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WE ARE GROWING

Overnight, we have grown from a four page journal to one of eight pages, at least, for this issue. And why this sudden growth? Because more of our readers are taking an active part by submitting data and letters which we have considered to be of interest to you.

It is a very satisfactory situation and certainly makes us very happy. With your cooperation we can maintain this pace and/or even increase it. We shall be flattered to have "copy" ahead, exceeding our capacity. From this we shall know you are interested ... and we shall be pleased.

We are grateful to our contributors for making this possible ... Thank you!

EASTER

"The Sunday of Joy" — Easter — when churches are sweet with white lilies and echoing with music, and hearts are throbbing with new hope, is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ. The 40 days of Lent, a time of self-denial and penitence, are over; Good Friday, with its sad memories of the crucifixion, is past; and the thrill of the age-old message, "The Lord is risen," fills every heart with gladness. The Easter service is the most elaborate of the church year.

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One of the oldest of Easter customs is exchanging colored eggs as symbols of the resurrection. From time immemorial eggs have been used to represent the new birth of the springtide. An old legend relates that colored eggs are the gift of the rabbit on Easter Eve. The decorated cards that are often sent as Easter greetings frequently contain "bunny's" picture, along with white Easter lilies and colored eggs.

That is Easter as we know it and have celebrated since the early days of the Christian Church—a celebration of Love and Joy.
*Now let us take a glimpse at the situation in Europe, where there is not the peace we are enjoying here on this Easter, where east is east and west is west—and never the twain shall meet. What we see in our apprehension is a virile, lustful Russia gobbling up Europe, and poised to strike into the Middle East, the Far East. We see it preparing for a showdown in Italy next month, having just taken over Czechoslovakia to add to its other conquests beyond the Iron Curtain. We see it squaring off for a similar showdown in France. It has been marking time in Greece, but once Italy becomes a Red satellite, as it could, aggression in Greece will start again. Germany is in such a state of confusion that anything could happen there, and in Austria. If Russian coups are successful in these countries, can we expect that Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden and, of course, Finland will be able to stand long against Russia? Which would leave England as an isolated democracy to fight alone.

So, where does that leave us? The air is filled with rumors, which may or may not have substance. Countless hours have been spent in wrangling over the Marshall Plan. As we write this, the Senate, under the able leadership of Senator Vandenberg, has passed an adequate relief measure. We have no doubt the House finally will concur. So, again we ask where does that leave us? Here is the paradoxical situation of two countries squaring off to annihilate each other.

If we are to go to war, will someone please tell us the truth and let’s get along with preparing for it. If it is war, there is a big job ahead, because if we believe what we hear, we are woefully unprepared. In the air, few planes; on the ground a depleted army; on the sea, scrapped ships, and those remaining are undermanned. What about the atomic bomb? Is OUR secret closely guarded—or does Stalin know what he is about? Is it too late for universal military training? Have we the necessary materials? Above all have we plans for the mobilization of industry such as we sadly lacked at the time of Pearl Harbor? Are we going to repeat the errors of the past? Why not conscript each and every citizen who is able to contribute to the war effort. Then we shall have fewer $804,000.00 tax evaders.

We recognize the answers to these questions can only come from the President and the Congress. Let us be honest with one another. Unfortunately this is an election year, but let us not have one of those “emergencies” to keep some one in office. Let us not have shades of another era.

We, the American people deserve a frank answer. Not just lament to the press, but something we can depend on and not “guess”. Do we get it, or must we continue guessing?

Colonels Veeder and Cady, what are your thoughts on the subject. Shall we just—HOPE and HOPE—or shall the next 21st be ready—if there is such an eventuality?

*This had gone to press before the President’s message.

**TELLS OF REBATE OFFERS TO MOST YOUNG OCULISTS**

Dr. Lawrence Post, St. Louis ophthalmologist and a member of Base Hospital 21 of World War I, has been leading a campaign against kickbacks offered by optical manufacturers or retail opticians to almost every young eye doctor when he begins practice after finishing school.

Dr. Post reported that he was approached by two concerns which wanted to give him rebates when he hung up his shingle in St. Louis, 32 years ago. He said “I have never given them any business, but it is too great a temptation to subject a young doctor to. It means just about doubling his income.”

Rebates should be outlawed, he said, because, besides increasing cost and tending to fix prices, they may affect a doctor’s professional judgment. They give a doctor a financial stake in prescribing glasses, whether or not, his patient needs glasses, he pointed out. There is less rebating in St. Louis than other cities Dr. Post thinks.

