THE ROUEN POST NEWS-LETTER

Devoted to the interests of the members of B.H. 21 World War I and the 21st Gen. Hosp. World War II

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APPRECIATION

Dear Mr. Engel: Thank you for the Rouen Post News-Letter. I just received it and its tribute to Edna is certainly beautiful.

Please let me say to each of the members of Rouen Post, a sincere "Thank You" for the lovely floral offerings, for the sympathy and love of the many who visited her during her illness and especially for the friendship and fellowship she so enjoyed when she was with you.

My brothers join me in gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Sincerely.....Marie M. Nettle

Mrs. Marie M. Nettle is the sister of our former contemporary, Edna M. Haase.

A LETTER TO THE OLD SERGEANT

Dear Sergeant: Sorry to read that you have not been well. I want you to know that I wish you a speedy recovery.

It has been a long time since I have seen you but you will, no doubt, remember me as being one of your privates who was not too cooperative.

Good Luck, Sergeant.

Joseph W. 'Pete' McKee, M. D.
Kansas City, Missouri

The old sergeant Jablonsky, although he has suffered the tortures of the damned, still is as meticulous about matters as when he was first sergeant of the famous 21st of 1917.

By design, we omitted the letter of Dr. McKee, since we are operating on a limited space basis. Articles, letters and other items are used as they fit into spaces making for complete pages within a limited number of pages.

This had not been previously explained to the sergeant and as a result we received a postcard, quote, "Received the Rouen Post this A.M. Why the holdout! I'm referring to Pete McKee's letter."

The old boy never misses an opportunity to 'strike at us' should we fail to measure to his standards.

A NEW TALE OF AN OLD DOG

We've had lots of stories about how boys lost their dogs, but this one has a new twist.

When the old dog of 10-year-old Richard Hudson, 5739 Cates Ave., died, his mother, Mrs. Dorothea Usher Hudson, took him out to the St. Louis County Pound where he picked out a new dog—a little spotted one which Richard called Half Pint.

A month later, Dr. Sim F. Beam made a professional call at the home and Half Pint leapt all over him when he arrived, gazed at him all during his stay and cried when he started to leave.

Turned out, after mutual apologies, that Dr. Beam had lost his spotted dog Patches just a month before. And now Half Pint is Patches again—and belongs to the Beam children and not to poor Richard.

The foregoing Reprinted from the St. Louis Star-Times.

The following Reprinted from Katy Employees Magazine.
A DOCTOR'S HOBBY

Dr. R. S. Kieffer, chief surgeon of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Hospital Association, has an unusual hobby—he collects the names and addresses of medical doctors who are sons or daughters of Katy employees.

It all started when Dr. Thomas H. Burford, 43 year old chest surgeon and associate professor of surgery at Washington University, St. Louis, was preparing to enter the operating room for an operation on one of Dr. Kieffer's patients. Calling Dr. Kieffer aside, Dr. Burford said, "I hear you are with the Katy Employees Hospital Association now."

Dr. Kieffer nodded. "I'm glad to hear it," Dr. Burford continued, "I owe my medical education to the Katy. My father was a Katy engineer, and used to run into St. Louis on No. 6."

Since that time Dr. Kieffer has been making his unusual collection. Magazine readers who know of medical doctors who are sons or daughters of Katy employees are requested to forward the information to Dr. Kieffer.

Dr. Burford served with the 21st General during World War II.

CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES IN V.A. HOSPITALS

Several weeks ago we received a letter from Colonel Shook of the 21st General which has developed into an interesting file. We quote:

Dear Bill: My attention has just been invited to a statement that the American Legion had gone on record recommending to the Veterans Administration, chiropractic services.

Before I express myself, I would really like to know whether or not this statement is true. I cannot believe that delegates to the National Convention could be so badly informed.

Your advice in this matter will be appreciated.

Hope that you have entirely recovered from your recent disability.

The best of everything to you as usual and may I also extend Holiday Greetings.

Sincerely, Charlie Shook

We answered—Dear Colonel: It was nice getting your letter.

