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The heroic group of chaplains attached to one American Fifth Army unit on this front believes the luckiest member of their outfit is First Lt. Israel L. Yost of Nazareth, Pa., not because he has received a much-deserved Purple Heart Medal but because he has had a missionary enterprise tossed into his lap. Lt. Yost was attached to the Japanese-American unit, whose members are 50 per cent atheist and 25 per cent Buddhist. He has made thirteen converts to Christianity and has accepted fifty more New Testaments for future proselytization. The Japanese-Americans who have shown great courage in their effort to prove their devotion to the U.S., of which they are citizens, accepted spiritual consolation from Lt. Yost before battle and he has said the Christian burial service over their dead. (NY Times/Italy)

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