

'White Fathers' Missions Impress Penn Yan Soldier

PENN YAN.—"Knowing these missionaries (the White Fathers) has been one of the greatest experiences I have had since leaving the States." Thus writes Pvt. Larry Lynch

Son Officiates At Martin Tobin Rites

Solemn Requiem Mass at the funeral of Martin T. Tobin, of 23 Hillman Street, was offered by his son, Joe Rev. Earl M. Tobin, of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, on Saturday morning, July 24, in Corpus Christi Church.

Mr. Tobin, father of a priest and a nun, died Wednesday, July 21, 1943. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and of International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 71.

Assisting in the Mass were the Rev. William Tobin, as deacon, and the Rev. John J. Malley, subdeacon.

Present at the Mass were the Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns.

Among other priests present were: the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons, Chaplain Joan L. Maxwell, U. S. Navy.

The Reverend Fathers, Charles Axel, John R. Sullivan, Walter Carlson, Lawrence B. Casey, Alphonsus P. Crimmins, Edmund Davis, John M. Duffy, Raymond Epping, Francis J. Feeney, Howard W. Geck, Joseph Gorman, John Hayes, John Healy, Raymond G. Heizer, Peter Janowski, Robert Keleher, Gerald Kelly, Francis Kitchener, Bernard V. Kuchman, John Leary, Dr. James G. McAniff, Dr. Elmer McNamee.

The Reverend Fathers W. J. Duggan, C. B. D., Roy B. Murphy, William J. Naughton, James O'Connell, Joseph O'Connell, Harold Rogers, Leo V. Smith, F. William Stauder, John Treacy, Michael Tydings, and Raymond Wahl, all of Rochester.

The Reverend Fathers John Bohmwater, Seneca; Ignatius X. Cameron, Hornell; James Cuffney, Seneca Falls; Joseph Donavan, Hornell; Robert Fennessy, Seneca; Walter Fischer, Hornell; Dominic Grasso, Mt. Morris; Joseph F. Halley, Auburn; Leo Jones, Woodport; Edmund O'Brien, Churchville; Raymond O'Neil, Geneva; William J. O'Brien, Geneva; Adelbert Schneider, Wayland; John Whalen, East Rochester.

Bearers were Ralph Walsh, Eugene Heveron, Edward Flanagan, Willard Wundez, Thomas Connors and Edward Burns.

Delegations of the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Charity were in attendance.

Final blessing at the grave was given by Father Healey, assisted by Monsignor Hart, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, the Rev. John E. Sellinger, Chaplain Maxwell, Fathers Casey, Crimmins, Keleher, Murphy, O'Brien, Sullivan, O'Connell, and the Reverend Fathers James Cuffney, Francis Feeney and Gerald Kelly.

Mr. Tobin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Collins Tobin, and daughter, Sister Mary Marquette of the Sisters of Mercy; his son, Father Earl Tobin, and several nieces and nephews.

IRISH RED CROSS SUPPLIES REACH REFUGEES IN SPAIN

DUBLIN.—The Irish Red Cross Society has learned of the safe arrival in Spain of a shipment of supplies sent for the use of refugees there. The goods included 32½ tons of potatoes, 100 tons of sugar, ten tons of dried peas, five tons of dried milk and 1,000 blankets.

At a recent reception held by the Society in Dublin, Justice Conor Maguire, Chairman, said it was expected the next step would be to equip an Ambulance Unit to go on the Continent. He stated that the Society was expending \$40,000 on supplies for Spain, and expressed the opinion that the Society should be prepared to return some of the aid given to this country by the Red Cross of America.

Holy Land Custos

Jerusalem.—A communication received through the Apostolic Delegation here gives notification that the Holy See has extended the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Albert Carl, O.F.M., whose six-year term of office as Custos of the Holy Land expired recently.

from North Africa to his sons, the Misses Ellen and Elizabeth Lynch and Mrs. J. V. Robertson of Main Street, this village.

The young soldier from Penn Yan describes in his letter his impressions of the African Missionary Society and their work described by Lieut. Donald T. Sheehan, A. C. in May 13, 1943 CATHOLIC COURIER, Page 2.

The letter states:

"Believe me, letters are the best things I can receive over here. Yesterday was the second birthday that I have celebrated (1) in the Army. I was able to get to Mass and Communion, which was the best present I could receive. The regimental chaplain doesn't get much chance to visit this battery because the organization is widely separated. Therefore we have to depend on French chaplains for Sunday Mass and naturally the French-speaking priests cannot hear our confessions because of the difference in the language. When one is home and the church is convenient one really doesn't appreciate that fact until one winds up somewhere and finds it difficult to reach a church or chapel.

