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The Society of the Army of the Potomac Membership Badge

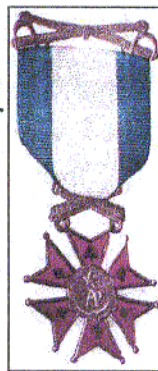
The Society of the Army of the Potomac was formed in New York City on July 5 & 6, 1869 at Steinway Hall. Annual reunions were held in various eastern cities for many years. The first president of the Society was Gen. P.H. Sheridan, followed by Gen. Meade, Gen. Hooker, Gen. Burnside, Gen. McDowell, and Gen. Hancock through 1874.

The membership badge was manufactured by Baily, Banks, & Biddle. It is made of "fine" gold with an enameled corps cross, with a price of \$10 during the early years of the Society.

Membership is the Society was open to any officer or enlisted man that served in the Army of the Potomac. Reviewing the membership list indi-

cates that most of the members were officers. Most of the prominent general officers were present at first meeting of the society. A large parade was headed by the 1st. Division of the N.Y. State Militia. A reviewing stand was located in front of Madison Square. A large number of NY regimental flags carried in the Civil War were carried in the July 5th. parade

During the first day of the general meeting the Executive Committee reported to the Society - two devices for use as a symbol of the Society. Both designs were exhibited and the members favored the design submitted by Mr. Kritzmar of Philadelphia. A vote was made and the Kritz-



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The President's Message

Dr. George Finlayson, MD



A warm welcome to all new members. The CWVHA is growing at a steady rate.

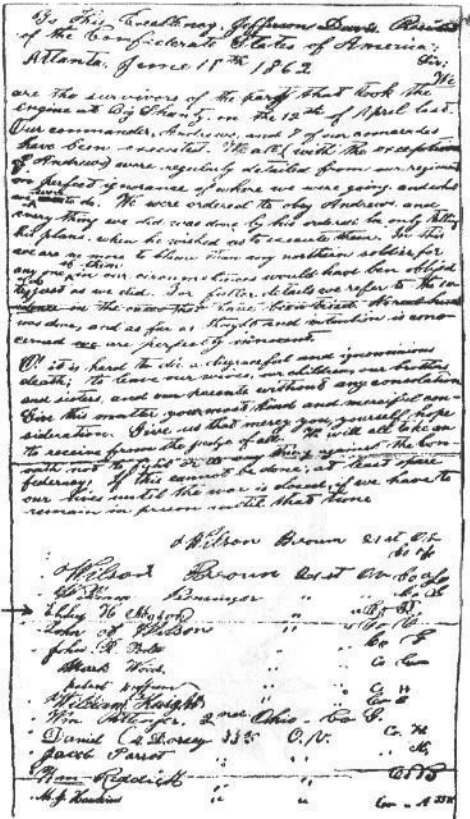
Recently I had the pleasure of meeting Robert Kipp, a retired U.S. Air

Chickamauga, Ma-
son was wounded
in the hip and again
taken prisoner. He
was recognized as a
former raider, was
ill treated and spent



ELMER H. MASON. From a war-time photograph.

Force historian and the great grandson of Elibu Mason, one of the Andrews Raiders. Mason was one of six raiders awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Stanton and President Lincoln. Although born in Indiana, Mason was a farmer at Pemberville, Ohio, when he joined the 21st. OVI. On special duty with James Andrews he and other Ohio soldiers comprised the group who stole the General locomotive, fled north and were captured. Mason was later an unsuccessful escapee from the Atlanta jail. After parole he returned to the 21st. as an officer in Gen. George Thomas' XIV corps, Negley's 2nd. Division, Sirwell's brigade. Defending Snodgrass Hill at the battle of



Photolithograph of Letter to Paris, and Autographs of Survivors. Original in the Archives at Washington.

a year in prison that time. Following the war he returned to Pemberville, became an U.S. Marshal and hotel proprietor and died at 65 in 1896.

In a ceremony on June 7th. 1997, his burial site at the Pemberville cemetery was provided with a new gravestone, carved "Capt. Co. C, 21st. OVI, which also cited him as a recipient of the CMOH. The family, incidentally, has never located that medal.

To touch base, however indirectly, with the Civil War is always an exciting experience. It lives on through such events. Happy hunting

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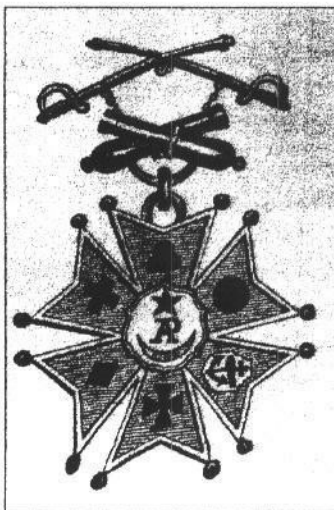
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after scanning. Please attach your name to all materials to insure return and proper credit.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss an article, please call Roger Heiple at 810-437-7311 after 8pm weekdays or anytime on weekends.

