

First Chaplain Slain In African Campaign Is Catholic Priest

NEW YORK.—(NC)—Father Clement Falter, a priest of the Society of the Precious Blood, is the first American Catholic chaplain known to have been killed in offensive action on foreign soil. It was announced at the Military Ordinance here Dec. 2. Father Falter was killed on Nov. 2, while landing with his troops at Fedhala, North Africa. He was disclosed to have been the Chaplain at whose funeral Father Patrick J. Ryan, Senior Catholic Chaplain of troops in Africa, officiated. At the time, the War Department was not able to release the information.

Father Falter and his troops had disembarked for the landing operation from the transport U. S. S. Joseph Hewes before that ship was torpedoed, according to Father Francis Ballinger, a Navy chaplain of the Archdiocese of Newark, who was aboard the Hewes and has now returned to the United States. Father Ballinger reported that Father Falter was in excellent spirits during the journey and did much to bolster the morale of his men, saying afternoon Mass daily while aboard the transport. He died in February.



KILLED IN ACTION—First American Catholic Chaplain killed in offensive action on foreign soil. Father Clement M. Falter, of Landeck, O., was killed, Nov. 2, while landing his troops at Fedhala, French Morocco, North Africa.

The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C. S. C., Military Delegate, noted that Father Falter's reports to the Military Ordinance were exemplary. While taking care of more than 400 men scattered in three camps and two outposts alone as a chaplain, Bishop O'Hara said Father Falter reported: "My relationship with officers and men is becoming more and more cooperative. They are becoming more appreciative of the services of a chaplain and I am learning more and more how to be a chaplain."

Bishop O'Hara noted that Father Falter was particularly happy when he was assigned in July to the troops at Fort Ord, California, with which he was to go overseas. In his report for that month, Father Falter wrote: "Never have I been made to feel at home as I have here. It seems as though I have been in the outfit for months instead of days."

Other chaplains who were with Father Falter at an undisclosed U. S. Base preparatory to embarking for the African invasion paid high tribute to Father Falter's popularity not only with his men but with his fellow priests. They said he had been particularly helpful to his fellow Chaplains in the preparations for the departure.

Father Falter was born in Landeck, O., October 6, 1904, son of Joseph J. and Theresa (Kilb) Falter. He made his studies at St. Charles Seminary at Cathagena, O., as a member of the Society of the Precious Blood and was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1930. Further study at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C., gained for him the degree of Master of Arts in 1931, and he subsequently received an appointment as professor at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, O., from September, 1932, until he entered the Army. Father Falter served as professor at the Precious Blood Fathers' College of St. Joseph, Collegeville, Ind.

Pontifical Field Mass Held At Camp Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky. The Field House of Camp Campbell, Ky., was the scene of a Pontifical Field Mass, on Tuesday night, Dec. 8, beginning at 8:30 P. M. All enlisted men of the camp who are of the Catholic faith were released from duty at that time, and marched to the Field House in formation. Between four and five thousand soldiers attended this Mass.

