

ENTIRE POST PARTICIPATES

Solemn Observance of Prayer in Ceremonies Here.

Camp Reynolds officers and enlisted men attended special services Saturday in accordance with a proclamation of Commander-in-Chief Franklin D. Roosevelt declaring January first as a day of prayer. The proclamation is reprinted above.

Services were repeated throughout the post to enable all personnel to participate.

Post Chaplain Orin D. Swank officiated at three services held in Theater One, using as his text, the 67th Psalm, "God be merciful unto us and bless us..." Col. Milton B. Goodyear, commander of the First Training Regiment, and ranking officer, opened the proceedings with a reading of the presidential proclamation.

Following reading of the proclamation, the soldier audience rose and sang "America," then bowed their heads for a moment of individual prayer, after which Chaplain Swank offered a prayer for all members of the armed forces and for the United States. In conclusion the assemblage sang "God Bless America."

German-Born Hero Fined One Penny

Los Angeles (CNS) — Seaman Paul Frederick Tim, a 51-year-old German-born hero of the American Merchant Marine, pleaded guilty to charges of claiming false American citizenship—and was fined one penny.

Tim, who has been in the Merchant Marine 20 years and was personally decorated by Adm. Emory S. Land for heroism when his ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic, admitted he had told authorities he was born in Wisconsin. "I wanted to get a passport so I could go to sea again," he explained.

Headquarters Company

Pfc. Anthony F. Cuce

As the historic year of 1943 adds to our memoirs, and we adjust ourselves in preparation for what we hope to be the final and victorious year of the War, we find: T-5 Russell "Red" Scott in a world of bewilderment, knowing what Leap Year might mean to him; Pvt. Paul "Heavy" Ertman adding weight to his "Second Front"; S-Sgt. Ernest C. Sutton, Supply Room Proprietor, issuing clothing that will actually fit—after several G. I. washings; Pfc. Adam "Bambi" Movesian ushering his pals around the high spots of Meadville; and Pvt. Ray "Superman" Peyton still undecided on his choice of a "Pin Up Gal" from the Meadville bistro.

Gazing into the Crystal Ball: Their Post-war Jobs—T-5 Harry "Major Hoople" Lehman supervising, at the El Ropo Cigar Factory; adopting "Smoke El Ropos and we'll see you inhale" as his motto; Pfc. John Dobash operating a Clip Joint—or a ten chair barber shop; Pvt. Domenic "Patches" Sciamanna, manager of a Zoot Suit Custom Tailoring Shop.

Off the wires: Webster's definition of Soldiering: To make pretense of performing a task.

Pfc. Frank "Caveman" Mickel displaying his "Victory Garden" that has taken root on his manly chest.

The Phantom Reports: That the Blast that is heard raising the roof these evenings is not the results of a Tuba player, but the rhythmic snores of T-4 Howard "Buzz-Saw" Gamache; the 4F's of melody, Pvt. Donnie Mann, T-4 Mike Pistolesi, T-5 Ben Bakkegard and John Tauber rendering their new composition of "Oh, For the Life of a Civilian";

T-5 Richard "Lion Hearted" Trimmer and Pfc. James "Chicken Hearted" Guerin pacing the floor with those "Day After Furlough Blues."

A hearty salute to Lt. Jack Bornstein for the homey Yuletide atmosphere in Mess Hall 1045. Under his supervision, the Snack Bar has acquired a reputation for food equal to that of the famed Horn and Hardart chain of cafeterias.

Food for thought: Since we have been dining with music, it is rumored that weekly floor shows are expected in the near future!!

Something worth remembering: There are barely 290 more shopping days left 'till Christmas.

DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED



BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Proclamation

At the end of the year 1943, which has not only made manifest the devotion and courage of our nation's sons but has also crowned their efforts with brilliant success on every battlefield, it is fitting that we set aside a day of prayer to give thanks to Almighty God for His constant providence over us in every hour of national peace and national peril.

At the beginning of the new year 1944, which now lies before us, it is fitting that we pray to be preserved from false pride of accomplishment and from wilful neglect of the last measure of public and private sacrifice necessary to attain final victory and peace. May we humbly seek strength and guidance for the problems of widening warfare and for the responsibilities of increasing victory. May we find in the infinite mercy of the God of our Fathers some measure of comfort for the personal anxieties of separation and anguish of bereavement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Saturday, the first day of January, 1944, as a day of prayer for all of us, in our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts, those of us who walk in the familiar paths of home, those who fight on the wide battlefields of the world, those who go down to the sea in ships, and those who rise in the air on wings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundredth and sixty-eighth.

(SEAL)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the President: CORDELL HULL, Secretary of State.

U. S. BIGGEST AIR POWER

Gen. Arnold Reports Astounding Rise in U. S. Air Strength.

Declaring that the United States now had "the world's largest air force," AAF Commanding General H. H. Arnold announced that the total number of officers and men now enrolled in the AAF amounted to 2,385,000.

While not disclosing the number of planes operated by the AAF, Gen. Arnold said that some indication of our aircraft strength may be gained by the fact that in November 8,800 planes were produced as against 5,013 last January, and that in 1944 half of all army production "will be aircraft and its equipment." The 1944 schedule, he added, called for the manufacture of at least 145,000 planes, all of which will be heavier and more elaborately equipped than those now operating.

A total of 26,000 planes had been shipped to the Allies under lend-lease or direct-purchase agreements up till October 1, Arnold reported, and of these Russia alone received 7,000 under lend-lease.

"Our aircraft workers, men and women alike, have done what Adolf Hitler was sure an unregimented people could not do: Out-think, out-work and out-build his robots," the general said, pointing out that today Americans are constructing planes "equal or better than those of any in the world."