Membership Badge of The Society of the Army of the Potomac - Continued



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mar design was adopted. The design was printed in the proceedings of the meeting. (cover on opposite page). This design (left) was modified when used to manufacture the membership badge, by adding a ribbon between the crossed sabers and the crossed cannon.

Each corps association was represented

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Society of the Army of the Potomac



New Members
 Raymond Winstead
 4585 Semora Road
 Roxboro, NC 27573
 (GAR, UCV, CW tokens)

Change of Address
 Steve Cortright
 11036 Eldorado Rd
 Green Ridge, MO
 65332

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 able from George
 Finlayson, address on page
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at the Society meetings. These include the 1st, 2nd.,3rd., 5th., 6th., Burnside expedition and 9th., 12th., 19th., and Cavalry Corps Reports from each corps association are printed in the annual proceedings describing their meeting held on the first day of the Society Meetings days.

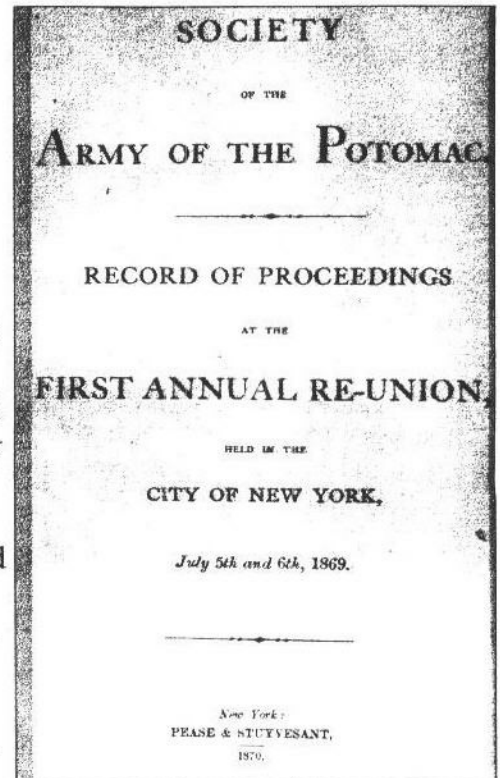
After the first meeting, the annual proceedings book had an elaborate cover (shown below on right). These colorful covers are usually found in very fragile condition.

In addition to the membership badge, veterans could purchase a beautiful certificate of membership.

The certificates were engraved by Major & Knapp Engraving Co., of New York. Pictures of four commanders of the Army of the Potomac and battle scenes cost only \$2.00, which included adding the veterans name and postage. A small note was found in one of the proceedings books describing

the certificate in detail. It is shown below.

The membership badge of the Society is the most common found of the Army society badges, but is considered very



Cover of the first proceedings report of the Society of the Potomac, 1869.



CERTIFICATE.

The Certificate or Diploma of Membership, adopted at the last meeting, is ready for delivery and will be sent as fast as the names can be engrossed. It is very handsomely lithographed by the Major & Knapp Engraving Co., of New York on heavy plate paper, size 18x24. It contains the portraits of the four commanders of the Army of the Potomac—Generis McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, and Meade—and four battle pieces representing the several arms of the service. The price including the engrossing of the member's name and postage, is but \$2.00. Send orders and money direct to General M. T. McElhon, Treasurer, No. 93 Nassau Street, New York.

A Special G.A.R. Banner

By Dennis Loba

Most of us that collect G.A.R. memorabilia know that many posts had silk or cloth banners that hung in the post hall and were carried by the veterans in parades, etc. These banners were almost always hand painted and/or embroidered and were also usually fairly expensive to purchase. The veterans therefore held them in high regard much like the posts' state and national colors. Many G.A.R. Departments (or State) organizations also purchased these banners for much the same reasons, and even the National Encampment Headquarters is said to have had it's own banner. Occasionally though, and in this case in particular, monies would be raised and a special banners would be made for a particular event. Such is the case with the banner of this story.

A good number of years ago, I came across a large grouping of paperwork from Hayward Post 542 of Buffalo, New York. One of the papers in this group was a flyer entitled "Ho! For California" and it immediately caught my eye (see illus. 1). I began reading it and soon found out that a group of veterans in the Dept. of New York led by Comrade Edward A. Dubey were soliciting their fellow comrades for money to have a special banner with it's own carrier, as well as a special photograph album all to be made and to be presented to the Dept. of California at the "next" G.A.R. National Encampment (1886) being held in San Francisco. They were trying to raise some \$1500 for these things and I remember thinking

→ HO! FOR CALIFORNIA! ←

Commander:

From present indications, the interest manifested by Comrades throughout the Nation, and the efforts of the Department of California, the coming National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at the City of San Francisco, promises to be the most successful in the history of the order.

