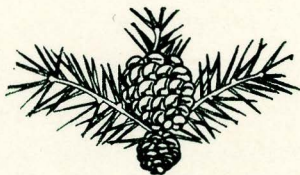


# CHRISTMAS DAY

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WITH THE

45TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

PINE CAMP, N.Y.

## PROGRAM

0900 Christmas Mass, All Catholics - Chapel  
1045 Christmas Worship Service - Theatre No. 1  
1200-1330 Christmas Dinner - Battery Mess  
1330 Battery Christmas Program and Tree  
1500 Yule Log Hour - Service Club  
1900 All-Artillery Basketball Games  
158th vs. 160th - 171st vs. 189th

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## M E N U

Fresh Celery                      Sliced Pickles  
Lettuce and Tomato Salad  
Roast Turkey  
Celery Dressing                      Cranberry Sauce  
Giblet Gravy  
Candied Sweet Potatoes      Buttered Lima Beans  
Bread - Butter  
Pumpkin Pie      Ice Cream      Fresh Fruit  
Coffee - Hard Candies  
Cigars                      Cigarettes

December 25, 1942.

Hi there, Folks—

It's Christmas Day again, and though I must necessarily spend it away from you this year, I must say it still is a merry one. Remember, I still have you and memories of many happy days we have spent; and I have high hopes for other days which we shall spend when victory has come. Also, I have the satisfaction of doing a job that must be done, and of knowing that you are doing your part there at home. Together, we are unbeatable.

Then, too, this has been an enjoyable day at camp, with everything possible being done to help us keep in mind that this is Christmas, and to remind us that it is the birthday of Christ. You can readily see that it has been a full day by glancing at the program, and I think the menu speaks for itself, too.

Again let me say a Merry Christmas to you, and a New Year full of happiness. Whatever tinge of sorrow there may be in our present separation is more than compensated for by the great expectation which we mutually hold for the days to come.

Yours, *Forever*  
*Bill*

## GREETINGS:

As the Chaplain of the 45th Infantry Division Artillery, I want to express to you my deep appreciation of the men from your homes with whom I am serving, and whom it is my privilege to further serve as to their moral and spiritual welfare. They are a tribute to American homes, for the most part, and you may all be proud of them.

Let me take this opportunity to extend to you a belated wish for the very best in this holiday season, and the coming year, and to solicit your continued encouragement of "our" men in the performance of every good thing possible.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN E. RECTOR  
Chaplain (Captain)