

P.O.W.Camp/Camp Carson, Colo.
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Dear Bishop,

It seems that religion would fare better in camp if the German officers were not here. I am told most of them are anti-religious. A few Catholics among them would live their faith were it not for fear, human respect for the other officers.

Church attendance, I am told, took a drop as soon as the officers came here last January. Some men fear them; others haven't much judgement of their own and are influenced by the officers.

The officers regard practicing Catholics and Protestants as moribund; they have expressed the hope of seeing them converted to their views.

They encourage a prisoner theater group which is anti-religious, not openly for fear of possible consequences. The German camp commander and another officer want nothing religious in the camp newspaper.

Prisoners must go through German Command channels if they wish to bring grievances to the American stockade officer.

It seems that a portion of the American administrative personnel is quite friendly to the German officers, perhaps somewhat likeminded with them.