Believing that a Souvenir of the occasion, as a tribute from the great Department of New York, G. A. R., to the Department of California, would be appreciated and treasured by the Comrades of the Golden State. The views of many prominent Comrades have been sought, and a unanimous opinion of assent and encouragement has been the result.

It is designed to have the very large delegation of members of the National Encampment, and Comrades who have signified their intention of going to the Encampment, carry with them, to be appropriately presented to the Department of California, a magnificent Memorial Banner, of which the following is a close description.

The Banner to be 8 feet high by 6 feet wide. The center 4 by 6 feet to be of White Satin, on which is to be embroidered in silk the Coat of Arms of New York and California, separated by a G. A. R. Badge. A border 1 foot wide of Yellow Silk Plush is to surround the center, and on the border the name and number of each Post in the department of New York to be embroidered in silk. The back to be of heavy silk with an appropriate motto embroidered thereon. The whole to be carried on a snapper bar, silver mounted braces, scrolls, &c. The Banner to be trimmed with heavy bullion fringe, cord, tassels, &c. An Eagle surmounting the banner to carry in his beak a miniature banner with an appropriate motto.

It is proposed that an Album shall be part of the gift, which shall contain the photograph of the Department Officers and delegates when elected, all Past Department Commanders, all of the Post Commanders and the Chairmen of the several Memorial Committees in the State.

There are over 500 Posts in New York. If all would join in this tribute, the contribution from each Post would be from \$2.50 to \$3.00 certainly but a trifle laid on the altar of Fraternity.

Comrade Edward A. Dubey, of Winchester Post, No. 197, of Brooklyn, has supplemented his many untiring efforts in the interests of this Grand Army of ours by presenting this en-

- H. CLAY HALL, L., Department Commander.
 - CHAR. COWLEY, Sn. V. Dept. Commander.
 - FRANK CLARK, L., of Council Administration.
 - JOHN PALMER, L., Past Dept. Commander.
 - ABRAHAM MERRITT, " " "
 - JAMES FRASER, " " "
 - JAMES TANNENBER, " " "
 - IRA M. HEDGECOCK, " " "
 - JOHN C. ROBINSON, " " "
 - WM. F. ROBINSON, " " "
- The Memorial & Executive Committee of Kings Co.
The Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee of New York City.

- L. P. THOMPSON, Past Sn. V. Dept. Com'ndr.
 - DENNIS SULLIVAN, Past Jr. V. Dept. Com'ndr.
 - CHAR. ORR, Com'ndr Chapin Post, Buffalo.
 - N. W. DAY, of John A. Dix Post, New York.
 - Rev. I. M. POSTER, Past National Chaplin.
 - JON FOLLETT, of National Council of Admin'n.
 - JAN. L. WATSON, Past Nat'l. Surgeon General.
 - Dr. GEO. S. LITTLE, Past Dept. Med. Director.
 - Capt. JACK CRAWFORD, Insp. Dept. New Mexico.
 - JOS. W. KAY, of Vet. Rights Union.
 - THOS. BELL, Sec. of " " "
 - H. A. PHILLIPS, Chair. Pen. Bureau, Brooklyn.
- And a great many others

The "Memorial Committee" of Kings Co., representing 26 Posts, has on March 17th unanimously approved the enterprise, as has also the Executive Committee of the New York City Memorial Committee, representing 30 odd Posts on March 24th.

You are respectfully requested to give this your immediate consideration, and to notify me on or before April 20th, of your approval of this enterprise; or can be seen at the Department Encampment in New York City, on April 21st and 22d.

If this meets with the general approval of the Commanders and Comrades of the Department, another circular will be sent asking for the Photograph of Post Commander and a contribution towards defraying the expense of the same.

Very truly yours in F. C. & L.
Address,

EDWARD A. DUBEY
ROOM 14, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN.

N. B. — An answer to the above is earnestly requested. Posts that do not meet before the Encampment, it is hoped that the Commanders or those acting will respond at once.

