

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

Officers of Three Wars
Seek Recognition.

Union Jack for Roger Wolcott
Camp, L. S. W. V.

Interesting Items for the G. A. R., S. of
V., MVM and W. R. O.

When the U S volunteers were mustered out of the service it was found that there were just 35 officers who had not only served in the Philippines, but also in the civil and Cuban wars. These officers had not only served in these three wars, but had all seen hard service, especially was this the case with the two officers from Massachusetts, Maj Reuben A. Whipple and Capt Jas. P. Clare.

Of these 35 officers 11 have been given commissions in the regular service, and very naturally the remaining 24 feel aggrieved and are now asking that the bills before congress for retired officers of the regular army, who served in the civil war, the war with Spain and the war in the Philippines, be so amended as to include all officers who served in these wars.

It is a small concession for the government to make, but will be a great boon to those who seek it, and who have justly earned recognition from the nation for their faithful and honorable service.

Capt James P. Clare is a native of Chelsea, where he was born 66 years ago. When he was 7 years old his parents moved to Milford, where they were living at the outbreak of the civil war. When but a lad young Clare was very enthusiastic over everything pertaining to the military and in an imaginative way led his command on numerous battlefields and always to victory.

When the civil war broke out young Clare was but 15 years old. The news of the firing on Sumter awakened all the military spirit within him and he was determined to become a soldier. His desires were not sanctioned by his parents, but that had no effect upon the boy. He had decided to throw himself into the breach in behalf of his country, and so far as he was concerned that settled the question.

He was too young to be readily accepted as a soldier, a fact which he fully appreciated. As the result of his persistency in his determination he became intach as a musician to Co. B, 19th Mass volunteers, and was a happy boy when his position with the volunteers was assured. In a comparatively short time he became the principal musician of his regiment and later entered with such zest into the duties of a soldier's life that he was advanced step by step until, at the time of his discharge, when he was a member of the 26th Mass volunteers, he had been commissioned a second lieutenant.

At the close of the war Capt Clare went to West Acton and later to Leominster. About 30 years ago he went to Hudson and has resided there ever since, excepting when the country was having a vigorous dispute, which led to warfare then Capt Clare would be engaged as a soldier seeking to protect his country's flag.

In the course of his life here Capt Clare has been prominently identified with the affairs of the town. He has had many years been a member of Reno post 9, G. A. R.

April 30, 1897, he received his commission as captain of Co M, 5th regt, MVM, and was with the regiment during its service in the Spanish-American war, and in the course of that service was acting major for five months.

When it became evident that there was to be fighting in the Philippines Capt Clare was as determined to participate in it as he was in the civil war. He carefully made his plans, but did not take his fellow-townsmen into his confidence, and they were greatly surprised in July, 1899, when they learned that he had decided to retire from active and lucrative business life and accept a commission as first lieutenant in the 26th regt, USV, under Col Rice, who was Capt Clare's commander when the latter was mustered out of the term of service in the war of the rebellion.

Capt Clare served in the Philippines nearly two years, and while with his regiment made a fine record as a soldier. He was mustered out in May, 1901. Upon his return home he was given a grand reception, in which the whole town participated. The affair was one of the most significant events in the town's history, and Hudson's hero of three wars was given a royal welcome.

Capt Clare then took a vacation, which continued until the present session of the legislature, when he entered upon his duties as a messenger at the state house, a position to which he was appointed just before the legislature convened.

Maj Reuben A. Whipple was born at Smithfield, R. I. Aug 11, 1846. He came to Adams in 1852, and has since made this town his home. Coming of a military family, and reared in a military atmosphere, he took advantage of the first opportunity to engage in active service, and enlisted in 1861 at the age of 18 as a private in Co B, 8th Mass infantry. He served faithfully until the close of the rebellion, when he came back to Adams and engaged in the lime manufacturing business, which he continued up to a few years ago.

