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On Guard!

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Backdrop To Victory

Wish me luck, America!
Pray for me tonight!
You know me—
I'm Johnny Doughboy,
Sure, you know me!
The Yank from the Bronx,
The Rebel from Dixie,
The fellow across the street,
The chap next door,
What's my name?
It's Kelley, or Cohen,
Or Caparco, or McFavish,
Call me Schultz or Pulaski,
But spell it A-m-e-r-i-c-a.
Call me Johnny Doughboy,
I'm G. I. Joe to the General,
My dog-tag reads 32141251,
I'm A. P. O. 464,
I'm hell to the Hun
And Death to the Jap,
I'm son to God
And Brother to Christ,
Onward to Tokio
Or Berlin I go.
Wish me luck, America!
Pray for me tonight...

News Dispatch: "G. I. Mothers, desperate for Place To Live, Fight Landlord Ban On Babies."

Greetings, mister!
This is the front...
Step into my foxhole.
Yeah, that's mud you see
And water and dirt.
What did you expect?
Chippendale and drapes?
(BOOM!... BOOM!... BOOM!)

Hal! The guns again.
Don't worry, mister,
They only hit you ONCE!
(BOOM!... BOOM!... BOOM!)

Closer that time...
"Atheists in foxholes!"
NOT IN THIS one, pal!
(BOOM!... BOOM!... BOOM!)

God's the BOSS up here.
Foxholes are holy places—
Front porches to ETERNITY!

Report: Seventy-four million Americans have no formal religious training. Sixty per cent of the nation never goes to church.

"Why am I fighting?"
(BOOM!... BOOM!... BOOM!)

I didn't start this...
"Hitler did," you say?
Yeah, why did you let him?
I'll figure it out later,
When it's all over...
Anyway, I was in school
When shooting started,
Had a great future
And lots of plans.
Wanted to be a doctor,
Or maybe a lawyer...
Then came war—
Freedom shrieked,
America called.
Night fell on the world
The lights went out
Now I'm in a foxhole—
The University of War!
I'm learning things, too—
Hard things about life,
Truth about myself
Man ain't so big,
Only fools play God!
Tommy! I'm a Wiseman
Wiseman of the Foxhole.
Onward to Tokio,
Or Berlin I go.
Wish me luck, America!
Pray for me tonight...

Headlines from the Home Front:
"Knack-wackie Girls—No. 1 War-time Menace"

Today's America—
Blood and Tears
And broken hearts.
Tomorrow's America—
Peace!... Peace!
Tomorrow's America
Is yours,
Is mine,
Is God's (I hope),
And Johnny Doughboy's.
Tomorrow is born—
In foxholes,
On battlefields,
What a price!
Death and pain,
Money—bonds,
America's priestly—
Billions and billions.
What price peace!

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Card. Hlond Reported Under 'House Arrest'

NEW YORK (NC)—His Eminence Auguste Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, has been placed under "house arrest" by the Nazi Gestapo at Aix-les-Bains in occupied Southern France, the Stockholm Times says in a dispatch from Bern reported to the Office of War Information today.

According to the dispatch, Cardinal Hlond had enjoyed relative freedom in France until ten days ago.

Cardinal Hlond left Poland in September, 1939, for what was then unoccupied France. He wrote two reports on Nazi persecution of Catholics in Poland, one dated January 6, 1940 and the other April, 1940, which were presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Both the reports of Cardinal Hlond contain evidence of the sufferings of the Polish Catholic population at the hands of the Nazis. They describe mass deportations under inhuman conditions, looting of public property, deportations of thousands of men to slave labor in Germany, the imprisonment and execution of priests, the forcible recruitment of young Polish girls for German military brothels, and countless other crimes.

All Catholic Chaplains In Marshall Landings Safe

HONOLULU.—All Catholic chaplains who accompanied American troops in the recent landings on the Marshall Islands are reported safe with their respective commands.

The names of the chaplains are as follows: Army Chaplains Leonard C. Habetz, John Joseph Vogel, Julius S. Buss, O.P., Francis Bridenstine, C.S.C., Clarence F. Duhan, Ronald Dinn and Peter Paul Beckman, C.S.B.; Marine Chaplains Thomas V. Brody, Thomas P. Driscoll, John M. Dupuis, C.S.C., Frederick Hurley, O. Carm., and Emmett T. Michaels.

Vatican Food Rations Reduced

VATICAN CITY.—A reduction in the amount of rationed foods, especially fats, allowed to residents of Vatican City has gone into effect in recent days, in view of existing conditions.

Two Catholic Schools Lead Countywide Paper Drive

St. Cecilia's School was pressing the leading St. Patrick's collectors in the scrap paper salvage campaign, early this week. St. Patrick's school children maintained their lead,

however, with an average of 188.7 pounds for every student.

