



The Doughboys Who Never Came Home: American Cemetery at Suresnes, Outside Paris, Where 1,497 Soldiers of the A. E. F. Lie Buried. Always Decorated on Memorial Day.

Fields of Honor in Fair France

Crosses Row on Row Mark Graves of Our Boys in Honored Rest.

Ten years after the declaration of war by the United States against Germany in the year 1917 there remain in Europe few traces of the American Expeditionary forces which proved the deciding factors in the conflict. For the most part, the battlefields have grown up with weeds, or have been restored to cultivation by the plow. The hotels, the barracks, the hospitals we used have been returned long since to peace time duty. A few unofficial monuments mark certain battle scenes, but the official battle monuments are yet in the preliminary stages. The American Legionnaires who return to Europe for their convention at Paris next September will miss a great many sights which were familiar in 1917 and 1918.

But there are eight permanent, plain and prominent monuments of the Legionnaires of ten years ago—the eight American military cemeteries overseas.

These cemeteries, the final resting places of more than 30,000 of those who followed Pershing overseas, are now handsome, well-kept, solemn fields of honor. At dawn the flag is raised over each of them. Each sunset it is lowered. In each the crosses stand in steady rows, white against a background of green sod, and a first budding of young trees gives promise of greater beauty as the years roll by. Here are the lasting records of the A. E. F.

Six Mark Battlefields.
Six of the American cemeteries are on the battlefields, on ground taken from the enemy by the power of American arms, on ground restored to France and to Belgium by our delivering sword. The other two are near the great cities of London and Paris. Here is the list and the number of those who lie therein:

Official Name	Location	Near	Graves
Flanders field, Waereghem, Belgium	365		
Bonne cemetery, Bouy, France	1,826		
Mause-Argonne cemetery, Romagny-sous-Montfaucon, France	14,107		
St. Mihiel cemetery, Thiaucourt, France	4,141		
Oise-Alaine cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France	5,946		
Alone-Marne cemetery, Belleau, France	2,212		
Brookwood cemetery, London, England	437		
Suresnes cemetery, Paris, France	1,497		

More than half of our soldier dead overseas were brought home to the States for burial.

Of the dead not brought back to America, those which were in 1919 already resting at Suresnes or Brookwood, or at the sites selected

for the battlefield cemeteries, remained undisturbed. The others, from scattering, temporary battlefield cemeteries, were reverently moved to their permanent resting places. This task, carefully and thoroughly performed by the graves restoration service of the army, resulted in an almost complete identification of our soldier dead.

Monument Problem.
The cemeteries remain in charge of the graves registration service, which maintains rest houses at each, has caretakers in charge, keeps complete records for the use of visitors and maintains the grounds, landscape gardening and improvements. Further beautifying the cemeteries has been placed in charge of the American Battle Monuments commission, a body created by congress to take charge of the whole plan and problem of American memorials in Europe.

This monument question is no simple one, as anyone who ever visited the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa., will bear witness. States, cities, divisions, brigades, companies and private citizens, not to mention memorial associations and societies, are already vying for the privilege of placing a monument at this point, a memorial at that. The government commission must decide where there shall be monuments and who shall raise them. In a similar way the cemeteries have offered a problem—should individuals be allowed to place special headstones or monuments for their loved ones? Shall churches or societies be allowed to erect chapels at the cemeteries? And so forth.

The chairman of the Battle Monuments commission is Gen. John J. Pershing. Its membership, appointed by President Coolidge and serving without salary, includes Robert G. Woodside of Pittsburgh, vice chairman; senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania; Representative John Philip Hill; Representative Elms J. Garrett; Col. D. John Markley of Maryland, and Mrs. Frederic W. Bentley. Maj. X. H. Price, a regular army officer on duty at Washington, is secretary.

After careful study this commission outlined a complete plan for official battle monuments in the zones occupied by American forces in offensive operations, and a corresponding plan for the improvement of American cemeteries.

The most expensive phase of the cemetery work to be done is the erection of chapels. These will be suitable for sacred purposes, but nonsectarian. The larger ones will probably have a room that will be something of a museum of battle relics, as well as the chapel room. Another matter now well in hand is completing masonry walls around the cemeteries, a work only delayed in places while waiting for the determination of definite plans for our chapels, as these in many cemeteries will have an effect on the location of the walls.

How Graves Are Marked.
In so far as personal monuments in the cemeteries are concerned, the commission adopted an iron-clad, final rule that there will be

OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

After the grousing sound has died
Of the last shrieking shell,
We pause and ponder, dewy-eyed,
Over the ones who fell.

They sleep. The world goes marching on.
The world must halt today
Thinking of those but lately gone
Resting so far away.

Solemn yet grand the hero's fate
Soft let the requiem be
Whispering fingers decorate
Those graves across the sea.
—Louisville Courier-Journal

no especial personal monuments. Over each grave will be a headstone, and there will be the same for officers and privates, rich and poor, young and old. The name, rank, organization and home state will be engraved on each stone. And they will lie side by side as they fell, equal in glory and sacrifice.

The plans for battle monuments are another and even larger task of the commission. They are well under way, and form a project which should be completed in about two years.