In 1887 a military company was organized in Adams, and Capt Whipple was the first chaplain of Co M, 2d infantry, MVM. Capt Whipple did excellent service in the state militia, and placed his company second to none in the regiment. He is an excellent marksman, and was for a number of years at the head of the company's rifle team, and won the buttons of a distinguished marksman. In 1894 he was elected major of the 2d battalion, where he served until 1898, when he was commissioned major of volunteers in the same regiment, and served all through the Cuban campaign.

During a part of the siege of Santiago he had command of the regiment. His excellent service became widely known in military circles, and when the regiment had returned home after the Spanish war Maj Whipple was called to Washington and given a commission as captain in the 26th U S volunteer infantry, under Col Rice, and was recruiting officer for western Massachusetts district.

The regiment was at once put into active service in the Philippines, and in July, 1899, Capt Whipple was appointed regimental quartermaster, serving in this capacity until December of the same year, when he took command of Co L, with which he served in all active field service of the regiment. He was mustered out May 13, 1901, and returned to Adams a veteran of three wars.

No man in the regiment was more popular than Maj Whipple. In camp and in the field he was ever watchful of his men. He mingled with them in such a way as to win their respect and confidence without losing the esteem of his brother officers.

Maj Whipple was married in 1871. His oldest son, George Whipple, entered the military service with his father, and during the Cuban campaign was a corporal in Co M. After the surrender of Santiago he was taken sick and died in the division hospital at Santiago Aug 12. Maj Whipple, though never very active in politics, has always taken a

material interest in town affairs, and has been appointed to several positions of responsibility by the town government.

PLANS FOR MANEUVERS.
Officials Conversant with Details
Very Reticent.

It has been finally and definitely decided that the joint army and navy maneuvers will be held next summer as suggested by the chief of the artillery corps. Col Randolph has recently been to Newport for the purpose of consulting with the commandant of the Naval War college regarding plans for the maneuvers. All of the officials who are conversant with the details thus far worked out are very reticent and refuse to discuss the project.

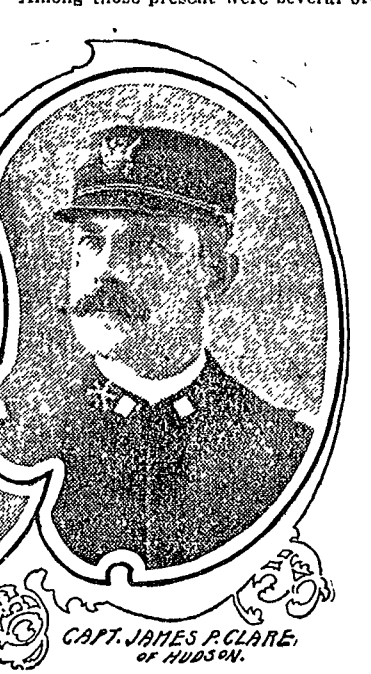
The General Policy board of the navy will make the plan of attack for the navy and only naval officers of high rank will be given the details. The plans for the army will be worked out at the War department.

It was feared for a time that some trouble would be had in getting the proper number of guns and other appliances at the forts, which will be engaged in the maneuvers. This matter, however, has finally been settled to the satisfaction of the chief of the artillery corps, the ordnance department and engineer corps having signified a willingness to assist in every possible manner to the success of the enterprise.—Army and Navy Journal.

FLAG PRESENTATION.
Union Jack for Roger Wolcott Camp,
L. S. W. V.

At the meeting of Roger Wolcott camp, L. S. W. V., on Thursday night the business was quickly disposed of and the meeting turned over to the bluejackets of the camp. The occasion was the formal presentation of a union jack to the camp, and the ceremony took place in true naval style. All hands were "piped" to stand by for colors, and, under the command of Color Sergt E. F. Garagan, who served on the St Paul in '98, the beautiful blue-starred ensign was escorted to its proper station beside old glory. The time was marked off by bells, sounded at proper intervals, on a regulation ship's bell, and the naval trumpet calls were sounded by comrade Bergonzoni, who had just received the honors of membership.

