couple of hymns and a prayer by Chaplain Baker. We sang a lot of our favorite gospel choruses and had special music from Sgt. Brooks, a negro spiritual singer; the YFC Quartet; The Hedderheim Quartet; and the Wiesbaden Duet. As usual, Lil King was at the piano making those ivories talk like she never had before. The Zulker twins, with Chuck leading the singing and Bill as Master of Ceremonies did a fine job and kept the rally going as a fast pace.

There were six chaplains aboard, and when Bill announced that an "All Chaplain Sextet" was going to sing, we all were completely surprised, especially the six chaplains. It wasn't enough that he made them sing once, but when they finished he gave them a book and asked them to try reading the music and see if they could get a little harmony, at least. After that, all the chaplains and President of Youth For Christ, Johnny Cornwell, came up and spoke for a couple of minutes. Then the treat of the evening began as Chaplain Pat Patterson, ex football star of Wheaton College, brought us the message of the evening. He is truly a Man of God, and he warmed our hearts as he brought us a message from the Word of God and related to us some of his experiences from back in high school days where he played football. He told us about those high school days when he never knew what the inside of a church looked like, and how he thought a prayer meeting was a place where he supposed a bunch of sissies would go to knit. But one day his brother took him to on of those prayer meetings where some of his fellow players on the team were going. It was there for the first time, he realized that there was something in life he didn't have but needed. During the chaplain's invitation at the end, the YFC quartet sang, "Shall I crucify My Savior."

I sat there in the open air and listened to the piano and the Quartet. My, what a wonderful feeling, and what a beautiful sight that was as we went up and down the Rhine. From the top mast flew a huge flag with "Youth For Christ" in bright colors standing out against the sky. It was extremely beautiful, especially toward evening when the sun began to sink toward the hills. There were heavy clouds overhead, but here and there a large patch of blue sky shone through. With these patches of deep blue sky, the clouds, the sun going down, and the castles on the mountainsides in the background, it made a beautiful sight as we looked down the river. We would pass cliffs where sheer rocks would go almost straight up from the river, and way up on the top, and clear out on the edge would be a castle out of a story book.

As the castle sat there surrounded by beauty, it held our attention; our imagination would begin to wander and oh, how we wished the castle would talk. If it could only speak what a story it could bring from the past; a story of the people, of love, of misfortune, of joy, of tears, and of all the life that went on behind those castle walls. Our imagination would almost set the stage; we could almost see the people and imagine ourselves walking down the long corridors.

Then, just as suddenly as we had wondered awe, we were back and slowly the sound of those about us took meaning to our ears; the spell was broken and the dream was over. We were pulling up to the dock and everyone was saying their "good by's," and soon all were back on trucks nd busses heading for home.

As I rode to Frankfurt, I rode in silence and went over all that had taken place. What a glorious day that had been; what a joy, what a blessing. Truly it was something I shall never forget. As the truck I was in bumped along, I looked back over all the wonderful times I've had since I let Christ take over my life. Immediately I thought of all

the swell Christian fellows I've met since I've been in the Army. When I think of all the wonderful times we had together it hurt to think that as the Army separates us, we will never see one another again. But as a Christian, I know many of us will meet again some day. And I wouldn't be surprised if some day, when walking down a street in that Golden City, someone will come running across the street and say, 'Well, if it isn't Dave. I knew I'd find you here somewhere. Let's see, where was it I last saw you." Then we'll both sing out together: I remember, THE RALLY ON THE RHINE."

FRANKFURT YOUTH FOR CHRIST "RALLY ON THE RHINE"

September 2, 1946

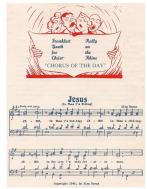
Yacht "Mainz" in 1946 with soldiers on board



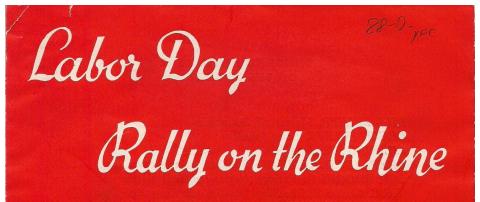
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Have you attended "Y" for "C"?
Well, come on down, believe you me,
You'll find a spirit that's pure "Z-I",
Whether civilian or officer, or plain "G-I".



The YFC council, extends its sincerest appreciation to those who have helped to make the "RALLY ON THE RHINE" a success.



