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It takes a lot of Christmas trees to decorate a big camp, but there are plenty in the Korean hills, and these P.O.W.'s are doing an artistic job.

“The stage curtains were trimmed with the words ‘Merry Christmas’ and ‘Happy New Year’ written in gold letters, and the center partition was adorned with a figure of Santa Claus and his sleigh, drawn by a team of reindeer. On the rear wall of the room, a large decorative program of the holiday events and the menus were placed.”



To Moslems, the meat of the pig is forbidden. Goats are bred specially to keep the Turkish prisoners of war supplied.

Man carries pig—and likes it!



A "SCRUMPTIOUS" DINNER

"NOTHING lacked to make the Christmas dinner perfect except the prisoners' families and friends," wrote a Camp 5 news correspondent. "There was chicken, plenty of chicken, enormous individual meat pies, fried pork, vegetables, plenty of everything, washed down with strong Chinese spirits and topped off with great bumpers of hot tea."

Here is the menu of the Christmas dinner in one camp, reported in the camp newspaper as "really scrumptious":

Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Beef Stew

Apple Turnovers

Doughnuts

Tomato Catsup

Butter and Jam

"There is still talk around the camp of the swell Christmas season dinners that were enjoyed to the utmost," the reporter adds.

Some vivid comments on the feast were made by some of the British P.O.W.'s. L/Cpl. Bob Evans of W. Cumberland, England who worked in the kitchen of a camp hospital said in a message to his father and mother:

"Breakfast on the morning of Xmas Eve consisted of eggs and bacon and bread. I forget now what was served for lunch. But at eight o'clock on Xmas Eve I served a dinner consisting of eight courses (not including dessert). Among the courses were stuffed chicken, pork chops, chicken balls, fish salad, etc., with second helpings too if you please. Dad would have got a laugh at the sight of yours truly dashing about with trays piled high with roast chicken. The tables were covered with sweets, apples, chocolates, etc."

And Leonard G. Burrell of Holt, Norfolk, also in a message to his folks, remarked:

"And Dad, you want to see the meat we get here. It is a lot more than you get in England and also I have put on weight since I have been captured."

A Chinese People's Volunteer and a P.O.W. toast peace at a Christmas dinner.

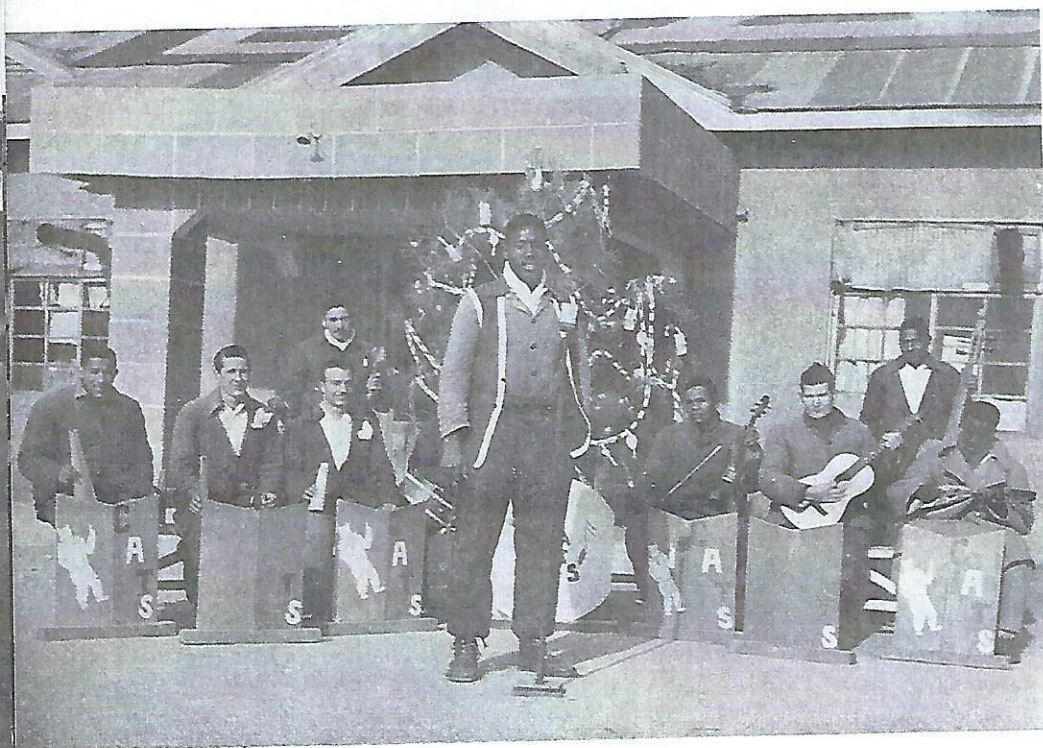




This group of hillbilly musicians went over big. They are, left to right:—Sfc. Roy D. Lafleur, Vancouver, Wash.; Sgt. Ted E. Qualls, Stillwell, Okla.; Sgt. Clifford L. Neel, Osceola, Ark.; Sgt. Ishmael D. Scott, Meckory, Ark.; Sfc. Harry D. Sinnett, Kingman, Kans.; Sfc. Harold L. McKibben, Tacoma, Wash.