Being unfamiliar with the proceedings of the American Legion Convention of this year or more years, in fact, I shall have to get a copy for you. It may not be ready for mailing.

I have contacted some chaps who should know about matters of this sort but they were unable to enlighten me. Somewhere, somehow, I'll get the accurate facts and advice for you.

Mrs. Engel still has not entirely recovered from her disabilities and probably never shall. Thanks for your kind words.

With most cordial Holiday Greetings, I am, Sincerely, Bill Engel.

Being unable to develop any information of value for the Colonel we conceived the happy idea of writing our expert on Veterans Administration affairs, Colonel Lee Cady, former commanding officer of the 21st Gen. We wrote:

Dear Colonel: Colonel Shook has written me for information on the subject of the American Legion "recommending chiropractic services" to the Veterans Administration.

I have been trying to run this down but thus far have learned nothing of value. Knowing how some Legionnaires "think" this could be possible. Have you any information which may lead us out of the dark?

Please, and kind regards to Mrs. Cady and to you. Sincerely, Bill Engle.

A copy of this letter went to Charlie Shook which he promptly acknowledged and we quote:

Dear Bill: Thanks for the carbon copy of the letter to Colonel Cady. You are just like the elephant who never forgets.

The Colonel may have the answer to our chiropractic question but I am afraid it is too late for any one to do anything except be a little more choosy in selecting delegates to the National Convention.

Our people in Rouen Post represent legitimate medicine and they should be alert to combat any type of legislation of this kind. We hope that at the next convention our people can be put right.

The best of everything to you and Mrs. Engel, as usual. Charlie
Now we come to Colonel Cady's answer to our inquiry, and we quote:

Dear Bill: I can't help you or Colonel Shook about the ideas of the Légionnaires on advocating chiropractic services in the V.A. I've heard nothing of it.

Thanks for your nice Christmas card. I had my family together down in Mexico City during the last half of December. I came back on January 1st feeling well rested, and for the first time in ten years I wasn't tired. That is something.

I'm in the beginning of a building program here at the hospital, and we will put in close to $3,000,000.00 worth of improvements into an already splendid place. Most of it is to make for better handling of patients rather than handling more patients. I'll be going to Washington, Sunday (January 28, 1951) for a week in order to put the final touches on the plans, I hope.

The enclosed quotations may be used in the next issue of the Rouen Post.

How is your son coming along with his pre-medical work at Johns Hopkins? Is he about ready to move on? (Ed. note: We have just received a telegram that King has been accepted for admission to the Johns Hopkins University Medical School this fall even though he shall have had only three years in the under-graduate school. Hence he seems to be doing quite well)

Mino will graduate, I hope, in June. He won't know for about a month yet just where he will intern. In a way, I'll be glad for him to get those formalities behind him even if it does mean he will be moving on into some form of Military Service, and a very troubled world.

Have you and Mrs. Engel completely recovered from your accident?

Sincerely, Lee D. Cady

* The Quotations:

Mr. Thos. B. Milan, 722 West 4th St., Red Wing, Minn., wants the address of Mary B. Toon, ANC, to get her help establishing a claim. He was a patient in North Africa, 1943.

Note! Our mailing list does not reflect the name of Mary Toon. Should anyone know of her address, please contact the above.

It's been a long time since the old 21st Christmases but I shall never forget one of them. Every year, I get a longing to see the old gang. I do miss them. My husband, Bill, and I are proud to tell you we have a six months old daughter, Sally, to share our holidays. I'll not brag too much but she is a little doll.

Clarice Johnson Leving, Arcata, California

As an active reservist I have been called. Will report about the middle of January. If I had a choice of O. O., I'd ask for Colonel Cady without a moments hesitation. My only wish is, I'm assigned to as fine an outfit as the 21st Gen.

Mette Baxter

Colonel Cady notes: "Our first lady medallist" ... Mette Baxter

Stopped off at St. Louis on my trip to Chicago. Had a very pleasant visit with the Pattons, Schwartz, Kelleys, Shepards, Burford, and Wedigs. It was over a weekend. Tried to call a number of others. Will have to arrange to spend more time, for it was nice meeting those mentioned.

