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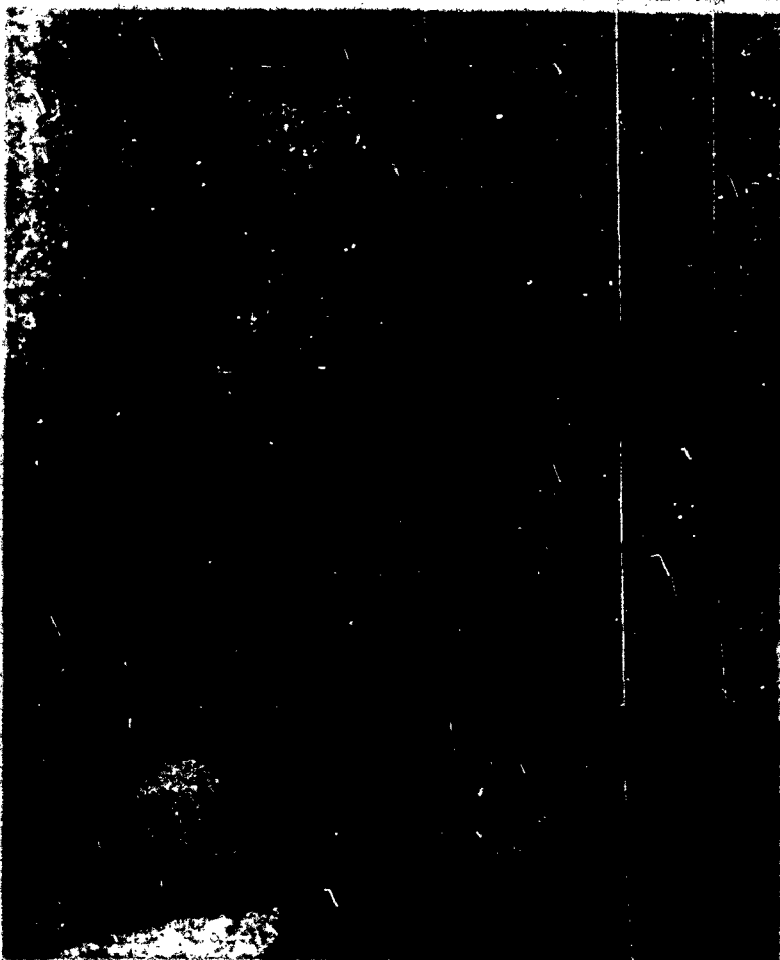
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HOME FROM MIDWAY. Chaplain John F. Woloch, Lieutenant, Senior Grade in the U. S. Navy, celebrated Solemn High Mass, Sunday in St. Hyacinth's Church, Auburn, for Marines and other servicemen who saw action in Guadalcanal. He is shown here with his mother, Mrs. Rose Woloch of 45 Putnam St., Auburn, where he is spending his furlough.

Chaplain Woloch, Midway Veteran, Hails Red Cross

A veteran of the Battle of Midway, Chaplain John F. Woloch, Lieut. Senior Grade of the U. S. Navy, returned to the Diocese of Rochester this week, on furlough with a service record covering activity at Pearl Harbor, on Palmyra, Johnston Island and Midway Island.

Comdr. Shea Awarded Navy Heroism Cross

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy Cross for heroism has been awarded to Lieut. Comdr. John J. Shea, of Arlington, Mass., who has been reported missing in action and whose letter to his 5-year-old son from the South Pacific war zone has come to be regarded as something of a classic in outlining the ideals, both Catholic and patriotic, for which he was fighting.

France To Rise Again Says Cardinal Gerlier

VATICAN CITY.—"God humiliates France in these critical hours of its history only to raise her afterwards more robust and more beautiful than ever."

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First priest of the Rochester Diocese to enter the U. S. Navy as Chaplain, Father Woloch's service began at San Diego on Nov. 5, '41. With Bishop

The veteran Navy Chaplain visited with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Rochester last week before going to Auburn for his well-earned furlough.

Under enemy fire at Midway, Chaplain Woloch heroically administered to the Catholic boys in the Navy and Marine Corps, it was reported at the time. Such heroism, he recalls that before the battle, the Catholic boys, especially the boys, all went to Confession and Holy Communion. The majority of the force at Midway was comprised of Catholic boys.

During Chaplain Woloch's six months on Midway, he was the only chaplain on the island. Each Sunday he conducted three general services and celebrated three Masses.

The Marine boys did a "swell job" during the Midway engagement, Father Woloch recalled, but none of them returned. As the battle raged, he was obliged to give general absolution because so many tried to go to Confession. All of the boys he saw had word to be sent to their mothers—he was asked to inform the mothers that the boys had been prepared for whatever might happen by receiving the Sacraments.

