

Allot \$50,000 To Aid U. S. War Prisoners Of Japan

U. S. Bishops Make Fund Available For All Faiths

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Fifty thousand dollars has been made available for the aid of Americans held war prisoners by the Japanese. It was announced here June 20, by the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee.

This is but one of three new allocations of funds made by the Bishops' Committee from the money that has become available through the "War Emergency and Relief Collection" authorized by the American hierarchy.

A sum of \$25,000 has just been allocated for charitable work connected with the war emergency in the Hawaiian Islands.

Ten thousand dollars is allocated for the relief of the suffering people of Malta.

Coupled with \$100,000 made available for the relief of Polish refugees in Russia, \$10,000 allocated for the aid of Lithuanian war victims and \$20,000 to Slovenian aid, these latest disbursements bring up to some \$220,000 the money which in recent weeks the Bishops' Committee has made available for relief in various quarters of the world. Last year the committee allocated more than \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Sent To Delegate

In seeking to bring whatever comfort is possible to the American citizens held captive by the Japanese as a result of the war in the Pacific, the Bishops' Relief Committee is making the \$50,000 available to the Holy See. The Holy See in turn has entrusted the Apostolic Delegate in Tokyo, His Excellency the Most Rev. Paul Macella, with the administration of the fund. The success of the enterprise depends entirely upon the amount of cooperation which the Japanese Government lends to the good offices of the Vatican. Archbishop Macella will carry on the negotiations with the Japanese Government.

The relief which the Bishops are making available is not to be confined to Catholics, but is to be shared by Americans of whatever religious belief to the fullest extent possible. The money just allocated will be expended not only to provide religious articles, but also creature comforts such as tobacco, food, books, athletic material and the like.

The allocation of \$25,000 to Hawaii to be administered by the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu in Catholic charitable work in the Hawaiian Islands, duplicates a fund made available by the Bishops for the same purpose last February.

Malta, which has been called the "most Catholic corner of the British Empire" has won the admiration of the world by the heroic fortitude of its people under the most intensive aerial bombardment in history. The money made available for relief there will be administered by the Archbishop of Malta, the Bishops' Relief Committee announced. Malta has had 15,500 houses, 70 churches, 18 convents, 22 schools and eight hospitals either destroyed or damaged in the air-raiding to which the Mediterranean fortress has been subjected.

Girls Buy Mass Kit With Picnic Money

SAN FRANCISCO.—A check to purchase a Mass kit for an Army or Navy chaplain has been presented to the Most Rev. John J. Blitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, by the Catholic Girls' Conference, a group of girls from the various sodalities in San Francisco, under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The girls decided to sacrifice their annual picnic and apply to purchase a Mass kit the money realized from their various activities throughout the year.

Fr. Foerster Dies

Rock Valley, Ia. Word has been received of the death of the Rev. August Joseph Foerster, former pastor of St. Mary's Church here, in St. Petersburg, Fla. During 1937 and 1938 Father Foerster was assistant at St. Joseph's Church, St. Petersburg.

Evening Masses Said In U. S. Camps Decreed For War

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

What are believed to have been the first evening Masses ever offered up within the territorial limits of the United States were celebrated, for members of the nation's armed forces, on Monday of last week, June 15.

Among them were a Mass at the United States Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., and one at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md., which began simultaneously at 8 p. m. The celebrants were Father Paul J. Redmond, O. P., Navy chaplain, and Father James Emmett Murphy, Army chaplain, respectively.

The Father Murphy reported as celebrant is believed to be the priest-chaplain by that name from the Rochester diocese. Information was received by Mrs. G. H. Virgil of 73 Latta Road, Rochester in a letter from her son, 2nd Lieutenant Sardinus J. Virgil, stationed at Quantico, Va. that he had assisted at the evening Mass celebrated at that station.

Under the setting sun on the reviewing stand of the Post Parade Ground, the Rt. Rev. Mag. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, offered the first Evening Mass at Fort Bragg Sunday, June 14 and delivered the sermon.

A large number of the soldiers, accompanied by the chaplain, attended and a number received Holy Communion. The band of the Ninth Battalion supplied the music at the service and a quartet of the Post rendered vocal numbers.

Afternoon and evening Masses of the armed forces of the United States is permitted, by virtue of an extraordinary privilege granted by decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments in Rome, and announced by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Army and Navy.

Rigid restrictions guard this privilege against any danger of laxity or irreverence. Archbishop Spellman stated, and chaplains will be instructed to acquaint their spiritual charges with the terms of the rescript, which are to be scrupulously observed.

Special Feast Prescribed

Mass may be said in the evening only for the benefit of military personnel who cannot attend morning Mass. For both the celebrant and those who receive Communion at an evening Mass there is prescribed

Exchange Club Hears Father of 11 Sons

NEW ORLEANS.—John X. Wegman, Knight of St. Gregory who is the father of 11 sons, was the principal speaker at the Father and Son Day meeting of the Exchange Club. Guests included members, daughters and sons.

Priest Calms Patients Bombed At Bataan

SAN FRANCISCO.—Something of the utter exhaustion which eventually overtook the heroic defenders of Bataan is reflected in the story of Second Lieut. Dorothea Daley of Hamilton, Mo., a Catholic Army nurse, who fell asleep three times in the midst of terrific bombardments while being evacuated from the Bataan Peninsula to Corregidor.

