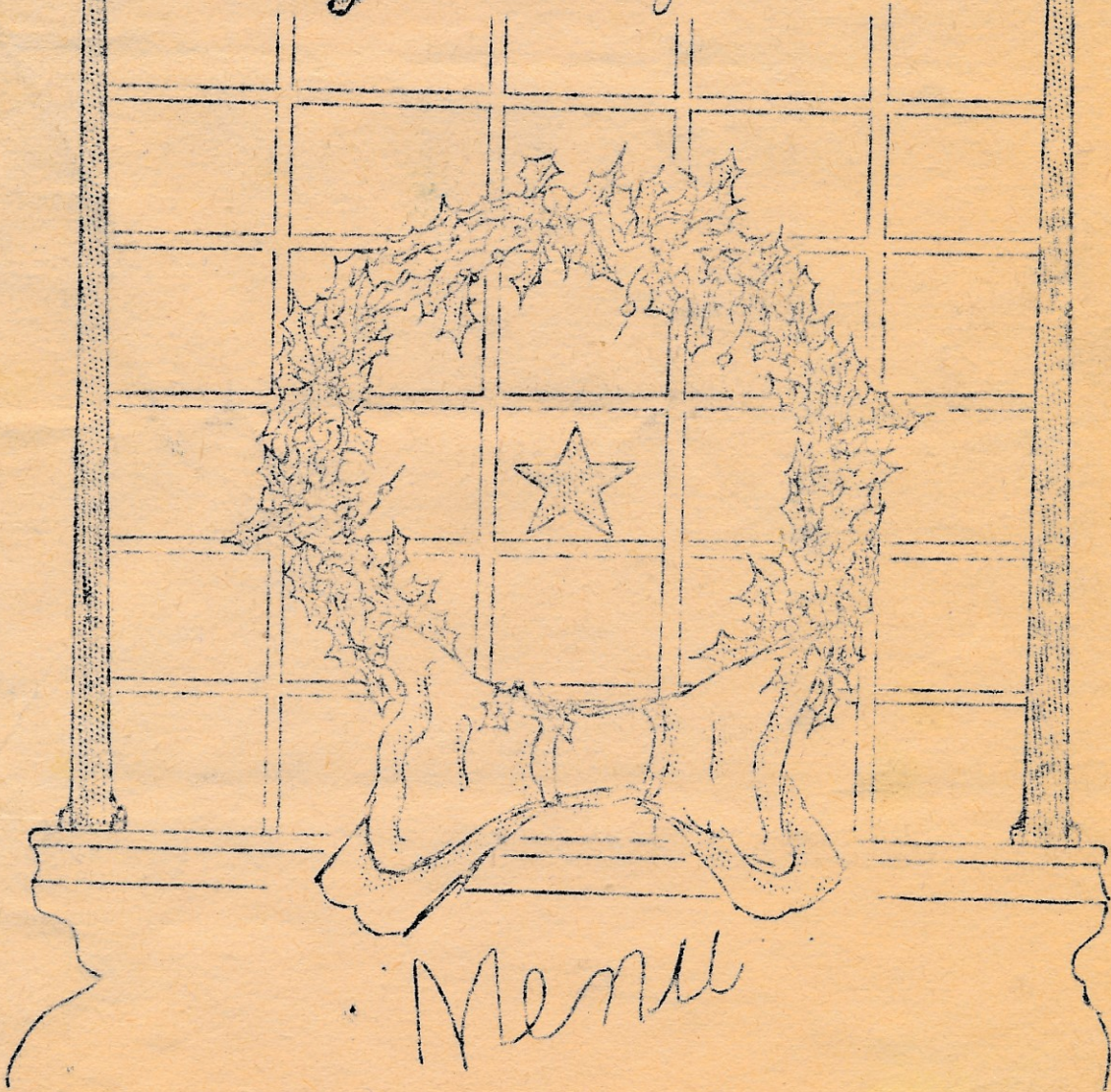
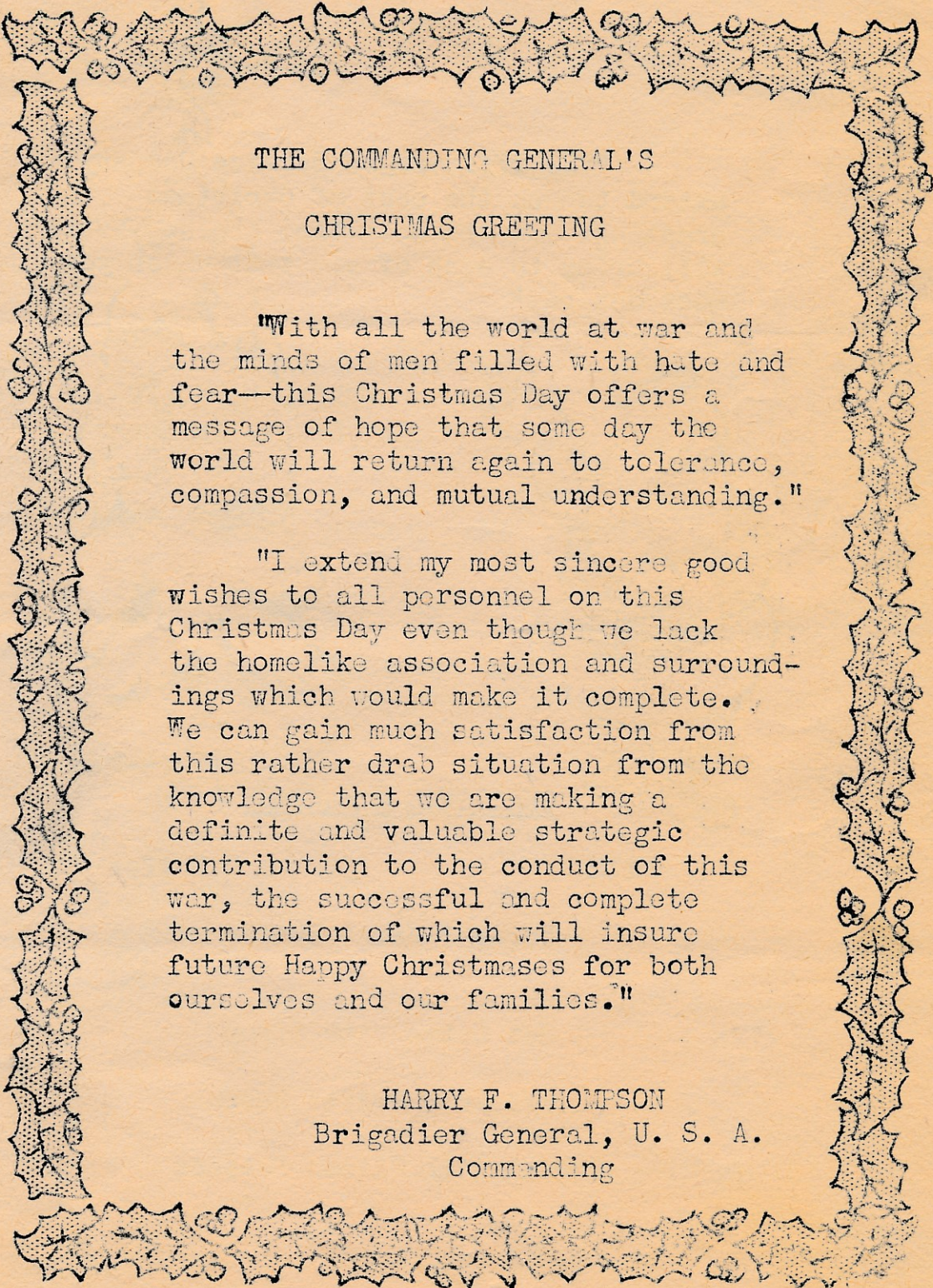