Four possible ways of stamping out the practices are worth serious consideration, he said. They are:

A limit on the number of opticians.

Separation of charges for examination and for eye glasses in the bills rendered to patients by optometrists.
A requirement that opticians provide sworn statement by certified public accountants that they have not given rebates in the preceding year.

A municipal ordinance to make giving or accepting of rebates a misdemeanor.

"The big question is, how can we learn who is giving and who is accepting rebates?" he said. "They themselves are certainly not going to say."

The United States Government is attempting to break up the practice by naming 2750 eye doctors, including 15 in this area, in anti-trust suits, against large glass manufacturers.

Ed. note—The above extracted from a "front-page" story in a recent issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Readers Digest carried an article on the subject in a current issue.

DR. AND MRS. JOHN H. WEDIG INJURED IN CRASH

Dr. John H. Wedig, of the 21st General Hospital, World War II and his wife, Mrs. Verla Wedig, were injured, recently, when the automobile, in which they were passengers with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott, all of Alton, Illinois, collided with a truck on Missouri Highway 99 connecting the Lewis and Clark bridges.

The injured were taken to Barnes Hospital at St. Louis. Dr. Wedig suffered a fractured jaw, and his wife, concussion and facial cuts. Dr. Wedig was released after treatment.

The group were on their way to their homes in Alton after visiting in St. Louis. The driver of the truck who was from Carthage, Texas, told a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper he was backing up to turn around when the auto struck the side of his truck.

Dr. Wedig and his wife have suffered no serious effects from their injuries.

EUGENIA BETH & CAROLYN BEAM HAVE A BABY SISTER

On February 28, 1948 Commander and Mrs. Sim F. Beam were blessed with another daughter, Clara Christen. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Our hearty felicitations to Dr. and Mrs. Beam.

APPRECIATION

The Hedges
17620 Jefferson Avenue East
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan
March 11th

Dear Mr. Engel:

It was with deep appreciation that I received the beautiful testimonial scroll passed by the members of the Rouen Post. How kind of them to send it to me so that I may hang it in my room.

The Rouen Post was close to Dr. Murphy's heart. I am sure he must know about it.

Thank you very much for your letter.
Sincerely yours,
Mary E. Murphy

KIND WORDS

From Mrs. Ione Hudson Berry—who was Dr. Murphy's secretary in St. Louis and since moving to Detroit, has been most cooperative in supplying us with information regarding Dr. Murphy—we have a letter which we quote in part: "Thank you so much for the copies of The Rouen Post, dedicated to Dr. Murphy, as well as those of the previous issue. It is beautifully done and a wonderful tribute to an unusually fine person." Ione H. Berry

A FAMILY VIGNETTE

West Beach, Md.
Tues., March 2, 1948

Dear Col. Cady:

A letter was received here for Edgar Miller. The Edgar Miller here is not the one you want, so am forwarding the papers you sent.

PFC Edgar R. Miller (33,747281) Hqrs. Co. A. G. Cables Section, A.P.O. 777 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Was last heard from about a month ago and was at that time stationed in Vienna, Austria.

He is the great grandson of John E. Ayers, who was a private of Company E, 8th New York Cavalry and was honorably discharged October 5, 1863 at Frederick, Maryland on account of wounds received at Funkstown, Maryland.

His grandfather Edgar Miller A.S.N. 657,151 served overseas from July 10, 1918
to March 11, 1919, with Company D, 56
Engineers. Was honorably discharged
March 27, 1919.

PFC Edgar R. Miller (33,747,281) went
overseas as a paratrooper and was assigned
to 21st General Hospital after a stay at that
hospital. He thought so well of the hospital
he reenlisted with the thought of being with
a hospital overseas again.

Anything else about his service has to
come from him.

I hope you get an early reply.

Sincerely, Ida Miller

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AN INTERESTING ITEM

From a letter, December 21, 1947, Roland
de Munbrun to Colonel Cady:

About three weeks ago I was sitting in
"La Cantina," the local pub where all the
vets in college gather. Somebody said, above
the din and jangle of the juke-box, "DeMun­
brun, here's a fellow you ought to know—he
speaks French."

We began a conversation in French—
went on about two hours. I discovered he
had been in the FFI. I asked him if, by
chance, he had ever been in Mirecourt sec­
tor. "Mirecourt!" he exclaimed, "I
spent four
months in a hospital there, from January 17,
1945 to June."

