

GUARDING TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER IS ARDUOUS TASK

Sacred Atmosphere Must Be Preserved by Guards in Gruelling 2-Hour Pacing — Watch Perpetual

By Preston Grover

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the most solemn spots in America is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Behind the scenes not all is solemn.

Many a soldier marching patiently up and down before that historic granite block has preserved his monastic calm while his feet tortured him unmercifully and flies and mosquitoes pestered him.

The job of keeping guard over that tomb is a sacred job in the army, but it is no Sunday school picnic.

Here is how it is done. Nine men and three non-commissioned officers, a sergeant and two corporals, take over the job for 15-day trips. In a quiet, cathedral atmosphere they march hundreds of miles back and forth in those 15 days.

One man at a time marches over a 30-yard course. He marches two hours and is off four hours. That parading goes on from sunrise until Arlington cemetery closes at midnight.

During his two hours on guard the soldier may speak to no one. He avoids meeting the eyes of anyone. He hears to look right through people. He never smiles.

Girls Hither Guards

The annoying part of it is that spectators try to get the soldier to smile.

"Girls are the worst," said one soldier who had finished one 15-day stint and was glad to be through with it.

"Girls," he said, "stand right beside the path and smile and try to catch your eye. The corporal is right over there watching you. Sometimes so is the officer of the day. If they catch a guy smiling they burn him up."

The watch is maintained on a 24-hour basis, but after the crowds leave the soldiers don't march back and forth. They sit around near the tomb and smoke.

For the first few years the soldiers marched along the bare granite. Then a rubber carpet was laid for them to walk on so it wouldn't be so hard on the feet.

The rubber helps some, our soldier said.

But two hours of pounding over the same short course makes a soldier's foot bones creak. He has to carry a gun on his shoulder. He can change the gun from one shoulder to another, but he can't carry it along in his hand, even for a rest.

Queen Catherine's Violet

Sun on the granite tomb and the white marble amphitheatre creates a blinding glare and, especially in summer, the heat is terrific.

Soldiers can wear smoked glasses if they wish, but if they start the two-hour march wearing them, they can't take them off. In summer sweat covers the glasses and they are worse than useless. There is a hedge near one end of the path, however, and sometimes, when the corporal is not looking, a guard can snatch off his glasses quickly and toss them in the hedge.

How long the march will go on no one can guess. The legislation providing for it says "perpetually." It recalls a story of Queen Catherine of Russia. While walking in the garden at the palace she saw a violet blossoming through a fresh blanket of snow. She had a guard posted to protect it, then forgot about it. For years a guard was maintained over the spot—although the violet had long been gone and the reason for the guard forgotten.

The Unknown Soldier's tomb is not likely to be forgotten, however. The number of persons visiting it increases every year. It has been there since 1921.

ELKS MEMORIAL RITES TONIGHT

Annual public memorial services of the Medford Elks lodge, held in commemoration of its departed members, will take place immediately following the regular lodge session tonight. The Rev. E. S. Bartlett will give the address of the evening. Special music has also been arranged.

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It has been announced that the annual Elks Christmas tree will be erected December 16, at which time 20 valuable prizes will be awarded following a feed in true Elks style. All money raised from the party is used to bring cheer at Christmas time to needy families of Medford and vicinity.

Another event upcoming on the Elks winter calendar is the annual New Year's eve ball, with Archie Legg and his orchestra furnishing the music.

Plan Art Center

SALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A local committee, meeting with D. B. Deffenbacher representing the federal government, planned expenditure of \$10,500 a year for a federal art center here. The program calls for a government contribution of \$8,000, the balance to be raised locally.

NURSE STOCKMAN CALLED BY DEATH

Miss Eugenie Stockman, a registered nurse, died Tuesday afternoon in a local hospital after a long illness. She was 35 years old.

Miss Stockman was a graduate of a nursing school in a Chicago hospital. Prior to coming to Medford two years ago, she was employed for three years at a plantation hospital in Honolulu. For the past two years she was employed at Sacred Heart hospital.

Miss Stockman is survived by a

sister and two nephews who reside in Chicago. Her body is to be sent tonight to Chicago for burial.

McNary Cautious
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican, did not go on the Pennsylvania deer hunt with Vice President Garner and his party because, he said, "I'm afraid that I might shoot a democrat instead of a deer—or that one of those democrats might mistake me for one."

54 Seek Citizenship
SALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Fifty-four applicants for United States citizenship were expected to appear at final hearings to be conducted here tomorrow. This will be one of the largest classes ever examined here in a single day, officials said.

CATFISH MULTIPLY AND FILL UP POND

CHANE Mo. (AP)—Alba Williams has first hand knowledge now on the reproduction abilities of the catfish. He tossed five fish into a pond near his home five years ago. Two years ago he had to call on the game warden for help. There were so many catfish in the pond it was seriously overstocked. The warden removed 1,500.

Now Williams is asking the warden's aid again. Once more the pond has too many fish.

POSTOFFICE RELAXES YULETIDE MAIL RULE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Christmas stamps, seals and labels to aid charitable objects may not be attached to the address side of mail under postal regulations. Mail bearing such stamps must be sent to the dead letter office or returned to sender under the rule.

Harlow Branch, second assistant postmaster general, has just informed postmasters, however, that as an exceptional measure these rules are suspended from November 15 to January 15 this season if, through in-

advertance, senders have affixed such stamps to the address side. In previous years much Christmas mail bearing stamps on the address side has been held up.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Bernard Hansen, 65, a farmer, walked into the side of a Sacramento Northern electric passenger train and was killed last night. Deputy Coroner Frank Ackerman said the train sped on, its crew unaware Hansen had been hit.

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