(ILLUST. 1)

that it was a lot of money for 1886 and would they or better yetdid they ever raise it? As it turned out, they were able to obtain enough money to do what they had hoped for and the banner, etc. was made (see illus. 2), traveled to San Francisco, carried in the Encampment parade (see illus. 3), and was later presented to the veterans of the Dept. of Cali-

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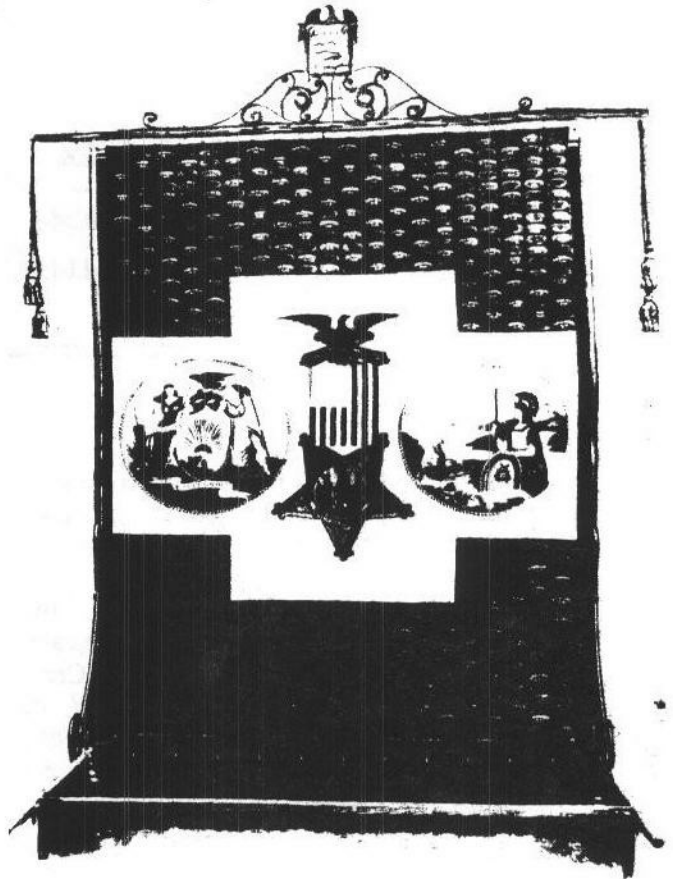
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ifornia as planned. This banner was fairly large – being 8 feet high by 6 feet wide and must have been terribly heavy to carry along the entire parade route. I am not sure if the banner has survived the years and would be interested in any additional information that anyone might have on whether this special “presentation” banner still exists or not.

Authors Note: In Vol. 7, No. 1 page 10 of “The Veteran” a cabinet photo was shown similar to the ones that were contained in the Presentation Album above. Apparently other “albums” were later made and sold as souvenirs due to their popularity with the veterans. I have personally seen the photos from two of these souvenir type albums.

{Editors Note: Thanks Dennis for a terrific story}



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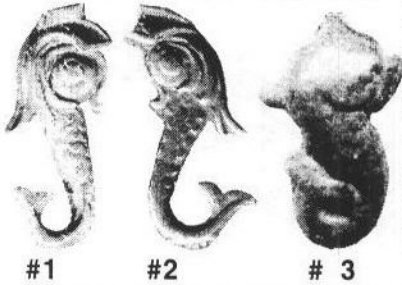
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CONFEDERATE CORNER #12

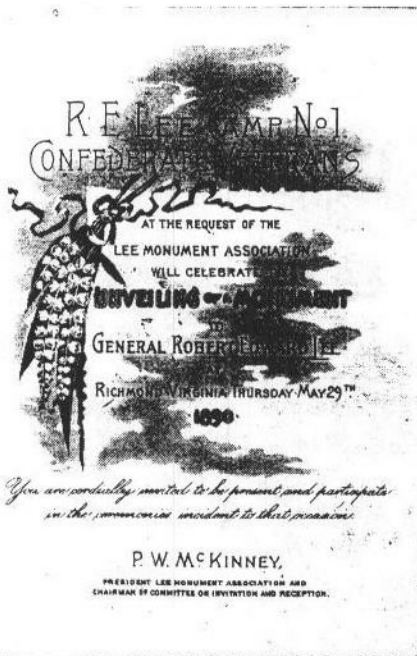
BY PETER BERTRAM #244
P. O. BOX 451421 : ATLANTA, GA 31145
[e-mail: PeterBA1@aol.com]

Greetings all! Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and doing well. Before we get started, I need to ask y'all for a little help. Those of you who collect the UDC Crosses of Military Service know that a bronze dolphin on the ribbon signified overseas service.



Dolphin #3 is usually seen, but I recently examined a WWI Cross with #1 and #2 attached! Anyone ever seen 'em before?

Here's a couple of updates to Richmond's R.E Lee Monument (Confederate Corner #10)



Dennis Loba Collection : illustration at 50%
Reverse of the Lee Monument Association's unveiling program. As noted in an earlier column, R. E. Lee Camp #1 was in the "Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia".



obv



rev

MBR#:890A6-4502

Desc: Lee Monument unveiling commemorative medal; 1 pc (large, heavy, coin-like Medal, possibly white metal); 2-1/2" dia

OBV: around outside edge-IN COMMEMORATION OF THE UNVEILING OF THE ROBERT E. LEE MONUMENT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA • MAY 29TH 1890•; the Lee monument center with C. LUMSDEN & SON, RICHMOND, VA. below.

