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# THE AMERICAN LEGION ROUEN POST 242 NEWS-LETTER

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## 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

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MEMORIES of the Commander's Party  
Mr. and Mrs. Kurka made  
available to us their lovely home in  
Affton 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  
travel 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 alleys and cow paths, trying  
to read small street signs cleverly  
concealed in trees, and expecting the  
decidedly better half to blow a fuse  
any moment, we threw in the sponge and  
pulled 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 Affton 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 Hamiltons 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-  
ies, 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 vindic-  
ation trial of St. Joan of Arc. The  
Cathedral devastated by bombardment in  
1944 presents an epic story of recon-  
struction. Built between 1201 and 1530  
it was a masterpiece of medieval work-  
manship. Every available scrap of the  
original fabric was used in the restor-  
ation, 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 Cathed-  
ral will be sent to the United States  
to be built into the proposed Chapel of  
Our Lady of the Skies at Idlewild Air-  
port in New York. (NCWC and Special  
Dispatch)

JAMES B. The J. B. Townsends have a  
TOWNSEND new home in Boulder County,  
20 miles north of Denver -  
290 Garnet Street, Broomfield Heights,  
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 writes, "best wishes to you  
PATTON of Rouen Post. My address  
after February 1 will be  
c/o Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washing-  
ton, D.C. We've enjoyed this tour in  
Germany and regret leaving."

MARSE writes "did not get up there  
JESSIE 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 I  
see you well and happy some time in 57.  
Give my best wishes and regards to all  
my friends."

MISS RETTA retired after 32 years as  
SNYDER 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. STOCKHAUSE 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 buddie 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. 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 Saidee 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. Ernst 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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Department Commander

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