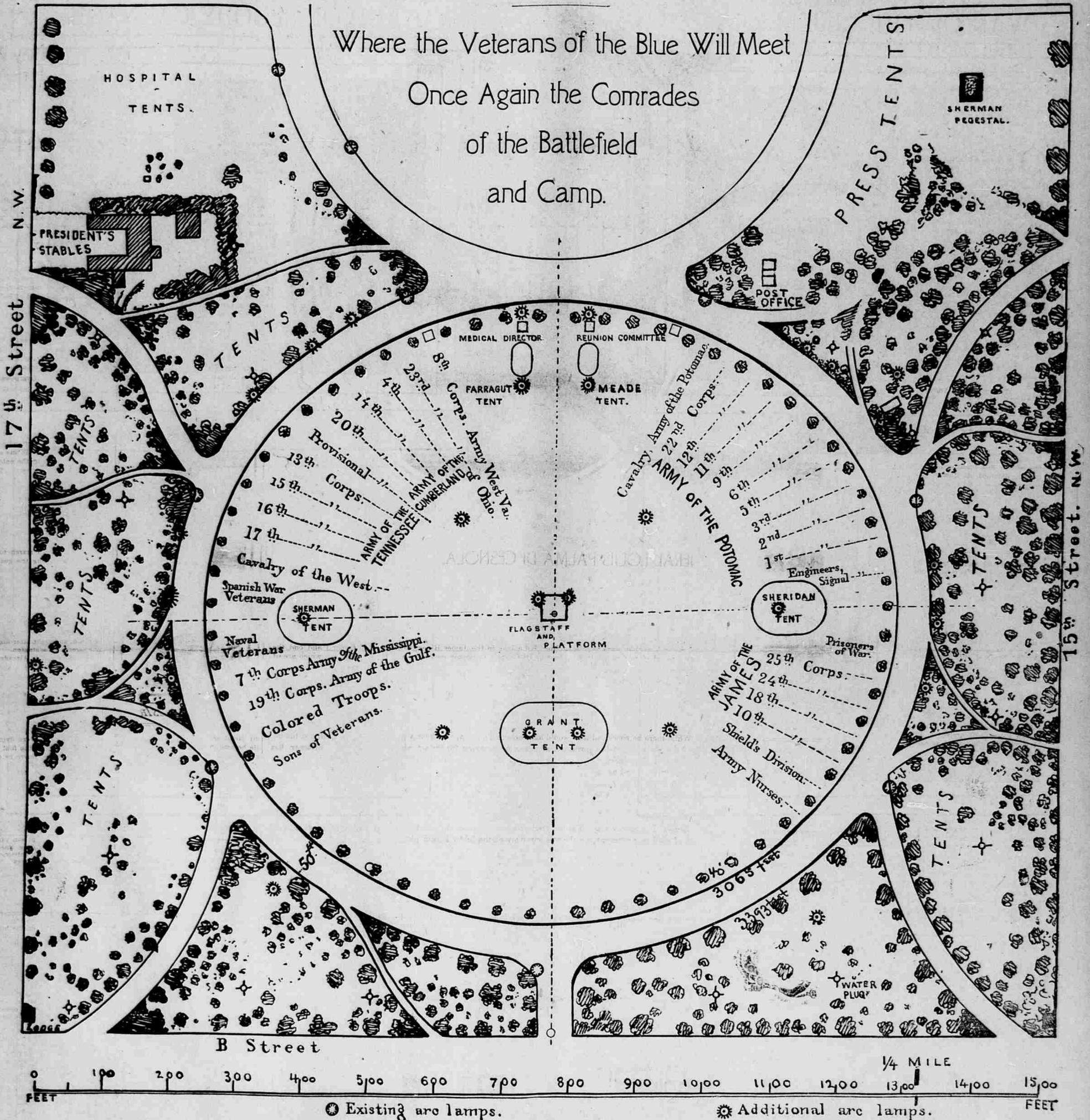


CAMP ROOSEVELT

Where the Veterans of the Blue Will Meet
Once Again the Comrades
of the Battlefield
and Camp.



CAMP ROOSEVELT, on the White Lot, which will be dedicated this afternoon, will represent a great military post during the whole of this week, when it will be the central point in the movements and reunions of the vast throngs of veterans now in the National Capital.

