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HOME AGAIN! GLAD TO SEE YOU!

Almost every day one meets a young man in uniform on the streets of our town. He looks familiarly strange to us. There is a glad, half-questioning look on his solemn face. Somehow one feels that he should act differently towards this young fellow from the way he would other people.

We have met several of these young men — our boys who have just returned to the old home community and their folks. His nature is unchanged. But he has seen and experienced things most of us older ones never have nor never will see or know. He has faced death. He has probably had a consciousness of the presence and reality of God that few of us who "stayed by the stuff" have ever known.

We tell these boys that we are glad to see them, to have them home again, to drop around and see us, and a lot of other commonplace things we might say to any one we had not seen for some time. We take it for granted that they are much like the boys we knew a year or three years ago, so approach them thus. Some of these days we may ask to know some things our curiosity moves us to ask now, but just now we are more concerned to let them know they have come back to the same sort of folks they are and that we propose to let civil life take hold so far as we can where they left it. We invite them to church and Sunday School—places they did not have in war, but things they need as much as the rest of us.

We want to leave out as nearly as possible the word war and all that goes with it. One young fellow put it this way when a clerk could not understand why he wanted to go game hunting: "You see I want to shoot at something without being shot at." If one of these boys comes your way, be glad to see him. Let him talk all he wants to, without too much curiosity or too many questions. If you can give him something he has been missing a long time, give it. But for his sake let's not make him live the war over again. Let him have peace for a while.

IT'S PEACE, NOT WAR, NOW

A young woman, 22 years old, is being tried in Germany for beating prisoners in her charge with a braided celophane whip. She admitted that she thrashed prisoners because "they behaved like animals". She was a supervisor who had orders from higher authority to give the victims the last two lashes. She was paid \$3.00 a week as supervisor. Her defense cited among other things that punishment of prisoners was done by whipping in the United States, saying this was even practiced in North Carolina.

We know this to be a fact. And even worse things occurred in our state that were far more inhuman in the results than simple lashing

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—where prisoners even lost their limbs, if not their lives. Our state authorities admit the practice and permission to flog prisoners under certain conditions. But only "the lowest grade prisoners" may receive corporal punishment. Just why only low grade prisoners may be flogged we do not know.

We believe those responsible for the awful suffering and death of prisoners in detention camps should be punished in full for their cruel inhumanity. But if this 22 year-old girl in obeying

orders by whipping those who behaved like animals should be punished, then there are thousands of Americans who should likewise suffer — those in war and those who live in our midst. We understand that to disobey orders from a higher authority in war is rebellion. Even in the United States during war times people have

been imprisoned and fined for violation of military rules or orders. And even soldiers have been shot for failing or refusing to obey orders. Let's punish those responsible for the fiendish deeds of war, but let us lean rather towards mercy than a vengeful spirit of punishment.

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