

NINTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

LOCATED AT

MILFORD, NEBRASKA

BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1910.

D. C. ROWDEN
COMMANDANT

THE MILFORD SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

To the Governor and Board of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the Ninth Biennial Report of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, of Milford, Nebraska.

In beginning this report I wish to express my gratitude to the all wise providence, for his goodness in preserving the members of this home. The conditions existing in the home, and among the members are the best I have ever known.

Physical Conditions.

We have an abundant supply of the very best water, good beds and pure food. I have bought some new, and repaired the old closets. I repaired the smoking room and painted it, also dining room and kitchen, and many minor improvements. But the main building needs a general over hauling. The new building for the officers has been completed, furnished and painted at a cost of about \$750.00 for furnishing and painting. I have had the roof of the hospital and main building repaired at a cost of \$150.00. The hospital is under the management of Dr. J. C. Muir, who is very successful in the treating of ailments of the men.

Discipline.

The proper administration of discipline in an institution is always more or less difficult. The inordinate use of intoxicants is the most serious disturbance we find in the home. I think the stand I took in regard to drinking has had a good deal to do with the peace and good will in the home, there are many worthy men and women in the home, who appreciate all that the state and the nation is doing for them, and do all they can to make the home a haven of rest. I have been compelled to discharge seven men for the drink habit, and man and wife for taking state goods.

Needs of the Home.

I recommend to the Auditor that the following amounts be appropriated to meet the necessary expenses for the institution for the next biennium.

Maintenance.

Including fuel and light, furniture and bedding, drugs and medicines, hospital supplies, stock feed, electrical supplies, laundry, stationery, printing, postage, telegraph, telephone, burial expenses and the purchase of ten lots in the cemetery, the improvements of the grounds, food and clothing the sum of

Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Officers Salaries	5,580.00
Employes wages	9,000.00
General repairs	3,500.00
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Total	\$58,080.00

I would also recommend the improvements as follows: Elevator in the main building running from first to fourth floor. Better stock building and accommodations. Main building painted inside and outside, also the standpipe and fire escape. A woven wire fence around the entire home grounds on the line.

The appropriation made by the last legislature has not been ample to meet all demands, and there will be a deficiency in the fund for maintenance.

The following amounts have been expended during the biennium:

Maintenance	\$27,155 06
Officers' salaries	4,649 01
Employes wages	7,097 91
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Total	\$38,901 98
General repairs	1,362 86
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Grand Total	\$40,264 84

Institution Cash Fund.

On hand at the close of last biennium.....\$ 72 02

Received since	862 65
Total	\$ 934 67
Expended	428 25
Balance on hand November 30, 1910.....	506 42

The pay roll for the month of November, 1910, is as follows:

1 Bookkeeper	\$50 00	1 Hospital Cook	20 00
1 Hospital Steward.....	30 00	1 Hospital Waiter	10 00
1 Assistant Steward	24 00	3 Waiters, \$12 00.....	36 00
1 Laundryman	30 00	1 Fireman	12 00
1 Laundress	15 00	1 Teamster	24 00
1 Head Cook	55 00	1 Com. Sergeant	18 00
1 Second Cook	20 00		

Population.

	Males	Females	Total
Number of members December 1, 1908.....	143	8	151
Number received since.....	60	5	65
Number discharged or died.....	94	3	97
Number on roll November 30, 1910.....	126	9	135

This institution does not attempt to do any farming outside of gardening truck, such as green corn, potatoes, cabbages, cucumbers, lettuce, beets, onions, raddishes, etc.

In favorable seasons we have fruit such as, strawberries, apples, grapes, pears and plums. We have not enough cows to furnish milk for the use of the home, the pigs eat the refuse of the tables which is almost enough to keep them, but I buy a load of corn once in awhile.

When the hogs are sold the money goes into the cash fund. The amount realized from this source, milk and garden in the past biennium is \$1,150.00.

I wish to acknowledge in this connection the receipts of gifts to the men in the hospital, and in the home, of good things from the W. R. C., at Lincoln, Nebraska, and other places, and other corps, these things are always thankfully received and appreciated.