Rusty & Abe (Lt. Col.) Bolotin, now Assistant Manager, VA Hospital, McKinney, Texas.

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LETTERS WE LIKE

At the outset, our apologies to "Colonel" Tony Willis. His letter which follows had been misplaced and we are chagrined.

Dear Bill: Shelbyville, Ky.

Enclosed you will find a greenback for my part to help keep the Rouen Post going. I am ashamed to have not sent my part last year but there is no excuse. I want to thank you and all of the rest that have given, for keeping me on the mailing list.

I have enjoyed each copy that I received and am looking forward to the next issue.

I sure am sorry that I missed the last reunion. I know everyone there had a good time. Sue Morgan and Shug came by on their way home from the reunion and stayed about five days with me and the family. I heard...
all about everything that went on—so you can see I was not left completely out.

I took the girls out to some night clubs—took them to see Man-O-War and a few race horse farms. Fed them on Old Grand-Dad and they went home happy as larks.

Since I have been home I have had the following old 21st friends to come to see me: Howard Whittemore; Coleman Friedman, Beck of headquarters company; Gladys Johnson (I was not at home) and Shorty Owens.

Well, I have blown enough so in closing tell everyone hello for me. I sure would love to see each and every one of you.

If you or any of the old gang come to Kentucky my door is always open—look me up.

Very truly yours,
Tony Willis
Colonel Bus Stop, Route 3, Shelbyville, Ky.

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Dear Rouen Post en masse: Find check enclosed to help carry on with you doing such a good job with the Post, keeping us informed. It would be a pity if ever it was not to be kept up for any reason.

I attended the reunion in Los Angeles last summer. Myself and Shorty Richner were the only ones from B.H. 21 there but it had a good attendance of the 21st Gen. members. They should have had it during the Legion National Convention, in Los Angeles. I hunted for anyone from St. Louis but never was able to contact anyone from good old 242.

I have not been in St. Louis since the American Legion Convention of 1935. Time marches on and the old bunch will pass along with it. I should say the members in St. Louis should keep both units alive to the last man or woman.

Good luck to all—Ed Blencoe

WRENNIE STEELE CHANGES ADDRESS

Conrad Bill: We have moved. Please change my address to 5458 Lindwood (9)
St. Louis. How are you and the Mrs. by this time? Did the accident leave you with any ailments?

Wrennie W. Steele

Dear Bill: My new address: 125 South 13th Street, Woodriver, Illinois. Please change. Sent it to Jackson along with my dues and a newsy letter some time ago.

Hope this finds you and the Mrs. well again. November 11th party was able to attend, as I did not have to work. There was fun but am not allowed any more spirits since heart attack in August. John Wedig says no coffee, no alcohol—joined Dixon on the 'Coke' wagon.

Best wishes, Lucile Dixon

We do not have any record of the change of address or the newsy letter referred to in the foregoing. If it was sent to other than this department, we disclaim any and all responsibility. Should we really care to be acrimonious, perhaps, we could name names of the parties responsible for the "burial" of the information and letter to which Lucile Dauer Brown refers. We suggest being a bit more cautious in the future. We have no way of knowing how much more valuable material lies buried—somewhere?

* * * * * 917 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

Dear Bill: Am sending "Mazuma" for the Rouen Post. Also note my change of name and address! Since last July 26 I have been Mrs. Louis L. Nielsen.

Helen Bowen came to my wedding. Also Grothe Knudsen. She is now engaged to a real nice Dane. They paid us a visit on New Year's Eve, 1950.

Best of luck to you and the gang.

Sincerely, Annie Laurie Dickson

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Dear Friends: Am enclosing a small contribution with the sincere promise of sending more soon. Sorry to hear of the series of mishaps.

Have been a member of the faculty and staff of New York University since autumn 1949, teaching political science, public administration and public law, and serving as consultant on United Nations affairs. Completed all course requirements for the Ph. D. and am now busy on my dissertation. Immersion in academic life has left little chance to meet the local 21st-ers.