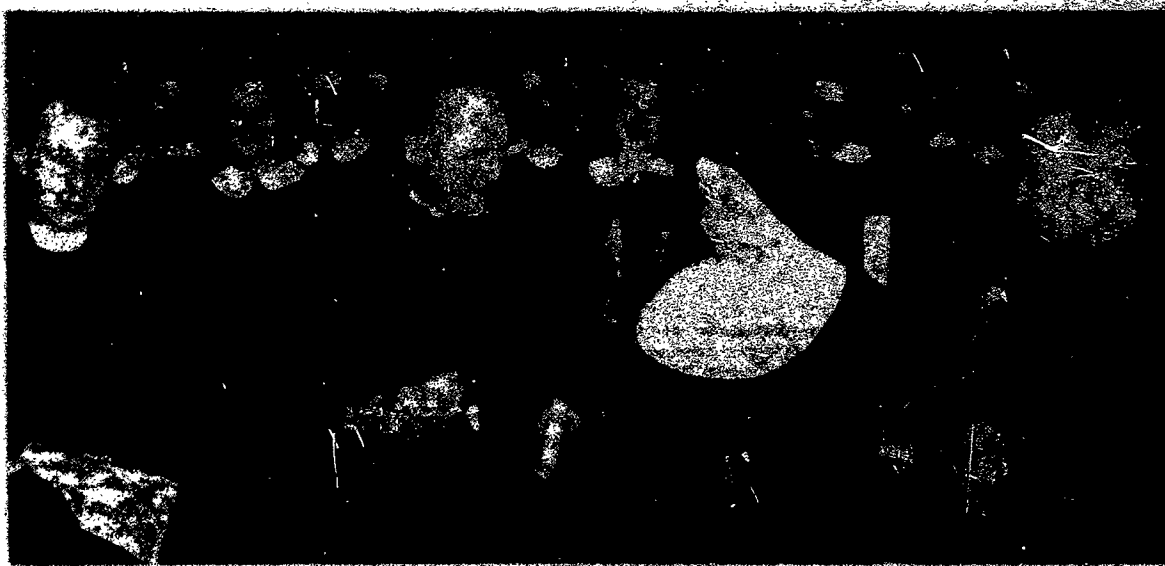
There were a number of military features of the service, which made it both unusual and especially impressive. A Guard of Honor, composed of twenty soldiers, presented arms as the procession entered, to music played by the 44th Armored Regiment Band. At one point during the service, the bugle call, "Taps," was played in honor of those men who have died in the service of their country during the present conflict. At the conclusion of the service, the band played the National Anthem. The altar was backed by the flag of the 12th Armored Division, surrounded by the guidons of the various regiments in the division, while the papal flag stood at the left of the altar, with the United States flag at the right.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis R. Cotton, D.D., Bishop of Owensboro, Ky., was Celebrant of the Mass, and His Excellency, Most Rev. William R. Adrian, Bishop, Nashville, Tenn., delivered the sermon. A choir of forty boys from the Cathedral of Nashville sang during the service.

Toward the conclusion of the Mass, the Holy Name Pledge was taken by the soldier-congregation, led by Capt. Eugene P. Walsh, Senior Catholic Chaplain, 12th Armored Division, who arranged this service.

Rector Dies At 82

HOLYOKE, Mass.—The Rt. Rev. Magr. John F. Fagan, rector of St. Jerome's Church here for twenty years, died Wednesday in the rectory at 82 after an illness of several months.



FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS for Sister M. Hubertine, principal of Nazareth Academy, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph were commemorated Monday when His Excellency, Bishop Kearney celebrated a Jubilee Mass for the Student Body of the Academy. Grouped in front of the altar are: Sister M. Hubertine and Sister M. Hubertine (Center), the Rev. Francis J. Taylor (left) and the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Nazareth Chaplain (right).

Nun's Golden Jubilee Observed At Nazareth Academy Ceremonies

Glowing tributes to Sister M. Hubertine, principal of Nazareth Academy, for her fifty Golden Years in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph were paid as the beloved Sister who has rounded out a half-century of teaching Catholic youth commemorated her Golden Jubilee this week.

A note of gratitude in Thanksgiving "for the 50 years of opportunities to serve God," was stressed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in an address to the student body of Nazareth Academy honoring Sister Hubertine on Monday, Dec. 7.

The Bishop's tribute came at the conclusion of the Mass he celebrated in commemoration of the Jubilee.

His Excellency paid tribute to the Jubilarian for her influence in the community and commended her as a cultural force "upon the homes of Rochester through her contact with men and women whom she has taught."

The following musical program was presented by music students:

- All Joy Divine—Sanderson The Senior Class.
- Violin Duet—Schubert's Serenade—Joan McGuire and Mary Carroll, Accompanist, Ruth Ann Healy.
- Vocal Solo—Absent by Metcalf—Jean Arndt.
- Violin Obligato—Marjorie Quinn.
- Piano—Katherine Kanka.
- Cornet Solo—The Lost Chord—Jean Austin.
- Piano—Virginia Hogan.
- Glee Club—Celestial Choir, The Cobbler.
- Jean Marie Wahl directed.

At the conclusion of the program Florence Hetzler, president of the Senior Class extended the congratulations of the student body and presented to Sister Hubertine in their name a spiritual bouquet and a money gift of \$100.00.

Nephew Offers Mass
Marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the reception into religious life of Sister Hubertine, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated at Nazareth Academy Convent by her nephew, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.

In the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell of St. Bernard's Seminary, a parallel was drawn from the life of St. Bernardette, who listened to Our Lady and then "tried to find peace in the holiest place where one may seek it" the religious life.

