

Stevenson, Dean

Has Service In Shell-Torn House For Congress Group

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WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—In a shell-gutted house just behind the Fifth Army's frontlines in Italy, Chaplain Dean Stevenson of Bethlehem, conducted a simple, 10-minute service recently. He serves in the 91st "Powder River" Division.

His congregation included the House Military Affairs Committee, touring the Fifth Army front, Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, commander in chief of the 15th Army Group, other high-ranking commanders, correspondent, photographers, and a handful of war-weary infantrymen who temporarily had left their "jobs" to attend.

"It was the most distinguished congregation I ever had," said Stevenson. The frontline soldier remains his favorite, he added.

He led the group in a short hymn followed by a sermon and a prayer. For those few brief minutes in a building the Yanks had wrested from the Germans only a short time before, the worshippers bowed their heads and prayed for peace.

When the service ended the group lunched on K-rations with infantrymen of the 91st Division and then left for another sector on the Fifth Army front.

Stevenson was assistant minister of the Pro Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem before entering the army. He served an Anzio,



CHAPLAIN STEVENSON
... "Sky Pilot" for "Powder
River Division" in Italy

in the drive toward Rome, the Arno River campaign, the breaking to and of the Gothic Line and the push toward Bologna.

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