

Two Crypts Added to Tomb Of U.S. Unknown Soldier; Burial Planned for May 30

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Washington — Along the side of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National cemetery are two freshly-dug crypts. They await the bodies of two nameless servicemen who gave their lives in World War II and the Korean war. The burial will take place on Memorial day, May 30. It will be as impressive as the government can make it. No official honor will be omitted. But—unless there is a sudden change in public sentiment—it won't be like last time. So far, the American people haven't displayed much interest in the forthcoming ceremony.

In 1921, when the unknown soldier of World War I was buried, the whole nation joined in saluting him. It was one of the great emotional outpourings of U.S. history. In it were mingled grief and gratitude—and a fervent belief that it would never, never happen again.

Congress Passes Bill
The 1914-18 "war to end war" had been over for three years. Britain and France had set an example of honoring their dead by burying unknown servicemen in national shrines at Westminster Abbey and the Arc de Triomphe. Congress had passed a bill for America to do likewise. The ceremonies were to reach a climax in Arlington cemetery on Armistice day. Actually, they began nearly three weeks earlier in an improvised chapel in the

hall of the little French village of Chalons-Sur-Marne. Four flag-draped caskets were placed in the chapel. They contained unidentified bodies of American doughboys, exhumed from military cemeteries near four great battlegrounds of the western front.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct. 23, 1921, a non-commissioned officer was chosen at random from the ranks of U.S. troops guarding the chapel. He was Sgt. Edward F. Younger, an erstwhile Chicago postal clerk. Younger was handed a small

bouquet of pink and white roses, and instructed to place it upon one of the caskets. Three times he walked slowly around the caskets, unable to decide. Then he quickly placed the flowers on the casket second from the right. The Unknown Soldier had been selected.

Became Focal Point
From that moment forward that casket and its nameless, symbolic remains became a focal point of America's thoughts. Newspapers reported in great detail the ceremonies by which it was transferred

by funeral train to the Port of LeHavre, and placed aboard the U.S. cruiser Olympia. On Oct. 25 the Olympia sailed from Le Havre amid the roar of a 17-gun salute from the ships of the French fleet.

On Nov. 9, it entered American waters and steamed up the Potomac river to Washington, greeted by salutes from every warship and shore battery that it passed. Thousands of people stood silent and bareheaded along the river banks to see it pass. When the Olympia docked

at Washington Navy yard, the casket was placed on a horse-drawn artillery caisson and taken to the rotunda of the capitol to lie in state. President Warren G. Harding and Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary forces that had fought in France, went to the rotunda to place wreaths. Then the public was allowed to file past the troop guarded catafalque.

Thousands Pay Respects
Wreaths and sprays poured in from patriotic organizations and individuals—so many that the huge rotunda became an almost solid bower of flowers.

On Nov. 11, Armistice day, residents of the capital city awoke to the thump-thump of the guns at Ft. Myer, which continued firing once each minute for four hours.

The funeral procession left the capitol and moved down Pennsylvania ave., past huge crowds. A mounted escort of cavalry led the way. Behind them detachments of soldiers and infantrymen marched at slow time. Gen. Pershing and other high ranking officers of the Army and Navy followed the casket.

While the procession was moving across one of the two bridges that then spanned the Potomac river, President Harding's limousine, en route to Arlington on the Virginia side of the river, was caught in a terrific traffic jam. Police had to route him across a bumpy field to get him out of it.

Harding reached Arlington Memorial Amphitheater at 11:50 a.m., on time, but slightly out of breath. The great marble amphitheater, built in 1915, was already filled with U.S. and foreign dignitaries. The casket rested on a catafalque near the front center.

Trumpets Blared
Precisely at 2 p.m., blared a triple call to attention. The people in the amphitheater stood and bowed their heads for two minutes of silent pray-

er. Throughout the nation, all work ceased.

Harding had urged in a proclamation that all Americans take part in the services. In thousands of communities, churches held religious services timed to coincide with the Arlington rites.

The turnout was so great that one writer was moved to comment that "the unknown soldier has turned the American nation to religion more effectively than any preacher or evangelist has ever done."

The funeral service lasted about an hour. Harding de-

livered a florid speech pledging that America would henceforth use its "influence and strength" to prevent any repetition of the "horrors of modern war."

Harding then placed on the casket the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. Earl Beatty, representing the King of England, presented the unknown soldier with the Victoria Cross—the first time this decoration was ever awarded to a person not a British subject. Marshal Ferdinand Foch bestowed France's

Croix de Guerre. Belgium, Italy, Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland presented their highest decorations. The medals are still on display in a room at the amphitheater.