Assisting in the Mass were: Deacon, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. Shay; Subdeacon, the Rt. Rev. Magr. William P. Eorgan, Chancellor of the Diocese. Minor offices were filled by students of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Among the priest-guests were: the Rev. Albert J. Geiger of King Ferry, the Rev. William O'Toole, C.S.B., St. Michael's College, Toronto and the Rev. Daniel E. O'Rourke of Our Mother of Sorrows Church.

Class Presents Gift

Members of the class of 1901 of the old Cathedral Grammar School gathered at Nazareth Academy Convent on Lake View Park on Sunday afternoon to attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Nazareth Academy Chaplain, officiated and marking the Golden Jubilee. Present also were several graduates of the old Cathedral High School where Sister Hubertine was greatly beloved by students of that school.

Presentation of a traveling bag and purse was made by Welfare Commissioner Emmett Caughin, a member of the 1901 class.

Sister Hubertine entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at the age of 18 after attending St. Mary's School, Canandaigua and Nazareth Academy.

Urges Putting Coins Back In Circulation

All schools of the Diocese of Rochester will participate in a plan proposed to them by Nellie Taylor Ross, Director of the Mint, to put small coins back in circulation. The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools announced today.

According to the communication this plan "pertains to an effort to induce the return to circulation of the many millions of small coins, which, lying up strategic metals, are idle in china pigs, little boxes, glass jars and the like, in homes all over the nation."

One-cent pieces are particularly desired since last year alone the Mint used 4000 tons of copper in the production of the 1-cent piece, which totaled one billion five-hundred million pieces, in round numbers.

"Such a heavy demand upon critical materials will not again be necessary if men, women and children can be induced to convert their penny savings into war saving stamps, or even into coins of larger denomination, of which there is an ample supply."

It was made clear that idle coins should be put back into circulation through the banks, corner groceries or elsewhere; not returned directly to the Mint.

Nazareth Students Greet Chaplain Kelly

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After spending some time on Saturday in Elmira, Father Kelly returned to offer Mass on Sunday at Old St. Mary's Church, Nazareth College students, last year's graduating class, relatives and friends of the Chaplain were present.

Speaking to those present after the Mass, the Rev. Dr. George E. Kattell, pastor, wished Father Kelly in behalf of all his friends, "God Speed," saying that he never knew a priest more zealous for the salvation of souls. He said that Father Kelly has what it takes both intellectually and spiritually to be a good Navy Chaplain.

Breakfast followed in the Crystal Room of Hotel Seneca at which Father Kelly said that his hope is to have all his men in the Navy "standing upright when they go to meet the Great Captain."

On Monday morning Nazareth College students met at the Altar Hall in Columbus Civic Center Chapel before bidding farewell to their former professor.

Father Kelly left following the Mass for new duties in Idaho accompanied by his sister, Miss Fern Kelly.

Her fruitful years of teaching were divided equally twenty-five years each between Cathedral Grammar and High Schools and Nazareth Academy. Sister has been principal of the Academy since which she was graduated last three years. The Academy was which she has chosen new has an enrollment of 1200 pupils and has a high scholastic standing in New York State.

Father Hanna Enlists As Navy Chaplain

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That reduction of the church debt, the church and parochial school have been remodelled and reconstructed.

Father Hanna brought about the organization of the high school girls' Daughters of Mary, two years ago, a reorganization of the Young Ladies' Fashion Society, and an infusion of new spirit in the Holy Name Society of the parish. A new kindergarten class, with an enrollment of 21 children was started at the beginning of the school year. He has won the wholehearted support and affection of his parishioners. Father Hanna is also Chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

The new Navy Chaplain attended Cathedral Grammar School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. In 1914 he went home to continue his theological studies at the North American College there and was retained in the college chapel by His Excellency, Archbishop Hanna in 1920.

Returning to America he was successively assistant pastor at St. Martin's, Geneva and Auburn before his appointment in Elmira.

Survey Made To Drop Unfriendly Passages From Jewish Textbooks

NEW YORK.—A survey of Jewish textbooks to eliminate passages "unfriendly to other religious denominations" has been completed by the Synagogue Council of America. The Council, representing rabbinical and congregational groups in American orthodox, conservative and reform Judaism, reported it has examined about 400 volumes, in addition to many pamphlets and magazine articles.

Forty-four passages were found which the committee decided should be eliminated. Twenty-three others, it was decided, required modification or association.

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