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Army Air Forces Band

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Invocation

CHAPLAIN (BRIG. GEN.) GEORGE F. RIXEY

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Introduction

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MAJOR GENERAL H. R. HARMON

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DR. DAVID R. PORTER

War Prisoners' Aid

The World's Committee of Young Men's Christian Association

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CAPTAIN RAGNAR BARHAUG

*Commanding Officer, Repatriated Prisoners of War Tour
will introduce*

THREE REPATRIATED PRISONERS

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BRIGADIER GENERAL B. M. BRYAN

Assistant, The Provost Marshall General

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QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

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