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REPORT
of the
CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL
COMMISSION

November 7, 1959 - January 3, 1963

MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

October 29, 1959

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NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 179

H. P. 124

House of Representatives, January 27, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tardiff of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Create a Commission to Commemorate the Centennial of
the American Civil War.**

It enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

ec. 1. Purpose. It is just and right that the people of the State of Maine, remembering the valor and sacrifice of its sons, who fought and died for principles which they believed eternal, and the sons of other states who also made supreme sacrifice for their convictions, should commemorate the 100th anniversary of the War Between the States. It is further declared that it shall be the policy of the State to perpetuate a knowledge of the deeds and traditions of our valiant people, who through the terrible ordeals of a great war, forged one nation undivided, under God. To that end there shall be a proper observance throughout Maine of the years that wrote their history in the blood of our nation and in its observance, to take those actions which will endure in the understanding and memory of the people of our State and those who visit with us.

c. 2. Commission. There is created the Maine Civil War Commission to commemorate the centennial of the American Civil War, hereafter referred to as the "commission". The commission shall be composed of 17 members including the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be ex officio members of the commission. The other members shall be appointed as follows:

I. Eight members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership thereof;

II. Four members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership thereof; and

III. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor from the State at large.

All members shall be appointed for terms to expire December 31, 1965, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made. The commission shall name 5 of its members to constitute an executive committee, which shall act for the commission pursuant to its direction.

The commission may appoint honorary members, and shall establish an Advisory Council, composed of such persons as it deems especially interested in the

celebration of the centennial of the Civil War, to assist it in its work. The Law Librarian of the Maine State Library shall be a member of said council.

The commission shall employ an executive director and such other assistants when they may be required.

Sec. 3. Duties. It shall be the duty of the commission to develop and co-ordinate the plans of the public and private agencies for commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. All agencies of the State and all political subdivisions are authorized to cooperate with the commission and to grant funds, property and services to it for the furtherance of the commemoration.

With the consent of the Governor first obtained, the commission may lease or purchase lands, property and structures deemed necessary for the purposes of such commemoration. The title to property acquired shall be taken in the name of the State.

The commission is authorized to enter into contracts, provided the same have been approved by the Attorney General, and to do all things proper and necessary for the proper commemoration of the events in the Civil War which occurred in the State of Maine.

The commission is empowered to adopt an official flag, seal and other emblems for such celebration, and to copyright the same in the name of the State. With the approval of the Governor, the commission may lease or sell the title to the use of such seal and other emblems upon such terms and conditions as seem proper.

In the lease or sale of any property or right of use, the commission shall provide that the revenues therefrom shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the commission and they are hereby reappropriated to the commission for its purposes. The commission is authorized to accept donations of money, property or personal services; to cooperate with the United States, state, civic, patriotic and historical groups, and with the institutions of learning.

Sec. 4. Proclamations. The Governor is authorized and requested to issue proclamations inviting the people of the State and of the United States to participate in and observe the centennial anniversaries of the significant historic events, the commemorations of which are provided for herein.

Sec. 5. Commission expenses. The members of the commission and Advisory Council shall serve without compensation, but shall receive their actual traveling expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as provided for herein.

