

#826 Man o' War – Man o' War's name is due in the natural to World War I

Here is the story taken from other sources about the birth and naming of Man o' War:



March 29, 1917, the birth of Man o' War. The calendar said that Spring had arrived in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, but in the dark hours, just before midnight on March 29, 1917, it would have been hard to convince the birthing crew at Major **August Belmont II's** Nursery Stud, about three miles from Lexington. A cold, damp winter fog hung over the barn as the mare Mahubah gave birth to a chestnut colt.

A young Man o' War with the sire Fair Play

Early the next morning, the following entry would be made on page 939 of the Nursery Stud daybook: "March 29, 1917--Mahubah foaled chestnut colt by Fair Play. Star, narrow stripe from right of star down center of nose. Height: 42. Girth: 33."

August Belmont, Jr. (II), from the aristocratic racing family of Belmonts (Belmont Park and the Belmont Stakes, originated at Jerome Park in New York, were named for his father), was in New York at the time. He received a telegram that afternoon: "Mahubah foaled nice chestnut colt."

August Belmont, Jr.



Belmont, now in his sixties, normally would have been deeply absorbed in the affairs of his beloved Nursery Stud, but he had volunteered and become heavily involved in the United States' efforts in World War I. Too old to serve in the infantry, he was given the rank of major and put in charge of securing and training horses for service in the military overseas.

The son of Mahubah in his early months of training was called simply, "Mahubah's colt." In the meantime, August Belmont II was sent to France. At home, his wife finally named the new foal My Man o' War, in honor of her husband. Because of his age and the uncertainty as to the war's end, August Belmont, Jr., decided to disband the stable in 1918. With the "My" dropped from the name, Man o' War was sold to Samuel D. Riddle, whose Glen Riddle Farm in Maryland, with its stables, large mansion, and one-mile racing oval for training thoroughbred racehorses, would become home to Hall of Fame racehorses Man o' War, American Flag (son of Man o' War and 1925 Belmont Stakes winner), Crusader (son of Man o' War and 1926 Belmont Stakes winner), and War Admiral (son of Man o' War and 1937 Triple Crown winner).

[Note: Much of the above story comes from <http://www.equinenet.org/heroes/mow.html>.]

Key Understanding: *Man o' War prophetically pointed to the Woodrow Wilson-led men of war and body of Americans in World War I. Man o' War, and his owner/breeder August Belmont, Jr., were ordained by the Lord to prophetically and specifically represent the Woodrow Wilson-led Men of War and Body of Americans in World War I, whose purpose it was to Make the World Safe for Democracy.*

1 Chronicles 28:3 (KJV) But God said unto me [King David], THOU SHALT NOT BUILD AN HOUSE FOR MY NAME, BECAUSE THOU HAST BEEN A MAN OF WAR, AND HAST SHED BLOOD.

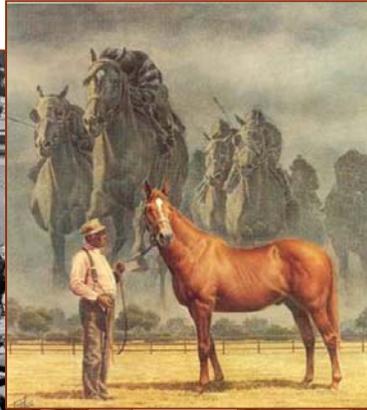
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Man o' War

Men of War



Woodrow Wilson's April 2, 1917, war message to "make the world safe for democracy"



Sending men off to fight in World War I

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