London Red Cross

Pulpit Exchange Brings Sampson Navy Chaplain To Cathedral on Sunday

Bishop Will Preach At Military Mass; Fr. Bruen At Sampson

Chaplain Eugene B. LeCant, E.J., Senior Catholic Chaplain at Sampson Naval Training Station, will be in Rochester Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the first wartime exchange of pulpits set for that day between Sampson Chaplains and civilian clergy of this area.

The Episcopacy, the Most Rev. James H. Keenan, Bishop of Rochester, will preside at the throne at Solemn High Mass at

Radio Interview
In connection with "Sampson Navy Church Week"—an interview between His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and Chaplain Eugene B. LeCant of Sampson will be heard from 12:15 to 12:30 P. M. over Station WHEA on the Rochester Catholic Hour, on Sunday, March 22.

The Cathedral at 11 A. M. Chaplain LeCant will preach the sermon.

The Sampson Navy Chaplain will be escorted into the Cathedral by a color guard of twelve sailors in uniform from the Naval Training Station.

Going to Sampson on Saturday to hear confessions and to celebrate Masses on Sunday, carrying out the program of the Navy Chaplains, is the Rev. Charles J. Bruen, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, a veteran Army Chaplain of the last World War and Regimental chaplain of the New York State Guard.

Father Bruen will preach to the Navy men and on his return will give his impressions of Catholic life in the Navy to the press.

The exchange of pulpits in the feature of the first "Sampson Navy Church Week," March 20 and 21, announced last week in the proclamation of Capt. Harry A. East, USN, Commandant. Arrangements are in charge of Commandant William W. Edal (ChC) USN, senior chaplain at Sampson.

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FIRST FLYING NURSES UNIT, LED BY CATHOLIC, NOW ON DUTY IN AFRICA WAR ZONE

COLUMBUS (AP)—Commanded by Lieut. Catherine E. Hogan, a Catholic nurse of this city, a "9" of 23 nurses, known as the "Flying Angels of Mercy," has arrived in North Africa, according to advices received here, for duty on flying hospital planes. It is the first such unit to be organized by the Army.

The flying hospital planes have a capacity of 20 and 25 patients. The planes are equipped with medical supplies and blood transfusions can be given in emergency.

Auxiliary Bishop

Vatican City.—Montague Francis Keppel Ferris of Chichester, England, has been named Titular Bishop of Paros and Auxiliary Bishop of Chichester. It is announced in Conservative Roman-

Cites Heroism News At St. Patrick's Dinner of K. of C.

"War is the greatest breaker of homes and hearts . . . destruction wholesale . . . and yet it produces shining heroes generous in their sacrifice, who stand as their own best example of better things. The new lights our way to a better, more civilized world," said the Rev. Samuel G. Hotal, speaking at the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner, held on last Sunday, March 14 at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Chief of honor for the affair was the Most Rev. James H. Keenan, Bishop of Rochester. Father Hotal was formerly chaplain of the British Central Knights of Columbus.

Bishop Urges War Aid
"A patriotic effort to place a tremendous sum at the disposal of our country, coming from the Knights of Columbus to preserve the welfare of our country which the country will need it most."

Greatest Test Looms L. of C. Told At Patronal Observance

By His Bishop

"The Ladies of Charity are about to face the greatest test in a long and glorious history," said the Rev. John H. Hotal, O.M.I. of Buffalo, speaking at the annual observance of the Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Rochester, on Sunday afternoon, March 14.

With the red tentacles of war wrapped about the heart of the nation, there is the danger that in the wave after wave of patriotism sweeping the country, we may forget the poor of our own homes and see an absolute necessity.

In illustrations of the necessity of cooperation from every member even if her charity should be unnoticed and her financial resources scanty, Father Hotal cited the example of the "man in the brown coat" who in the war zone where the "man in the brown coat" is the man who is the most successful in the world.

He is a symbol of all persons who do the work for which others get the credit, whose efforts are often forgotten, and yet upon whose shoulders the ultimate success of all organizations rests.

Heavy organizations must have their own "man in the brown coat." In the final analysis the laity should be given by the Knights of Columbus in the better part.

Ohio Whole Aim
Speaking of the single aim of the Ladies of Charity as set by their founder St. Vincent de Paul and their patroness St. Louise de Marillac, who desired to imitate the charity of the Saviour toward the sick poor, Father Hotal re-

ferred the attention of the Ladies of Charity to the fact that the war has brought about a new situation in the world. The Ladies of Charity are called upon to be generous in their sacrifice and to stand as their own best example of better things.

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