In closing this report, I wish to thank the Governor of the State, Hon. A. C. Shallenberger for the courtesy he has at all times shown me as Commandant of this home, and the interest

he has taken in the general superintendency of the institution. Also to the members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings in looking after the supplies that have been furnished, and in granting every request that I have asked at their hands.

I am also under obligations to the subordinate officers and employes for the faithfulness that they have shown in the discharge of their duties. This is in a particular sense true of those who have labored in the hospital, they deserve the lasting gratitude of those who have been in their care. I also wish to thank the comrades of this home for their good behavior.

I expect to retire on the advent of the incoming administration with out a single regret, and leave to other hands the care of my comrades.

I have the honor to be very truly yours,

D. C. ROWDEN, Commandant.

SURGEON REPORT.

To Col. D. D. Rowden, Commandant of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Milford, Nebraska.

Sir:—I have the honor to make the following report as surgeon to the home for the two years beginning February 1, 1909.

There has been an average of twenty-two patients in the hospital during this time. Three are entirely helpless, others having to have meals in their rooms.

I visit the home once a day at least, and subject to call at any time. The comrades who are able to come to the office at the hospital for treatment and medicine, those who are sick in bed in quarters are visited and if more than a temporary ailment they are removed to the hospital. We have had several minor surgical cases and one major operation, amputation of leg after gangrene had developed in the foot, but gangrene again developed in the stump and the patient died.

The care of the patients in the hands of the Steward and Assistant Steward who are comrades, and they do very well, but as the men are getting older and more helpless, they require better nursing, and I wish to recommend that a trained nurse be employed to have charge of the patient, and that the Stewards be retained as assistants, and to keep hospital clean. The present men are worthy and have been of great assistance to me in the work.

The food is specially prepared by a cook and abundantly supplied to patients who are able to eat, others are fed only such things as they can digest.

The building is clean, and there is no complaint as far as I have known. Yourself and other officers have my thanks for the courtesy shown me during my connection with the home.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES G. MUIR, M. D., Surgeon.

Names of Members Who Have Died During the Biennium.

Names	Age	Cause of Death
Henry M. Craig.....	79	Heart Trouble
Jesse M. Farmer.....	70	Heart Trouble
Joseph Miller.....	73	Cancer
Thomas Smith.....	71	Heart Trouble
Henry Dellinger.....	75	Blader Trouble
John B. Payton.....	67	Heart Trouble
Arthurwine Shorkey.....	73	Heart Trouble
Samuel Marrison.....	69	Brights Desease
Henry Marshell.....	79	Gangrene
Curtis S. Smith.....	75	Throat Trouble
William Ward.....	65	Alcoholism
Charles Conner.....	70	Cancer of Bladder
George B. Pickett.....	63	Heart Trouble
John Dunz.....	75	Apoplexy
Andrew R. Stormont.....	64	Paralysis
Francis Yearick.....	75	Heart Trouble
Jacob Teneyek.....	70	Heart Trouble and Dropsey
Mary Gresham.....	80	Old age and general debility

**Counties in the State from Which Members Have Been Received
to this Home.**

County	Men	Women	Men Present	Women Present
Adams	1	.....	1	.....
Boyd	1	.....	1	.....
Buffalo	1	1	1	1
Burt	5	.....	4	.....
Butler	3	.....	3	.....
Clay	1	.....	1	.....
Custer	1	.....	1	.....
Dodge	1	.....	1	.....
Douglas	19	.....	17	.....
Gage	1	.....	1	.....
Garfield	1	.....	1	.....
Hall	6	1	5	1
Harlin	1	.....	1	.....
Jefferson	1	.....	1	.....
Johnson	3	.....	3	.....
Kearney	2	2	2	.....
Lancaster	48	2	41	2
Nemaha	2	.....	3	2
Otoe	2	2
Platte	1	1
Richardson	2	2
Saunders	3	3
Seward	17	3	17	3
Thayer	1	1
York	1	1
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