Colonel Cady's note—(January 27 was the day the
21st General took in two trains and put one out, and had
assorted patients waiting around to go places, most of it
in 18 hours, mostly at night, all in a blizzard—something
over 900 patients handled. The Abramson—Nowak registra-
tor combination was not left in a snafu either. That was
after Gen. Hawley and many other bigwigs had visited
up our way, during the von Rundsted Bulge times.)

He was in the orthopedics section, knows
Lt. Hoppe, remembers Capt. Crider, and
would like to have one of our directories to
revive old memories... was brought in from
Germany to the 21st. You should hear him
sing the praises of your old unit... he knows
some of the people of Mirecourt who used to
flood the hospital on Sundays. I'm going to
write it up for our university rag, and maybe
you'd like it for the Rouen Post... If so, I'll
send you a photo of Frank and myself to­
gether. Anybody wanting to write to him do
so at: Frank C. Varela, Casa de Ramon.
Highlands University, Las Vegas, New
Mexico.

"I am neck-deep in my thesis of the Ren­
naisance and must work like L this year so
we can leave for Paris this summer where I
plan to enter the Ecole des Etrangers at the
Sorbonne... I sent my copy of the Post to
M. Narcy (the mayor) in Mirecourt... What about a French edition of outstanding
articles for distribution to our friends in
France? I would do the translations, they
could be printed up rough in St. Louis and
mailed. I bet it would pay for itself. There
are many people there interested in us,...
Joan could make the photos... Could have
a correspondence feature for boys who want
to continue writing to friends of the 21st."

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Dr. Edwin C. Ernst, who needs no intro­
duction to our readers, has been elected vice­
president of the newly formed Guaranty
Trust Company of Missouri, Clayton, Mis­
souri... Awards of commemorative certifi­
cates to two former members of the 21st
General, who have served the St. Louis
Committee of American Cancer Society for
the last ten years were presented at a dinner
meeting of the group at the Forest Park
Hotel. Honored, among others, were Dr.
Sim F. Beam, commander of Rouen Post
#242 and Dr. Paul Max, another 21st Gen­
eralite... The presentation was made by
Dr. Louis Jorstad, committee president, on
behalf of the national society... We extend
thanks to these fine St. Louisans for having
served such a worthy cause—and we hope
they will continue to serve. Our felicitations,
also.

Maudie Morris to Frohbie... Merry
Christmas, Frohbie. How is 'ole Santa treat­
ing you this year? I would love to see you
and more of the gang. It doesn't seem very
"Christmasy" here with no snow, but it has
been down to 60 degrees this week and that
is cold enough for me! I have been enjoying
your column in the Rouen Post very much.
You should get a syndicated article and
compete with Winchell—you really are
good! I'm sorry that I have missed all those
swell get-togethers but hope to make one
some of these days. We are heading for the
west now (I suppose you have heard that I
am not a bachelor-gal any more?) Mike is an
engineer, air-conditioning, and has just
signed a contract for some work in Guam and from there we will be going to Japan, if present plans go thru. Tell everyone "hello and Merry Christmas" for me—Kelly, Haase, Kohring and anyone else you see because I am not sure about their addresses. Are you with Dr. Edwards now? Best regards.

Maudie Morris

*Honolulu, H. I.*

Another note to Frohbie—Chris Klingel Burtenshaw. It has been such a long time—what is new and different with you? It has been a long time since I've had any news of the 21st. The Burtenshaws have been doing right well for themselves. We have two adorable Gremlins (we are prejudiced, naturally) and they really keep me busy. The baby girl was born September 25, and such a tiny mite. Ditto is a small edition of his father—quite a character. We have been living in the wide open spaces since last June—can't say I like it too well—the wind blows so much. Let me know what has been happening to you if you have time. Love. Chris.

Ed. note—We checked our mailing list and the Burtenshaws should be getting the Post. At least, they are not being returned nor have we received any advice of a change of address from the post office.

**THE ROUEN POST**

In Whitehall, London, we placed a large poppy wreath on the Cenotaph. In Paris we rekindled the "Eternal Flame" under the Arc de Triomphe. We visited the landing beaches at St. Lo, Beateau, Cherbourg and Ste. Mere Eglise. Other activities were, parading at Rhiems, Verdun and Metz; unveiling the markers for the General George Patton National Highway across France; visiting at Rouen the "Champ des Courses", rode the "dinky" trams, crossed the rue Pont Neuf bridge. The Capitiano place was missing and the little old tailor had gone.