Sec. 6. Report. An annual report of the activities of the commission shall be furnished by the commission to the Governor and Legislature.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the commission from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$3500.00 for the expenses and operation of the commission. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Robert G. Albion, 15 E Street, South Portland, Me.
Edward I. Bernstein, 465 Congress Street, Portland, Me.
Benjamin Butler, Farmington, Me.
Kathryn Campbell (Mrs. Chas.), RFD No. 3, South Brewer, Me.
Frank G. Chapman, 190 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, Me.
Murray M. Citrin, 147 Stevens Avenue, Portland, Me.
Donald Collins, Caribou, Me.
Stephen Cummings, 234 Main Street, Norway, Me.
Mrs. Grace Darling, Gray, Me.
Mrs. George A. Davis, Twin Coves, Southport, Me.
*Rev. Richard Davis, Peaks Island, Me.
Roland DeCoteau, Paris Hill, Me.
Roscoe Emery, Eastport, Me.
Howard Foley, Bangor, Me.
Raymond Gross, Gazette Paper, Rockland, Me.
Wendell Hadlock, Curator Farnsworth Museum, Rockland, Me.
Miss Ruth Hazelton, Librarian State Library, State House, Augusta, Me.
Carl Hamlin, Milo, Me.
Philip E. Hamlin, 549 Auburn Street, Portland, Me.
Miss Edith Hary, Law Librarian State Library, State House, Augusta, Me.
J. Elmer Hay, 48 Harlow Street, Brewer, Me.
Major General Edwin Heywood, Adj. General, Augusta, Me.
Miss Courtney Hinckley, Route 1A, Gardiner, Me.
Frank Hussey, Presque Isle, Me.
Philip M. Isaacson, 2 Benson Street, Lewiston, Me.
David M. Johnson, 846 Main Street, South Windham, Me.
Dr. Gordon N. Johnson, 73 Court Street, Houlton, Me.
William B. Jordan, Jr., Surf Road, Cape Elizabeth, Me.
Mrs. Ruth Jucius (Mrs. Chas.), Bar Harbor, Me.
Mrs. Basil Lamb, 36 Vera Street, Portland, Me.
Mrs. Helen Larsen, 77 Elm Street, Waterville, Me.
Dr. Robert Love, 75 Main Street, Gorham, Me.
Miss Rosella Lovett, S. P. High School, South Portland, Me.
S. Richard Mack, 21 Hastings Street, Portland, Me.
Henry Magnusson, TV Station WCSH, Congress Square Hotel, Portland, Me.
Robert Martin, 10 Elm Street, Augusta, Me.
Thomas L. Maynard, 33 Tremont Street, Portland, Me.
Mrs. Charlotte Melvin, Houlton, Me.
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David Nichols, Lincolnton Beach, Me.
 Duncan Oliphant, Editor Emeritus, Portland Sunday Telegram, Portland, Me.
 Henry J. Patten, 241 State Street, Augusta, Me.
 James E. Philoon, 250 Summer St., Auburn, Me.
 John Richards, 3 Dennis Street, Gardiner, Me.
 Dr. Magnus F. Ridlon, 99 Broadway, Bangor, Me.
 **Miss Elizabeth Ring, Deering High School, Portland, Me.
 Harry W. Rowe, 374 College Avenue, Lewiston, Me.
 Mrs. Carleton Scott, Wilton, Me.
 **Mrs. Alice Simonton, Simonton Corner, Camden, Me.
 Frank Southard, Jr., 128 State Street, Augusta, Me.
 Miss Jane Stevens, Bath Daily Times, Bath, Me.
 James Vickery, 530 Main Street, Dexter, Me.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Vinal, 469 Main Street, Rockland, Me.
 Mrs. Frances Warner, 822 Middle Street, Bath, Me.
 Dr. Harold L. Woolf, 10 Congress Square, Portland, Me.
 Miss Esther Wood, Blue Hill, Me.
 Roger C. Williams, Creative Associates, Portland, Me.

*Moved out of State.

**Resigned.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

To Governor John H. Reed, the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

INTRODUCTION

The Maine Civil War Centennial Commission was established by vote of the 99th Legislature late in 1959, under provisions of Legislative Document No. 179, "AN ACT to Create a Commission to Commemorate the Centennial of the American Civil War." The Commission was organized on November 7, 1959. Present for the Organizational Meeting at the State House were: Senator Arthur H. Charles, Rep. Arnold W. Briggs, Rep. Edwin H. Pert, Senator Robert Martin, Major William J. Dow, Rep. Roy K. Dennison, Rep. Edwin F. Maddox, Maurice Warner and Mrs. Ruth Hussey. John E. Byrne, Press Secretary to Governor Clinton A. Clauson, was Acting Recording Secretary and welcomed the group.

At the first meeting on December 9, 1959, officers were elected as follows: Maurice J. Warner, Chairman; Prof. Robert York, Vice Chairman; Ruth V. Hussey, Secretary. Members of the Executive Committee: Maurice Warner, Prof. Robert York, Sen. Robert Martin, Rep. Arnold Briggs, Rep. Edwin F. Maddox. Mrs. Ruth Hussey elected as Recording Secretary.