Buglers Sound Taps
After hymns were sung and scriptures read, the casket was borne to the front of the amphitheater and placed in a marble sarcophagus, overlooking the Potomac river and city of Washington. Buglers sounded taps and artillery thundered a final 21-gun salute.

The next day, an international disarmament confer-

ence convened in Washington. Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, recalling Harding's pledge over the bier of the unknown soldier, called on the assembled diplomats of the victorious powers to scrap large parts of their navies.

The conference resulted in the famous naval limitation treaty of 1921. Diplomats hailed it as an insurance policy for permanent peace. It didn't work out that way. Thirty-seven years and two wars later, America is burying two more unknown servicemen at Arlington.

Jaycee Road-E-O Slated at Crater High Saturday

The annual Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored safe driving Road-e-o for high school students of the Rogue valley will be held Saturday, May 24, at Crater High school in Central Point starting at 8:30 a.m.

Medford Jaycees are sponsoring the contest for Medford, St. Mary's, Jacksonville and Phoenix High schools. Central Point Jaycees are sponsoring the competition for Crater High school, Central Point.

The Road-e-o is for any teen age boy or girl who will not have reached age 20 by Aug. 15, last day of the national finals in Washington, D.C. Each entrant must have a driver's license or permit, and a clean record of no moving traffic violations in the

past six months.

Three Scholarships
Three scholarships totaling \$4,500 will be awarded the national winners. In addition, the winner of each state Road-e-o will be given an all-expense-paid trip to the national capital to take part in the finals. Finals in the Oregon contest will be held June 7 at Clatskanie.

On community, state and national levels, the contest will include written tests on driving knowledge and performance tests in four obstacle-test exercises. A road check for in-traffic performance is added at the state level, and at the national level, a driving attitude scale, a psycho-physical examination and a personal interview.

Jaycee contest chairmen in the local area are Dick Lamont, Medford, and Jerry Monroe, Central Point. Jaycee presidents are Art Van Leeuwen, Medford, and Chet Ayres, Central Point.

4-H Club News
Southwest Livestock and Poultry Club
On May 14 the first half of the meeting was held in the Franklin home on Kings Highway. There were instructed how to judge sheep. From there we went on to the Glidden home on South Stage rd., where we got pointers on rabbits, under the direction of Mr. Glidden and assisted by Mr. Powell of Rabbit Breeder's association.

We thank these people for their time and effort.
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Court Records
MUNICIPAL COURT
Philip B. Boodridge, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Dennis L. Strauss, violation of basic rule, \$5, operating on a permit for instruction without a licensed driver, \$10.
Herman K. Flore, excessive noise, \$10.
Jack H. Ghore, failure to obey traffic light, \$5.
Allan B. Butterfield, defective equipment, \$5.
Norma June Broyles, violation of basic rule, \$10.
John F. Bush, excessive noise, \$10.
Lyle H. Pickell, failure to observe stop sign, \$5.
Olive M. Pierce, failure to obey traffic light, \$5.
James P. Pierce, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles A. Petrehon, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Clyde A. McKim, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles D. McKinley, failure to obey traffic control, \$5.
James W. Beck, failure to obey traffic control, \$5.
Manuel A. Flores, failure to obey traffic control, \$5.
John A. Philippich, failure to obey traffic control, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Charles H. Walden, improper change of lanes, \$7.50; overload, \$125.
Clifford L. McBeth, passing at intersection, \$7.50.
George W. Nunes, no chauffeur's license, \$6.
James R. Daniels, failure to stop, \$10.
David R. Monia, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Harold L. Paugh, overwidth, \$15.
Lynn F. Bucklin Jr., no red flag, \$6.
Harold L. Paugh, passing with insufficient vision, \$15.
Merle E. McGrew, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
James R. Francis, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Geneva R. Canty, failure to stop, \$10.
Clyde W. Ashinhurst, no tail light, \$10.
Paul E. Drury, failure to yield right-of-way, \$15.
Arlene E. Noble, route 1, box 54, Talent, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Amos C. Bishop, operating motor boat without life preservers, \$5.
Alfred Fitzsimmons, failure to stop, \$10.
Jean N. Wright, 18, of 2532 Jackson rd., driving while intoxicated, \$25.
Paul W. Schaffer, failure to dim light, \$5.
Reuben J. Arnold, failure to signal, \$10.
Vedou V. Striplin, failure to stop, \$10.
Leroy A. Pritchard, four in front seat, \$6.
Clifford W. Cornelius, no emergency brake, \$6.
Melvin E. Hilkey, overlength, \$137.
George E. Lees, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

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