Creamery Butter.

6 Strictly Fresh Eggs.

25 lbs. of Ice,

Fuel and Lights,

1 Row Boat.

These Cottages have Six Separate Rooms, and are Furnished with Furniture, Cook Stove, Dishes, Silver Knives and Forks, Spoons, and Lamps.

All these for \$1.50 per Day.

The Best Sirloin Steak and Home-made Bread and Pastry can be bought fresh every day. Parties renting cottages must furnish sheets, pillow slips, towels and napkins.

Address A. J. LERNED, G. A. R. Camp, Emery's Mills, Me.

G. A. R. Camp is situated on Mousam Lake (fresh water) in Shapleigh, Maine, five miles from Springvale Depot, B. & M. R. R. P. O. Address, Emery's Mills, Maine.

The Lake is surrounded by splendid scenery and mountains, is five miles long and one mile wide, and good fishing and bathing is one of its best features. A steamer on the lake carries passengers ten miles for ten cents. Groceries, Ice, etc., delivered at the cottages every day.

Take stage marked G. A. R. Camp. Fare from Springvale to the Camp (five miles), 50 cents. Children half-price.

Good black bass, lake trout, horn pout, perch, pickerel, brook trout and land-locked salmon fishing.

Extra ice 10 cents per hundred pounds, extra milk 5 cents per quart, good spring water in the camp. The grove is 740 feet above the level of the sea, is 36 miles from Portland, 16 miles from Rochester, N. H., 10 miles from Alfred.

Take any train from Boston to Portland, changing at Dover and Rochester, to Springvale, where a barge for the camp will meet you.

Let us know the day and train you come on, and we will be there and look out for you in good shape. We have 10 cottages, a good dance hall and piano which we let at \$2.00 per evening to folks in the cottages. It is a quiet place to come to, and I intend to keep it so. No teams allowed in the camp. It is private property. It is kept clean and tidy. You can buy green vegetables of people who bring them in. I would like to have you come and see me and I will do all I can to please you and make it pleasant.

Children under 10 years half fare; under 5, free. Kindly send a deposit of \$2.00 when you take a cottage.

Long Distance Telephone: Call G. A. R. Camp, Sanford, Me.



KNOWN as a kepi, the Civil War cap (far right) of a Union master sergeant sold for \$7,200 at a recent auction in Owensboro, Ky. Other Civil War era collectibles at the auction were these copper powder flasks, \$130 and \$110; powder horn, \$100; belt and buckle, \$475; Secret Service Protective League badge, \$50; GAR medal, \$100; and bayonet, \$70.

The above recently appeared in AntiqueWeek newspaper (800-876-5133) and is reprinted here with their kind permission.

Upcoming Events

DEC. 19-20 Georgia: A collectors' and antique arms show will be held at the Gwinnett Civil & Cultural Center. 800 8' tables, all Civil War items together. Take i-85 north to Exit 42 (Rt. 120), turn left, go one block to Satellite Blvd., turn right, follow signs. For dealer reservations contact: Matt Eastman, P.O. Box 768, Fitzgerald, GA 31750, (912) 423-4867. For more information contact: Ty Rutledge, 185 Brown Loop Rd., NW, Cartersville, GA 30130, (404) 382-4756. **See ad on inside front cover of this issue.**

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2-3 Pennsylvania: The Gettysburg Holiday Civil War Gun & Collectors Show will be held at the Ramada Inn, Bus. Rt. 15 S, Gettysburg. Open Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3. Contact: Eastern Arms Collectors, P.O. Box 3445, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-4504. Also at same location: consignment / no reserve auction, on Friday, Jan. 1, 11 AM. Inspection 10-11. Reserve consignment numbers early. Auctions Unlimited #AU-000196-L. Phone (717) 334-4564.

2-3 Tennessee: A Civil War/gun show will be held at the Civic Center in downtown Chattanooga. 300 tables, all Civil War items together. Admission \$4.00. For more information contact Matt Eastman, P.O. Box 768, Fitzgerald, GA 31750, (912) 423-4867. **See ad in this issue.**

FEBRUARY

27-28 Tennessee: The Mid-South Civil War & Antique Military Show will be held at the Creative Arts Center of the Fairgrounds in Memphis. Buy/sell/display guns, swords, accoutrements, uniforms, books, documents, prints and more. Special command performances by the 52nd Tennessee, CSA, Band. Open 9-5 Sat., 9-4 Sun. Admission \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 12 and under. Sponsored by the James R. Chalmers Camp 1312, SCV, Inc.. Contact SCV/Mid-South Show, P.O. Box 161254, Memphis, TN 38116; for more information call O'Neal Palmer (901) 377-1398 or Doug Cupples (901) 372-7495 or . **See ad in this issue.**

27-28 North Carolina: The 1st Annual central North Carolina Relic Hunters civil War Show will be held at the Holiday Inn in historic Salisbury, site of the Salisbury Prison and National Cemetery. For more information contact: Terry Teff (704) 782-5540 or Mick Aderholt (704) 289-4212.