This bass fiddle took a long time to make but Sgt. Walter E. Campbell, Inongate, Virginia would almost rather play it than eat. Here he is strumming a number in front of the Christmas tree.



They call themselves the Interracial "Cats". Perfect harmony is their proud claim. Sgt. Earl Dantzler, Richmond, Va., band leader, is standing at mike in the foreground and the others are:—Cpl. James Long, Phila. Penna.; Sgt. Bobbie J. Howell, Detroit, Mich.; Sgt. Everett H. Carpenter, Verda, Ky.; Sgt. Mickey A. Whitaker, West Prestonsburg, Ky.; Sgt. Charles E. Massie, Toledo, Ohio; Sgt. Lester W. Byers, Moscow, Ida.; Sfc. Albert Pough, Jr., Detroit, Mich.; Sfc. Charles Lide, Baltimore, md.

LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT

"FEELING very full and satisfied," wrote J. Green, "we saunter up to the camp clubroom for the evenings entertainment, and a very successful evening this is. The company band is there with popular music, first-class drama and pantomime with comedy sketches to fill in between various acts. For these we receive everything we ask for in the way of costumes and make-up. Four and a half hours of non-stop entertainment is carried through without a hitch, and everyone retires to bed tired but happy."

In Camp No. 5, camp playwright, Ted Beckerley of Wellingboro', Northants, England, had written a new play, "Uncle Stan," a frolicsome tale of a worker's family which ridiculed snobbery. Yorkshireman Jack Green, master of ceremonies, in good old Music Hall style, wore a well-fitting swallow-tail coat dug up from somewhere by the Volunteers, and never let the proceedings flag for one moment. In between the play, the Music Hall turned and the pantomime 'Cinderella' was performed by "amateurs." And there was never any shortage of talent for this side of the evening's fun. Cinderella, in tattered skirt and bodice, lisped "her" way through the plots of the wicked queen and the ugly sisters, helped by a ferocious fairy godmother. The last line of the finale, "And let there be Peace on Earth in 1953!" brought the house down.

(Top) Home on the range—and they've even got a horse in the background. A shot of the singing cowboys in action during the festivities.

(Center) This South American-style Band entertains with some red hot rumbas. The men are: Pfc. Moises P. Fuentes, Puerto De Tiezza, Puerto Rico; Pfc. Jack D. Nable, Arlington, Calif.; Cpl. Wayne O. Hotson, La Crosse Wis.; Pvt. Candido O. Crespo, New York City, N. Y.; Pfc. Samuel E. Banuelos, Fresno, Calif.

(Bottom) The cast of the lively musical comedy that the British lads puts on surrounds the leading "lady", Sgt. James R. Hunter, N. Ireland, for this group photo. From left to right:—Sgt. Jack M. Hale, Tottenham, London; Sgt. Peter J. Hoper, Parkstone, Dorset; Sgt. Ivor J. Dee, Hythe Kent; Sgt. Dennis W. Sallabank, Peter Port, Guernsey; Sgt. Dennis J. Fitzgerald, Stockton on Tees Durham; Sgt. Peter C. Crompton, Winton, Bournemouth; Sgt. James W. Smythe, Ireland; Sgt. Sidney J. Brisland, Berkeley, Glos.; Sgt. Douglas R. Reekie, Ilford, Essex; Sgt. James R. Hunter, N. Ireland; Sgt. William P. M. O'Hara, Tottenham, London; Sgt. Arthur B. Sykes, Romford, Essex; Sgt. John H. Pegler, Middle Mill, Stroud, Glos.; Sgt. John W. Holberton, Holgate, Yorks.; Sgt. Sydney F. Baxter, West Ealing, London.





Santa's really loaded and the camp turns out to greet him. He's brought the extras for a grand occasion.

SANTA CLAUS AND ALL

A friendly game of cards between meals among Indiana men while Santa watches placidly in the background.



"Christmas night, Santa Claus, yes, old St. Nicholas himself paid us a visit, bringing with him the Christmas cheer, spirit, greetings and gifts typical of all Santas." So wrote the reporter of *Toward Truth and Peace*.

He went on, "For four days and nights we celebrated, those wishing to continue the celebration on into the wee hours of the morning were in no way hampered. So-jui, wine and beer served as a booster and spurred the men in their celebrations."

