

'Behind-the-Scenes' Event, Open House At Marshall

The Marshall Foundation is sponsoring two events this holiday season, its traditional open house on Dec. 12 and a "behind-the-scenes" event on Dec. 3.

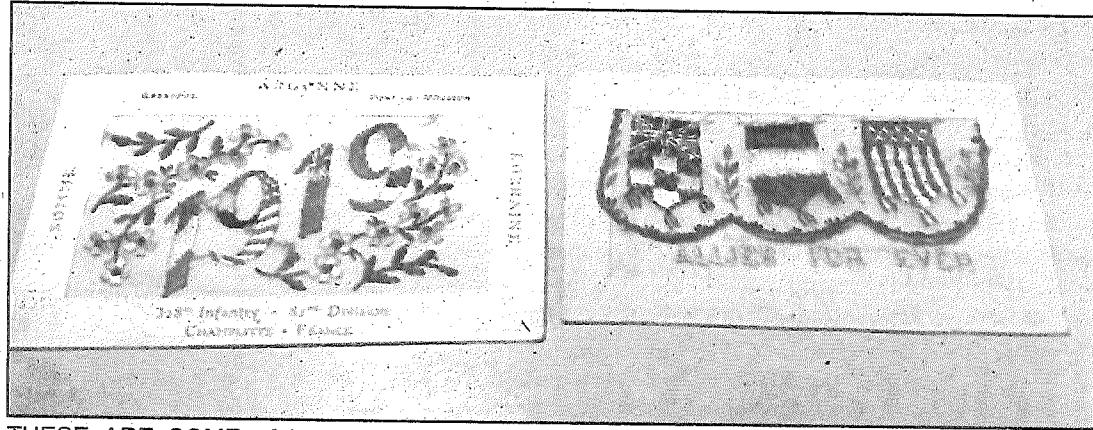
As part of the George C. Marshall Legacy Series sequence on Taking Care of the Troops, the Marshall Foundation will feature "The Things They Carried Home," a display of items soldiers carried during war. Staff will be on hand to answer questions during the event that runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Marshall Library and Museum.

Seldom-seen items to be pulled from the Foundation's own collections for the evening will include:

- Foreign currency and postage stamps
- Religious items, including an inspirational booklet created by a Staunton mother after the death of her son at Normandy
- Keepsakes made by native artisans
- Silk souvenir postcards from World War I
- Program and script from George C. Marshall's play "At the Customs"
- Duty-related items, such as a WWI diary from a medical doctor
- Food and drink items, such as tobacco cans, Marshall's tea canisters and D-Day Anniversary Beer

In addition representatives from three veteran-owned or operated breweries, Devils Backbone Brewing Company (Lexington and Nelson County), Spencer Devon Brewing (Fredericksburg) and Shenandoah Brewing Company (Staunton), will share samples of their beer with guests of legal drinking age and older.

Reservations are required by calling Leigh McFaddin at 463-7103, ext. 138, or by email to reservations@marshallfoundation.org. Members



THESE ARE SOME of items that will be displayed at the Marshall Foundation's "behind-the-scenes" event on Dec. 3.

will be admitted free; nonmembers will pay \$15 at the door.

Guests can also see the exhibition "Give Them What They Need" that features government-issued uniforms and gear carried by infantry soldiers (WWI, WWII, Korea) and other interesting and unusual objects.

Grandparents, parents, children and guests are invited to return on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a holiday open house in the Marshall Museum.

Families can participate in crafting, ornament making and a bake sale, and may assist in assembling care packages for troops still deployed overseas. Vintage holiday movies will be shown in the Pogue Auditorium.

Visitors are encouraged to bring canned goods for care packages. Crafting and Care-Box activities will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission to the museum is free, and refreshments will be served.

The Marshall Museum will collaborate again with the local nonprofit Care-Box Project to assemble care packages for the local men and women who are overseas this holiday season. Parents and children are invited to help make ornaments and cards to be sent to soldiers and for themselves.

The Rockbridge County High School Interact Club will be on hand to assist with ornament making, origami, and other crafting projects. Many photos of past and present Care-Box recipients are on display as part of the Marshall Legacy Series Taking Care of the Troops sequence.

The Museum Shop will be open for holiday shoppers and has a range of gifts, including hats, decals, toys, and rare and out-of-print military history books. In the spirit of the Marshall Plan, the shop carries gifts and jewelry from Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit company that aims to rebuild the economies of war-torn countries.