

# "The Unremembered Soldier"

To the Survivors of the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion—By Wm. Sooy Smith.

Fellow Soldiers:  
During the great war in which we participated the American people were a nation of "hero worshipers," glad to sound the praises of the armies that fought, and perhaps still more delighted to heap honors on the heads of those who led them.

The heroes of the hour were generally the commanders of armies, or at least of corps. Now and then a commander of a division, or even of a brigade, regiment or company, favored by circumstances, rose to the surface and was proudly tossed on the waves of popular applause. The people were pleased to bestow honors, and their favorites no less pleased to receive them. And this was right, when great services were really rendered and the honors given fairly won.

But how often did the soldiers at the front feel indignant at the columns of fulsome falsehood we read in the newspapers that reached us describing unimportant skirmishes as great battles, and lauding officers to the skies for their bravery and skill, who perhaps had not even sniffed the smell of villainous gunpowder, when their handful of men had won the great victory? How often did we know that some poor straggling newspaper correspondent had found his way to the camp, and had been furnished with tent and blanket, poor cigars and worse whiskey, and in the plenitude of his gratitude, with his blood and his imagination heated by his generous entertainment, and wishing to please home, and make popular the journal he served, had written spread-eagle nonsense, utterly regardless of truth? And even when great battles were really fought, who of us that took part in them would even have recognized the actual engagements from the written descriptions of them?

We all know that there was a very large class of officers who, during the war, studied and employed every means available to them in getting all the notoriety and praise they could for what they did, and even for what they did not do. Many of them had friends at court and did more at Washington to get promotion than they did in the field to earn it. We know that men were made brigadiers and even major generals who knew little of military affairs theoretically, and absolutely nothing of them practically. We know what war horses they bestrode, and what wonderful plumes and epulettes they wore.

And even some of the most deserving were praised as they felt and acknowledged far beyond that which was due to their actual services. When the purpose of the government to create the rank of general and confer it on Grant was first known to him, he disapproved of it and stated that up to that time he thought no one had demonstrated his superiority over all the rest sufficiently to make it advisable to create this grade for his benefit. How refreshing was this truthfulness and modesty contrasted with the scramble for promotion in which so many were engaged?

As time goes on the great public drops from its recollection the many, and exaggerates more and more the merits of the few.  
It is the misfortune of the common soldier to be remembered only in the mass. He can get no distinct, individual fame. The phalanx of Philip, under him and his illustrious son, conquered the world; but was the name of a single one of the heroes who held one of the spears that formed that glittering and resistless wall no man knows.

The world may never forget the brilliant Corsican who tore through Europe like a cyclone, but it has never had acquaintance with those who, stretched on Africa's sands, turned their sightless eyes to his burning sun, or, frozen stiff and stark, made food for wolves on Russian snows.

It was the valor and patriotism and sterling character of the soldiers of our revolution even more than the energy, bravery and skill of their commanders that made them successful in their seven years struggle with one of the most powerful military nations of the world. And it is so in all wars. The quality of the rank and file of an army is the prime cause of its success or failure—and the Greek proverb that "An army of stags with a lion to command, is better than an army of lions with a stag to command," is not and never was true. The simple truth is, that the historian chronicling the events which make the birth, growth and downfall of nations, mentions only the names of the most prominent actors, and disposes of the thousands who suffer and die, with a mere stroke of the pen.

We remember how eloquently, during the great war, orators promised immortality of fame to the men who donned the blue, shouldered their muskets, left their mothers and



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fathers, sisters and brothers, their wives and their children, and went to the front to suffer by the millions, and to die by tens of thousands. They and their children's children to the latest generation were to be held in grateful remembrance, and like Jefferson and Adams, "their names were to endure as long as if written in letters of living light betwixt Orlan and the Pelades."