At the conclusion of this ceremony the jackets gave an exhibition of the antics executed when crossing the equator, comrade Fred Brigham giving a fine representation of Old Neptune in full regalia, with trident. A most attractive entertainment followed, in which the following took part: Harry Kane, Master Bentile, Qm B. B. Osthus, George Sloane, Timothy Quinn, Frank Murphy, Edward Coulton and John Newman. Among those present were several of-



siders of the grand muster and from neighboring camps.

"NONCOMS" TO ORGANIZE.
Meeting Called for Tuesday Evening
at the South Armory.

A meeting for the organization of the proposed association of noncommissioned staff officers of the state militia will be held on Tuesday evening, in the board of officers' room at the south armory. It is the desire of the organizers to have as large an attendance as possible.

The organization will include both present and past "noncom staff" officers and each man should make special effort to be present. The meeting will be called to order at 8:15.

Those desiring to become members and unable to attend, should write to William H. McEwen Jr., 55 Winslow av., West Somerville, before Tuesday evening, and he will present their names for membership.

FIRST HEAVY ARTILLERY.
The regulation escort was paraded by battery I on Tuesday at the funeral in Brockton of Edward Allaire, late private in the 6th Massachusetts Infantry, U S volunteers.

Maj Nutter will preside at an election ordered for Monday, March 17, to fill the vacant commission in battery I, Brockton, caused by the resignation of 1st Lieut W. H. Nilsson.

Among last week's visitors at regimental headquarters were Col F. G. King, late major of the regiment, accompanied by Capt. Bennion, formerly of the British volunteer engineers; Col A. S. Austin and Capt L. E. Jenkins of the "old first" veterans, and Lieut J. O. Porter, late USN.

Through a clerical error the name of Sergt William Stevens, battery C, was omitted from the general order announcing the roll of honor for 1901. Sergt Stevens has a record of 100 percent attendance at all drills and ordered tours for the years 1900-01. He is gun commander of the permanent eight-inch detachment of his battery.

At the battery inspections recently made by the field officers of the regiment the aggregate battery enrollment was 123, present at inspection 153, absent 30. The attendance was highly satisfactory, when it is recalled that six of the inspections were held on unusually stormy evenings.

Maj Dyar's 1st battalion will parade at the south armory for infantry drill on Wednesday evening, when the annual review in honor of the veterans of the "old first" will occur. The veteran association will escort their war veterans, and will be under command of Frigate Col G. H. Bird. Seats will be reserved in the drill hall for the veterans and friends accompanying them.

An election was held in battery E, New Bedford, on Monday evening, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of 2d Lieut J. F. Fuller. Maj Nutter presided and on the first ballot 1st Sergt J. C. Spooner, a veteran noncommissioned officer of the battery, was chosen. On his declination of the proposition Sergt E. L. Snell was given the vacant commission. Last week's inspections by Col Benyon were as follows: Monday, battery B, Capt Lombard, enrollment 63, present 61, absent 2; Tuesday, battery D, Capt Frothingham, enrollment 63, present 58, absent 5, percent present 92.1; Wednesday, battery G, Capt Chis, enrollment 62, present 53, absent 9, percent present 85.5. The strength of the battery was affected by the severe storm.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.
Mrs Lyman, department president, will be a guest of post 7, Boston, at the anniversary Tuesday evening, and the anniversary of post 8, Middleboro, Thursday evening.

Corps 79, Brighton, is making elaborate arrangements for a reception to Mrs Lyman in honor of her election as department president. Every corps is invited and all members of the order will be welcome, March 18. Other organizations in which Mrs Lyman is interested will also be present. Mrs Lyman and corps 79 attended the funeral of Mrs Brighton, yesterday, when the service of the order was conducted by Mrs Abbie L. Perry, president, and other officers. Mrs Homer was chosen chap-

lain at the last election, for the fifth consecutive year, and was very highly esteemed. She was the wife of Sergt Homer of police headquarters, who has the sympathy of numerous friends in his bereavement.

Mrs Marie J. Kendall, past department patriotic instructor, is serving Corps 30 of Gardner as secretary this year.

Corps 102, Weymouth, will hold a meeting in G. A. R. hall, East Weymouth, Tuesday afternoon, with supper and entertainment in the evening.

