

## THE BATTALION.

of the Western Division of Texas: As set forth in special order of February 15, 1897, it becomes my painful duty to announce the unexpected death of that noble and gallant soldier, statesman and comrade, Gen. L. S. Ross. Here was a man indeed! Great in peace and war, uniting in his person the dauntless courage of the hero with the tenderness of a woman; in the performance of duty, his every act was above fear or reproach. He has answered to a higher roll call, and has left behind a name illustrious in the history of his State, and to be enshrined hereafter in the hearts of the sons and daughters of our loved Southland so long as memory cherishes and keeps alive the memories of her heroes. Comrades, you will wear mourning for our dead comrade for thirty days.

By order of Joe G. Booth,

Brevet Major General Commanding Western Division of Texas,  
 United Confederate Veterans.

E. M. Phelps, Col. and Assistant Adjutant General.

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 Tribute of General Gordon.

General Order No. 198—

Headquarters United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans La., January 8.—The lengthened shadows of 1897 have barely disappeared before the dawn of 1898, when the mournful news is wired that the silent reaper has gathered another member of the commanding general's staff into his harvest, a great Confederate soldier of the west—that "taps" have again sounded for one of the most conspicuous actors in the drama of 1861-1865—that the light of earth has forever faded from the eyes of one who was a beloved leader in the civic and military history of the Lone Star State—that the angel of death has taken by the hand and led away one who was a hero in peace as well as in war—that at College Station, Texas, at 6.35 o'clock p. m., on the 3d instant, the great heart