to
you
A

Very Merry Christmas



SERVICE CO.
53rd INFANTRY APO 980⁰



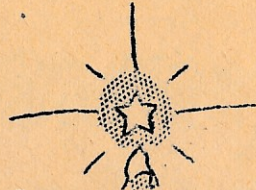
THE COMMANDING GENERAL'S

CHRISTMAS GREETING

"With all the world at war and the minds of men filled with hate and fear—this Christmas Day offers a message of hope that some day the world will return again to tolerance, compassion, and mutual understanding."

"I extend my most sincere good wishes to all personnel on this Christmas Day even though we lack the homelike association and surroundings which would make it complete. We can gain much satisfaction from this rather drab situation from the knowledge that we are making a definite and valuable strategic contribution to the conduct of this war, the successful and complete termination of which will insure future Happy Christmases for both ourselves and our families."

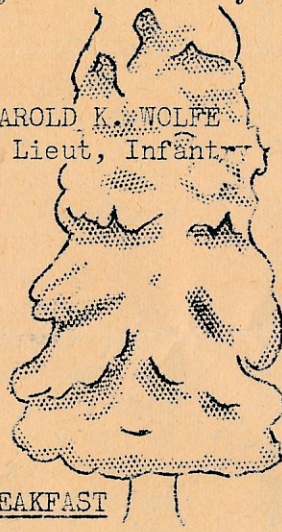
HARRY F. THOMPSON
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Commanding



"The Officers of Service Company extend to you the best of Christmas greetings and the wish that the New Year will bring to each of you that which you most desire."