Committees were later appointed to be responsible for programs in the areas of education, publicity, industry, historical display, military, research and planning, liaison, and finance. They are:

Education Committee:

Rep. William Earles, Chairman
Sen. James E. Coffin
Daniel Lambert

Publicity and Promotion Committee:

Sen. Arthur Charles, Chairman
Sen. Robert Martin
Daniel Lambert

Industrial Activities Committee:

Rep. Howard Cousins, Chairman

Historical Display:

Major William Dow, Chairman
Rep. Roy Dennison
Rep. Edwin Maddox

Finance Committee:

Sen. Robert Martin
Mrs. Leroy Hussey
Rep. Edwin Pert

Research and Planning:

Prof. Robert York
Rep. Edwin Pert
Daniel Lambert

Liaison Committee:

Rep. Arnold Briggs
Maurice Warner
Daniel Lambert

Military:

Daniel Lambert
Adj. Gen'l Edwin Heywood

SECOND NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE
 OF
 Civil War Centennial Commissions
 AT
 STATE HOUSE
 AUGUSTA, MAINE
 10:00 A.M.
 SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1960

P R O G R A M

INVOCATION	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
INTRODUCTION	Maurice Warner
ADDRESS	Honorable John Reed <i>Governor of Maine</i>
ADDRESS	Karl S. Betts <i>Executive Director, C.W.C.C.</i>
ADDRESS	Vice Admiral Stuart Ingersol <i>President, Naval War College</i>
WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENTS	Professor Robert M. York
	Recess for Lunch 11:50
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	Reconvene 1:15
ADDRESS	Congressman Frank M. Coffin <i>Member, C.W.C.C.</i>
REPORTS (3:00 P.M.)	Workshop Chairmen
EDUCATION	Room 120A
<i>Host Chairman:</i> Representative William G. Earles	
HISTORICAL DISPLAY	Room 120C
<i>Host Chairman:</i> Major William J. Dow	
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES	Legal Affairs Room
<i>Host Chairman:</i> Representative Howard L. Cousins	
PUBLICITY	Room 114
<i>Host Chairman:</i> Senator Arthur H. Charles	
RESEARCH AND PLANNING	Room 105
<i>Host Chairman:</i> Professor Robert M. York	

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Robert M. York, *Chairman*
 William G. Earles James E. Coffin

IN MEMORIAM

The Commission has been saddened by the death of
GOVERNOR CLINTON A. CLAUSON
who established the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission
Died December 30, 1959

The Commission has been saddened by the loss of its member
REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM G. EARLES
Member of the State of Maine 101st Legislature
Died January 22, 1963

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCES OF CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONS

On November 15, 1959 Massachusetts was host to representatives of similar commissions of the other five New England States at the First New England Conference of Civil War Centennial Commissions held in the Gardner Auditorium.

Mr. Maurice Warner, of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission proposed that the next conference be held at Augusta, Maine, July, 1960. Mr. Warner represented the Maine Commission; other Maine citizens attending were Rep. William Earles, member of the Maine Commission, Philip Boyd of Bath, representing Maine Dept. Sons of Union Veterans and Mrs. Maurice Warner of the Bath Civil War Centennial Commission.

The Second New England Conference was held at the State House, Augusta Maine on Saturday, April 30, 1960. Maurice Warner, Chairman, opened the Conference and welcomed the members and guests present. Governor John Reed addressed the gathering and welcomed them to Maine. Karl S. Betts, Executive Director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, told of plans for the Civil War Centennial. Greetings were received from Senator Charles Hedges—Mass.; A. Waller Lewis, Jr.—Rhode Island; Dr. Richard Wood—Vermont Committee; Mr. Wm. Finan—temporary chairman, Conn.; and a representative of N. H. Commission. The afternoon speaker was Congressman Frank M. Coffin, member of the National Civil War Centennial Commission.

Workshops were held on the following:

EDUCATION—*Host Chairman:* Representative William G. Earles
HISTORICAL DISPLAY—*Host Chairman:* Major William J. Dow
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES—*Host Chairman:* Representative Howard Cousins
PUBLICITY—*Host Chairman:* Senator Arthur H. Charles
RESEARCH AND PLANNING—*Host Chairman:* Professor Robert M. York

The Conference Committee: Robert M. York, *Chairman*
Rep. William G. Earles Sen. James E. Coffin

Members of the Advisory Council, who served as Hostesses:

Miss Esther Wood, Blue Hill	Mrs. George Davis, Southport
Miss Elizabeth Ring, Portland	Mrs. Charles Jucius, Bar Harbor
Miss Courtney Hinckley, Gardiner	Mrs. Charles Campbell, So. Brewer
Miss Rosella Lovett, So. Portland	Mrs. Elizabeth Vinal, Rockland

Senator Robert Martin was in charge of typists; Mrs. Frances Warner and Mrs. Mildred Osborne in charge of Registration.

Stenographic reporting of the N. E. Conference was done by Raymond O. Gidney, official Court Reporter.