"Well, the North African campaign is over and I have seen many German and Italian prisoners getting ready to be shipped to the States for farm work. It's a funny world—they go to America and we stay over here.

God Gives Name

"I think perhaps you will be interested to hear about the 'White Fathers' at whose monastery I have attended Mass. The monastery is beautiful, composed of large white stone buildings with the grounds surrounding the monastery covered with many gardens of beautiful flowers. The first house in North Africa for the training of the White Father missionaries was opened in 1853 and the name 'White Fathers' soon was the popular name for the missionaries because of their white Arab garments.

"The robe or gandourah, and hooded cloak or burnous, and the soft round red hat, or shechia, comprise their clothing. The shechia of the Arabs sometimes is erroneously called a 'fez' but the fez is a hard, cone-shaped hat of Turkish origin and differs from the shechia. The White Fathers wear a rosary of big black and white beads around their necks, somewhat in the manner of the Moslem priests, or marabouts, who wear in a similar way a kind of rosary made of 99 brown beads, each one representing a perfection of Allah (God). According to the old custom among the clergy in North Africa, the White Fathers are bearded.

Suffer Martyrdom

"The White Fathers have had several martyrs in the North African work. Six fathers were killed in the Sahara Desert on their way to Timbuctu and in Uganda. 22 young Christian Negroes were burned to death by the king of their tribe. The field of the White Fathers covers great expanses of territory in bush, deserts and jungle, inhabited by more than 20 million people. . . . In North Africa among the Arabs and Berbers; in East Africa among the Negro Bantus and Nilotics, and in West Africa among the Negro Sudanese. Some of the native Christians have to walk two to five days to get to church.

"No attempt has been made to make the people un-African. The missionaries and the native priests live and eat as Africans and the desert remains the desert and the jungle remains the jungle. For adventure and daring the White Fathers could be a Foreign Legion, having in their company men from all countries: America, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Holland, Luxembourg, Poland, Spain, Switzerland. The White Fathers also arouse the curiosity of the soldiers who always wonder whenever they see them, 'who these men are dressed in white like Arabs and wearing a red hat.'

"The majesty of the Fathers here are French and Italian with three young students from Southern Ireland. They are regular fellows. There are costly paintings and draperies in one of the chapels brought from Europe, and also many relics of the martyrs of the early White Fathers who first came to Africa."

Boys Town Hero



Wesley R. Haggard, P. M. 1/c, 1937 Boys Town high school graduate and the first of Father Haggard's boys to be decorated, was a visitor at Boys Town en route to the Great Lakes hospital for medical treatment. Haggard received the Silver Star for bravery last September 10 when he faced the fire of Japanese snipers to treat wounded Marines on Guadalcanal. While on Guadalcanal he contracted malaria. (N.C.W.C.)

Fr. Wurzer Dies

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structor in Rochester Catholic High School, forerunner of Aquinas Institute when it was founded and became vice principal under the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady. His work brought him in contact with hundreds of boys now grown to manhood who will mourn his death.

Father Wurzer was appointed on June 24, 1937 as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Ghost and has won the esteem and affection of his parishioners by his able administration and kindly manner.

Besides being an educator he was also a talented writer. His work "A Course in Apologetics" is now being used in some of the Catholic high schools of the diocese.

Father Wurzer earned his Ph. D. degree at St. Bernard's Seminary in 1917 and his M. A. degree at St. Bonaventure's in 1932.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wurzer, and his brother, Father Michael Wurzer, he is survived by another brother, John Wurzer and a sister, Mrs. Harold Zimmer.

Wins 2nd Hero Award

Boston.—Already the holder of the Billy Star decoration, Lieut. Walter J. Burns of Winchester, a member of the Army air forces and of the Initial North African invading force, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, according to advices received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Burns. Lieut. Burns is a member of Winchester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Feast of St. James Noted By Men At Weekend Retreat

Following up the successful weekend retreat of men of Blessed Sacrament parish, the men of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, went to Our Lady of the Lake Retreat

House, Geneva, over the past weekend, with creditable representation led by their moderator, the Rev. Robert F. Fox, assistant pastor, who made the retreat with his men.

Most encouraging to those in charge of this past weekend retreat was the fact that 80 per cent were new retreatants. All of those voiced the opinion that this, their first retreat, was for each of them the healthiest, happiest and most elevating experience in their lives. Each expressed the resolve to spread the seed of this important Lay Apostolate. They stated that they would not wait until next year but would set out immediately to contact other men of the parish urging them to plan now to avail themselves of this special time of grace.

The Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C. S. R., retreat director, was declared the ideal host and retreat master. His various informative conferences and devotional meditations will be long remembered, the retreatants stated.

