

# WAR VETERANS DECORATE COMRADES' GRAVES CRUISER FIRES SALUTES FOR HEROES WHO GAVE LIVES

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### Garlands of Flowers Placed in Cemeteries and Cast Upon the Ocean

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the guidance of the rising generation. Not only the soldier dead, but the sailor dead, received grateful remembrance. While the graves in the various cemeteries were being decorated with flags and flowers, the United States tug Slocum carried outside the Golden Gate a party that strewed flowers on the ocean and held appropriate exercises in honor of the departed shipmates and sailors.

The principal Memorial day exercises in San Francisco were at the national cemetery at the Presidio. Veterans of the civil war and of the Spanish-American war, Sons of Veterans, the women's auxiliaries, the regulars and the militia participated in these services in the beautiful city of the dead where rest 6,000 heroes.

Thousands gathered here during the forenoon to join the proud veterans in once again complying with the historic order issued by General John A. Logan in 1863 fixing May 30 as Memorial or Decoration day.

At 9 o'clock a troop of cavalry, the state naval militia and the California Grays, with a troop of mounted police as an escort, began the march to the national cemetery from the corner of California street and Van Ness avenue, with C. S. Scott as grand marshal. At the Presidio entrance, G. A. R. veterans took the position of honor and proceeded to the cemetery.

The several posts of the G. A. R. that participated were as follows: Lincoln post No. 1, Commander William Tugley, George H. Thomas post No. 2, Commander Henry Krebs; James A. Garfield post No. 3, Commander Edward S. Salomon; George G. Meade post No. 4, Commander J. W. Short.

The organizations of the United Spanish War Veterans participating were as follows: Richard Kitcher camp No. 2, Commander Otto L. Levy; Nelson A. Miles camp No. 10, Commander Harry R. Taylor; G. H. Riley camp No. 14, Commander J. E. White; William D. McKinney camp No. 33, Commander A. E. Wharf; Phelps squadron No. 12, Captain J. C. Owens.

In addition there were the Sons of Veterans, consisting of Fair Oaks camp No. 15, Commander R. P. Oakford, and General William T. Sherman camp No. 3, Commander William C. Hackmaster, and the Women's Relief corps, consisting of the Woman's Relief corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's auxiliaries of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans.

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### HEROES WORTH REMEMBERING

After expressing his great appreciation of the honor of addressing the veterans, Peixotto referred briefly to the origin of the union and then said that thanks were due to the civil war veterans that this country was still a united and free nation. He referred feelingly to the great loss of life recently on the liner Titanic and insisted that those men who stood aside that the women and children might be saved were heroes worth remembering.

The school children then sang Brahms' "Lullaby" and the audience joined in the singing of "America." The exercises were brought to a close with the firing of a salute over the graves of the dead and the sounding of taps.

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The firing of minute guns by the Presidio battery was an effective feature of the services, which were opened by the Coast Artillery band with an overture. In his introductory remarks Commander John H. Bangsfield, chairman of the general Memorial day committee, introduced General Edward S. Salomon as president of the day and remarked that many comrades had answered their last roll call during the year.