

TRAINED TO AID WAR CHAPLAINS



College students expecting to enter the armed forces have been taking instructions in serving Mass to prepare themselves to assist chaplains in the Army and Navy. In this picture taken at Providence College, Providence, R. I., the Rev. Dr. William A. Hennesbuech, O.F.M., professor of European history, conducts a popular course in "Religious Practices and Devotions." Two students in the subject reserve are shown the proper method of washing the priest's fingers at the "lavabo." (N.C.W.C.)

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Chaplain in Solomon Tolls of Aiding Refugee Bishop Return to His Island

Soldiers in Far North Have White Easter, Look Forward to White Fourth of July

Old Gambling Casino in North Africa Is Converted Into Chapel by Army Chaplain

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

Solomon Islands

The Rev. Arthur Demers, C.E. Sp., Army Chaplain, told in a report of aiding a refugee Bishop, on his way back to his See, in the Solomon Islands. Father Demers wrote:

"A couple of weeks ago, one Saturday night, I received a call asking me if I could take care of the Catholic Bishop of these islands. He was on his way to his former See and at the same time tried to get permission from the authorities to bring one of his missionaries with him. It was a pleasure as well as an honor to have him with me for at least a day. On Sunday afternoon I asked him to say a few words to the men about his work out here. Of themselves the boys picked up a collection and gave a fine present to the Bishop. The following week, one of his missionaries, also a Marist, a boy from New Zealand, came to my camp for a few days. He was making his tour of the native villages so that these poor souls would be permitted to make their Easter duty. He said one of the Masses on Sunday for me and I had him preach at the second Mass. Again a collection was taken up and a fine sum was given him."

The report told of how Demers brought olive oil and balsam to the islands from the mainland. They were consecrated by the Bishop for use of chaplains on the islands. Father Demers wrote that every evening a group of soldiers comes to the camp chapel to recite the Rosary, whether he is there or not. Each Friday, he said, they have Stations of the Cross and on Good Friday, a special service was held in the afternoon. Father Demers concluded his report: "On Holy Saturday and before every Mass on Easter Sunday, I was crushed with loads of Confessions. During the month of May, I am holding special devotions to the Blessed Virgin every Saturday evening before confessions."

Far North

Writing from just "a few miles on the inside and the outer side of the Arctic Circle" the Rev. Leonard W. Scannell, O.M.I., Army Chaplain, stated: "Easter - Mass come and gone and a white Easter it was. We are now dabbly looking forward to July 4 and the possibility of a white Independence Day. On Easter I celebrated two Masses at separate camps and attendance at both was both heartening and edifying. The recreation hall was never able to accom-

modate the frosted knots of fairs and fairs that started to tug scores almost an hour before Mass. Because of Confessions, the Mass was delayed. . . . The scene of our second Mass was an artillery mess hall that had been made ready even to the Communion rail. The crowd was even larger at the second Mass. . . . I was more than pleased with the results and grateful for having the chance to be here with the men for Easter."

North Africa

The Rev. George E. Sherry, O.S.B., Army Chaplain, in his report, told of distributing 400 Communion at the first Mass on Easter Sunday had low the portable altar was decorated beautifully with flowers. He also included "a copy of a soldier's message after attending Mass one evening." The soldier wrote: "The men in Khaid and brown had gathered in what once was the main gambling room of a famous Casino on the shores of the Mediterranean. The walls of the room were decorated with murals of different South American peoples in various forms of fast action—such as catches roping wild horses and others strumming guitars. All these merry life-size pictures were painted in vivid and rather shocking colors. True, the background wasn't at all proper for the scene to follow, but it would not be long until Father Sherry would carry their minds and wishes far away from the atmosphere of the room and soon these rather gruff men would be making wishes and requests to their God. "Wishes and prayers for the curly-headed youngster that had to be left at home, or for the faithful little wife who prays for the safe return of her provider. The single man with constant thoughts of the pretty little girl who stood on the porch and waved him good-bye. . . . They were all making requests or asking for something at other. All but the British Tommy who was leaning against the wall and far from the. He didn't even kneel to pray. He will never put both knees on the floor again at the same time, for a piece of newspaper had caught him in the all-important joint. He told me later he prayed for forgiveness and had thanked God that Roumel's present had not caught him in the eye or in the heart."

"The Padre, with the help of Divine Aid, had done the trick. Beneath his robes showed his leggings, white on the. Alar was draped an Army blanket. The altar boy was in his best O.D. clothes, but they were soiled from field use. However, there wasn't the slightest doubt in anyone's mind. This was Church and where Church is, God is there. Where God is, there is hope. Where hope is, victory will follow."

SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE—BE A BLOOD BOWEN

Question of Rights

Should men in uniform be treated as individuals? The rights of individuals, the public and religious have a claim to special consideration—those who are

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Then he yells— 'BOMBS AWAY!'

To the wide-eyed boy beside him this Fortress pilot looks with Superman. One look at the instrument panel and you feel the same way. It's hard to believe that ordinary mortals could ever master that mass of dials, buttons, levers and switches. But young Americans are doing it with deadly efficiency, as Adolf, Tojo and Benito can tell you. And they don't learn their jobs just by reading a book. It takes intensive training and practical experience. It's the same with America's amazing war pro-

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