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## Cardinal Spellman's Christmas Visit To Korea Battlefront Cardinal Celebrates Mass Aboard USS-Wisconsin Brings 'Heartlift' To Fighting Yanks On Heartbreak Ridge Aboard USS Wisconsin in Korean Waters - Dec. 29

Seoul-(NC)-Thousands of soldiers in the snow-carpeted, frost-bitten front lines of Korea are still treasuring in their memory the visit of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New

York, who kept his promise to spend Christmas with the troops by making a three-day tour of the lines. The Cardinal returned to Seoul

with Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, after celebrating Mass five times for Society of St. Columban, troop congregations estimated to total 7,600. He visited corps head it quarters, divisions and an Amer-

ican hospital. He gave 11 talks and spoke individually to thousands of soldiers. Representatives of all other U. N. forces also met him. HIS EMINENCE traveled by

light plane, helicopter, jeep and staff car. A snow storm failed to stop him and he went within range of communist artillery.

Returning here after a closeup view of devastated Korean, towns and villages, he brought back with him addresses of thousands of relatives of soldiers and promised each man to whom he spoke he would write to his fam

His Eminence said three Masses on Christmas Day. It was a white Christmas as the snow fell on him and his congregations. When snow made helicopter flying impossible, he traveled the mountain roads in a skidding jeep. At one point the Cardinal and General Van Fleet helped push the jeep

back on the track. The first Christmas Mass the Cardinal celebrated was the Midnight Mass in the chapel of the First Corps.

MUD-STAINED, .unshaven, men of the First Marine Division came straight from the front line to attend the mid-morning (see ond) Mass celebrated by the Car dinal. The largest tent available at division headquarters, tightly packed, could not hold the congregation, estimated at 3.000 men. Part of the tent wall was raised so that men who knelt in the open in the cold snow and under a threatening sky could see the altar. A loudspeaker carried the prayers, hymns and the Cardinal's sermon to the over flow crowd outside.

## Priest Covers Trip For World Press

Washington - (NC) - The Rev. Patrick O'Connor of the

N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent in Korea, was the only correspondent covering for the world press the three-day Christmas visit of His

..... Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, to the United Nations troops at the fighting front.

ping places across Korea had air strips long enough to accomodate large planes, some of the strips can only take twoseaters. Hence, correspondents covering the flying visits of the Cardinal were limited to four; one each for news stories, photos, news reels and ra-

dlo. In such cases, the various news services agree on one whose dispatches are man pooled. Representatives of five major news services here agreed on assigning the place to Father O'Connor. He reported for them and, separately, for N.C.W.C. News Service,

whose subscribers are mainly weekly papers. Because of this arrangement, the N.C.W.C. News Service had the only eye-witness reporter throughout the Cardlnal's Christmas visits with the

troops, Father O'Connor's spot news dispatches for the daily press were used by Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Reuters ally."" and Agence France Presse.

front still carried their carbines. when his turn came to kneel be after the Mass. The Confession line formed in side a priest.



While 2,000 men of the U.S. Seventh Division kneel in the snow, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Speliman of New York conducts mass on Christmas Day in Korea. The services were conducted during a heavy anowstorm, but the cardinal was sheltered by a tent. The altar was decorated with pine boughs. INP

photo. (NC Photos)

DURING THE Mass the entire Gen. Gerald C. Thomas, comcongregation recited, after the mander of the First Marine Divi-Cardinal a prayer he had com- sion, also attended the Mass. posed. Many of the men had never seen a Cardinal before this Christmas rendezvous - kept amid Korean mountains while artillery boomed across the ridges.

"This is the first time I have, seen a Cardinal in person and was able to talk to him," said Marine Corp. Kevin J. Griffin, of . It was a white Christmas here. wonderful of him to come to Ko- ness of failing snow. It had the ged skylines and poignant memrea to be with us for Christmas whiteness of consecrated Hosts orles can offer. The front line The most impressive part of his received by nearly 1,000 L. S. awas only 3,000 yards ahead. The the Cardinal and the four visit was during Mass when he soldiers kneeling bare-headed un. dull roar of artillery sounded in-

munion to each man person Spellman's altar. The Cardinal gave Holy Com the Marine helicopter bearing the improvised Sanctuary. It

the open. A man would hand his munion to 450 men, and met Ma. the Cardinal and General James was Heartbreak Ridge. The Marines down from the weapon to his buddy to hold rines individually before and A. Van Fleet came whirring Today it became Heart-Lift across the mountain ridges, al-Ridge. This Christmas Mass, the dates left in and the data left form of inert facts. - Henry fragan prelature to the Archdio-General Van Fleet and Major ready partly velled by snow, the Sacraments, the Cardinal's out,

than anything else that's been

done for them over here."

Three thousand men formed an coming and his words would lift openair congregation. Many up hearts of men who by late Envoy To Vatican came straight down from the afternoon would be back on, the mountainside bunkers and fox mountain line.

