

DOWNERS GROVE OVERSEAS BOYS ARRIVING HOME

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an ambulance company attached to the Italian army.

At Porto Corsini Griff took part in several bombing raids and did a great deal of patrol duty and destroyer guard duty. Dropping the "eggs" on submarines and the city of Pola, the Austrian Naval Base, was great sport according to his story. But when he told of the shrapnel from the anti-aircraft batteries bursting around the planes we weren't so inclined to argue with him.

On January 21st he landed again in the United States and was discharged from the service on February 3d reaching here Wednesday evening. Glad to get home, looking very fit, we all welcome these boys back in the fold.

Fred Howe was in Anti-Aircraft. Fred Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howe, returned home last Fri-

day having been discharged from the army.

He enlisted May 25th, 1918 in the Coast Artillery and was sent to Jefferson Barracks for outfitting. With a detachment he was then sent to Ft. Constitution, N. H., a Coast Artillery base where he was placed in an anti-aircraft battery. The outfit went to Camp Eustis and later to Mullberry Island, Va., for training and on October 7th left Newport News for "over there." They landed on the 20th and were sent to Ft. Mount Lignon, just outside of Paris, where their duties were to shell enemy planes, should any come over.

On December 31st they left Brest, landing in New York on January 12th. Howe, with other Illinois boys was sent to Camp Grant where he was discharged last Friday.

Albert Winter Home.

Corp. Albert Winter, devil dog marine, is another boy out of the service. He has some great stories to tell of his experiences aboard ship and in this country. He enlisted on June 11, 1917 with Philip Jory in the Marine Corps and they were sent to Paris

Island, S. C. for training. After getting the stiff workouts given this corps, Al was picked for ship detachment service and sent to the Brooklyn Navy Yard where guard duty was his portion. Then he was a member of the marine detachment of the U. S. S. Nebraska, one of the largest of the Atlantic Fleet for months. He made several trips across in convoy service and cruised the seven seas in various parts of the navy's duty. He says all the boys were anxious to get over and see some real action and finally ten detachments, theirs among the lot, were sent to Quantico for overseas training. When the outfit was nearly ready to move he was picked to go to Marine Headquarters in Washington, D. C. as a confidential marine guard. After making several applications for overseas duty he was made confidential orderly to Admiral Earl and shortly before the signing of the armistice was again transferred to a company that was training for overseas service. He was honorably discharged from the service on January 20th arriving here last Saturday.

Albert Myers Saw Raiders

Albert Myers, cowboy, arrived home Sunday for a fifteen day furlough from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where he is now stationed.

He enlisted in the navy June 29, 1917 and trained at the Great Lakes. On January 13, 1918 he landed with others of a seaman guard at Liverpool, England and traveled pretty much all over Europe from then on. He was stationed at Panfilae, the big naval base for seven months and then transferred to a naval aviation station at Porto Corsini, Italy. Here he went thru several bombing raids as the Yanks would bomb Pola about sixty miles across the Adriatic and the Austrians would retaliate by dropping several tons of high explosives on the camp and city.

Myers has not been discharged and as he enlisted for four years he thinks he will have to serve his full time.

"PLANT TREES TO HONOR DEAD" ENDORSED BY MANY

Charles Lathrop Pack, Head of American Forestry Association Father of Idea

By Charles Lathrop Pack
In what way shall we honor the memory of the brave American soldiers and sailors who gave their lives for liberty?

That is a question which every community in the United States has asked itself.

What nobler, more inspiring, more appropriate memorial can be erected to the honor of these men than the living, growing tree? It will stand there and as it develops keep fresh in the minds of the present and of coming generations the deeds of daring which America's heroes performed on land and sea in order that democracy and truth and justice might be firmly established here and throughout the world.

On this account the American Forestry Association suggests the planting of trees in parks, along the streets and highways and at other appropriate places as living monuments to our heroes.

There are few communities in the United States that did not lose one or more of its sons in the great conflict which has just concluded. There will be memorials of various kinds, bronze tablets, stone markers, arches of granite and bronze and other forms, dedicated to their service. But this does not preclude the planting of trees. No matter what other kind of memorial is set up, there can be trees planted also.

This suggestion has already received the endorsement of governors of states throughout the country, of the state foresters, civic and patriotic organizations, woman's clubs and other associations. In a few places trees have already been planted in accordance with this idea.

At Tacony, Pa., four trees have been planted on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Innocents. Two of the town's men thus honored were killed in action in France, while the others died in hospitals close behind the battle lines.

Relatives and friends of the Tacony heroes participated in the ceremony, which included singing by the choir and a brief address by the rector, Rev. Robert E. Edwards.

Here is what two state governors and other officials say of the plan.

Governor Lowden, of Illinois, says: "I am heartily in sympathy with the general idea, which I have taken up with the superintendent of highways of our state."

Louisiana is planning to plant 440 miles of "victory oaks" and other suitable trees along Jefferson Highway, the state's principal road which runs

from north to south and connects with the highway that extends on to Winnipeg, Canada.

Governor Pleasant has turned the details of the work over to M. L. Alexander, head of the state conservation department. There will be a tree every forty feet along the road. Oaks will be used for the most part.

Rows of noble trees will add not only to the beauty and attractiveness of our highways but will be an actual support to them, helping to hold the ground firm and keeping it from washing. As the construction of good roads will be one of the big reconstruction problems which the nation will have to solve, anything that will help in this direction should be en-

a thousand ways it was called into service. In aeroplanes and gunstocks, barracks and trenches, piers and railroad ties, and in many other places it was demanded in immense quantities.

The forests of France were largely sacrificed to the needs of the war. Thousands of square miles of her forest land over which the Germans advanced were devastated by gun and shell fire or the trees cut down by the enemy. Anything, therefore, looking to the restoration of the world is most fitting. It means a rebuilding of some of the natural resources which have been lost through ravages of war.

Frank William Rane, state forester of Massachusetts, says: "Do not stop with a single tree or small groups why not have memorial forests planted in honor of our soldier dead? Certainly there could be nothing finer than a grove or entire park full of trees which might be known as "Liberty Park" or some other appropriate name.

Governor Goodrich, of Indiana, is strongly in favor of the plan. The state proposes to let each of its 92 counties decide the size of its own grove to the memory of their boys, representatives from these counties will be urged to form a state organization, appoint an executive committee and with the assistance of tree experts carry out this scheme.

"And now, no matter in whatever

other forms we commemorate the man hood that has gone for our protection let us plant memorial trees!"

This sums up the message which the American Forestry Association would convey to every place in the United States from which have gone brave and loyal sons to take part in the great war.

ARCADIAN CLUB STILL HAS TWO CHARTER MEMBERS

Editor of The Reporter, Downers Grove, Illinois. Dear Sir:

There was a slight mistake in the account of the Arcadian Club Banquet in last week's paper.

I am not the only charter member who is at present in the Club. Miss Cora Wheeler is a charter member who is also a member at the present time. Anyone who has listened to some of Miss Wheeler's famous stories will assure you that she is quite some one's number.

Respectfully yours, Sam Kennison.

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CHARLES LATHROP PACK

couraged. On all the roads leading out from every community in the United States there should be a road of trees.

The American Forestry Association is very glad to advise any town or community as to tree planting, suggesting types that probably will grow best in that particular locality and furnishing other helpful hints. Anyone can secure this free information by writing to Washington for it.

There are many reasons why trees are most appropriate memorials to America's soldier and sailor dead, as well as to the living.

The tree is a living, growing thing, just as are the principals which America entered the war to defend. It stands for freedom.

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