IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM C. REEVES

passed away at the Veterans Hos-
pital, Poplar Bluff, Missouri,
December 6, 1956. Services at
Marion, Illinois. We offer our
sincere sympathy to the family
of William C. Reeves.

The following members of Base
Hospital 21 have departed from
our ranks this past year:

DR. RAYMOND SPIVEY April 2
DR. CHARLES D. O'KEEFE June 27
LEWIS CARL TAYLOR August 13

MEMORIES of the Commander's Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kurka made
available to us their lovely home in
Afton for our Post Meeting April 28, 1956.

Babes in the woods (your editor).
The evening was well spent when,
armed with a map drafted by the Post
tavel bureau, we set out for the
Kurka domicile. However, the map was
slightly confusing and we are still
trying to figure out who moved Resur-
rection Cemetery. After driving up
and down alley and cow paths, trying to
read small three signs cleverly
concealed in trees, and expecting the
decidedly better half to blow a fuse
any moment, we threw in the sponge and
pushed up to a hamburger stand. After
wrecking the morale of the entire crew
we managed to get our bearings. A
short time later, Dr. and Mrs. Ernst
emerged from the Afton wilderness and
found the same hamburger stand, where
the crew promptly told them they had
already seen the map which was 100% wet
(it was raining cats and dogs).
The Hamilions had better luck as they
had the foresight to compare it with a
city street map.

Shades of the past - a high light
of the evening was viewing an art col-
lection of photographs (1917 vintage)
of 22 former members of Base Hospital
Unit 21. This superb collection was
obtained from Mrs. Marvin Hamilton who
had artfully concealed it over the
years, awaiting just such an oppor-
tunity.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernst, our genial host
and hostess of the Fall Festival part-
ties, were on hand. The Dr. passed up
a meeting of the Missouri Athletic
Club - of which he is president - just
to be with us.

After doing justice to the delic-
ious refreshments "of which there was
an abundance" the party broke up - BUT
not until the wee hours of the morning.
Our thanks to you, Mr. Commander, and
to your lovely wife, for a wonderful
evening.

ROUEN Rouen, France. The war-
CATHEDRAL damaged Rouen Cathedral was
OPENED reopened to public worship
as part of the observance
of the 500th anniversary of the vindica-
tion trial of St. Joan of Arc. The
Cathedral devastated by bombardment in
1944 presents an epic story of recon-
struction, started between 1240 and 1530
it was a masterpiece of medieval work-
manship. Every available scrap of the
original fabric was used in the restora-
tion, after being carefully gathered,
sorted, and cataloged. The quarries
from which the original stone was taken
were reopened and today the new stone
is mellowing - in a few years it will
be indistinguishable from the original.
President Coty placed the cornerstone
as a monument commemorating the triumph
of St. Joan. A stone from the Cathedra-
le will be sent to the United States
be built into the proposed Chapel of
Our Lady of the Skies at Idlewild Air-
port in New York. (NOWC and Special
Dispatch)

JAMES B. TOWNSEND

The J. B. Townsends have a
new home in Boulder County,
20 miles north of Denver -
290 Garnet Street, Longmont, Colorado. Alex Drier spoke of this new
city starting up, on one of his broad-
casts from New York. His son, who was
graduated from West Point in 1945, was
promoted to Lt. Col. in April, 1956.
He is connected with the new Air Academy
in Denver. Only two others of his
class of 859 have attained a Lieutenant-
Colonelcy.

COL. JOHN PATTON

writes, "Best wishes to you
of Rouen Post. My address
after February 1 will be
C/O Walter Reed Army Hospital, Wash-
ton, D.C. We've enjoyed this tour in
Germany and regret leaving."

M. C. REEVES

writes, "Did not get up there
for Reunion this time. I
had planned to attend Int'l
Live Stock Show in Chicago, but got sick
and didn't make it either. I do hope to
see you well and happy some time in 57.
Give my best wishes and regards to all
my friends."

MISS RETHA SNYDER

retired after 32 years as
Social Service Director at
St. Luke's Hospital. She
was guest of honor at a tea given by
her former associates at the Hospital.
Her address: 5617 Cabanne Avenue (12)
MARIE K. Dear 21st's: So, three more left the ranks. Well, you know when you think back, it's been a long time since we started our trek in May 1917, and now we are the old people and, frankly, I don't like it. Really don't feel that old, but when I look in the mirror I don't see the Gal of 1917, but just another old gray-haired lady. But, that's life and we have been blessed with children and now two Grandchildren and love 'em. Best wishes.

A word of warning to Marse Jessie. Beware of a retired printer who claims to be an old buddy of yours. He may try to contact you some time in March. He will be carrying Jules with him.

And now from SHORTY RICHNER (Robert J. for short). Two reports from Fresno, California say he observed his 68th birthday on April 16 but will be 100 years old before he again grows whiskers as he has just done for the Fresno Centennial. He is retired and has been living in Fresno for the past 10 years. Has seen Hettich "Tiny" Dillman and - Hutchinson. Dillman lives in Los Angeles and Hutchinson has a hat store there.

NEWS FROM NANCE TAYLOR - Dear Mr. Dunville, You asked for news so perhaps I can give you a little. I do enjoy the NEWS LETTER when it comes, altho so many of my friends from the first world war have passed on to their eternal rest ... Like Olive S. Flynn, and Saldee Hausman, I, too, live in a home for retired people and love it. I am blessed with good health so am able to do many things that are available here in southern California. We take advantage of trips to such places as Hollywood Bowl, the Ramona Pageant at Hemet, the Festival of Arts at Laguna Beach, Knott's Berry Farm and, of late, the fabulous Disneyland. Doubtless many of the veterans live in California and we are always glad to see them. How I should like to be there some time when Dr. and Mrs. Ernat are having one of their parties. Have heard much about them but having been in California since 1926, those treats have been denied me. Regards to all from 21 and from any in the later unit who may have known me.

From ALLEN A. GILBERT, M.D., Arcade Building, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

I certainly appreciate the Christmas Card from Rouen Post. I used to enjoy getting together with a lot of you at Garavelli's and at the Coronado Bar as was arranged by Bill Stack. But if and when you meet again, give all the gang my heartiest greetings and best wishes for the coming year. Just wish we could all get together one more time to sing and reminisce and drink each other's health. Most cordially, Allen Gilbert.

PAUL CURRUBIA sends Season's Greetings via. Silberberg. Sorry to hear of the passing of William C. Reeves. My sympathy goes to his family.

Letter from the Commander of Department of Missouri -

Dear Commander Hamilton:

Please accept my most hearty congratulations for your success in the membership drive. Your success in getting "Over the Top" in membership is an acknowledgment of the fine cooperation of your membership, and of the hard work of each and every one.

Yours very truly,
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