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Rattling Sabres

by
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I am trying to get back on schedule with the publication of the newsletter. Unfortunately, the harder I try the less progress that I am making!

One of the things that seems to delay the publication is trying to decide upon just what subject to address in this editorial! After considerable thought, I am going to dedicate this month's column to the various battles and the consequences of these battles that happened in the month of July.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the fall of Vicksburg and those are probably the most important battles of the Civil War.

I do not have, at least that I know of, any connection to Vicksburg. However, I do have a connection with the Battle of Gettysburg. My ancestral cousin, Brigadier General (and brevet Major General – he was promoted because of his actions at Gettysburg) Samuel K. Zook was mortally wounded, on 2 July 1863, retaking the Wheat Field during that battle. Acting without orders from his commanding officer, Major General Daniel E. Sickles, General Zook was confronted by retreating Union forces. He ordered those retreating to lie down and his forces literally stepped over those who were retreating. Since he was on horseback, he attracted fire from the Confederate lines and was struck by several rifle rounds. He was promoted brevet Major General hours before he died on 3 July 1863.

Of course, the first major battle of the Civil War, the 1st Battle of Bull Run (1st Manassas) was fought on 21 July 1861. Other battles fought during July 1861 included battles at Falling Waters (2 July), Carthage, Missouri (5 July), Rich Mountain (11 July), Carricks's Ford (13 July), Screytown (13 July), and Blackburn Ford (18 July).

1862 had numerous battles in July starting with various encounters around Richmond for the entire month. Then, on 7 July Bayou Cache, Arkansas, and Jasper, Alabama. Followed by Hamilton, North Carolina (9 July), Confederate raids in Indiana (11 July), Murfreesboro (13 July), Memphis (19 July), and Moore's Hill, Missouri (28 July).

1863 had numerous battles besides Vicksburg and Gettysburg starting on 1 July with the Battle of Tullahoma, Tennessee. Later July battles included Helena, Arkansas (4 July), Port Hudson, Louisiana (7 July), Jackson, Mississippi (17 July), Natchez, Mississippi (17 July), Elk Creek, Arkansas (17 July), Wytheville, Virginia (20 July),

Manassas Gap, Virginia (23 July), Fort Canby, New Mexico (23 July), and the draft riots in New York City, Boston, and several other cities (July 13 through July 16).

1864 continued the war and in July there were several starting on 9 July with the Battle of Monocacy River, Maryland. Then, a battle near Washington, D.C. (11 July), Peachtree Creek, Georgia (20 July), Howard House, Georgia (22 July), near Atlanta, Georgia (24 July), Winchester, Virginia (24 July), and a Confederate raid on Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (30 July).

Of course, the war effectively ended on 28 April 1865 with the surrender by Johnston near Durham, North Carolina.

I do have a direct connection to July during the Civil War. My great great grandfather, Private Williams James Stump, Company I, 128th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, died on 13 July 1864. He was wounded at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain on 27 June 1864 and was sent to General Hospital Chattanooga, Tennessee for treatment, etc. Unfortunately, while in the hospital, he contracted Typhoid Fever and died from that disease.

Had he remained with his unit, there is a very good chance that he would have survived the war.

Even after death, he was the subject of several negative actions. First of all, his date of death was inaccurately recorded as being 3 July 1864 and, even worse, his tombstone has the wrong last name! Somehow, the person making his tombstone put "Stamp" instead of "Stump" for his name.

I know exactly where the "1" in July 13 was dropped. The records were written in pencil and, on one of the progression of records, the "1" is very light. The next person, who copied the records, missed the "1" and the date became 3 July. This is what is recorded at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Also, the cemetery directory also lists him as Stamp. However, the on-line register has his name correct.

When I visited his grave, a number of years ago, the tombstone was in sad shape. I provided the cemetery administrator with the documentation on his name and correct date of death. I was promised that a new tombstone, with the correct information, would be ordered. However, I have not been back since my original visit and have no idea as to if the marker has been replaced. Somehow, I doubt that it has been replaced!

All of the correct information is in my great great grandmother's application for a pension. I have a copy of that document and it is several pages long! I also have a copy of the Hospital records.

Until next month . . .

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Articles Needed!

If the members of the **Colonel E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18** do not want to be inundated with articles that were chosen by the editor (what he wants to see in the newsletter) then they need to start inputting items for inclusion in **The Texas Union Herald**. Tidbits about the Civil War, stories, articles, current news items, photographs, even commentaries are most welcome.

Don't worry if you are not an accomplished author. Get the idea onto paper (computer, etc.) and get it to the editor. He really can edit (rewrite, etc.) and you'll be surprised at just how well you can write!

If you have E-Mail capabilities, you can either include the information in the body of the message or put it in either Word format or ACSII ("txt") format. If, for some reason, you cannot do either, contact the editor to see if your particular word processor format can be handled.

If "hard" copy, make sure the copy is legible (can be read by someone else!). Typewritten, computer printed, even in Crayon on "Big Chief" tablet is acceptable. Just get the information in!

Even small (1 or 2 paragraphs) material, or photographs, can be used. That makes editing and publishing the newsletter easier since "fill" material is available for those little areas that seem to happen whenever an article is included in the publication.

