

ENGLISH CHURCH VESTRY DESTROYED BY NAZI BOMB

LONDON The vestry of St. George's Church, Plaatergate, Norwich, was destroyed, with all its contents when five bombs were dropped by Nazi planes in a recent raid. An incendiary bomb on

the church's roof was extinguished, and helpers again saved the church when a neighboring building was burned.

The church was not usable for a few days and Mass was said in a nearby movie theater, but laborers soon cleared the debris and services are normal again.

A man is what he is in the sight of God: no more or no less.

Jesuits Hold Annual Retreat For Priests

RIO DE JANEIRO. Divided into four groups, the priests of the Archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro, made their annual retreat at the Retreat House for Men in a suburb here. The retreat was conducted by members of the Society of Jesus.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH FAIR SUCCESS

An acknowledgment: We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who in any way contributed to the success of our Summer Parish Fair. Until all bills are in we cannot make a report on the returns. However it was one of the most successful in recent years. And we are grateful to our Committee and the patrons who attended. The work of the committee deserves special mention. They gave a great deal of time and effort in the Fair which showed in the decorations, booths and efficient handling of the games. We are grateful to our patrons, whose attendance at the Fair proved an in-

spiration for the future. We thank you all!

Novena To Our Lady: We invite you all to our regular Monday evening Novena devotions in honor of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. These services, which consist of the regular novena prayers, a brief sermon and Benediction begin at 8:00 P. M.

First Friday Next Week: Confessions on Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 9:00 in preparation for the First Friday. Mass on the First Friday will be at 6:00, 8:30, 7:00 and 8:00. The Eucharistic Hour of Prayer and Adoration will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Blanket Club: This week Mrs. Charles Klauson of Birch Crescent.

V-Mail Service Ups 'Letters From Home'

The Post Office Department announced today that the V-Mail Service, inaugurated on June 16, 1942, is past the experimental stage, with each week showing large increases in the number of letters mailed to American soldiers overseas.

The War Department has increased its facilities to handle promptly the volume expected in the future.

Facilities for photographing and reproducing V-Mail to and from the United States and the British Isles, Australia, India, Hawaii and other points are now in operation. A similar service is being planned for Iceland and other points where the volume may warrant.

Pointing out that V-Mail provides a safe means of communication with members of our Armed Forces, the Post Office Department gave assurance that the film (upon which the communications are reproduced) are given the most expeditious dispatch available. Because of the small space taken up by the rolls of film, they often can be carried on ferry planes or bombers.

Every pound of weight which can be saved on air transports overseas, said the Department, means that an equivalent amount of weight can be allotted vital military material.

Given Right-of-Way In recognition of this, and in an effort to insure delivery of mail to as many men as possible at overseas destinations when space is limited, the War and Navy Departments have directed that V-Mail be given priority in dispatch over all other classes including air mail when transportation facilities under control of those departments are used.

V-Mail letter sheets have been distributed at all post offices, and have been provided all military and naval personnel at overseas points through Army and Navy post offices and military channels. Private firms and individuals have also been permitted by the Post Office Department to reproduce the letter sheets. The sheets also will be available soon to all stores selling stationery.

What It Is V-Mail service provides for the use by patrons of a special letter sheet form which is a combination letter and envelope of uniform size and design. The patron writes his message, completes the name and address of the addressee and the return card in the space provided, folds, seals, and mails the letter in the usual manner. Patrons are warned that only the inner or letter side of V-Mail letters are photographed, and should be careful to show the complete address of the person to whom the message is sent in the panel provided therefor above the space for the message. It is preferable to print the address in large block letters. Enclosures must not be placed in the letters.

V-Mail letters are photographed on micro-film by automatic ma-

chines at the rate of 3,000 to 2,500 per hour and the film rolls containing 1,500 letters each are transmitted to destinations. Reproductions are then made by other automatic machines and delivered to the addressee in individual sealed window penalty envelopes.

When V-Mail letters are addressed to places where micro-film equipment is not in operation, the letters are transmitted to destination in original form by the most expeditious means available. Even in these instances savings in weight and space are accomplished since there are approximately 97 V-Mail letters in a pound, whereas ordinary letters average 40 per pound.

The War Navy and Post Office Departments all cooperated in developing this Service, largely with a view to decreasing the volume of mail to be carried overseas and providing an expeditious service.

The public is urged to use it at every opportunity.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

When the American Expeditionary Force landed in Ireland recently newspapers reported the citizenry remarked at the similarity of the steel helmets worn by our boys with those worn by German troops. These steel hats are protection from shrapnel fragments and other light missiles. We need thousands of them for they are a regular issue to every American soldier.



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New Rector Named For India Seminary

BOMBAY, India.—The Very Rev. A. Lamolla, S.J., has been appointed Rector of the Archdiocesan Seminary, succeeding the very Rev. J. Valls, S.J., who had served as Rector since the foundation of the seminary in 1936.

Father Lamolla came to the seminary in 1939, serving as professor in philosophy and prefect of discipline. The Most Rev. Thomas Roberts, S.J., Archbishop of Bombay, has sent a letter to Father Valls thanking him for his many services to the Archdiocese.