The third New England Conference of Civil War Centennial Commissions opened informally at the Hotel Viking, Newport, R. I. on Friday evening, October 7th, 1960. Present from the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission were Mrs. Ruth Hussey, Rep. Arnold Briggs, Rep. William Earles and Daniel Lambert. The report for the Maine Commission was given by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Hussey, in the absence of the Chairman, Maurice Warner, who could not attend because of the death of his father-in-law. The report told of the fifty member Advisory Council to the Maine Commission: entertaining the Second New England Conference: Trophy to Maine Muzzle Loading Association with name of Maine Commission on same: Float in 200th Anniversary of Cumberland County Parade: Seal, for use of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, designed by a member, Major William Dow; Printing of minutes of Second New England Conference in booklet (copies sent to Chairmen of N. E. Commissions; town and city Civil War Centennial Commissions being set up.)

The meeting on Saturday, October 8th, was at the historic Old Colony House in Newport, R. I. Maj. General Ulysses Grant, 3rd, grandson of the famous Union General, was introduced. Karl Betts, Executive Director, Nat. C.W.C.C., gave an informative talk. At the banquet at Hotel Viking the speaker was Vice Admiral Stuart W. Ingersol, U.S.N., whose ancestor founded Falmouth Neck, Me. Sunday included a tour with a visit to the Armory of the Newport Artillery Company, inspection of Fort Adams which is now in neglect in its scenic location, a drive past Newport's famous homes, then to Brown University, Providence, R. I. where delegates viewed the famous Lincoln Collection in the John Hay Library.

The Fourth New England Conference of Civil War Centennial Commissions was held April 20, 1961 in Durham, New Hampshire at the University of New Hampshire. Maurice Warner had car trouble in Saco, so did not reach the Conference to represent the Maine Commission.

At the Fifth New England Conference on December 2, 1961, at Hartford, Connecticut, Maurice Warner, Chairman, and Mrs. Leroy Hussey, Secretary, were delegates. Meetings were held in the House of Representatives, State House. Lt. Governor Armentana, in his greetings from Governor John Dempsey, related the history of that section of Hartford, Conn., especially the Memorial Arch near the State House.

Thomas Mulligan, Executive Director of the New York Civil War Centennial Commission, spoke on "What the New York Commission Is Doing," and how they will observe the Centennial so 18 million New Yorkers can get something from it. The New York State Commission publishes a monthly Bulletin "New York in the Civil War." This outstanding booklet is sent to the Maine Commission.

A recording by Bruce Catton, New York Chairman, was played.

The original Draft of the Emancipation Proclamation in Lincoln's Handwriting is in Albany. This valuable document has been locked up in a vault and not seen. It was rescued from the Capitol fire. A proper display of the Emancipation Proclamation in a Memorial is the project of the Centennial.

Each State Civil War Centennial Commission was called on to report the work or plans in their state. Maurice Warner, Chairman Maine CWCC, reported the work of the Commission and the Advisory Council, especially the equipping and sending seventeen Maine National Guard Personnel to Manassas, Va.; the presentation of a 35 star flag and a Civil War sword to our Commission; the week observance at Phillips, Maine, centered around the Civil War; work in caring for Civil War Veterans' graves according to State Law; and our plans for presenting a "History of Maine in the Civil War."

Reports from other New England states showed that Connecticut stresses Round Tables, printing of monthly bulletin and writing of town histories during Civil War; Massachusetts has many special observances and has printed "Massachusetts in the Civil War" in two booklets, Part 1 and Part 2; Vermont has procured a painting "Vermont in the Civil War," obtained Civil War letters and diaries; New Hampshire has a quarterly newsletter, radio talks, and gathered historical data.

The Sixth New England Conference of Civil War Centennial Commissions was held on Saturday, July 7, 1962 at the State House in Montpelier, Vt. Governor Ray Keyser brought greetings. Hon. Consuelo Bailey, member of National Civil War Centennial Commission and only woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, spoke briefly. Dr. James I. Robertson, new Executive Director NCWCC, said to keep the Centennial observance on an impartial nature — "Americans All." Maurice Warner, Chairman, and Mrs. Leroy Hussey, Secretary, represented the Maine Commission.

The Seventh New England Conference will be held May 22-24 in Boston, Mass.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

The Presentation, in the Hall of Flags, State House, Augusta, Maine, of a 35 Star Flag by Mrs. Henry Snell of Gorham, Maine was held April 19, 1961 at 2:00 P.M. The Flag was given in memory of Patrick Henry Snell, of Gorham, Maine, a soldier in Co. K - 3rd Maine during the Civil War.