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July Meeting

The July 2018 meeting of the
Colonel E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18
SUVCW

Will be held on
Tuesday 17 July 2018
At the

Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, TX.



Memorial Day 2018

The History of the GAR (continued)

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CHAPTER IV.

THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION

Prior to the formal institution of Post No. 2, at Springfield, a Department staff had been agreed upon to prosecute the work of organizing Posts, and this was announced as follows:

General Orders
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
No. 1. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS April 1st. 1866

The following named officers are hereby announced at these headquarters:

Colonel JULES C. WEBBER, *Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.*

Major ROBERT WOODS, *Adjutant-General.*

Colonel JOHN M SYNDER, *Quartermaster-General.*

Lieutenant JOHN S. PHELPS, *Aide-de-Camp*

Captain JOHN A. LIGHTFOOT, *Assistant Adjutant-General*

By order of

B.F. STEPHENSON,

Commanding Department

ROBERT M. WOODS
Adjutant-General.

General JULES C. WEBBER, Chief of Staff, enlisted August 18, 1861, as Regimental Quartermaster, 18th Illinois Volunteers. Promoted to be Captain and Aid-de-Camp, and served on the staff of Major-General Steele. Promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel and afterwards Colonel, 18th Illinois, on veteran re-organization. Mustered out December 18, 1865. Brevet Brigadier-General, March 27, 1865. Died in Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1871.

Major ROBERT M. WOODS, Adjutant-General, served during the early part of the war in the Quartermaster-General's office, Springfield, Illinois, and also under General Richard Yates. On June 27, 1864, was commissioned Adjutant 64th Illinois (Yates' Sharp-shooters). Participated in the Atlanta Campaign, the March to the Sea, and the Campaign in the Carolinas, and was present at the organization of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, at Raleigh, North Carolina, April, 1865. Promoted Captain, Company A, July 13, 1865. Brevetted Major, United States Volunteers, March 13, 1865. He is now publisher of the Joliet, Illinois, *Republic and Sun*.

JOHN M. SNYDER, Quartermaster-General, was Quartermaster 64th Illinois Cavalry, September 1, 1861, until July 1, 1862, serving part of the time as Brigade

Quartermaster. On muster-out he returned to Jacksonville, and enlisted in the 101st Illinois Infantry, of which he was appointed Quartermaster. In March 1863, he was directed to report to Governor Yates, at Springfield, and was appointed Aid-de-Camp, with rank of Major, and in March 1864 was promoted Colonel. He assisted in the work of organizing Illinois troops, and also visited United States hospitals to secure transfer of all Illinois soldiers therein to hospitals in their own State or to their homes on furlough. In 1865 he was appointed Military Secretary to Governor Oglesby, and in this position aided largely in organizing the Grand Army of the Republic. He now resides in Canton, Illinois.

JOHN A. LIGHTFOOT, Assistant Adjutant-General, entered the service as Captain, Company A, 101st Illinois Infantry, January 1, 1862, was taken prisoner at Holly Springs, Mississippi, December 20, 1862; was compelled to resign by reason of ill health in April, 1864. He has since died.

JOHN S. PHELPS, Aid-de-Camp. (See page)

With the possible exception of Captain Lightfoot, these officers had all received valuable experience in responsible staff positions in the army, and were thoroughly qualified for the duties devolving upon them.

Assignments were made for official visits from different localities in the State to secure the co-operation and assistance of influential veterans who could organize Posts.

The work proceeded very slowly at first, as soldiers generally were doubtful of the result of the project; but prior to July 12, the date fixed for the assembling of a State Convention to form the Department of Illinois, thirty-nine Posts had been chartered.

THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION

The Constitution prescribed that State organizations should be composed of one Delegate from each District in the Department.

It was not deemed judicious to organize the Department of Illinois on this basis, and therefore a Call for a General Convention was issued over the names of prominent veterans, to better secure the presence of a large number, who could then be thoroughly informed as to the objects of the Order, and instructed in its work, and thus become more directly interested in the formation of Posts.

Posts then organized or under way were duly notified, and the newspapers of the State gave wide publicity to the proposed Convention, thus attracting the general attention desired.

The Call read as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, June 26, 1866

A CONVENTION

Of the members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and Illinois soldiers and sailors, will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at Springfield, Illinois, on Thursday, July 12, 1866.

The business to be transacted at this meeting is of the highest importance to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

Delegates are expected from every Post in the State.

As many of our soldiers have not had the opportunity to join our Army, they will be mustered in on that occasion.

The soldiers of the State of Illinois who desire to assist in the care of the families of our fallen comrades, of the disabled and unfortunate, who would assist each other by acts of friendship and of charity, and who wish to establish and maintain the rights of the volunteer soldiery of the late war, morally, socially, and politically, are requested to meet with us.

The names appended to this call have been here arranged in alphabetical order, with military records, as far as it was possible to obtain them, added.

ALLEN, GEORGE T. – Surgeon 14th Illinois, April 28, 1861; promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and Medical Inspector, June 14, 1862; mustered out October 31, 1865.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM J.