REV: intricate design around outside edge; in center the Virginia State symbol with motto above SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS.

Mfg: C. Lumsden & Son

Comment: an extremely fine example of the engraver's art, especially the reverse!

Collect or interested in Confederate medals, badges, and ribbons? Send me a #10 SASE for a free sample copy of The Confederate MBR Newsletter - now in its second year. A total of 159 MBRs cataloged to date!

Confederate Corner #12 (cont)



Everitt Bowles Collection

MBR#:890U6-4501

illustration at 125%

Desc: Souvenir badge; 2 pc (BAR in shape of a bow ; 5 pointed STAR below): 1-1/4 x 2.

OBV:

*Bar: CSA 3rd National Flag design in red, blue, and white with gold center band.

*Star: brass; in center UCV in blue letters with design in top left and top right arms and at base of bottom left and right arms; cannon barrel in top center arm, musket in bottom left and saber in bottom right.

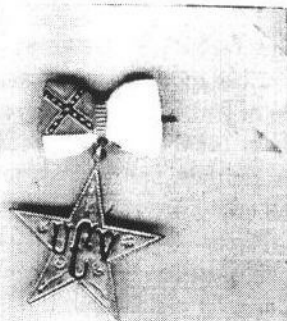
REV: Safety pin type clasp on Bar, mfg's name on Star.

Mfg: C. V. Robbins; Attleboro, Mass.

Comment:

Veteran's badge indicating a UCV member, but not an official UCV member's badge! This piece may have been sold as a souvenir at the RE Lee Monument unveiling. I don't believe it came from the Robbins folks attached to this card. It was most likely hand written by a CSA veteran and kept as a memento of the occasion.

*United Confederate Veterans
Unveiling of Lee
Monument Richmond
Va. May 29, 1890*



GENERIC SOUVENIR

MBR#:601U1-1502

Desc: UCV reunion badge, generic souvenir; 2 piece (brass: straight BAR; heart shape MEDAL below); 1-1/8 x 1-13/16

OBV:

*Bar: straight with center circle behind; SOUVENIR in recessed field.

*Heart: across top UNITED;



below in semicircle CONFEDERATE VETERANS with flourishes around; in center crossed CSA Battle Flag and 2nd National Flag; at the bottom, REUNION with flourishes below.

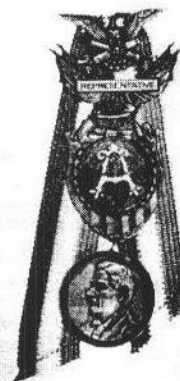
REV: Safety pin type clasp on Bar, mfg's name on Heart.

Mfg: Schwaab Stamp & Seal Co.

Comment: I believe the so-called "generic" souvenir badges were produced from about 1940 or so on. With increasing age and infirmity taking its toll on fewer and fewer surviving Confederate veterans, it quickly ceased to be profitable to produce reunion badges for individual reunions. Yes, friends, the almighty dollar ruled back then also!

NOW IN STOCK!

Civil War Veterans' Organizations, Reunions, and Badges
Turner E. Kirkland



Found a supply of this vintage 1991 booklet by TurnerKirkland 8-1/2 x 11, has 33 pages, about half with b & w illust. About half UCV & half GAR. Includes brief capsule history of Confederate & Union organizations. It also has a listing of the UCV & GAR Nat'l Reunions.

I'm not sure it qualifies as a collector's "must have" and I certainly would not want to say that your library isn't complete without it, but it most certainly is an interesting, early reference. Only \$5.00 plus \$1.25 shipping=\$6.25 total.

What's in a Name

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NEIGHBOR'S

[Entered at the Post Office at Phelps, N. Y., as Second-Class matter.]

Neighbor's Home Mail.

A POPULAR PATRIOTIC MONTHLY.

The only Publication of the kind in the United States, making a specialty of Original Jokes, Incidents and Reminiscences of both sides in the late Rebellion.

LIEUT. J. W. NEIGHBOR, EDITOR.

Subscription Price, Sixty Cents a Year in Advance.

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PHELPS, N. Y., OCTOBER, 1880.

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Special Announcement.

ENLARGED HOME MAIL FOR 1881.

TWENTY PAGES! NEW TYPE!

Price increased to One Dollar a Year.

The HOME MAIL for 1881 will be Enlarged and Improved in many respects, and having been published, for the past seven years at a loss to its Publisher, the price will be ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE. This change is not optional but imperative—it is deserving of sustaining support and this much it must receive if it passes into 1882. Hence, the responsibility of keeping alive the HOME MAIL is a matter wholly in the hands of its friends and those who think a paper of this kind should be printed.