Lieutenant Daley, who escaped to Corregidor, and then to Australia, has now reached the United States. Describing the "terror and confusion" of the Japanese attack on Bataan, she reveals that it was at 8:30 o'clock just as she was preparing to go to bed after a strenuous day, when word came for them to leave. They could take with them only such belongings as they could carry in their hands.

On the road to the Marivales dock, the truck in which Lieutenant Daley was riding was held up by congestion on the road. Shell fire grew closer and closer and soon they were in the midst of a bombardment. The nurse-lieutenant pillowed her head on a steel helmet and went to sleep.

of a fast of four hours from solid foods and of one hour from liquids.

Archbishop Spellman explained that in requesting this dispensation, response has been given to the pleas of both chaplains and men for greater opportunities for daily Mass, and to the growing record of week-day attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion, as shown by the records of the Military Ordinariate. The Archbishop said both chaplains and men in many camps had given substantial evidence of a desire to sacrifice their afternoon recreation hour so that they might attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

It was pointed out that in spite of the grave obstacles to daily Mass and Holy Communion caused by the rigid training schedule, attendance has grown to as much as 50,000 in a single month. It is expected that the opportunity for Mass in the recreation hour before supper will multiply this figure many times.

The instruction sent to chaplains on the use of this faculty it is noted that normally it will be used only on week-days and holy-days of obligation, except in certain classes of military posts following a seven-day schedule which does not permit general attendance at Mass on Sunday morning.

Twice Weekly At Quantico
At the Quantico Marine Base, where it is planned to have Mass at 6 p. m. every Monday and Friday, some 200 Marines attended the first afternoon Mass this week. They had just completed their daily round of training duties and some 10 of them received Holy Communion after observing a four-hour fast.

Until Seventeenth Century

The Catholic Encyclopedia indicates that Mass was celebrated in the evening up to the eleventh century. It states that in the first ages, during the night before every feast, a vigil was kept. In the evening, the faithful assembled in the place or church where the feast was to be celebrated and prepared themselves by prayers, readings from Holy Writ, and sometimes also by a sermon. On such occasions, as on fast days in general, it is stated, Mass also was celebrated in the evening, before the Vespers of the following day.

After the eleventh century, The Catholic Encyclopedia adds, the fast, Office and Mass of the nocturnal vigil were transferred to the day before the feast, and even now the liturgy of Holy Saturday (Vigil of Easter) shows, in all its parts, that originally it was not kept on the morning of Saturday but during Easter Night. The day before the feast was henceforth called vigil.

When the truck reached the Marivales dock early in the morning, Lieutenant Daley told Correspondent A. J. Raymond they were told that the ship that was to take them to Corregidor had left. The Japanese began then to bombard the dock on which they were stranded. The nurse-lieutenant crawled into a stone culvert and went to sleep.

When the evacuees were finally put aboard a ship to take them to Corregidor, rear guard detachments of American troops were blowing up ammunition dumps and a heavy artillery duel was in progress. Lieutenant Daley slept aboard the boat.

Lieutenant Daley paid tribute to the heroic action of the Rev. William T. Cummings, 39-year-old Maryknoll priest, a native of San Francisco, who was on duty at the hospital on little Bagio when it was bombed by the Japanese.

"Everything was terror and confusion," Lieutenant Daley said. "Patients, even amputation cases, were falling and rolling out of the triple-decker beds. Suddenly a



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Catholic Naval Officer Dies At Post To Save Crew Of 'Lexington'

CHELSEA, Mass.—(N. C.)—This town can count as its very own hero of the present war a Catholic naval officer who died at his post in the Coral Sea to keep the aircraft carrier, "Lexington," afloat and thus save most of her personnel.

Lt. Commr. Howard R. Healy, control officer of the "Lexington," was a native of this Boston suburb. He died before the great ship went down and is believed to have been entombed in her.

In Rosindale, Mass., on the other side of Boston from Chelsea, where Commander Healy was born lives Mrs. Alice A. Healy, his 60-year-old mother. She knows now how her son died. The manner of his passing is great comfort, but most of all she has great faith in God and when the news was broken to her, she said, "They will be done." To Ensign William L. Healy, Jr., the late hero's nephew who was present at the time brought the sorrowful information, she added "God is good. He gave you to us." For she is firm in her belief Ensign Healy will fill Commander Healy's place.

"I would suggest, sir, that if you have to take any more torpedoes you take 'em on the starboard side." These are words that may become classic in the present war. They were Commander Healy's as he telephoned the bridge of the "Lexington" to tell the Skipper, "Captain Fred Sherman now a Rear Admiral, that 'we've got the torpedo damage temporarily shored up the fires but and soon will have the ship back on an even keel.' Water pouring through the torpedo holes in the ship's port side had caused a six degree list which made it dangerous and difficult for returning planes to land on the flight deck. Commander

Healy supervised the pumping of fuel oils from port side storage tanks into empty tanks on the starboard side and when this was done the ship was righted to an even keel. Then the planes were able to land and the pilots were safe for a time.

Despite the desperate efforts of the repair crew under Commander Healy, however, fires started in a sport while there was an explosion, followed by others. It is said Commander Healy, down in the heart of the ship, was killed in the first blast.

On the other side of the United States, in Long Beach, Calif., is the "other family" of Commander Healy. Mrs. Healy and the two fatherless sons, Howard and Thomas Michael, are proud, too, of the head of their household, who will not come back from the wars. Devout Catholics, they are joining Commander Healy's mother in resignation to God's will in the Healy home in California is an altar which Thomas built himself and on which he changes the flowers every day.

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