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Hope for the Holidays

In December 1948 Bob Hope brought a troupe of performers to Germany to entertain American troops participating in the Berlin Airlift. That first Christmas tour began a Hope tradition that lasted more than forty years and included December tours to Vietnam every year between 1964 and 1972.

Karl Hubenthal's 1968 oil painting, *Merry Christmas to GI Joe*, is part of the collection of the Library of Congress. Hubenthal served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. ■