The population treated us as liberators everywhere we went. We were dined on the Eiffel Tower. General Girard kissed the hands of each of the ladies of our entourage.

Pershing Hall is still going strong although most of the troops have left Paris. Paris did not have what it had in 1937 when I was last there. While in Rome we were granted an audience by the Pope. Rome as a whole is not damaged too much, but the railroad stations, power plants, etcetera were well taken care of.

The national commander and the national president of the auxiliary did our Legion proud and really improved the outlook of the people toward Americans.

We were in London for the "big wedding" standing in the Mall eight hours to see it. Our Pasadena Rose Parade is much more colorful. When we returned home we found an invitation to St. James Palace. It had been sent to our homes instead of our London hotel.

The American Embassy canteen did us a good turn by letting us have our meals there. We were assured of one big meal a day while in London.

We went over on the Queen Elizabeth and returned on the "Mary". As Miss Knud-
sen wrote, New York certainly looked good to us upon our return. We were there during the Christmas shopping rush when the lights were brightest and the shops full of merchandise. A poor European would think she was "Alice in Wonderland" for a certainty, in New York City.

I have lived in California 25 years and have not been in St. Louis since the American Legion national convention in 1935 but I do like THE ROUEN POST and would surely miss it.

Wishing all the members of both units and the Post the best of everything, I remain,

A. E. Blencowe

ROUEN POST 242 RECEIVES ANNUAL AMERICANISM CITATION

The Rouen Post No. 242, Department of Missouri is hereby cited for worthwhile and outstanding service to its community during the period specified in the Annual Americanism and Post Activity Report.

R. Worth Shumaker 1946-1947
Acting Director, National American Commission
Paul G. Griffith
National Commander

MORE LETTERS

Dear Mr. Engel:

Please accept the enclosed check as my contribution for the Rouen Post which I have been receiving and have been enjoying so very much. Please keep sending to me.

Now that spring is here my desire to move to a new location has been fulfilled. Therefore, my new address will be 111 Kendall Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. I have accepted an O.B. supervisor position in my training school.

Will be looking forward to the "Post", so thanking you in advance, I am,

Dorothy M. Dugan

American Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
February 25, 1948

Dear Mr. Engel:

While I am late to send in my contribution, due to being in a foreign country, please accept check enclosed. Nice to hear from the old gang! Find it refreshing as well as interesting.

My best wishes to all who are interested and say hello to Frobbie.

Sincerely, Eva Brouilette

Dear Bill Engel:

The 21st is the only service outfit I know that has a monthly paper to keep its members in touch with each other. My husband and I enjoy it very much and wish to contribute to its continuing success.

Your coverage, including pictures, of the reunion was wonderful and we won't miss the next one for anything. Bunny Phillips and Verna Lathrop Dana write that they will be at the next one, too.

Rendle and I have two little boys, David, 2 years and Richard 8 months, that keep us busy and pretty much at home.

Thanks again for the "Post".

Sincerely yours,

Mary Robinson (Robbie) Fussell
8 Magee Road, Glenmont, New York

Curtis M. Kindgren, 419 15th St., Ames, Iowa, taking us at our word when we requested material from members of the 21st General, writes: "Everyone from Abe Bolotin down was promised this picture, "apres la guerre", so I hope it's quality is good enough for reproduction in The Rouen Post for all the 21st'ers who were bivouac on "mud flats", December 9, 1942. No story accompanies this photo because each "old rabbit" and "new rabbits" will recall his own... Unfortunately the print Curt sent us is not quite sharp enough for reproduction. We have asked him for the negative thinking something can be done with it. As we review the picture we agree with Curt that, no doubt, every one who set up camp under those conditions would have a pretty good story of his own. Hope we can get a good "cut" for reproduction.

Dear Bill:

Greetings from New York.

Thanks so much for including me on the mailing list. Enclosed find a check as a contribution to the publication of Rouen Post.

Marge Hyde Price and I get together quite frequently and when visiting Marge in Philly have seen Kay Jones. Needless to say we
always go over the experiences of overseas. After hashing over other outfits, etc. always come to the conclusion the 21st was the best darn hospital in the Army.

Be sure to let me know if there is to be a reunion again this year. Marge and I are going to try like mad to be there.

I’ve been doing industrial nursing for the past year and find it very interesting.

My best to all the 21st-ers. Heard from Earl Shepard at Christmas time. Talked to Dr. Zimmerman on the phone a couple of times. Thanks again for sending me the Rouen Post.