The camp is ideally located for this purpose, and Colonel McElroy, who is chairman of the local committee on reunions, and his assistants have improved every moment of the time since an organization was effected in perfecting plans for this great gathering of men who thirty-seven years ago laid down their muskets and went to their homes. Believing that this would be the greatest gathering of old soldiers in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, the reunion committee has made elaborate preparations for entertaining them in true military fashion.

The same plot of land was used ten years ago at the last reunion of the veterans in this city. At that time it was known as Grand Army Place.

Camp Roosevelt was laid off by Major Gilbert Thompson, formerly of the District Engineers, upon which a flag will be raised at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of the President of the United States; General Torrance, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the assembled veterans and other guests of the city.

There are five large tents upon the grounds for the use of the armies and Ex-Prisoners of War. About the ellipse are twenty-six small tents for the regular army corps. In addition to these are tents for the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac, and one for the cavalry of the Western armies, one for the Ex-Prisoners of War; one for the

Engineers, Telegraph and Signal Corps; one for the Naval Veterans, one for the colored troops of the Division of the Mississippi, one for the provisional corps of the Army of the Cumberland, one for the Sons of Veterans, one for the Spanish War Veterans, one for Shields' Division, one for the Army Nurses, one for the medical director, and one for the reunion committee headquarters. There are also scores of other tents devoted to all sorts of purposes. There are the hospital tents, just outside the ellipse; the press tents, postoffices, information booths, and tents for every conceivable purpose that will add to the comfort and pleasure of the veterans.

The largest of the five big tents is erected on the south side of the lot. It is officially known as Grant tent, and has a seating capacity of 4,000 people. This huge canvas structure, which is

similar to the "big top" tents carried by the largest circuses, will be used for the most important gatherings, and it is thought that it will hold all who care to attend. On the east side of the ellipse is the Meade tent, which will accommodate about 2,000 people. On the west side is a companion tent, dedicated to General Sherman.

Near the north entrance of the White Lot are two other large tents, capable of seating in the neighborhood of 1,000 persons each. These are known as the Farragut and Sheridan tents.

All of the tents and, in fact, the entire White Lot, have been supplied with an elaborate electric lighting system. Numerous poles have been erected all over the grounds and big arc lights strung up.

Directly in the center of the camp has been erected a tall flag pole over a spacious speakers' stand. At 4:30 o'clock

this afternoon, when the dedication exercises of the camp will take place, the Stars and Stripes will be run up the flag staff and, weather permitting, the opening addresses will be delivered from this central stand.

The tents set aside as corps headquarters have all been well floored and furnished with chairs, tables and such other equipment as the particular committee stationed there desires.

Conspicuous in front of each tent will be the well known badge of each corps. These corps badges were not adopted until the spring of 1863. The Army of the Potomac had them immediately, but the Western armies did not adopt them until 1864, and then they were only partially worn. In some of the corps they were not worn at all, though the emblem was displayed conspicuously on all corps property, such as tents and wagons. Finally the corps badge as an

emblem became most popular, and the men delighted in their possession. They were usually stamped upon flannel and were worn on the cap, usually on the crown, which then tilted over the face. They were of different colors, red for the first division, white for the second, and blue for the third. The idea originated in Kearney's division, when he ordered his own men to wear a diamond shaped patch of red flannel so that he would be able to distinguish his men if they straggled.

The corps badges that are most familiar because of the distinguished services of these corps in the war of the rebellion are the round badge of the First Corps, the trefoil or "face of clubs" of the Second, the lozenge or "patch" of the Third, the triangle of the Fourth, the Maltese cross of the Fifth, the Greek cross of the Sixth, the Crescent of the Eleventh, the star of the Twelfth and the acorn of the Fourteenth.

The tents for the Sons of Veterans are just outside of the ellipse, and quarters provide for 1,000 members of the organization, who will be fully uni-

formed and equipped, and who will furnish the garrison for Camp Roosevelt.

Col. Israel W. Stone, who is vice chairman of the subcommittee on guards and escorts, has this section under his supervision, and the Sons of Veterans will be under the command of the ranking officer.

There is also a tent upon the grounds for Post 138 of Allegheny, Pa., which will camp there, and there may be other posts which will take advantage of the opportunity to once more enjoy this feature of soldier life. The post-offices are established in convenient places, and the daily newspapers of Washington have headquarters there. All correspondents will be welcomed at the general press tent.

The endeavor will be made by all corps chairmen to get prominent speakers for the reunions, but there has been a sad diminution in the ranks of the noted men of the corps, and many of the organizations will be happy if they can have with them a division commander