BILL ZULKER, Master of Cermonies CHUCK ZULKER, Song Leader

LIL KING: Pianist

CHAPLAIN D. L. BAKER: Speaker of the evening SGT. BROOKS (talkative), Negro spiritual singer Y.F.C. GIRLS TRIO: Sibyl Stump, Lil King, Sue Price COL. PAUL J. MADDOX: Theater chief Chaplain

BOB WOODS, Dr. I Q Y. F. C. MALE QUARTET: Fred Rodman, Chuck Zulker,

Don Creswell, Bill Zulker

WIESBADEN DUET: Wendel Gallup, Earl Adkins
JOHN CORNWELL, YFC President and French Horn soloist
HEDDERNHEIM QUARTET: Don Creswell, Bill Dowdy,
Bob Woods, B. C. Faulkner

VISITING CHAPLAINS HEIDELBERG QUARTET



1:30 —Board the "MAINZ"

1:45 ——"Get Aquainted-get a card with your name and pin it on, get your Bible marker, sign the guest book, get this program autographed.

3:00 -Afternoon Service with "Quiz"

4:00 -- Supper--"Come and get it"

6:00 -- "RALLY ON THE RHINE"

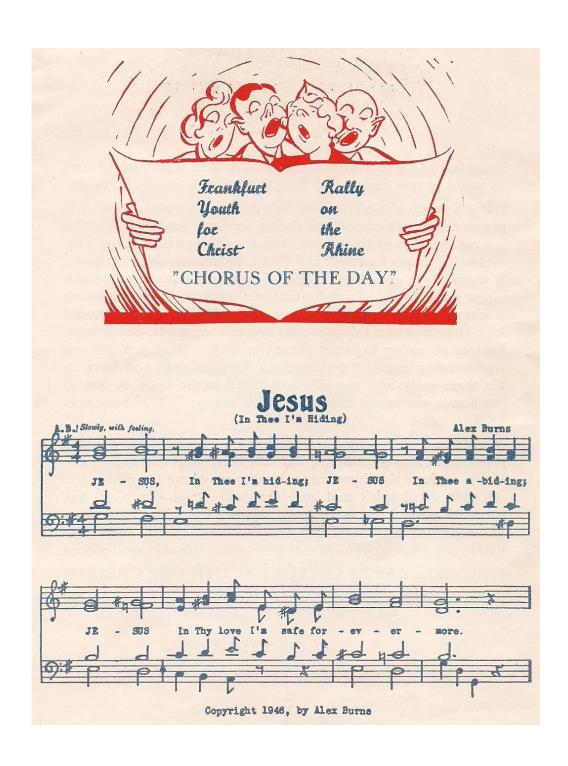
-Solos, -Duets, -Trios, -Quartets

-Orchestra -Singspiration-

-MESSAGE -Chaplain D. L. BAKER

9:00 -- "Land-Ho"

"Meet our council members with the "YFC" brassards on their arms"





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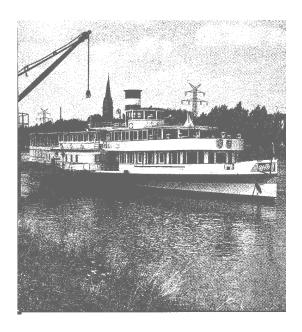
When a group of God Inspired GI's got together and started this prayer meeting in one of their rooms, the Lord began to bless and has continued in so doing. First of all, they hung a sign on the door that read "Prayer Meeting" and then their number began to grow. It wasn't long until they decided they would have to move to a larger place, so off to Roundup Chapel they went. In the beginning it seemed that if everybody sat on one side, the number would look large and that things would be more compact, but it soon became necessary to forget about that and to allow people to sit where they pleased. Now if you want a good seat, you have to get there early, and you will be ushered to the same by one of our handsome young ushers with the snappy "YFC" brassards on their arms.

Many fellows have come and gone and now the last one of those starters has also gone home, but still there is remaining in the hearts of those that have come to carry on where the others left off, that great spirit and zeal that will never die. God has certainly blessed and many great and mighty things have been accomplished because of each one that has been in and taken part in this great movement that is sweeping this old world of ours.

Praise the Lord for FRANKFURT YOUTH FOR CHRIST!!



A FOLLOW-UP OF THE YACHT "MAINZ"



The yacht "The Mainz" was sunk in the Rhine in 1956 following a collision with a shipping barge. After being salvaged, it was refurbished and became the Museumsschiff "Mannheim" and was relocated to the Tauber River in the center of Mannheim. We visited and toured the ship in 190& and again in !995 with our grandson Jimmiy Mellon. I showed the museum representative my pictures of the "Rally On The Rhine - 1946" and he photocopied them for the on-board record. Ludwig Specht has written about this in "Der Weg Zum "Museumsschiff Mannheim."



Bill Zulker on "Mainz" at Mannheim - 1995