BEVERIDGE, JOHN L. – Major 8th Illinois Cavalry, September 18, 1861 to November 2, 1863; Colonel 17th Illinois Cavalry, January 28, 1864; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 7, 1865; mustered-out February 8th, 1866. Has since been Sheriff of Cook count, Illinois, State Senator, Member of Congress, Lieutenant-Governor, Governor 1873-1877; Assistant Treasurer United States, at Chicago; now member of John A. Logan Post, Evanston, Illinois.

BIRNEY, WILLIAM – Colonel United States Colored Troops; Brigadier-General, May 22, 1863; Brevet Major-General, March 13, 1865; mustered-out August 24, 1865.

BRUSH, DANIEL H. – Enlisted April 26, 1861; elected Captain 18th Illinois Infantry, May 6, 1861; promoted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; badly wounded at Shiloh; resigned on account of wounds, August 21, 1863; brevetted Brigadier-General March 13, 1863.

BEARDSLEY, JAMES M. – Lieutenant, Company D, 13th Illinois Infantry, May 18, 1861; Captain, August, 1861; Major, November 27, 1863; mustered-out June 18, 1864.

BLADES, FRANKLIN – Surgeon 76th Illinois Infantry, August 22, 1862; mustered-out March 31, 1864.

BLOOMFIELD, IRA – First Sergeant, Company C, 33d Illinois Infantry, August 15, 1861; Captain 26th Illinois Infantry, January 13, 1862; promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; Brevet Brigadier-General May, 1865; mustered-out July 20, 1865.

CARNAHAN, ROBERT H. – Captain Company K, 3d Illinois Cavalry, September 21, 1861; promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; mustered-out October 10, 1865; brevetted Brigadier-General, October 28, 1865.

COOK, JOHN. (For Portrait and Biography, see pages)

DORNBLASER, BENJAMIN – Adjutant 46th Illinois Infantry, October 11, 1861; Major, February 8, 1862; Colonel, October 11, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General, February 20, 1865; Brevet Major-General, March 13, 1865; mustered-out January 20, 1866.

DAY, HENRY M. – Colonel 91st Illinois Infantry, September 8, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865; mustered out July 12, 1865.

DAVIS, HASBROUCK – Lieutenant-Colonel 12th Illinois Cavalry, February 1, 1862; Colonel, August 11, 1863; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865.

DAVIS, H.W. – Surgeon 18th Illinois Infantry, July 24, 1861; mustered-out June 11, 1864.

EDWARDS, A.W. – Private, Company I, 122d Illinois Infantry, August 4, 1862; Major 1st Loyal Alabama

Cavalry, 1st Division, 4th Corps, Army of the Tennessee; mustered out November, 1865. In 1888, Mayor of Fargo, Dakota.

FABRIQUE, A.H. – Major, 53d Indiana.

GRAY, E.H. – Enlisted in Company F, 33d Illinois Infantry, August 1, 1861; successively promoted to Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, and Major; mustered-out November 24, 1865.

GOODWIN, JOHN W. – First Lieutenant, Company B 20th Illinois Infantry; Major, May 14, 1861; promoted to 2d United States Artillery.

GARVIN, P.

HALL, CYRUS – Captain 14th Illinois Infantry, April 22, 1861; Major 7th Illinois Cavalry, September 21, 1861; Lieutenant-Colonel 14th Illinois Infantry, February 1, 1862; Colonel 14th Illinois Infantry, October 21, 1864; Colonel 14th Illinois, on re-organization, March 13, 1865; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865; mustered-out September 6, 1865. Died September 6, 1878.

HAYNIE, ISHAM N. – Colonel 48th Illinois Infantry, August 18, 1861; Brigadier-General Volunteers, November 29, 1862; Adjutant-General of Illinois, March 1, 1865.

HAUGHAWALT, F.S.

KENNARD, GEORGE W. – Second Lieutenant, Company A, 20th Illinois Infantry, April 2, 1861; First Lieutenant and Captain Company I; mustered-out January 9, 1865. Now Judge, Champaign County, Illinois.

LOGAN, JOHN – Colonel 32d Illinois Infantry, August 16, 1861; wounded at Shiloh, April 6, 1862; discharged for wounds, December 30, 1864.

LIPPINCOTT, CHARLES E. – Captain, Company K, 33d Illinois Infantry, September 18, 1861; Lieutenant-Colonel, March 1, 1862; Colonel, September 17, 1863; Brevet Brigadier-General, February 17, 1865; mustered-out September 10, 1865. Eight years Auditor of Public Accounts, Illinois. Died serving as Superintendent at Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois.

MATHER, THOMAS S. – Adjutant-General, Illinois, 1858, until November 11, 1861; Colonel 2d Regiment, Light Artillery, February 2, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General, September 28, 1865; mustered-out August 17, 1865.

MUNN, DANIEL W. – First Lieutenant and Adjutant, 126th Illinois Infantry, September 4, 1862 to June 19, 1863.

MITCHELL, GREENVILLE M. – Captain, Company C, Illinois Cavalry, July 13, 1861; Lieutenant-Colonel 54th Illinois Infantry, October 10, 1861; Colonel, December 10, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General August 22, 1865; mustered –out October 15, 1865. Now Warden Southern Illinois Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois.