Corps 49, Ayer, will hold a social in G. A. R. hall March 18.

Members of corps 38, Beverly, attended the 25th marriage anniversary of their sister, Mrs Alice P. Collamore, Tuesday evening, and presented her with silver and other gifts.

Mrs Lennan of the department executive board, reports that the children's colonial party given by corps 106, Fall River, was a great success.

The quarterly meeting of the Norfolk county association will be held at Canton, April 2, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Mrs Kate A. Hayden of Quincy is president and Mrs Roxie R. Hunt of Canton secretary.

The Bristol county association will hold its quarterly meeting in Fall River, April 9, when corps 106 will entertain. Mrs Lyman and other department officers will attend both conventions.

Corps 28, Newburyport, attended the anniversary of post 49, Tuesday evening, and Mrs Martha C. Levy, president, presented a sum of money to Commander Underwood for the post fund, on behalf of the corps.

GRAND ARMY NOTES.
Department Commander W.W. Blackmar will attend the 35th anniversary of Charles Russell Lowell post 7, on Tuesday evening.

On account of the great success attending the campfire at Mechanic's hall, April 19, 1900, and the general demand for a repetition, the council of administration at its meeting on Friday, discussed the matter. Finally it was decided to hold one on June 17, to which all posts in the department will be invited.

Department officers will attend the anniversaries of Post 63, Natick, and Post 7, Boston, on Tuesday evening; Post 49, Abington, Wednesday evening; and Post 48, Marlboro, Friday.

There were two deaths at the Soldiers' home, this week, that of Benjamin T. Livingston taking place on Monday, and Frank M. Adams passed away on Wednesday.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.
Department Pros Mrs Emma E. Polce, in her first general order, urges upon all circles throughout the state the importance of the appointment of a corresponding secretary, that all matters of interest may be reported to the department corresponding secretary, Mrs Austin P. Quinby, Salem. It is also enjoined upon each circle to appoint a committee to solicit articles for the department table at the Easter sale, to be held by the Jane R. Newton circle. All donations of money should be sent to the department secretary, Mrs Fannie L. Barnes, 67 7th st, Springfield.

Annie Bitheridge circle will serve a turkey supper at Benevolent hall, Market st. Lynn, Mass. Tuesday evening.

UNDER THE FLAG.
One of the most enjoyable social events of the past week was that tendered to their lady friends by the Fusileer veteran association and which took place at headquarters on Thursday evening. A fine program was prepared by Maj Hatch and his officers, for their entertainment, and was followed by refreshments.

The following gifts were received at the Soldiers' home this week: W. R. C., 100, Brookline, 7 coats for hospital; picture, calendar, reading matter and old linen for room 37. Reading matter from Co. W. II, Sanborn and M. L. Carter, Boston; Boston fruit and produce exchange; Mrs Brown and Mrs Winn, Chelsea. Number of men in home 361; in hospital 124.

Roxbury camp 13, L. S. W. V., Roxbury, has formed a ladies' auxiliary with 48 charter members.

A squad of union ex-prisoners of war, who messed together in various southern prisons during the civil war, from Libby to Columbia, met in annual reunion at Lynn's hotel Saturday. It was the anniversary of their coming through the lines near Cape Fear river, Wilmington, March 1, 1865. The party consisted of Capt George W. Creasey, 35th Infantry; Capt Charles W. Hastings, 12th Infantry; Capt Richard H. Chester, Capt H. M. Cross and Lieut Joseph E. Moody, 65th Infantry. They were accompanied by their wives.

Pers William G. Bird of the 1st Mass.

Infantry veteran association has received and accepted an invitation from Col James A. Frye, 1st heavy artillery, to have the survivors of the "Old First" present at the South armory on Wednesday evening at the drill of the 1st (Maj Dyar's) battalion. The "old boys" will parade with their regimental colors, and with full ranks. There is a strong bond of friendship between the vets of '61 and those of '98. The veterans will be accompanied by their wives and daughters.

The ladies of the Veteran Navy association of Salem will serve a famous supper at A. O. U. W. hall, Friday evening, the proceeds to be for their relief fund. March 28 they will have an entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music, etc.