How they marched through dust and mud and rain, bearing the burdens of pack-mules by day and by night, often on short rations, enduring the pangs of hunger and thirst. How often did they lie in bivouac in their wet blankets, drenched with rain or covered with snow, getting up to a hasty breakfast of hard-tack, bacon and coffee, long before daylight to form in line and fight in bloody battles the live long day. And who can adequately describe the picture which their blood painted on the field strewn with their mangled bodies, or the scenes which our hospitals presented after a fight?

"Sad, sad indeed are the signs of a foughten field." And sad too were the home scenes after a battle. Breathlessly their dear ones waited for tidings from them and tremblingly they scanned the long lists that were published of the killed, wounded and missing.

In our pension offices, custom houses and post offices throughout the country, and in the departments at Washington, many old soldiers and many widows and children of soldiers are employed. More should be. And even as employees in our private business, other things being equal, they should have preference. Our wonderfully generous provision of pensions for soldiers and their widows, proves that they are collectively held in grateful remembrance by our people, but the truth still remains that as individuals they are not honored as they should be.

In the Kremlin at Moscow, passing through the palace, I saw stately columns covered from base to capital, with the names of thousands of common soldiers and officers who had fought gallantly and died for their country. And I thought, this much abused Russia here sets an example to the world in giving as far as possible to the common soldier lasting recognition for his merits, and a record to which his descendants may point with pride.

I wish that our government would erect at the seat of government a shaft as high as the Washington monument, and cover it with non-corroding aluminum bronze on which should be inscribed the name of every officer or soldier, who during the war won special mention in official reports for gallant and meritorious conduct in action.

On all great civic occasions, in the midst of pomp and pageantry and ceremonial, prominent places should always be reserved for the surviving veterans, common soldiers as well as officers, and dear as is our starry banner to the sight of our people, should be that of their furrowed cheeks and snow-white hair.

I wish that every position in the civil service of our country, at home and abroad, was filled by an old soldier, so long as they could be found suitable in every way to fill them.

I wish that every one of them might have enough of this world's goods to place him beyond want and make him comfortable in his old age. And I especially wish that all whose conduct in life is worthy, should be held in such esteem and receive such kind and generous treatment that they would be made to feel that their services are appreciated and that they are respected and honored by the country they saved from division and destruction.

There are many who are here present, who have the pleasant consciousness of long and arduous service cheerfully and faithfully rendered, who have not had the experience of Cincinnati while living, and who cannot hope for perennial fame when dead. But that consciousness, and the glorious privilege of living as free men in our beloved country, and the pride and satisfaction that we feel in the fact that, united and great and powerful, we hand it over to our children and their descendants as the richest and best heritage, is our ample and soul-satisfying reward. And so with no envy toward those who have filled and still fill the public eye, let us enjoy all the well earned vians that our memories spread before us, and rejoicing that we fought and still live as American citizens, march down the hill and lie with those who sleep at its base—the "unremembered soldiers" of all the centuries.

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They expect to be gone about two weeks on this trip. Superintendent Arant anticipates encountering considerable snow before reaching the headquarters but believes the trip can be made easily on snow shoes and possibly without the aid of these because of the crusted snow. He also thinks the snow at the lake and headquarters will not be found anything like as deep this spring as it was at this time last year. Nearly 25 feet of snow fell a year ago at the park but it is not believed anything like this amount fell during the past winter as it has been much more open and less snow has fallen all over.

Mr. Mamyer will probably be in the park most of the time from now until next fall when the storms drive him out. He will take his wife and they will have general supervision over things there under Superintendent Arant.

## CLARK GETS VOTE MONTANA DEMOCRATS

RUTHE, Mont., May 30.—Champ Clark today has been endorsed by the state convention of the democrats meeting here and eight delegates were instructed to vote for him at the national convention as long the majority delegates have a belief that he has a chance to win.

### CHICAGO GIRLS MOST MODEST OF LOT

CHICAGO, May 30.—That the working girls of Chicago are more modest than those of New York is the opinion expressed today by C. H. Finley, manager of the 500 girls employed by the Western Union Telegraph company here.

When told of the rule just made that all girls working for the company in New York must wear shirt-waists covering up their chubby necks and extending below their elbows, Finley said:

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