OSBORN, THOMAS – Lieutenant-Colonel 39th Illinois Infantry, July 22, 1861; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 10, 1865; Brigadier-General, May 1, 1865; Brevet Major-General, April 2, 1865; resigned September 28, 1865. Afterward Minister to Argentine Republic.

PALMER, JOHN M. – (For Portrait and Biography, see page)

PEARSON, ROBERT N. – Private, Commissary-Sergeant, Adjutant, Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, 31st Illinois Infantry serving from September 18, 1861 to July 19, 1865; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865.

PUGH, ISAAC C. – Colonel 41st Illinois Infantry, July 27, 1861; mustered-out August 20, 1864; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 10, 1865.

PLUMMER, SAMUEL C. – Surgeon 13th Illinois Infantry, May 24, 1861; mustered-out June 18, 1864

RUTLEDGE, REV. WILLIAM J. – (For Portrait and Biography, see page).

RINAKER, JOHN I. – Colonel 122d Illinois Infantry, September 4, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General March 13, 1865; mustered-out July 15, 1865. Now Chairman Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, State of Illinois.

REYNOLDS, JOSEPH S. (For Portrait and Biography see chapter XIV, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

ROE, EDWARD R. – Major, 33d Illinois Infantry, August 15, 1861; Lieutenant-Colonel, September 5, 1862; resigned May 29, 1863, on account of wounds received at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863.

SCHMITT, WILLIAM A. – Captain 27th Illinois Infantry, August 21, 1861; Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; three years service; mustered-out July 4, 1865; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 10, 1865. He was instrumental in organizing the Department of Maine. (See Maine.)

SMITH, GILES A. – Captain and Colonel 8th Missouri Infantry; Brigadier-General, commanding 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, November 24, 1865; mustered out February 1, 1866; Second Assistant Postmaster-General under President Grant. Since deceased.

STEPHENSON, BENJAMIN F. – (For Biography, see page . Portrait opposite page)

SNYDER, JOHN M. – (For Biography, see page)

STOKES, JAMES H. – Captain Chicago Board of Trade Battery, July 31, 1862; mustered out August 31, 1864.

SELLERS, H.VAN – Second Lieutenant, Company E, 12th Illinois Infantry, August 1, 1861; Captain, March 3, 1862; Lieutenant-Colonel, February 19, 1864; Colonel, July 10, 1863; mustered out July 10th, 1865.

TRUE, JAMES M. – Colonel 62d Illinois Infantry, December 1, 1861; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 6, 1865; mustered-out May 1, 1865.

THOMPSON, THOMAS M. – Captain, Company A, 14th Illinois Infantry, May 3, 1861-October 31, 1861.

VANDUZEN, D.

WEBBER, JULES C. – (For Biography, see page)

WILLSON, HALL – Major 27th Illinois Infantry, August 10, 1861; Colonel 5th Illinois Cavalry, December 12, 1861 – January 19, 1863, Now deceased.

WHEATON, LLYOD – First Sergeant 8th Illinois Infantry, 3 months service; in three years service, First Lieutenant and Captain, Company E; Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; mustered out May 4, 1866.

WOODS, ROBERT M. (For Biography, see page

The following not named above, were reported present at the Convention:

ADAMS, CHARLES H. – Major and Lieutenant-Colonel 10th Illinois Infantry, 3 months service; Lieutenant-Colonel 1st Illinois Light Artillery, October 23, 1861, to November 2, 1864.

ALLEN, ROBERT – Captain, Company I, 30th Illinois Infantry, August 28, 1861; Major, November 20, 1862-August 12, 1864.

BEARDSLEY, EZRA M. – Adjutant 69th Illinois Infantry, 3 months service; Lieutenant-Colonel 126th Illinois Infantry, September 4, 1862- August 12, 1864.

BICE, JESSE W. – First Lieutenant, Company A, 3d Illinois Cavalry, August 11, 1862; Captain, May 14, 1863; Major, April 29, 1865; mustered-out October 10, 1865.

BRISCOE, ALEXANDER T. – Captain, Company A, 94th Illinois Infantry, August 20, 1862; Major, November 29, 1862; mustered –out December 9, 1864.

CLEMENTS, ISAAC – Second Lieutenant 9th Illinois Infantry, July 27, 1861; First Lieutenant and Captain; mustered-out August 20, 1864. Has since served in a number of important public positions.

CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM – Captain, Company I, 90th Illinois Infantry, from October 30, 1862 to July 11th, 1864.

DUNNING, GEORGE H. – (See page ; Decatur Post.)

FROHOCK, WILLIAM T. – First Lieutenant and Adjutant 45th Illinois Infantry, August 30, 1861; Captain, Company A, January 21, 1863; Colonel 66th United States Colored Troops, January 12, 1864; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865.

GREEN, M.J.

HALL, FRED, H.

HILL, ----

HURLBUT, S.A. (Portrait opposite page . For Biography see page)

JONES, JOHN J. – Lieutenant-Colonel 46th Illinois Infantry, January 1, 1862; brevetted Colonel; mustered-out January 20, 1866.

JOHNSTON, E.S. – First Lieutenant 7th Illinois Infantry, July 22, 1861; Captain, February 15, 1862; Major, April 22, 1864; mustered-out August 9, 1865.