Soldier's Enthusiasm Breaks Mother's Rib

The ambition of every soldier to hug his best girl was realized last week by Sgt. John L. McVay, Camp Cain, Miss. Returning to his home town, Monessen, Pa., on furlough, Sgt. McVay seized his mother in his arms, showered her with kisses, and hugged her so tightly he actually broke one of her ribs. Mrs. McVay, far from reporting this "assault" to the police, said she was very happy over the whole thing.

Love's Labor Lost

I took her to a night club;
I took her to a show;
I took her almost anywhere a boy
and girl should go.
I took her to a swell dance;
I took her out to tea;
Then suddenly I realized,
That she was taking me.

..G. I.: "So I says to her, Please, honey, don't be difficult. One obstacle course a week is enough for me."

I hear you car was stolen, why don't you notify the police?
My wife was in it.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By Pfc. Olin A. Palmer, Ja.

Side Glances: The piano in the day room takes a beating when Sgt. Kovalik and T-5 Kaiser play a duet; but they call it music so we won't argue...Pfc. Luko sends regards from Honolulu but he's not on a vacation...Even an expert has to refer to the Army Manual when packing a field pack, doesn't he Pfc. Oeler?...For an interesting evening's entertainment, ask Sgt. Stouder to tell how he straightened out complications between the girl in Farrell and his "one and only" when she came to visit him...We're curious to know who that pretty miss was with Pvt. Shene strutting through the business section of Baltimore.

All of us in the detachment wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph and the Allegheny County American Women's Voluntary Services for the Christmas presents distributed among us...Pvt. Coles is always around when someone has a box of candy to pass...We promised not to mention Sgt. Mack celebrating the New Year South Sea Island style. wreathe and all, so we can't go back on our word...If T-4 Mulaney's stripes appear a little ragged, it's because he had them stored in his foot locker for the past six months and the moths got to them...Cpl. Lovelace saved Cpl. Jacobs from suffering a horrible fate. Ghastly experience, wasn't it Jake? ...Whenever you see Sgt. Thye in the barracks, he's either reading a letter or writing one. Seven pages is just a starter for him.

Friend Meets Friend Via George Cartoon

When a Harry George cartoon in the Victory News makes people laugh, that's not news. But when it reunites friends separated by the war, it is news.

T-5 George and Pvt. Leonard Florie went to West Technical High School together in Cleveland. George began his civilian career in art work and Florie made a name for himself as a saxophone player. They hadn't heard from each other in 18 months.

Recently, however, a George cartoon from the Victory News was picked up and distributed to Army camps all over the world by the Camp Newspaper Service.

The next development came when a letter addressed to George, care of the CNS, was forwarded to the Victory News. It was from Florie who is now stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., where he had seen a reprint of his friend's cartoon.

The two Clevelanders are once again corresponding to make up for lost time.

Movies Pay Million For 'Winged Victory'

New York (CNS)—"Winged Victory," the Army Air Forces show, has been sold to 20th Century-Fox for \$1,000,000—highest price ever paid for screen rights to a Broadway show. Moss Hart, author and director of the show, will leave soon for Hollywood where he will supervise production of the movie.

He: "There's only one way to remain virtuous in Mississippi."
She: "What's that?"
He: "Hmmm, I thought you wouldn't know."

While an Army squad is eight soldiers, a Marine squad is composed of eight Marines and one press agent.

South Pacific Natives Have Peculiar Notions

Some softies will tell you that GI soap is good for everything but eating, but not so with the Polynesians. Somewhere in the Pacific Lt. James McKinney has had trouble trying to convince the Polynesians, who work in the officers' mess, that the soap is not a delicacy of the American diet. Another problem arose when the boys indicated that they preferred their jam straight—without the customary bread under it.

Despaired of trying to make his helpers understand why special plans were made for Thanksgiving dinner, Lt. McKinney said: "We are all thankful for God's last year."

Immediately the 12 waiters dropped to their knees and waited for him to lead them in prayer.

Red Cross Carries on in New Georgia

They're not playing baseball on New Georgia island now, but the Red Cross officials have received a request for some good pitching a.m.s.

The battles were so hot men could not leave their fox holes, and the Red Cross safety zone was right in the middle of the area. The field directors could not leave the shelter to distribute chocolate bars, razor blades and such articles so they pitched them to other fox holes. The men had to crouch below the level of the undergrowth, but they got the goodies.

"I fainted and they brought me to," said the forward young lady, "so I fainted again."

"What happened then?"
"Well, then they brought me two more."

After Mess, He'll Swallow Anything!

Pvt. Ernest Henderson of the Reception Center at Fort Devens, Mass., made a stir among his fellow recruits recently when, on a bet, he swallowed a bayonet. He won the bet, which, as it was revealed later, was a safe one for him, since he had as a civilian, and as Don Avarro been a professional sword-swallower travelled through United States, England, Europe and South America giving exhibitions.

Sergeant Freezes Hands Fixing Guns in Flight

Washington (CNS)—S-Sgt. Kaminsky (given name unreported) of Brooklyn peeled the heavy gloves off his hand to repair a jammed machine gun in the waist of a Flying Fortress at a height of five miles and in a temperature of 32 degrees below zero.

His hands froze immediately, swelled to twice their normal size and stuck to the gun metal as he worked. But he finished the repair job and went back into action to help fight off Nazi fighters as the Fortress returned to its base. Now he is recuperating in a hospital.

Judge sentencing a criminal: "I'm giving you the maximum punishment—I'm letting you go free to worry about taxes, rationing shortages and everything else like the rest of us."

A noncom resigned from the NCO Club at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, because the record "Pistol Packing" Mama" was removed from the juke box.

The growing scarcity of men is making a lot of girls good and lonely.