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By LIEUT. ERIC H. ARENDT
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It was just a year ago when our Commander-in-Chief and Mr. Winston Churchill met "somewhere in the Atlantic" to discuss the strategy of the war. You will remember too, that although every minute was precious, both men and their aides attended the Christmas divine service together.

Symbolic was this occasion. It was not just "another service." The conversations up to, and following this Christmas service have determined, and will continue to determine, the destiny of us all. These two men paid humble tribute to Christ because they knew that the very principles for which their two great nations stand are those which are definitely built upon the teachings of Christ.

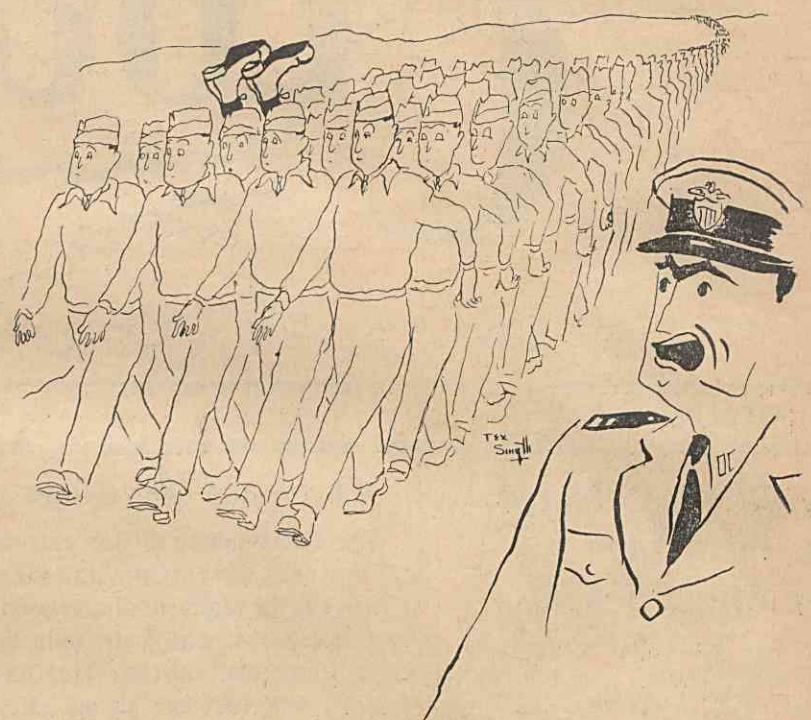
For many of us this will be our most "unusual" Christmas. It might be a little more difficult for some of us to refrain from becoming a little bit cynical about "peace on earth, good will toward men." But the spirit of Christmas has survived many critical times. Once again the challenge is presented. And once again a generation, our generation, is called upon to meet this challenge.

It is the logic of events, the urgent need of the age in which we are living, that summons all Christian people everywhere to celebrate Christmas this year, not only with renewed faith and dauntless consecration, but with re-

newed courage and dauntless determination. Every person attached to this station ought to attend a Christmas Service on Christmas Eve. It will help, more than at any other time, to supplant cynicism with hope as we work toward a world where "peace on earth, good will toward men" is possible.

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A meeting for cadets who wish to form a Sunday afternoon discussion group is called for this Sunday at 1630 in Horace Williams Lounge of Graham Memorial.



"Murphy!"

Christmas 1942

The Christmas season for centuries has meant cheer and hope for Christendom, in peace and war alike. It has not always been marked by peace and happiness, for as now, Christmas has often dawned with war prevailing in many lands bringing little cause for happiness.

But confident hope, Christmas always brings. In peacetime it is hope for a better world, with greater prosperity, a larger measure of personal happiness, readier opportunities, and a general improvement in the ways of life encompassed by the phrase "social progress." At Christmastime, man often for the only time sees his neighbor as another human being, and in friendliness, kindness and charitableness exhibits his highest qualities.

During war the special hope of the Christmas season is for peace, a victorious peace to be sure, followed by a better world in which to live, one in which wars are no more and in which man's inhumanities to man are truly supplanted by "peace on earth, good will toward men."

While there is no peace this Christmas, and much unhappiness the world over, there is abundant reason for hope. Christmas 1942 can mean to all of us just what the first Christmas meant centuries ago to the troubled peoples then—living hope for a better world to come. Unlike Dec. 25, 1941, the sun this Christmas will shine on the American flag being carried forward on every ocean and in every corner of the globe, advancing in an offensive that can only have one conclusion, and that final and complete victory.

For most of us Christmas this year will be radically different from all others past. For most of us this will be our first Christmas in the Navy, for many it will be the first away from home. While perhaps the warmth and good cheer of Christmas at home will be lacking for most of us, and while mistletoe, carols, tinsel, and holly may seem to lose a bit of their meaning, we should this season realize renewed faith in ourselves and in the justice of our cause.

Looking ahead, will next Christmas find us still at war, or will we be home again, helping to construct a happier world, where men, women and children may live in peace and happiness without fear? The answer to this question rests in good part with the cadets now training here, and with fellow Americans already fighting and training to fight all over the globe.

—By B. F. FRICKS, Y3c

LOST?

Born of one war, made fat for another, Raised to fight for the sins of some others

Who said that they would—but failed when it came To "make the world safe"—and left it the same;

The "Lost Generation"—aimless, lost, As the bridge of change 'twixt worlds it crossed— Had little received and little yet lived To give what it gave, to do what it did.

When the great drums boomed and the bugles blew They asked no questions but went and yet knew That many would lose, so precious, so dear, The lives that were theirs, un-lived years so near.

They're men to be proud of, who went to fight For country and God and what they thought right, Though fated lost, lost, in a world gone mad They did what was right, what man's future bade.

And songs will be sung and tales will be told In days to come of men with faith of old Who fought and gave rebirth, during the strife, To the "dying," "decadent," yet loved way of life.

—By CADET A. WEINTRAUB

Sunday Divine Services

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 Confessions, Saturday, 1830-1930
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