SONS OF VETERANS.
Commander-in-Chief Campbell will attend the annual convention of the Connecticut division at Derby, April 15-16.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling is arranging for a trip to Porto Rico, to visit the places where he saw service in the Spanish-American war.

Camp 59, South Framingham, will attend the muster of the new camp at Milford in a body.

Past Department Commander John E. Gilman of the Massachusetts department G. A. R., will give a talk on personal experiences in the civil war, before the members of Gen Nelson A. Miles camp 46, Roxbury, tomorrow evening.

Past Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake of Pennsylvania recently made a flying trip to the north on business and pleasure, and has returned to Caracas, Venezuela.

Division Adjt Arthur E. Bent is secretary of the republican town committee of South Framingham.

In accordance with the vote of the recent encampment a notice will be sent to the camps of the Massachusetts division requesting contributions to the army nurses' fund.

Capt John E. Gilman Jr of camp 46, Roxbury, served on the detail of troop D, 1st battalion cavalry, MVM, in the escort of Prince Henry Thursday.

The Maine division reports a substantial gain for the last quarter.

Under most auspicious conditions a new camp was mustered at Hillsboro, N. H., Feb 17, and among the charter members are many prominent business men of the town. The name of the new camp is Thomas L. Carr camp 15, and its officers are W. M. Watson capt, Bert L. Crane 1st lieut, C. P. Grimes 2d lieut. The division encampment will be at Concord, April 24 and 25.

Lieut Nathaniel Bowditch camp 30, Dorchester, will celebrate its 18th birthday Thursday evening, March 13, at G. A. R. hall, Dorchester. The division commander, members of the division council and local camps have been invited to attend.

GRAPE AND CANISTER
Lieut Harry Dalton of the 19th Infantry, USA, is the proud father of a son, which is reported to be the first American-born child in the Philippines. It was born at Tagbalaran, Bohol, on Jan 9, and both mother and boy are reported as doing well. Lieut Dalton is a nephew of Adjt Gen Samuel Dalton, and got his first military training in the 2d corps of cadets.

On Wednesday evening the 36th annual reunion of the National Lancers veteran association will take place at the armory, Bulfinch st., at 8 o'clock.

Roxbury city guard, battery D, 1st heavy artillery, MVM, will celebrate its 18th anniversary with a banquet at the Quincey house, on Tuesday evening, and in addition to the active members of the battery several prominent men in civic and military circles will be present.

A council of officers of the 6th Infantry, MVM, will be held at the south armory, on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Col Charles K. Darling will preside.

It is extremely gratifying to see that the governor's council has selected Lieut Col William H. Devine as marshal of the parade at the dedication of the monument at South Boston, March 17. The colonel is eminently qualified for the position, and his selection of Capt William J. Casey, adjutant of the 9th Infantry, as his chief of staff, is an excellent appointment. Col Devine was in consultation with Adjt Gen Dalton yesterday with regard to the military detail that will be ordered out on that occasion, and while nothing definitely was settled, the following detail will be made: 1st corp of cadets; companies A, B, C, E, I, J, and I of the 9th Infantry, and a platoon of battery A. It is also expected that the Ancient and Honorable artillery company and several other veteran organizations will participate. Telegrams have also been sent to the war and navy departments asking for details from the forts and the navy yard on that occasion.

It seems rather strange that Adjt Gen Dalton cannot get officers, as required by general orders, to make their property returns, and get their responsi-

bility money which is due them, but such is the fact. For several weeks he has called the officers' attention to this matter, but without effect. If officers will not obey orders, what can be expected of the rank and file?

Now that the appropriation has become available regulations for new clothing for the MVM will be filled as fast as received at headquarters.

The governor with a detail of his staff will attend the dedication of the monument exercises at South Boston, March 17.

First Lieut F. W. Stopford of the artillery corps, USA, will remain on recruiting duty at Salem until April 1, and Lieut E. D. Powers has been granted seven days' leave of absence from his post at fort Wadsworth.

J. Harry Hartley.