#16 Bits of Home



A U.S. Sherman tank advances in Italy past a religious service held by an Army chaplain.

One source of comfort for those serving overseas was access to military chaplains who would supply spiritual comfort to the troops. All denominations supplied chaplains for the military. In the background G.I.s catch a ride to the front on a Sherman tank. The Sherman tank, while inferior to German and Russian tanks, was easily mass produced, well-constructed, reliable and could be repaired in the field without much difficulty. It became the lead tank for the U.S. and British armies in the later part of the war.