

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

NOS. 57 AND 59 WEST FOURTH STREET.

CINCINNATI, JULY, 1889.

Dear Comrade:

The inclosed blank application is sent to you at the request of Companions of this Commandery, with the hope that you may desire to become a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; to which honor you are entitled by virtue of your official services during the war of the Rebellion, and your high personal character.

As the days of the great conflict for the preservation of the Union recede into the distant past, and, as one by one, the patriotic and brave comrades, who fought by our sides, are passing from earth, it seems all the more fitting that those of us who remain should be drawn closer together by all proper organizations.

"The ideas we fought for are the principles of the Loyal Legion," and it would seem to be the duty of every living ex-officer of the Union army, not only by his membership, but also by his best endeavors, to strengthen this distinguished organization, and to send it down to posterity as a living memorial of the loyalty, patriotism, and services of the defenders of the Union.

This is in fact a historical and memorial society. It aims not only to collect and preserve the history of our united efforts in the campaigns and battles of the Rebellion, but also to print for preservation a full epitome of the military services of each of its members. These histori-

cal sketches will form a part of the Nation's history during that period of great struggle, which in importance is second only to that of Revolutionary times.

The inclosed "Circular No. 3," current series, from these headquarters, will give information as to the PRINCIPLES and OBJECTS of the Order, and requisites for MEMBERSHIP. That circular also contains a list of the members of the Ohio Commandery at the date it was issued. Since that date there has been a net gain of 52, making the present membership of the Commandery 615.

For the purpose of securing uniformity in filling blank applications for membership, a specimen form of record is given on the opposite page.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT HUNTER,

Late Captain U. S. V.

Recorder.

SPECIMEN FORM OF RECORD.

Address and Date.....

Name in Full. Thus: George William Harrison.

Date and Place of Birth:.....

REGISTER—Entered service as a private in Co. —, — Regiment, O. V. I., June 15, 1861; promoted to Second Lieutenant, September 2, 1861; to First Lieutenant, May 20, 1862; to Captain, January 23, 1863; to Major, October 5, 1863; to Lieutenant-Colonel, May 30, 1864; to Colonel, December 21, 1864; mustered out with regiment, July 10, 1865; Brevetted Brigadier-General U. S. V., to date from March 13, 1865.

HISTORY OF SERVICE—Participated in movements in Kentucky, fall of 1861; in battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 7, 1862; siege of Corinth, Miss., May, 1862; battle of Stone's River, Tenn., December 31, 1862; and January 2, 1863; Tullahoma Campaign, June, 1863; battles of Liberty Gap, Tenn., June 25, 1863; Chickamauga, Ga., September 19 and 20, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tenn., November 25, 1863; Atlanta Campaign, May to August, 1864; Buzzard's Roost Gap, Ga., May 9, 1864; Resaca, Ga., May 13-16, 1864; Dallas, Ga., May 25, to June 4, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., June 9 to 30, 1864; Pine Mountain, Ga., June 15, 1864; Chattahoochee River, Ga., July 6-10, 1864; Peach-tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864; Atlanta, Ga. (Hood's First Sortie), July 22, 1864; Ezra Chapel, Ga., July 28, 1864; siege of Atlanta, July 28 to September 1, 1864; battle of Jonesboro, Ga., September 1, 1864; March to the Sea, from Atlanta to Savannah, Ga., November 12 to December 21, 1864; capture of Savannah, Ga., December 21, 1864; campaign of the Carolinas, February and March, 1865; battles of Averysboro, N. C., March 16, 1865; Bentonville, N. C., March 19-21, 1865; march from Goldsboro to Raleigh, N. C., and Washington, D. C., April and May, 1865; "Grand Review," Washington, D. C., May 24, 1865.

Wounded, slightly at Stone's River, severely at Chickamauga, slightly at Bentonville.