KING, JOHN T. – Lieutenant-Colonel 114th Regiment Illinois Infantry, September 18, 1862; Colonel, August 4, 1863; resigned on account of illness, December 4, 1864.

LIGHTFOOT, JOHN A. (For Biography, see page

LUKENS, EDWARD

McARTHUR, JOHN – Colonel 12th Regiment Illinois Infantry, May 3, 1861; Brigadier-General United States Volunteers, March 21, 1862; Brevet Major-General, December 15, 1862; mustered-out August 24, 1865.

McCONNELL, JOHN – Major 3d Illinois Cavalry, September 11, 1861; Colonel 5th Illinois Cavalry, June 15, 1863; Brevet Brigadier-General, March 13, 1865; mustered-out October 25, 1865.

McNULTA, JOHN – Captain, Company A, 1st Illinois Cavalry, May 3, 1861 to July 14, 1862; Lieutenant-Colonel 94th Illinois Infantry, August 20, 1862; Colonel, November 29, 1862; mustered-out July 17th, 1865. Now Receiver "Wabash" Railway System, Chicago, Illinois.

MATTHEWS, A.C. – Captain, Company C, 99th Illinois Infantry, August 23, 1862; Major, October, 9, 1863; Lieutenant-Colonel, May 25, 1864; Colonel, December 16, 1864; mustered-out July 31, 1865.

MARTIN, PARKHURST T. – Promoted to Captain, Company K, 14th Illinois Infantry, as re-organized March 18, 1865; mustered-out September 16, 1865.

MOORE, JESSE H. – Colonel 115th Illinois Infantry, September 13, 1862; Brevet Brigadier-General, May 15, 1865; mustered-out June 11, 1865. Appointed United States Consul to Callao, Peru 1881, and died at his post of yellow fever.

MORY, W.J.

NORTH, ALFRED A. – (See Portrait, page). Enlisted September 21, 1861, as First Lieutenant Company A, 10th Illinois Cavalry; resigned February 23, 1863, on account of ill health; commissioned Captain, Company M, 10th Illinois Cavalry, April 26, 1864; resigned October 15,

1864, on account of disease contracted in the service; brevetted Major, March 15, 1865.

PHELPS, JOHN S. (For Biography, see page).

PRENTISS, B.M. – Colonel 10th Illinois Infantry, April 29, 1861; Brigadier-General United States Volunteers, May 17, 1861; Major-General, November 29, 1862 – October 8, 1863.

PRESCOTT, WILLIAM T.

PUTERBAUGH, GEORGE – First Lieutenant, Company E, 47th Illinois Infantry, August 25, 1861; Captain, September 2, 1862; mustered-out October 11, 1864. Junior Vice-Commander, Department of Illinois, 1880.

RUSSELL, ROBERT – Private, Company F, 64th Illinois Infantry, December 17, 1861; Sergeant-Major, December 30, 1863; Adjutant, July 13, 1865; mustered-out July 1, 1865.

SCATES, WALTER B. – Major and Adjutant-General, June 30, 1862, on staff of General McClelland; mustered-out January 4, 1866. Since deceased.

SICKLES, WALTER B. – Major, 9th Illinois Cavalry, September 18, 1861 to February, 1862; promoted Lieutenant-Colonel; resigned January 23, 1863, for disability; afterwards commissioned Colonel 147th Illinois Infantry, February 21, 1865; mustered-out January 28, 1866; Brevet Brigadier-General to date, March 13, 1865.

SHEPARD, LEVIN W. – Captain and Assistant-Quartermaster United States Army, October 3, 1862; mustered-out October 7, 1865; brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel for faithful services during the war. Died while serving as Secretary of Illinois Soldiers Home, Quincy, Illinois.

SMITH, GEORGE P. – Colonel 129th Illinois Infantry, September 8, 1862-May 7, 1863.

SMITH, BENJAMIN F. – Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of General John Cook, Commanding Military Department of Illinois.

VAN METER, H. – Assistant Surgeon 114th Illinois, September 1, 1862; Surgeon, August 14, 1863; mustered-out August 3, 1863.

WAIT, SHERIDAN – Major and Assistant Adjutant-General staff of General Oglesby. Adjutant-General State of Illinois.

WILSON, ROBERT – Sergeant 8th Illinois, 3 months service; Captain, Company A, 8th Illinois Infantry, 3 years service, July 25, 1861-October 20, 1862.

In its issue of July 13, 1866, the *Illinois Journal*, Springfield, said editorially, in an article headed –

“GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.”

“The proceedings of the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, which met in this city yesterday, will be found on the fourth page, and will command general attention. The attendance was quite large, and all arms of the military service were fully and ably represented; indeed, among the delegates to the convention, we observe many of the most distinguished men who took part in the war for the Union from the State of Illinois. The sessions of the convention were private, but we understand that the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed.

“From the resolutions reported by Major-General Hurlbut, it will be observed that the object of the organization is not political in a mere party sense, but is to render all material aid and assistance in supplying the wants of the widow and the fatherless, and in furnishing

employment to the poor, and to those wounded in the service of our common country.”