Very best wishes,
Oscar, Helen and Carole Kranes
We way would hate to; JEWS you in 21st G. H. and all other Doar - Mr. - only forty guests, abandoned for lack of funds.

The ROUEN POST is one of my most favorite pieces of mail. I am always looking forward to it.

"Slick" or "mimeographed" the POST is NEWS of friends and former associates, a way to keep in touch, even though we seldom have the privilege and pleasure of seeing one another.

However, in September of 1951 I hope to have the pleasure of seeing many of you in St. Louis, when I plan to attend the Convention of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. As president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Nurse Anesthetists it is my pleasant duty to attend the above meeting.

I am looking forward to renewing old friendships with former members of the 21st G. H. and all other St. Louis friends as well.

An very glad Mrs. Bill and you are both feeling much better. Hope you both keep on improving very rapidly.

Am looking forward to the next issue of the ROUEN POST.

Yours most sincerely, Emma A. Miller

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Army & Navy General Hospital
Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Mr. Engel: After not receiving the News-letter for some months, two copies reached me recently and made me realize how much I had missed it.

I am enclosing a small contribution to help keep it coming. Please change my name on the mailing list.

Kindest regards to all 21sters.
Sincerely, Dorothy Krog Harper, Major

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GRETHE WILL BE THERE, AND HOW SHE WILL!

We may be classified as "a nut" and even a "lug" but we must print the facts as they are reported to us--even when submitted by the person who presumably has been libeled. Another opistle from Grothe cannot be withheld from our dear readers so here it is:

Dear Bill: You nut, I didn't expect you to print every word I wrote! Now the 21st will have it--in writing--that I'm nuts!

We have set the date for Easter Saturday, March 24, a simple wedding at home--only forty guests. Hope T. J. can get away from the Dynomatic Corporation, from eleven hour days-- war work-- to have a week in Florida. Alice Kokrd Lewis is to be my attendant. She is planning to come to see her daughter.

Here is the check I have promised you annually for the ROUEN POST--sure enjoy it! (We wish more possessed the same spirit!)

All my best to the gang. Annie Laurie Dickson Neilson now, of Racine, and me and Mr. T. J. plan to attend the next nation-wide reunion in St. Louis.

Am looking at houses, buying very la-de-da trousseau, breath-taking nighties and lingerie. Got to keep life and interest in the ole boy and the gleam in his eye!! (How don't you dare print that you lug) All my best to everyone.

Knute Knudsen

How disappointed Knute would have been had we not used that portion of her letter which she admonished us not to print.

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"Judge" Winterbower of California suggested some time ago that it would be interesting to our readers to have the names and addresses of the former members of each of the Units 21. As space and time permits we shall print some of these. Those with the asterisk before them are World War I and the others are World War II.

Abate, Jasper A.
218 State St.
Calumet City, Ill.

Ackerman, John A.
2313 Summit Ave.
Union City, N. J.

Abraham, S. Dan
49 E. Walnut St.
Long Beach, N. Y.

Adams, Laura J.
Mountain Home VA Hosp
Johnson City, Tenn.

Abramson, Junius
301 S. Brady Ave
Yonkers, N. Y.

Adler, Bernard
8785 Bay 16th St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
**HORACE BARKER HOSPITALIZED**

We have unofficial word that Horace Barker has been confined to the VA Hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., the result of an operation. Confirmation of this will be sought through channels. We trust the former guardian of the recalcitrant J. Spencer Allen shall soon be able to leave the hospital.

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**ANOTHER BUDGET MESSAGE**

While the President is trying to raise billions of dollars to balance the nation's budget we are still struggling along trying to keep our budget on a pay-as-we-go basis. It is our impression that contributions to The Rouen Post are deductible from your income taxes. Please, today, send a negotiable bit of paper to:

**JUSTIN J. JACKSON, Finance Officer**

7477 Gannon Avenue
University City 5, Missouri

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Since we are depending upon each of you for letters or items of interest to our readers we urge you to "get busy!" Mail to:

**BILL ENGEL**

220 N. Fourth St., St. Louis 2, Mo.