Sincerely,
Kay Kiernan

Dear Mr. Engel:

Miss Metta Baxter to whom you wrote a letter on February 29, and who has generously permitted Mrs. Nie and me to read the Rouen Post, has suggested that I submit our address to you so that a copy of the Rouen Post can be mailed to us. Mrs. Nie (formerly Bernadine Dougherty) was a nurse in the 21st General Hospital, and I was one of the medical administrative officers. At present, I am a medical administrative officer in the Veterans Administration Regional Office at Los Angeles, California.

We have a son and a daughter in our family, and we enjoy very much reading about our twenty-firster co-workers in the ‘Post.’

Certainly, it would seem that we should contribute our share to the publication of this magazine. Will you please advise me concerning the subscription rate.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur J. Nie

6526 Sherman Way
Bell, California

Dear Bill Engel:

Enclosed is a contribution which I’ll be glad to continue sending as they are needed.

The Rouen Post and round-robin letters which six of us write are welcome parcels of mail. The six are Esther Hesse, 1203 Wilmington, St. Louis, Mo.; Sue Vedder Hyberger, 7500 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, Mo.; Eleanor Brinkmeyer Spence, 5 Stelfax Avenue, Demarest, N. J.; Ernestine Hageman, 212 North Benton Street, St. Charles, Mo.; Lucia Gardner, Hotel Victoria, Des Moines, Iowa and myself.

Esther works in the Scruggs Building doing office nursing. Sorry I cannot remember the doctor’s name. Sue is teaching at Missouri Baptist Hospital, building a home and laying sewer pipe on the side. Eleanor is busy keeping up with her daughter, Jane Marie, born last March 18. Ernie has time for a few 21st reminiscences with her boss Oscar Hampton in St. Louis. Lucia is taking a merchandising course at Yonkers department store in Des Moines. In another year or so we can look for ‘Gardner’s Garments’ on the market.

Thanks for the ‘Post’. It is so nicely edited.

Sincerely yours,

Gladys E. Johnson

Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Bill:

Received the ‘Post’ today and expected to read an account of the death of Dr. Fred T. Murphy, our first commanding officer, but failed to see it announced. Perhaps you did not hear about it.

Dr. Fred Murphy died about January 10 at his home in Detroit, Michigan. I am positive about this, having talked with Dr. Barney Brooks who had attended his funeral.

I enjoy the ‘Post’ very much.

Regards and best wishes.

Thomas M. Lodge

Ed. note—Before this goes to press you will have the story of Dr. Murphy’s death. Our purpose in ‘reporting’ Tom Lodge’s letter is two-fold. We have not heard from him in many years and former members of Base Hospital 21 will be glad to learn he is still about and well. Secondly, we are pleased at receiving it, since we sometimes wonder how many of those on our list are interested in getting The Rouen Post, when we do not hear from them in years.—This applies to members of the old Unit 21, mostly. Tom’s letter has given us a good answer and we are grateful to him.

Dear Bill:

Sorry, but I must write you again as I have not received my issue of the Post for the month of January. For the life of me I cannot understand what goes on. The post office here does not find any reason why I get my other letters and not the Post.
I am beginning to feel awful to have to bother you with a letter so often but I like to get that POST as there is no better way of keeping in contact with the other members. I guess it might help if you put the mailing zone number of the envelope.

Well, Bill, I say so long once again. Thanks for all the taking care of me. I remain,

James Hubbard
467 Bosworth street,
San Francisco 12, Calif.

Ed. note—For some unknown reason we are having more postal problems at San Francisco than elsewhere, especially with overseas mail. We have interchanged several letters with the postmaster trying to get to the bottom of our difficulties. Getting back to Jim Hubbard, we are reminded of the note we made following Tom Lodge's letter, also in this issue.

It is indeed refreshing to have a grand and interesting chap like Jim on our list who is so eager to get the POST that he reminds us when he does not get his copy, all of which makes this job worthwhile. By Jove, we'll mail his copies first class hereafter and if that does not do the trick then, by registered mail, special delivery.

Veterans Administration
Physical Therapy Dept.
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Colonel Cady:

The only news I have had from Texas way has been via the "Rouen Post", which I might add has been enjoyed thoroughly and passed around among former 21st-ers. We were all very happy and pleased to learn that you had finally been awarded a decoration which you earned on many occasions. Congratulations on your Legion of Merit award—now I hold mine with much respect, as I have always felt that you and many others should have been first on the list. It was gratifying to learn that not only was our chief physical therapist for the army finally awarded the Legion of Merit, and it is now Colonel Vogel!