Youth From Elmira Serve Nation At Varied Posts

Seeing the world the Navy way is second-lieut. scaman Albert V. Stermer, son of Mrs. John Stermer, 376 E. Thurston St., St. Cecilia's Parish. Enlisted at 17, three days before

Pearl Harbor, the blond twenty-year old, like millions of other young traveling Americans keeps his family supplied with souvenirs from foreign ports.

Up to Newfoundland from the Newport base, across the Arctic Circle; down to Ireland, where he began the collection with linen handkerchiefs, and where a nameless Irish priest gave him the medal he's wearing. The fire controller aboard a destroyer whose course is global, he escorted the African invasion and harvested many franc notes, and French and British coins. Vivid picture post cards show a modern Casablanca, with ultra-new apartment buildings and swimming pools not far from an ancient mosque and the lovely church of the Sacred Heart. There's a picture of the young seaman in a bicycle-drawn rickshaw in the streets of Casablanca, but his most prized possession is an "invasion dollar," which to his bewildered mother looks like any other dollar; to him it probably represents the good faith of America in contrast to the German policy of flooding European countries with worthless occupation money.

Following a trip to Curacao and Barbados in the British West Indies, where he picked up silken scarves and Chinese pajamas for his sister, the sailor returned nearer home, to the port of Porto Rico. Highlight of his travels was the Easter Mass in a foreign cathedral, where the beauty of the services performed by ranking clergy ("nobody less than a monsignor") deeply impressed the young man. His mother says he is a "good, religious boy."

Also a navy man is his brother, First Class Seaman John Stermer, now with the Sea-Bees at Dansville, R. I. With a defective ear preventing his joining for active service in the navy or the Air Corps, John who enlisted November, 1942 has accompanied construction crews at Norfolk, Camp Perry and Camp

DENVER PRIEST DECORATED FOR GUADALCANAL BRAVERY

DENVER.—Gallantry under fire on Guadalcanal won the Silver Star medal for the Rev. Joseph W. Scannell, a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver now serving as an Army chaplain in the South Pacific, according to advices received here.

The reports stated that last January while American forces were subjected to constant and heavy artillery and sniper fire, Father Scannell distinguished himself by constantly going forward at the risk of his life to administer to the wounded and dying, and materially aided in maintaining the morale of the troops. Father Scannell formerly was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, here.

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Allen, all in Virginia. His experience in building at the Sampson Naval Base and the Ord ammunition depot fitted him for his present activities.

Both boys attended St. Cecilia's School and the Academy in Elmira. Navy tradition in the family dates back to World War I, when Mr. Stermer was a member of the crew aboard a submarine.

PEARL HARBOR VETERAN PROMOTED

Philip Tangore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tangore, of 66 Magee St., St. Anthony's Parish, was recently promoted to sergeant's rank, enlisted before Pearl Harbor. Sgt. Tangore was present in the harbor at the time of the attack. He has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands ever since.

Do You Know Your Ration Dates?

Rochester Information Office Rationing Service July 23, 1943

GASOLINE: A-0 coupons are good July 22. A coupons are still worth 3 gallons.

TIRES: Deadline A tire inspection Mar. 31, Sept. 20. Deadline B tire inspection June 20, Oct. 31. Deadline C tire inspection Mar. 31, Aug. 31.

Now Fuel Oil program begins July 1. Each unit has a value of 10 gallons.

Period 1—July 1-Jan. 4, 1944. Period 2—Nov. 30-Feb. 6, 1944. Period 3—Nov. 30-Mar. 14, 1944. Period 4—Feb. 8-Sept. 20, 1944. Period 5—Feb. 8-Sept. 20, 1944.

Use your Reserve and Change coupons next winter. These are valid from July 1 to Sept. 30, 1944.

SHOES: No. 18 shoe coupon good June 10 to Oct. 31.

SUGAR: No. 13 sugar coupon good June 1 to Aug. 15 (5 lbs.). No. 15-16 coupons—5 lbs. each for canning until Oct. 31.

COFFEE: No. 22 coffee coupon good July 22 to Aug. 11 (1 lb.).

PROCESSED FOODS: RST blue coupons are good Aug. 1 to Sept. 7. Budget your points carefully. Shop early in the week. NPQ blue coupons are good July 1 to Aug. 7.

MEATS, FATS, OILS, CHEESE AND CANNED FISH: PQRS red coupons expire July 31.

T red coupons valid July 23 to Aug. 31. U red coupons valid Aug. 1 to Aug. 31. V red coupons valid Aug. 8 to Aug. 31. W red coupons valid Aug. 15 to Aug. 31.

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