The Presentation of a sword of Capt. William P. Jordan of 10th Me. Volunteers of Civil War fame was made by Mrs. Basil Lamb, Portland, Maine, Honorary State Regent Maine Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and member of Advisory Council. The ceremony took place at the meeting of the Commission and the Advisory Council Nov. 19, 1960.

Original letters from Civil War Soldiers have been received from Rep. Edwin F. Maddox, Vinalhaven; Mrs. Earle M. Hillman, Bangor; and Mrs. Arthur N. Gosline, Gardiner.

A copy of Harper's Weekly, December 19, 1863 edition—received.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE COMMISSION

A Trophy has been given each year to the Maine Muzzle Loading Association. The first presentation was August 24, 1960, when the Auburn target shooting contest was held. The trophy was inscribed with the words "Maine Civil War Centennial Commission Trophy." Military Aggregate.

A wreath at Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Fort Allen Park, July 4, 1961. when Civil War theme brought into observance.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the request of the MCWCC the Maine State Library, thru the State Librarian, Miss Ruth Hazelton, prepared a bibliography of the material available in the State Library pertaining to Maine's participation in the Civil War.

Civil War Seal for use of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, was designed by Major William Dow, Commission member, South Portland, Maine.

Stationery, with Seal, printed for use of the Commission.

Membership cards issued to members of the Commission and of the Advisory Council.

Supported the efforts of the National Commission in securing the printing of Commemorative Stamps.

497 letters were sent to Maine towns and cities asking that a Civil War Centennial Commission be set up in their locality.

Various historical window displays throughout the State were arranged by the State and local commissions.

Appearing before the Appropriations Committee of the 100th Legislature, Rep. Edwin Maddox, Maurice Warner, Hon. Robert Martin and Mrs. Leroy Hussey spoke on behalf of the Commission at the Hearing Feb. 28, 1961.

Sponsored Float at 200th Anniversary of Cumberland County Parade at Portland, Me.

The Chairman, Maurice Warner, attended Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass. Sept. 16 and 17, 1961, representing the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission. The Battle of Philippi was reenacted. He spoke at a meeting of the Maine Cemetery Association, Lafayette Hotel, Portland; gave a Memorial Address at Bryant's Pond; attended Army Exhibit at Civil War Museum, Portland.

The members of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission were invited to the Annual Old Home Week at Phillips, Maine on Wednesday, August 9, 1961. The theme of the parade and other activities was "The Civil War." The speaker was Hon. Earle Hillman, President of the Maine Senate and Ex officio Member of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission. Maurice Warner spoke on "Phillips and the Civil War."

Tentative plans are made for an observance of the Capture of the *Caleb Cushing* on June 26, 1963; also to observe the intended Raid on Calais in July, 1964.

ACTIVITIES

The observance of the Civil War Centennial started in the churches on Sunday, January 8, 1961, with special church services. The ringing of church bells announced the beginning of the Centennial. At the Winthrop Street Universalist Church, Augusta, Maine, Mrs. Emma Finley (100 years old in May, 1961), one of the four surviving widows of Civil War Veterans in the State, was honor guest at special services arranged by the Augusta Civil War Centennial Commission Chairman. A radio broadcast by Mrs. Ruth Hussey, secretary, told of the Centennial observance.

Frank Southard, Jr., Lt. Col. I.G.C., Supt. Maine Military Academy, had charge of the detail of cadets of the Maine Military Academy, which represented Maine at the re-enactment of the First Battle of Bull Run at Manassas, Virginia on July 22 and 23, 1961. Authentic uniforms were purchased. Stanley McCurdy, Augusta, made a handsome Civil War period National Color with the Coat of Arms of the United States and the Union, surrounded by 33 gold stars, in the fashion of colors carried by quite a number of Maine regiments. Lt. Col. Southard left Augusta on Thursday, July 20th, with the fourteen cadets, who deserve credit for their superior appearance and military conduct. Taking part in the parade in the Village of Manassas, the group attracted considerable favorable comment.

The cost of the trip was \$1233.24 including purchase of uniforms, which will be used for other observances during the Centennial. 1st Manassas Participation Medals were received by the Maine National Guard personnel, who were present for the reenactment.

The 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam was observed September 15, 16 and 17, 1962. The State of Maine was represented by ten members of the Second United States Sharpshooters Co. D (Maine), an affiliated unit of the North-South Skirmish Association. The Commander-Sgt. Maj. Harry A. Crowley, New Gloucester, Me., and Adjutant-Sgt. William B. Jordan, Jr., Cape Elizabeth, Me. head the Unit. \$400 (\$500 grant — \$100 returned by the Unit) was contributed by the Commission towards the trip to Maryland for reenactment of the Battle of Antietam.