Major Stephenson called the meeting to order, and appointed a committee on organization, who reported the following as officers of the convention:

President, Colonel Walter B. Scates, of Chicago; Vice-Presidents, Major-General B.M. Prentiss and Brigadier-General James M. True; Secretary, Major Robert M. Woods, of Springfield; Assistant Secretaries, Captain Thomas M. Thompson, of Chicago, and Private Fred H. Hall, of Chicago; Sentinel, Lieutenant B.F. Hawkes.

The following constituted the Committee on Resolutions:

Colonel John J. Jones, Major-General S.A. Hurlbut, General N.T. Frohock, Brigadier-General Hiram F. Sickles, Captain George Puterbaugh, Adjutant Daniel W. Munn, Colonel A.C. Matthews, Colonel George P. Smith, Captain Hill, General I.N. Haynie, Captain Isaac Clemens, and Dr. George T. Allen.

Major-General Hurlbut reported he following resolutions from the committee, which were adopted:

“RESOLVED. That we, the Soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognizing the power of the principles of association, do hereby pledge ourselves, each to the other, to render all material aid and assistance in supplying the wants of the widow and the fatherless, and in furnishing employment to the poor, and to those wounded and disabled in the service of our common country.

“RESOLVED. That as we have stood by the Government at the peril of our lives in war, so will we make it ever our care that no known enemy of our country shall wield the power in the Republic, but the same arms which defended its sanctuary against open violence, will protect it unflinchingly against all secret machinations, and never lay down our weapons until peace based on the principles of universal liberty shall be assured.

“RESOLVED. That treason consummated in rebellion is a crime of the most malignant nature, and that every possible guarantee should be demanded by all branches of the Government against the rash admission to place and power of those who were active participants in rebellion, and thereby forfeited the rights of American citizens; and that we, the soldiers of the nation who fought for supremacy of the national authority, have a right to demand that the safety of the Republic should be held paramount to all other considerations by the Executive and Congress.

Letters were read from Governor Fletcher, of Missouri and Governor Oglesby, of Illinois.

Governor Fletcher said: “I most heartily approve of the objects of your organization, and can assure you that it is worthy of the highest regard and most enthusiastic support of American soldiers.”

Governor Oglesby said: “Every feeling of my heart and every purpose of my will is to promote the interests and happiness of the soldier. He is the friend of his country – he is my friend, and under all circumstances and at every hazard, I am his. You will always find me, as you have found me, energetically laboring for the success and promotion of the welfare of the soldiers of our country.”

Permanent officers of the Department of Illinois were elected as follows:

Major-General JON M. PALMER, Department Commander; Major-General JOHN COOK, Assistant Department Commander; General JULES C. WEBBER,

Adjutant-General; Colonel JOHN M. SNYDER, Quartermaster-General; Captain JOHN A. LIGHTFOOT, Assistant Adjutant-General. Council of Administration – General JOHN McARTHUR, General T.F. MATHER and General I.C. PUGH.

Major Stephenson was aggrieved at the failure of the Convention to elect him Department Commander, but the members felt that the interests of the organization would be much better advanced under leadership of some popular soldier, who had been through the war in active field service.

The committee decided on General John M. Palmer, who was then in the service, but was soon expected home, and who, it was believed, would cheerfully accept the honor of an election.

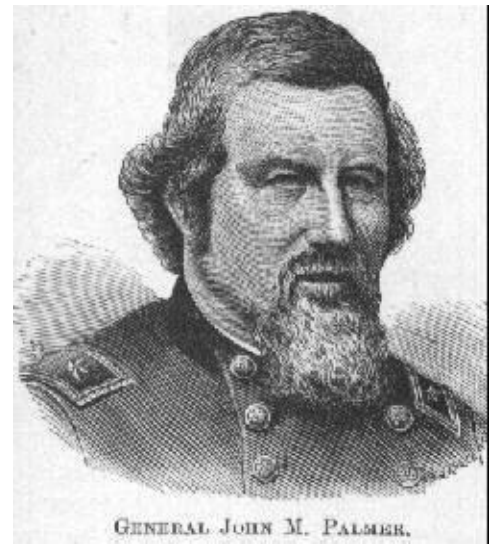
It was arranged that Chaplain Rutledge, as Major Stephenson's most intimate friend and adviser, should second the nomination of General Palmer, and in so doing give full credit to Major Stephenson for his services as the organizer of the Order. This duty Chaplain Rutledge ably discharged, and Major Stephenson, deeply moved by the references to their associations in the past, and recognizing the personally kindly feelings of the members toward himself, stated that Chaplain Rutledge was the first to suggest the idea of this organization and had aided and encouraged its successful consummation.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Surgeon W. Davis, of Paris, Illinois, was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, we, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognize in Major Stephenson, of Springfield, Illinois, the head and front of the organization, be it therefore resolved, that for the energy, loyalty, and perseverance manifested in organizing the Grand Army of the Republic, he is entitled to the gratitude of all brave men, and that we, the soldiers, hereby tender him our thanks, and pledge him our friendship at all times and under all circumstances."