At no time since the HOME MAIL has been published has it failed to be well worth its price, and the Publisher has no other design than to keep its popularity up, and try to make it better. Among the new attractions for 1881, will be new type and a neat typographical appearance; Twenty Pages instead of sixteen; and the favorite Contributors of the past few years will continue to write for it, besides many new contributors of known excellence. Our arrangements are incomplete, as yet, but we are happy to announce as Regular Contributors for 1881,

WILL W. HIBBARD, ESQ.,

One of the most beautiful and easy writers, well known to our old readers, and now contributing those interesting "Pencilings from the Potomac."

JOSEPH FERGUSON, M. D.

Of Philadelphia, and Editor of the late *Grand Army Review*—he is a strong and brilliant writer, and one who has been baptized in every phase of war's terrors.

JAMES FRANKLIN FITTS, ESQ.,

Of Lockport, N. Y., will contribute a series of articles on the Famed Banks' Expedition, of the late war. Col. Fitts' contributions will be very entertaining.

Other names will be announced in the November number—the contents of the HOME MAIL for 1881 will be no less interesting than in the past years in which it has grown to its present high standard of popularity.

Two Lives; or, The Clouds' Silver Lining,

A CHARMING STORY SKETCHED FROM AN ARTIST'S JOURNAL.

Will begin in the January number and run through three or four months—it is a beautifully written story and cannot possibly fail to delight our readers.

THE OLD ARMY KNAPSACK

Will be filled with fresh Reminiscences, Army Jokes, Incidents, Camp Stories, Personal Feats of Bravery, Scouts, Raids, Marches, Battles, Prison Life, etc.

Just what delights every man that was ever in the Army.

A REAL SOLDIERS' FAMILY PAPER, THE ONLY ONE OF THE KIND IN THE WORLD!

We have a Beautiful Story for our Young Readers.

During the year will be published, for the first time in this country, from copy one hundred years old.

THE LOST MANUSCRIPT,

An account of certain English people, who, in the year 1669, making a voyage to the East Indies, were cast away and wrecked upon an uninhabited island, near the coast of Terra Australis Incognita, and all drowned except one man and four women. This remarkable narrative was printed in London, England, June 27, 1668, 212 years ago, being then 99 years after the ship was wrecked.

An Agent Wanted at Every Post-Office

Energetic Canvassers can make more money working for the HOME MAIL than for any other paper. Now is the time to apply and get ready for business. Big Inducements!

Recently, a controversy over the use of the name "post badge" has taken place. It has been stated that the name was never used by the veterans or manufactures of these badges. Further, it was proposed that if anyone could provide actual proof of the use of the name "post badge" the situation would be cleared.

So here it is!

Post Badges.

Every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic should be provided with Badges to be worn on all occasions when Posts appear in public, visit sister Posts or attend Camp-Fires or other gatherings—no Post should be without its distinctive Badge.

We are supplying Posts with neatly printed Badges, on wide heavy ribbon, any color desired, with cut of regulation G. A. R. badge, name and number of Post and name of place, at from 7c to 10c each in lots of 25 or more. Address all orders to this Office.

This ad is on page 146 of Neighbor's Home Mail, published October, 1880. This copy of Neighbor's was supplied by John Ferry. The mast-head was so interesting, I have printed it in the left hand column.

I agree that terms used to describe veteran materials should be researched to assure that the correct name is used. The name used by the veterans and manufacturers of their supplies certainly is the best solution.

As to the name "post badge". I have always used it as a general term for badges used by post members for identification of their membership in a particular post. As early as 1866, a post badge (3BN) was used for parades, funerals, and encampments. After the 3BN symbol was dropped, post badges were usually simple ribbons. Starting in the 1880's, the "In Memoriam" black ribbon badge was to become the most popular form of post badge. More affluent posts had metallic posts membership badges manufactured.

In some cases very handsome medal post badges were made. To the right is one of most beautiful post badges, made for members of Post 5, Dept. of NY for the 1876 celebration of United States. It's very heavy brass, measuring about 2.5 inches across and suspended by a tri-colored ribbon from a brass pin bar with the veterans name engraved on it.



Lew Benedict Post 5
Albany, New York
Dept. of New York

Editors Note:

I have been asked about advertising in *THE VETERAN* and I have thought about what it would take. At this time I just don't have time to handle the correspondence and additional composition it would take. I certainly can understand the desire of members in remote location looking for a way to buy and sell veteran items. I would not, at this point, to completely close the door to advertising, but I would like to delay the decision.

Each issue takes about 30-40 hours to prepare, then the master sheets are sent to Dennis Loba for printing, folding, and mailing. We believe the effort is worth the time, but we are working at the maximum.

