

Personal Items and Bits of Home

World War II saw members of the U.S. Armed Forces sent to the far corners of the globe. Whether a Marine on Guadalcanal (a), an Infantryman in North Africa (b), or a Medic in Germany (c), these men and women carried personal items as reminders of home.



One source of comfort for those serving overseas was access to military



chaplains who would supply spiritual comfort to the troops. Here (d) a Catholic Chaplain celebrates Mass with troops in the field. All denominations supplied chaplains for the military.

In addition, personal items such as a standard issue canteen; dog tags (Navy and Army); and an ammunition pouch are also shown.