The Militia-Mobile, a Civil War Centennial Display for exhibit in states designed to show the unique function of the Militia in the Civil War was brought to Maine by the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission. Adjutant General Edwin Heywood was in charge of the schedule, the publicity and the contacts with persons responsible for having the display in their city or town. The Militia-Mobile visited 25 Maine Communities where 10,000 people — predominantly school students — viewed the Civil War Display. Two men, who drove the bus, are students of Civil War History. 12 Press Releases were used. 1500 sheets "The Part the State of Maine Had in the Civil War 1861-1865" were distributed on the visit of the Militia-Mobile.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Battle of Gettysburg will be the next observance in which Maine will participate. Many monuments will be rededicated on July 1, 1963, the first day of the Centennial ceremonies.

A "History of Maine in the Civil War" will be printed when funds are available. Prof. Robert York is writing the book. A bill was presented to the 100th Maine Legislature for \$6,000 for books, but was rejected by the Legislature.

MEETINGS

THE MEETINGS OF THE MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION —

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| Organization meeting — State House, Augusta, Me. | November 7, 1959 |
| Commission meeting | December 9, 1959 |
| Commission meetings in 1960 — | |
| Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 6, May 11, June 8, August 3, Sept. 15,
Oct. 19, Nov. 19 with Advisory Council, and Dec. 28, 1960. | |

Meetings in 1961 —

Jan. 18, Feb. 14, March 27, May 1, June 13, June 24, July 30 with Advisory Council, August 22, Oct. 4, and Nov. 28, 1961.

Meetings in 1962 —

Jan. 17, March 25, May 26, July 23, Sept. 24 and Nov. 29, 1962.

Executive Committee meetings —

Dec. 9, 1959; March 9, 1960; June 8, 1960; Sept. 15 and Oct. 19, 1960.

Advisory Council —

Nov. 19, 1960; July 30, 1961; May 26, 1962.

Meeting, with town and city Civil War Centennial Commission representatives of six counties — Androscoggin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Knox, Sagadahoc and Waldo on Nov. 29, 1962.

SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED

Autobiographies of Civil War Soldiers sought.

Regimental Histories have not been written.

Up-keep of Civil War Veterans graves and resetting of stones.

“Medals of Honor” sought.

Civil War Soldiers Letters sought.

A “Caleb Cushing” observance.

The MCWCC leave behind a lasting impression for the next 100 years.

Permanent Civil War Centennial Memorial.

Colby College in 1868 constructed the first building erected in any college in the Country as a Memorial to its Civil War dead; other colleges were erecting monuments, but not a whole building. The preservation and use of this building as a Civil War Centennial Memorial has been urged by many citizens.

MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 7, 1959 to June 3, 1960

Travel	\$ 707.83
Invoices	256.33
Telephone and Printing	19.40

\$ 983.56

July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961

Travel	\$1,333.03
Invoices	225.37
Telephone and Printing	189.05

\$1,747.45

July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962

Travel	\$1,487.24
Invoices	21.23
Telephone and Printing	83.03

\$1,591.50

July 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962	
Travel	\$ 863.87
Invoices	428.95
Telephone and Printing	83.55
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	\$1,376.37

(The Chairman, Mr. Warner, and the Secretary, Mrs. Hussey, have carried out the work of an Executive Director — set up in the ACT — in order to save financially the salary of an Executive Director.)

The Civil War Centennial Commission is grateful to interested persons who have in any way assisted in their efforts.

The Civil War Centennial is being kept on an impartial nature —

AMERICANS ALL!

MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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HON. SYLVIO J. GILBERT	82 Western Avenue	Augusta, Me.

Members Appointed from House

HON. DOUGLAS R. HAGUE	163 Main Street	Gorham, Me.
HON. MARY S. VAUGHN		Peru, Me.
HON. EDWIN F. MADDOX		Vinalhaven, Me.
*HON. WILLIAM G. EARLES	824 Sawyer Street	So. Portland, Me.
HON. EDWIN H. PERT	35 Linden Street	Bath, Me.
HON. ROLAND R. TARDIFF	30 Charles Street	Lewiston, Me.
HON. ARNOLD W. BRIGGS	129 Woodfrd. Road	Portland, Me.
HON. ROY K. DENNISON		East Machias, Me.

*Deceased January 22, 1963.

REP. SANFORD JACK PRINCE, JR., Harpswell, appointed to vacancy.