His Eminence Frances Cardinal Speliman of New York con-

York and Military Vicar of the U.S. Armed Forces, comforts a

wounded UN soldier at a hospital near Seoul, during the pre-

late's Christmas visit to the Korean battlefront, Nurse in back-

ground was unidentified in this radiophoto. (NC Photos)

"This shows you don't have holes that form the front line. to bring a bunch of girls out They wore rumpled, stained bat- Lynch, C.P., of Cincinnati, here to draw a crowd," comtle dress. They were cold and with other Catholic chaplains, mented Capt. Edward Paul, a red eyed. But they came eagerly had been hearing Confessions Washington, D. C., Marine. to Mass and to meet Cardinal before Mass. It was clear that "This was the biggest turnout Spellman. yet. The men appreciated the Cardinal's coming today more

they could not hear all that The setting for this Mass, the, wanted to come. The Cardinal third offered by Cardinal Spell- | led the gathering in reciting the man on Christmas day, was one Act of Contrition. Then, in a of the most impressive that even! voice that betraved his emo-Franklin Lakes, N. J. "It was Not only was there the white this war-shadowed land of jag-, tion, he gave general absolution.

said: "I want to bring Holy Com der the sky before Cardinal termittently. Behind the altar, | Communion to 959 men. Kocovered and shielded by tenting, rean Catholics and members of It was almost mid-day when a gaunt gray ridge towered over those receiving Communion.

> OFFICIAL HISTORY: With Adams.

(Radio, NC)-His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Unristmas visitor of the service men in Korea, received the

Korean President Presents Medal Pusan, Korea - (NC) -President Syngman Bhee personally conferred the "National Medal of the Republic of Kores" on His Eminence Francis Cardinal Speilman "in appreciation of his selfless serv-

ice and devotion to the alleviation of human suffering." In his citation President Rhee referred to Catholic missions in Kores which are "well known for their humane ministrations to the people." Pusan with Gen. James A. Van Fleet. commander of the Eighth Army, was welcomed

by U. S. Ambassador John J. | ship's complement of 2,500. Muccio and high U. S. Army In the crew S quat this dunga-tional shook hands with dunga-George M. Carroll, Brooklyn crowded around, each giving his During his eight-hour stay, His Eminence visited the clinic

conducted by the Maryknoll Sisters, the U.S. hospital ship "Repose," the Danish hospital ship "Jutlandia," the Swedish Red Cross hospital and the United Nations Cemetery, He was the dinner guest of Brig. Gen. William E. Crist, commander of the U. N. Civil. Assistance Command.

McCormack Backs Boston --- (NC) ---- Representative John W. McCormick of Massachusetts, House ma-

jority leader, stated here that the renewal of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican does not involve the issue of separa-

Snow flakes eddled around chaplains as they gave Holy service corps were among

Protestant choir.

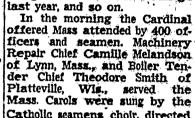
tion of church and state. "Viewing it as an American," Mr. McCormick said, "It is distinctly in the national interest of the United States that

> tion made by President Truman be adopted and we renew formal diplomatic relations." SECULAR EDUCATION Nothing in education is so

I flagship of the Seventh Fleet. He flew out across a wintry sea in a helicopter piloted by a Catholic Navy flier, Lieut, Buell "Tommy" Logan, of Dallas, Tex., who made a second flight bringing correspondents, including the N.C.W.C. News Service representative, to this great grey battleship.

THE CARDINAL was greeted on the windswept deck by Vice Admiral Harold M. Martin, commander of the Seventh Fleet; Capt. Thomas Burrowes, commanding the Wisconsin; Comdr. Charles H. Becker of Baltimore, Executive Officer; Capt. J. D. Crowley, Fleet Operations Offi-The Cardinal arriving at Icer; Father (Lieut, Cmdr.) Eugene J. Kapalczynski of Milwaukee. Catholic chaplain, and hundreds of other members of the ree-clad young seamen who name and home town.

"PATRICK ROSE from Baltimore," said one. "God bless you. Patrick,' said the Cardinal, "Eric Flood from City Island, N. Y., said another, who had received his diploma from the Cardinal at his graduation from Iona College



Catholic seamens choir, directed by Allan Schmidt of Marlboro-On-Hudson, N. Y., supplemented by nearly 30 members of the

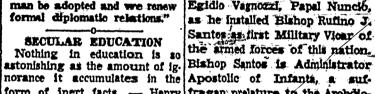
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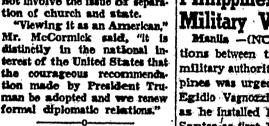
tions between the spiritual and military authorities of the Philippines was urged by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Papal Nuncio,

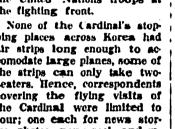
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