The first of the American cemeteries to be designated, and to receive American dead, was that hillside tract on Mount Valerian, overlooking Paris and the Seine valley and called Suresnes. Everyone from America goes to Suresnes, both in tribute to our honored dead and because there is no finer view of the city of Paris from any nearby hilltop. Suresnes is three miles from the city limits, on the right of the Seine below the city. The cemetery stands well up on the highest of several hills, and from its gates the panorama is uninterrupted for many miles.

At Suresnes are buried many, who died in Paris hospitals from wounds sustained in battle, and others, who fell victims of disease and accidents. It is most complete of all the American cemeteries in France, in so far as time has completed it by growing the trees larger, the shrubbery thicker and finer. Suresnes already belongs to the ages, a fit resting place for heroes, far up above the tower of Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe, commanding forever who is perhaps the loveliest of the famous valleys of the world.

REMINISCENCE

A dusty private digging at my right
Was shaking as he dug, and I
Was shaking as he dug, and I
But strangled sobs. A shell burst
"One like that,"
He muttered, "picked my buddy"
"last night."
—Frank L. Hayes in Chicago Tribune

Ours to Keep the Faith

Memorial day is best celebrated by that deep appreciation of the loyalty, devotion and heroism which made this a united nation at which should impress us with responsibility for keeping it unit for generations that are to follow.—Griff.

AMERICAN ROTARIANS LEAVE FOR EUROPE

Eight Thousand Business and Professional Men from All Parts of World To Gather in Belgium.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Six trans-Atlantic liners, loaded to the rails with Rotarians and their families from all over North America, will sail out of New York harbor today and tomorrow morning carrying delegates to the eighteenth annual convention of Rotary International which opens at Ostend, Belgium, next Monday morning.

The business and professional men of forty countries will be represented at the gathering. Special trains are being run from all over Europe to the Belgian seaport and the Japanese delegates are coming by the first through train to run between Tokyo and Paris. Three thousand from the British Isles will attend and it is expected the total attendance will be more than eight thousand.

The Belgian Director of Public Safety has snipped away the yards of red tape which, since the war, have delayed the progress of international travelers. Passengers on the Rotary fleet will not be required to display passports or submit to baggage examination. A Rotary button in the coat lapel and a membership identification card will be sufficient evidence of good faith to the Director of Public Safety to cause him to waive the customary rigorous inspection.

In order to accommodate the great throng, practically every hotel in Ostend has been turned over for the exclusive use of Rotarians during the convention. Americans who will make this trip will have their hotel room keys handed them before they walk up the gangplank to board their ships in New York harbor.

The convention will be bid welcome by King Albert. No hint of what the King will say to the Rotarians has been given but as the object of the gathering is to spread international good-will and understanding, it is believed by many that he will make some important observations in these subjects.

This is the second convention of the organization held in Europe and the first to be held on the European continent and it will also be the first gathering at which Americans and Canadians have not been present in the greater number. This year it is believed those from the British Isles and Continental Europe will be in the majority. As more than a dozen languages and practically every major religion on the globe today will be represented in the gathering, the sessions will be opened by silent prayer instead of the customary invocation from the platform. The delegates, adherents to Protestantism, Catholicism, Judaism, Shintoism, Moham-medanism, Buddhism, etc. will be asked at the opening session to invoke the blessing of the deity they worship during a minute of silence, rather than be led in prayer by a representative of any particular sect.

In recent years, Rotary has gone into the four corners of the earth. There are now clubs on every continent and on most of the great islands. As Rotary has extended its influence it has embraced many whose religious faiths are not common in either Europe or the Americas, and the convention committee this year deemed it the courteous thing to recognize all beliefs by placing emphasis on none.

International President Harry H. Rogers, of San Antonio, Texas, and other officers of Rotary, believe the time is appropriate for furthering the Sixth Object of Rotary which is "The advancement of understanding, good-will, and international peace through a

world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service."

In order to further this object, groups of Rotarians from other continents will visit the Rotary Clubs of Europe and the British Isles in order to get acquainted with the business and professional men of the countries where Rotary is established. The European clubs are arranging special good-will and acquaintance programs for their visitors. Some of the clubs will hold special meetings to receive their visitors. The Paris club plans to hold a luncheon every day during one week in order that the French Rotarians may become acquainted with their fellows in other countries.

After the convention the international officers of Rotary will be entertained at Brussels at a luncheon given by King Albert and his heir-apparent. Later the international officers will be received by King George of England at Buckingham Palace.

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The American Research Foundation finds that it is becoming a pressing necessity to widen the arterial highways, especially near large cities. In a few years, it declares, we will have 30,000,000 cars; and its bulletin adds:

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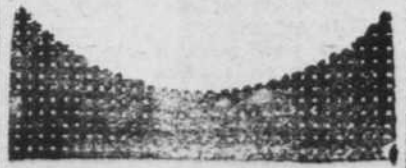
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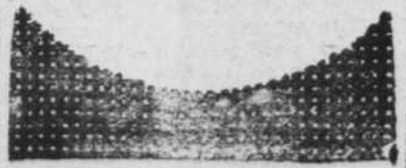
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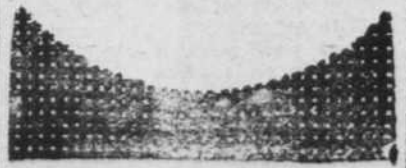
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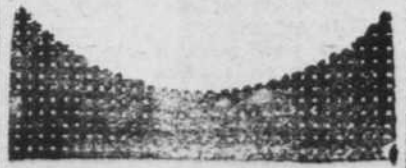
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