General John Cook, Assistant Department Commander, in the absence of General Palmer, assumed command of the Department, and on July 13, 1866, announced in General Orders No. 1 the following staff: General Jules C. Webber, Adjutant-General; Colonel John M. Snyder, Quartermaster-General; Captain John A. Lightfoot, Assistant Adjutant-General.

The work of establishing Posts was now entered into with more system and more success as to numbers of Posts organized, but a General Order, issued by General Palmer, in April, 1867, referred to the fact that many Districts and Posts had made no returns since their organization.



General John M. Palmer, Department Commander, was born in Kentucky, September 13, 1817. His parents settled in Madison County, Illinois, in 1831. He studied law, and was duly admitted to practice. In 1854 he was elected to the State Senate as a Democrat, but in 1856, on the organization of the Republican Party, he affiliated with it, and in 1860 canvassed the State for the election of Mr. Lincoln. In 1861 he organized the 14th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was promoted to Brigadier-General United States Volunteers, December 20, 1861, and Major-General, November 29th, 1862. He commanded a Division of the 4th Army Corps, and also the 14th Corps, and afterwards commanded this and the 21st Corps. He rendered most valuable service during the whole period of the war. On June 27, 1865, he was assigned to command the Department of Kentucky, with headquarters at Louisville. At the time of his election as Department Commander he was on duty at Raleigh, North Carolina. He resigned from the army September 1, 1866. He was Governor of Illinois, 1869 to 1873.

General John Cook, Assistant Department Commander, had the honor of placing in the field the first regiment from Illinois – 7th Infantry. At Fort Donelson, Colonel Cook commanded the 3d Brigade of General C.F. Smith's Division. He was promoted Brigadier-General March 21st, 1862, and at the time of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic was in command of the Military District of Springfield, and, with members of his Staff took active interest in the formation of the Order.



In October, 1866, Department had been formed in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, and Posts in Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

The Constitution, amended in Springfield, prescribed that each Department should have but two representatives in the National Organization, but it was manifestly impracticable to then organize upon that basis, and the General Orders (Chapter V), convening a National Convention at Indianapolis, November 20, called for representation from Posts and By District and Department Officers.

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The early records of the Department are not now to be found, and it seems impossible to obtain a full and correct roster of Posts established in 1866-1867. No report was made to the National Encampment, which met in Philadelphia in January 1868. But in 1869, General Thomas O. Osborn, who had succeeded General Palmer as Department Commander, reported the existence of about 340 Posts.

In April, 1867, Adjutant-General Webber, Quartermaster-General Snyder, and Adjutant-General Lightfoot resigned their positions on the Department Staff, and Colonel Daniel Grass, of Springfield, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General. The later record of the Department will be found under the head of ILLINOIS.

The election of a Department Commander by the Springfield Convention relieved Major Stephenson of any further responsibility for the work of organization in Illinois, and he turned his attention to other States, acting as Commander-in-Chief, without other authority than that first assumed, as the organizer of the Grand Army of the Republic.

General Webber and Colonel Snyder gave their attention more particularly to the Department of Illinois and the principal labor elsewhere devolved upon Adjutant-General Robert M. Woods, who visited Columbus, Ohio, St. Louis, Missouri, and other points, to arrange for the organization of Departments, for the same purpose. Colonel Snyder organized the Department of Minnesota.

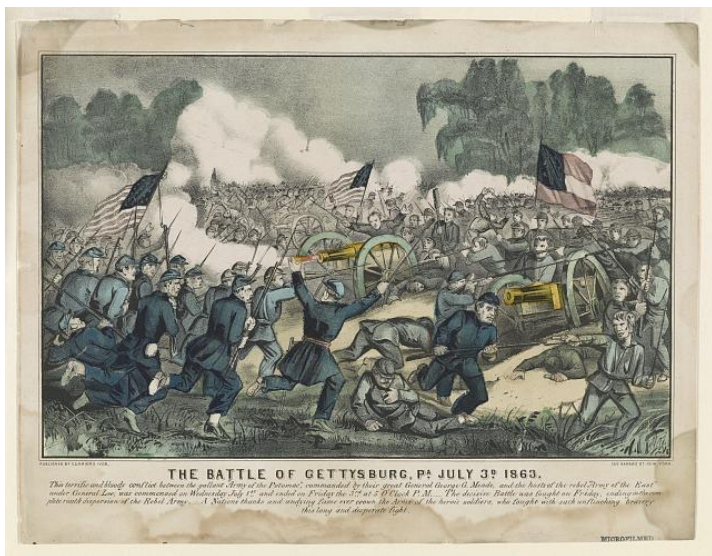
The limits of authority for forming Posts had not been especially defined, and Posts, and Department officers, and members, organized Post whenever the opportunity was presented, in many cases without even reporting such action to Headquarters, which necessarily occasioned confusion in the assignment of Posts to their proper numerical positions, already complicated by the numbering in Districts. Comrades Fred L. Dean, J.A. Kuykendall, and P.H. Conkling were detailed as clerks at Headquarters, and so served after Major Stephenson became Adjutant-General. Adjutant-General R.M. Woods advanced the funds necessary for expenses at Headquarters, and financial assistance was also given by other comrades. The Department of Indiana supplied Major Stephenson with blank charters, rituals and regulations.