Sfc. Thomas Dawson of Akron, Ohio, U.S.A., described it this way:

"From midnight till the wee hours of the morning the air was filled with the music of carols, the loud speaker remained on for the night and the company choir travelled from area to area visiting the hospital, Camp Headquarters, and all the companies presented their carols in true Christmas fashion, in the true Xmas spirit. The carolers were received warmly by everyone with gifts of food, candy, cakes, apples, nuts and spirits. A truly Xmas spirit reigned throughout the camp."

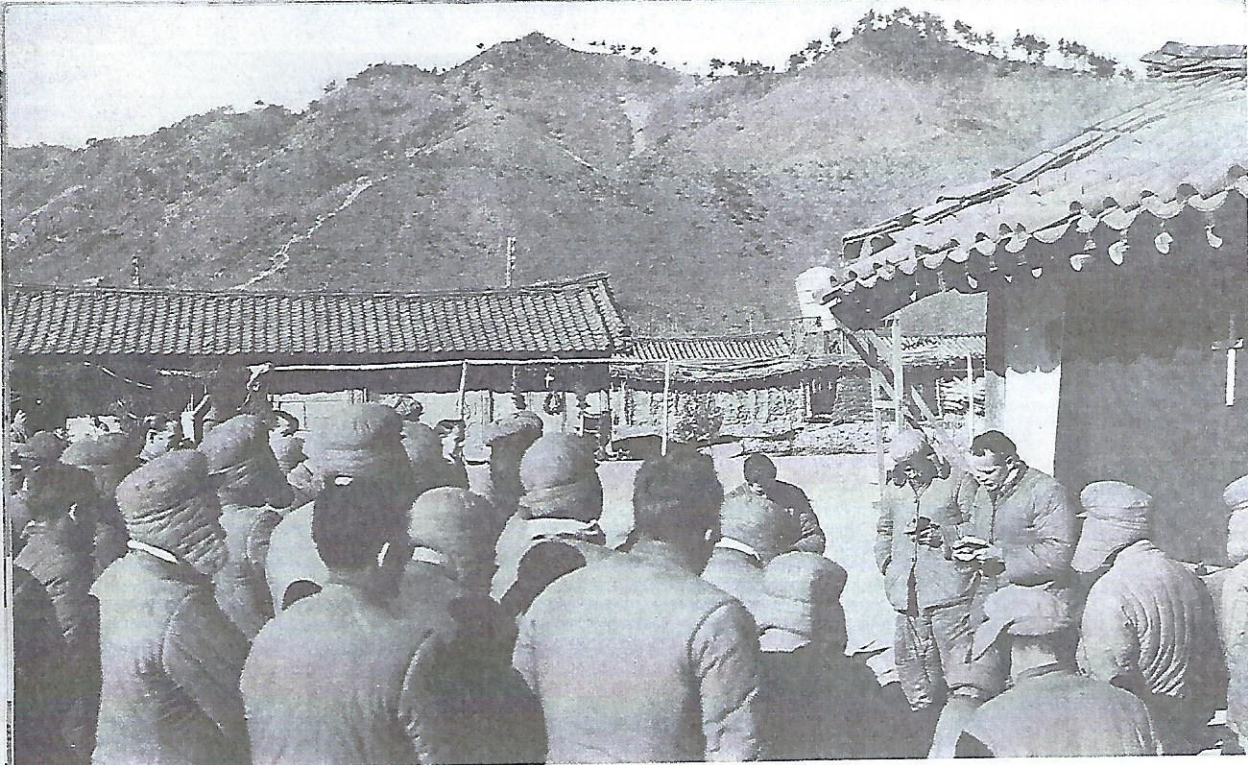
And here is Green again to take up the narrative:

"Boxing Day is much the same, a good breakfast, more soccer and a grand Whist Drive with a couple of hundred cigarettes as prizes. In the evening there is another dance which is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Naturally, as anyone can understand, we are all thinking of our loved ones at home, wondering why the war is still going on, how long it will be before we can return home to enjoy our future Christmases round our own home with our wives and children? But the fact remains that for this Christmas we had to remain here, and I can assure you that the CPV fully respected all the customs and went out of their way to ensure we were as happy as possible, and we are confident that as long as we remain in our present situation everything will be done to help us lead as full and as enjoyable a life as circumstances permit."



Here! Have a drink! It's a Korean room and they're sitting crosslegged Korean-style on the warmed Korean floor. But it's real homey, Christmas tree and all.

From left to right, they are:—Pfc. Lawrence J. Heminger, Gulliver, Mich.; Pfc. Kenneth D. Veihdeffer, Hyde, Penna.; Pvt. Kenneth E. Williamson, New Hope, Penna.; Pfc. Harry Fichtner, Jr., Hyndman, Penna.; Pvt. John M. Hilgart, Jr. Park Falls, Wisconsin.