HAROLD K. WOLFE
1st Lieut, Infantry



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Milk

Coffee

Sugar * Jam * Butter

Hot Cakes with Syrup

Delicious Swifts Bacon

Cereal with Sliced Peaches

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Coffee

Milk

Sugar

Butter

Mixed Pickles-Ripe Olives

Shrimp Cocktail

ROAST TURKEY AND DRESSING

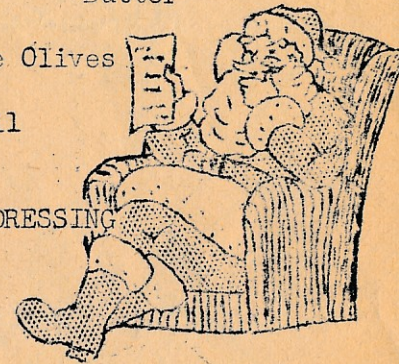
Mashed Potatoes

Giblet Gravey

Buttered Corn

Cranberry Sauce

Shrimp Salad



D-E-S-S-E-R-T

Pumpkin Pie

Fruit Cake

Assorted Cookies

Mixed Candies

Mixed Nuts

Apples & Oranges

CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Coffee

Milk

Cocoa

Bread-Butter

Sugar-Jam

Virginia Baked Ham

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Brown Gravy

Buttered Beets

Vegetable Salad

Apple Sauce

Mixed Pickles

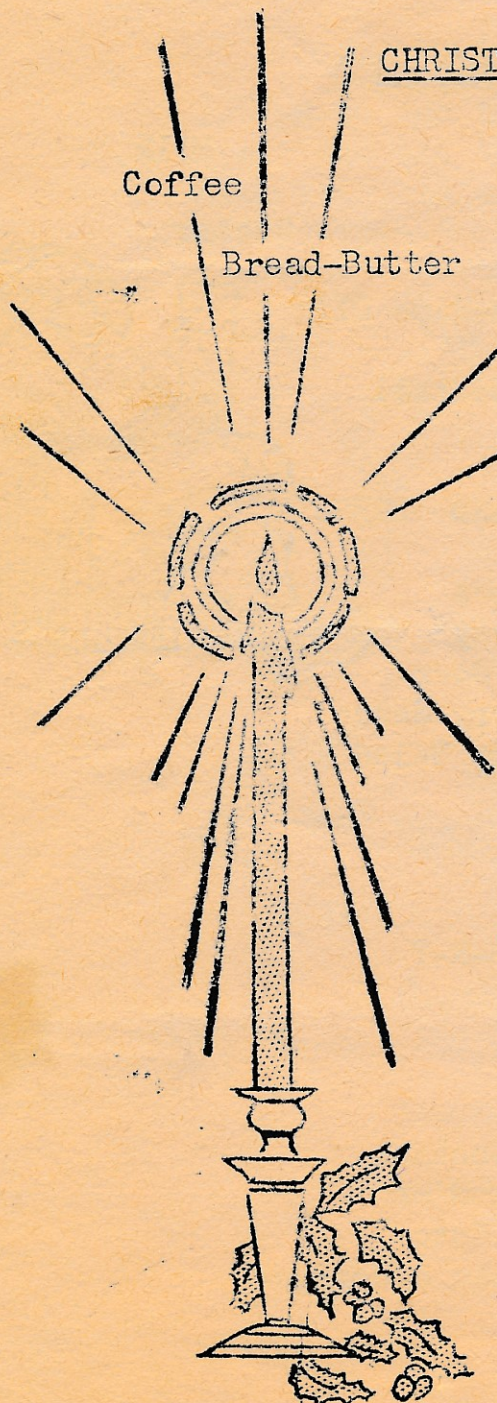
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches

D-E-S-S-E-R-T

Ice Cream

Plum, Pudding

Brandy Sauce





THE POST CHAPLIN'S

MESSAGE AND PRAYER



The heart of the world kneels once again before the entrancing story of His Nativity, the sweetest story ever told, timeless in its setting, universal in its implication and haunting in its beauty. With the passing of twenty centuries men still believe in it. Even on this day men will be singing carols in air-raid shelters, in dug-outs and in far distant outposts. These hopeful men find joy blending their voices with the heavenly choir singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, good will to men."

O heavenly Father, who hast declared thy love to man by the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem, help us to welcome him in these days of war: so that we may live at peace with one another; and in good will with all thy family; through the same Thy son JESUS CHRIST our Lord

AMEN.

HAROLD E. BOTTEMILLER
Post Chaplain