Headquarters of General Meade at Gettysburg



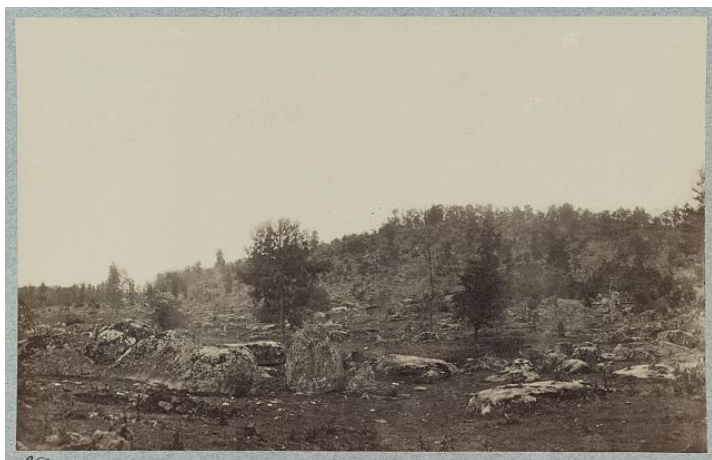
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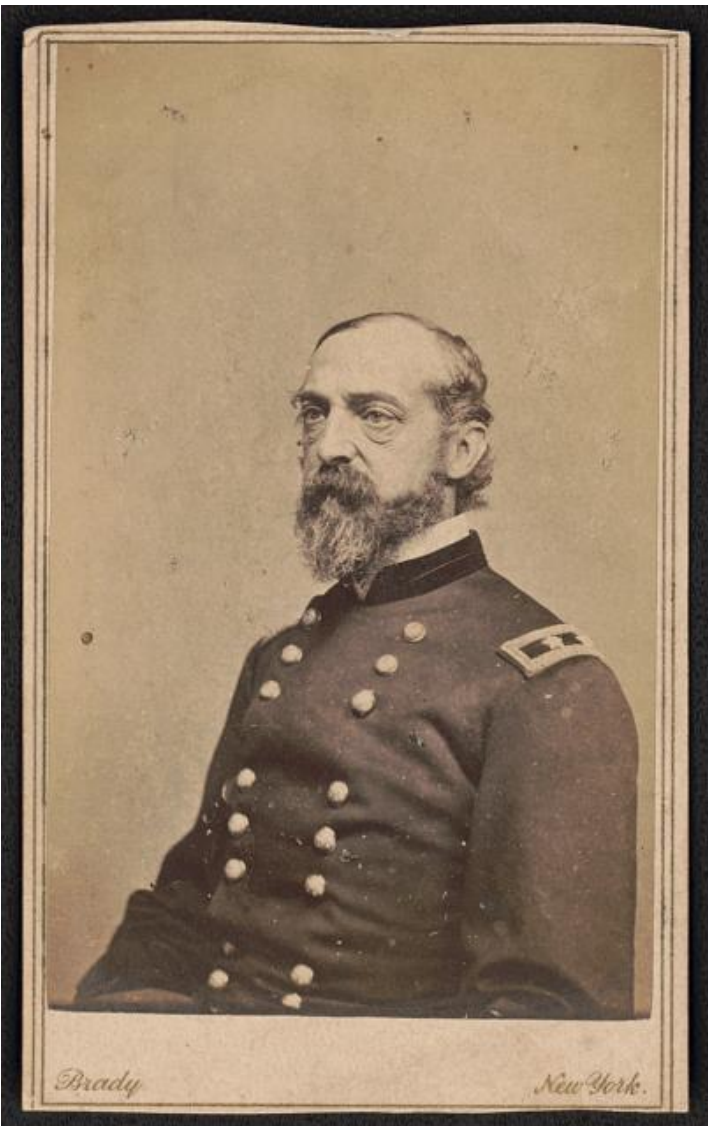
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Joshua L. Chamberlain



Major General George Meade



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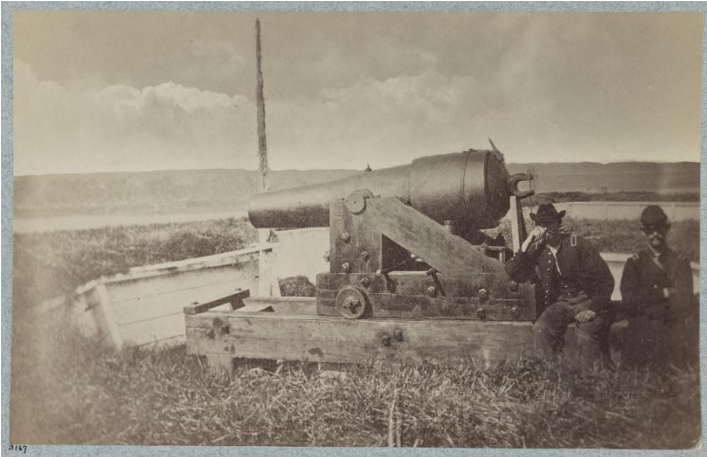
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Vicksburg Levee and Steamboats



Grant's Headquarters



Confederate Gun "Whistling Dick"



Devil's Backbone



Battery Sherman

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General View of the Battle of Vicksburg