If someone would like to step forward and handle the advertising page, this may be the solution. It would be necessary to have a computer and Microsoft Word. Please call me at 248-437-7311 if you would like to discuss working on *THE VETERAN*.

Roger Heiple

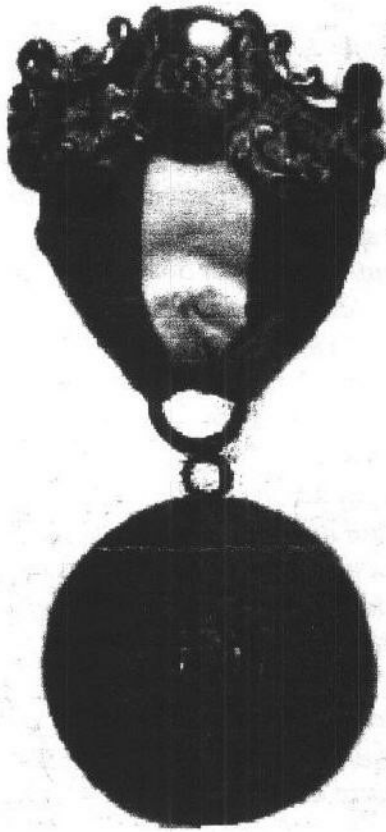
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air that sometimes is experienced from immediate contact with it directly on the coast is modified here by its five or six miles; journey up the beautiful valley, warm with the sun reaching over the range of hills marking its southern boundary, and dividing the region from San Diego, till the spot is one of the most delightful for climate in the entire section of Southern California. This must be conceded at once.

Then the view! How peaceful! How beautiful! How idyllic! How the more aesthetic of the mission fathers must have dreamed away their days here as they looked down the valley, with its serene expanse of widening and expanding loveliness, increasing and broadening until its boundary hills in the distance seemed to sink and lose their aggressiveness and forbidding grandeur so far away, and the sea seemed dreamy indeed in the farthest limits of the range of vision.

But the mission fathers were not over-aesthetic. They liked good living and knew what spots on earth to select to insure that. Grazing for their cattle, grounds for their gardens, lands for their orchards, and water for everything – they had it all here at their command. What was good enough for the tastes of the fathers, in their rude warfare with the difficulties of life, should certainly be good enough for the young and aggressive race today, with every means and facility for utilizing the gifts of nature that here are offered to man in a cornucopia of a valley, with its horn far back in a Cuyamaca canyon, and its mouth opening into San Diego Bay; and it is quite safe to say that here in the heart of this superb valley, selected by the mission fathers on account of its richness, a goodly portion of the overflow from the immigration unable to obtain growing room in San Diego proper will find location, to discover indeed that a land flowing with milk and honey has been reached. The milk does not flow in the perpetual stream in which it did before the thousands of cattle were slaughtered, and all but their hides wasted, at the destruction of the missions so many years ago; and the honey itself is not utilized as it might be, since it goes ungathered in many localities, large combs of it being seen even among the ruins of the old mission previous to its latest tumble last spring.

Grantville will continue in the next issue.



Abraham Lincoln Post No. 634, Lima, Peru

This Post was established on February 12th., 1890, by a rugged group of Civil War Union veterans, attached to the Dept of Pa. The honorary president of the association was none other than Theodore Roosevelt. The post also boasted thirteen ex-commissioned officers on its rolls.

The Post Badge for the Abraham Lincoln Post is an exquisite piece. The author considers it one of the finest GAR badges. The badge is made from solid silver and the badge shown was given to Artemas W. Goddaard, one of the charter members of the Post. His name is engraved on the top pin bar. Even more interesting is that the badge still rests in its original case. He died on September 20, 1906, and his body was returned for burial in Watago, Illinois.

Charter Members of Post 364

(as recorded in 1907)

1. Henry A. Carty, Dropt.
2. Montgomery Backus, Died March 14, 1897
3. William Tryon
4. Thomas C Kimble, Died June 12, 1890
5. Expunged Reconds. Died May 12, 1894
6. William J. Fitzsimmons
7. Alonzo P. Cartland, Died March 16, 1896
8. Edward A. Miller, Died October 24, 1898
9. N. Hurwitz
10. Edward James
11. Joseph C. Cree
12. Benjamin F. Botsford, Died December 1, 1895
13. Charles B. Dugan, Died, date unknown. In 1894 went into interior of Ecuador gold prospecting. never heard of afterwards.
14. Henry Guyer, Died May 31, 1907
15. Jacob Backus, Died July 9, 1899
16. Albert K. Jones, Died June 21, 1890
17. Joshua F. Davis, Honorably Discharged (to join Post in the U.S., reentering here as Associate No. 10)
18. Richard R. Neill
19. Artemas W. Goddard, Died September 20, 1906
20. J.B. Laiding, Drpot.