The Chaplain reads from the scriptures during an outdoor religious service.

A CHAPLAIN WRITES

IT is worth quoting, too, from a P.O.W. chaplain, and he writes:

"I am a Christian and a minister of the gospel. To American Christians, the subject of religion behind the so-called 'iron curtain' is of vital interest and importance, especially since they have been told that Christians are being persecuted by the Communists. By my experience in this P.O.W. camp I feel that such a charge could only have been arrived at through hatred, prejudice and misunderstanding, all of which are based mostly upon false propaganda.

"Before my arrival in this camp I had already held a few church services with other newly-

captured American soldiers close to the city of Wonsan.

"After my arrival in this camp on November 7, 1951, we fixed a schedule best suited for the interests and desires of the men. After the building of a club room we were given the use of it to hold our services. At present the schedule is adjusted to four services a week.

"On Tuesday and Friday we have Bible study, Thursday a special prayer and praise service and on Sunday we conduct an evangelistic service.

"As for the camp-wide services which we hold on our religious holidays we are given the use of the camp theater which can hold over five hundred

Handwritten notes on lined paper:

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
DEC. 1951

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The Chaplain reports.

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"This kind of services take a lot of preparation. This was the program of the 1952 Christmas morning service:

Opening prayer—Richard Bassett
 Congregation Carol—Joy to the world
 Congregation Carol—O Come All Ye Faithful
 Morning prayer—Oscar Best
 Choir—Praise Him
 Cong. Carol—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!
 Cong. Hymn—Doxology
 Benediction—Duggins
 Song Leader—Alfonso Johnson

"At our request the Chinese Volunteers made it possible for the Christian group of our company to eat our Christmas dinner together in the club room, testifying, praying and of course eating.

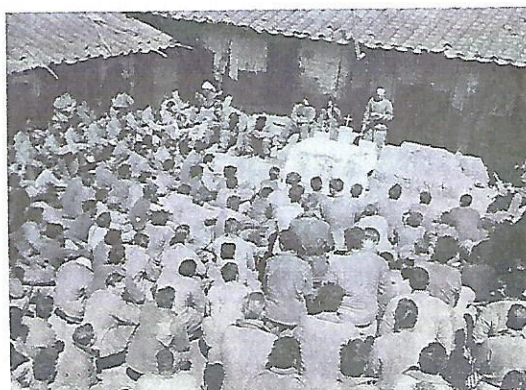
"We are now looking forward to our Easter sun-rise service which was so well attended last year."



A moment of quiet prayer.



The camp choir in action, rendering a selection of Carols.



Sfc. Richard T. Artesani, Boston, Mass., conducts a Catholic service in a Korean courtyard.



FIVE CHEERFUL



XMAS GROUPS



1. Pausing from their holiday festivities are these lads from the Dakotas. Left to right:—Pvt. Moses F. Garneau, White River, S. Dak.; Pfc. Leroy J. Hawley, Armour, S. Dak.; Pfc. Conrad C. Menzia, Roscoe, S. Dak.; Pvt. Marilyn K. Sisson, Lennox, S. Dak.; Pfc. Martin Doll, Jr.; Pfc. Frederick Schwartz, Shawand, Wis.

2. Five New Yorkers get together under the Christmas arch. They are, left to right:—Pfc. Charles E. Ferguson, Lowville, N.Y.; Pvt. James V. Tutino, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. Frank Salerno, New York, N.Y.; Pfc. Thomas W. Cole, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pfc. Salvatore T. Eleftheratos, Binghamton, New York.

3. Another ten smiles!

Front row:—Pfc. Melvin W. Darnell, Sinai, Ky.; Pvt.

Hobert Hughes, Lovisa, Ky.; Pfc. Otis G. Blackburn, Pike Ville, Ky.; Cpl. James W. Prewitt, Louisville, Ky.

Back Row:—Pfc. Paul O. Blanton, Brodhead, Ky.; Pvt. Wallace J. Greenwell, Webster, Ky.; Pfc. Thomas S. Colgate, New Haven, Ky.; Pvt. Matthew Bowling, Dew Drop, Ky.; Pfc. Herman Smith, Mousie, Ky.

4. Another of the group photos taken at Christmas.

5. A group of Tennessee men pose for their picture during Christmas time 1952. They are: Pvt. John K. Bentley, Whites Burg, Tenn.; Cpl. James E. Hodges, Gallatin, Tenn.; Pfc. Allen W. Yates, Lexington, Tenn.; Pfc. Worley Cutshaw, Greenville, Tenn.; Pfc. John D. Britton, Surgoinsville, Tenn.; Pfc. Harold E. Humphreys, Harriman, Tenn.; Pvt. Lynn H. Morgan, Powell, Tenn.