Dorothy MacCleod wrote a short note saying she was now in New York, but outside of that, I am assuming the 21st still holds forth in Dallas. Helen Davis, Capt., is chief dietitian at McCormack Hospital in Pasadena and we get together rather frequently. At present, we are anticipating a visit from Kathleen Creech! Helen and I were fortunate enough to get tickets to the Rose Bowl parade and the Rose Bowl game this year—(I might add we used tactics cultivated in the 21st).

I am afraid I shall be an old, old woman before I finish my schooling. In addition to full time with the Los Angeles regional office, I am taking a few courses at the University of Southern California night school. Stella Metzger is going to U.C.L.A. day school and works at a Santa Monica hospital at night. Harriet Jackson is going to U.S.C. days and working some at an L.A. Hospital. We will soon have enough of the old outfit in this area for a Cadre!

Sincerely,

Metta L. Baxter
Woodland Hospital
Moberly, Mo.

Dear Mr. Engel:

One of the many things I have intended to do but have neglected is this note. Enclosed find check for membership in Rouen Post #242 and balance to be applied to the "Rouen Post" fund. I am a non-attending member of the Bernard F. Schlegal Post #134 but would like to renew associations with the old 21st. I served with the dental service from September, 1943 until we parted company in the U.S.A. in 1945.

I receive and read the Post regularly and eagerly. If all the U. S. Army could be like the service with the 21st General I would never have become a civilian. A grand crowd of people on every score.

I surely hope to make the next reunion. Mrs. Spellman and I have a 16 months old daughter and they both join me in saying "Hello" again.

Sincerely,

Elwood M. Spellman, D.D.S.
225 W. Miner Street.
West Chester, Pa.

Ed. note—Dr. Spellman is now a member of 242.

BILL ENGEL
TO ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF BOTH THE 21sts.

Our credit is still good, BUT, we feel we have extended it to the limit ... with our printer. Anyone providing materials and having a payroll these days is out-of-pocket a tidy sum before he can think of overhead and profit ... especially in one of the smaller businesses.

We have a mailing list of more than 725 names to whom we are mailing The ROUEN POST whether or not they have made a contribution towards it ... and that goes for a good percentage of the members of the original 21st. We have continued this policy and it is our sincere desire to ever continue it while finances permit. However the paper must be self-supporting ... not a drain on Rouen Post #242. When we can no longer support it, as in the past ... then we will have to curtail its activities ... and most certainly reduce the mailing list ... to those who are interested.

It pains us to write such a letter as this ... but we must be solvent or go out of business. Remember, please, all services of 21st members are gratuitous ... and have been contributed, without thought of personal gain ... in the past, now, and/or in the future.

We care not "how little or how much" you send ... it is the total that counts. At this writing only about six percent of those on our list - exclusive of Rouen Post #242 members - have sent in a donation. With the increased costs, this small number cannot carry the entire load - and should not be expected to.

Please make and mail your check to:

THE ROUEN POST
220 North Fourth Street
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Thanking you, in advance, for your early consideration, we are,

Yours very truly,

The ROUEN POST

Bill Engel

P.S. Enough material is available for another eight page issue in May.
MEMBERS OF THE 21STS.

We have been getting so many inquiries about a reunion this year that it has been decided to hold an extra-special party commemorating the Base Hospital 21, World War I, 31st Anniversary of their departure for foreign soil and the 6th Anniversary for the 21st General of World War II.

Date: May 15, 1948
Place: THE CANDLELIGHT HOUSE
       7800 Clayton Road
       St. Louis Co., Mo.

At 5:00 o'clock we will start the festivities with a "dutch treat" cocktail party, to be followed by dinner at 7:30.

After dinner, your program committee, headed by Dr. Earl E. Shepard, has promised us everything from a talk by a former prominent member of the 21st General, to lighter moments of music, song and legerdemain...far into the night.

This being Saturday, it will afford out-of-the-city members an opportunity to come on and spend the week-end with us. To those who were present for the reunions almost a year ago, nothing need be added...and those who were not present, we suggest you come and be initiated...into the hospitality of the 21sts.

Anyone planning on being here for the week-end, reservations should be made NOW for hotel accommodations. We will gladly arrange that for you if you so indicate on the enclosed postcard.

We are looking forward to seeing many new faces for this gala meeting...AND PLEASE DO NOT FAIL TO RETURN THE ENCLOSED CARD.

Cordially yours,

ROUEN POST #242

W. E. Engel, Adjt.