Thanks to Dennis Loba for the research of this unique post in South America.

The 3BN-GAR Column

Early Veteran Activities following the War



Symbol of the Early GAR -1865-68

Documents with the 3BN design are rare items, but one addressed to B.F. Stephenson, founder of the GAR are something special. The early letter below is from the author's collection and is part of the Stephenson Papers group acquired a number of years ago. The letter is from the Adj. of the Dept. of Conn. requesting General Orders. Dr. Stephenson was having problems filling requests for forms, rules, etc. at this time and some Departments printed their own from samples furnished by Dr. Stephenson. The letter is dated July 13, 1867, at a point that Dr. Stephenson was taking care of



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Head-Quarters Department of Connecticut,

Newark, Conn. July 13 1867

*Major B. F. Stephenson
Adj. Gen. 1st*

Comrade

For completing files & the information of this Dept. I have the honor to request that a way be furnished with Gen Order No. 1 to 38 inc

*Your comrade
B. F. Stephenson
Adj.*

ailing parents, both of whom died in 1867. This, combined with financial difficulties, contributed to the GAR voting in a new adj. for the National Encampment.

The Veterans Colony & Soldier Home in Grantville, California

The following article was printed in "The Golden Era", a publication found in the manuscript collection of The San Diego Historical Society. The publication date is not known.

The veteran colony of Grantville is still surrounded by mystery. No remains of the colony can be located and almost all traces have disappeared. The name Grantville is still being used by the local school district and a community park and the name of the founder, Col. Holbird, is the name of one of the local streets. On three visits to the area and discussions with many local people, little more has been discovered. What happened to a promising veteran community? Hints of a massive flood of the San Diego River that could have wiped out the struggling community have surfaced with no direct proof. With the fate of the community still in doubt, the article in the "Golden Era" describes the beginning in glowing terms.

Grantville – in the heart of the Mission Valley – A soldiers' home amid a cornucopia of plenty – a beautiful town-site overlooking the old mission.

The Grand Army of the Republic could not have chosen a more beautiful spot for the erection of its first soldiers' home in California than the site selected in Mission Valley, just across the river from the old San Diego, Mission, the buildings of which are now in last stages of decay. What a sad tale is whispered by the November winds as they play around and in and out of the old ruin! A tale as pathetic and as full of homely feeling as that other one, somewhat akin, far to the North and East, and dealing with Atlantic as this with Pacific people, of the Acadians, narrated so beautifully by America's poet of the people – Longfellow. As one stands on the upper mesa of this beautiful town-site, he allows his eye to rest a moment on the old ruins lying so lazily on the land across the bend of the river just below, whence it wanders off down this richest of all valleys, resting first on the grand mission olive orchard a hundred years old, on another orchard here, on a grove of eucalyptus trees there, on gardens in various directions until finally it reaches Point Loma lying faintly upon

the horizon. False Bay just back and to the right of it, and the low-lying Pacific Ocean beyond stretching far outside the vision.

What a site for a soldiers' home! What a pretty idea, that the first soldiers' home on the Pacific coast should be in the same valley where the first settlement of California was made, and the first mission was founded! Amid such historic surroundings the poetical as well as patriotic feelings can be nurtured as the old soldiers pass the closing days of their lives in peace and comfort, surrounded by the luxuries of a semi-tropical land, breathing the exhilarating air of our wonderful climate, and cheered by the neighborly presence of hundreds who will have bought homes in the town about them, and settled down there where malaria corrupts not, and frosts are unknown.

Mission Valley, in the days of the earlier civilization, was famous everywhere for its rich crops as well as its mild climate. When the East was fighting its Revolutionary War with the mother country, the mission fathers were rebuilding their houses after the first trouble with hostile Indians; and their crops raised even at that early day were famed far and wide. The olive orchard that is today in such superb bearing condition was rooted already, and even was beginning to bear; for the olive was of long life and is of a tenacious nature, and is its profit. Land which has been as productive as all these lands thorough the entire valley for over a hundred years, and which still raises such superb crops of various kinds as are still ungathered this season, has strong advantages over untried land, that may or that may not require irrigation in order to accomplish satisfactory results.

These are points which will have a great weight with such domestic, industrious, home-loving people as will be apt to settle in such a superb valley as this. A lot or two for those who merely want a residence, with a grass-plot, a garden, or a small orchard, can be made very beautiful here; and to those who wish acre tracts, or even larger ones, the chances here on the mesa lands outlying toward the mountain region are very inviting. The growing still ungathered crops there on a recent November day spoke more eloquently of the possibilities of this rich land than pages of the most accurate description would do. The rawness of the