Forging ahead into second place, St. Cecilia's came through with an average of 173.9. Third place was held by School 2—with 140.7 pounds.

The county paper salvage committee's goal is 100 or more pounds per student. Six other schools were credited with attaining that goal including St. Peter and Paul's with 134.7 pounds.

Meanwhile, total paper salvage thus far in the drive went up to 633,895 pounds against a campaign goal of one million pounds.

Newsboys' Center

MEXICO CITY.—The Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, has blessed the Casa del Papero, the Capital's new center for newsboys. The four-story building has dormitories, a library, barber shop, bath, study and recreation halls, and game courts.

'Stain On History' Says Pope If Rome Suffers Fate of Monte Cassino

As all-out war approaches the Gates of Rome the Eternal City is threatened with destruction and there is grave fear that the battle strategy which destroyed historic Monte Cassino as a "military necessity" may be repeated in the Center of Christendom.

Anxious appeals in behalf of Rome were voiced this week by both Pope Pius XII and Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York who is also Bishop of all Catholics in the armed forces of the United States.

"The Roman-born Pius XII was quoted by the Vatican Radio as declaring that "it would be an indelible stain on history if, for military reasons, Rome had to be destroyed."

"In view of the growing menace facing the city," the Pope stated, "we want to recall that the cities of Athens and Cairo were spared by both sides of belligerent powers."

"The letter will understand and admit that Rome has a much higher right and cause to claim similar treatment."

Appeals To Leaders

In an uncheduled address following the annual Washington's Birthday Memorial Mass of the Knights of Columbus in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, Archbishop Spellman appealed to the resourcefulness of Allied Military leaders to save the Eternal City.

"I hope and pray," he said, "that military ingenuity will find a way to overcome military necessity, which would destroy the Eternal City of Rome, the citadel of civilization, a city that means much to the world."

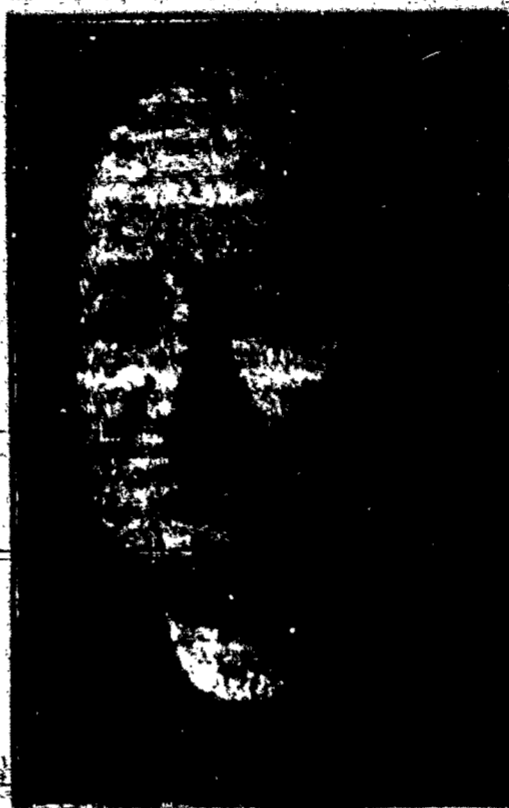
As the tide of war rolls on and the historic shrines of Rome, even the Vatican itself, are threatened, officials of the Fate of Monte Cassino, are discussing the gravity of the situation.

While Allied Commanders are reluctant to resort to the destruction of religious shrines, nevertheless the final decision in battle strategy rests with the military commanders in the field, who alone can determine whether or not the attacking of historic and religious places is necessary as a matter of military necessity.

Deplores Bombing

In his Washington Day message Archbishop Spellman also deplored the American bombing on last

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The Rev. Jeremiah A. Maley

Diocese Mourns Death Of Father Maley; Rites Held In Elmira

"Over forty years of active, zealous service," of the Rev. Jeremiah A. Maley, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, were fittingly reviewed in eulogy by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at funeral services, Tuesday morning, Feb. 22.

Father Maley, who had been founder and first pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira, where funeral services were conducted, was called to his eternal reward at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, after an extended illness, on Friday evening, Feb. 18, 1944. He was 73.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Rev. Arthur C. Smith, pastor of St. Cecilia's, Elmira. Father Maley's successor, assisting were: Deacon, the Rev. Andrew T. Dusek, administrator of St. Ann's Church, Hornell; Subdeacon, the Rev. Michael G. Wall, Canandaigua; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey; Second Master, the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney; Acolytes, the Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien and the Rev. Francis J. Lane; Thurifer, the Rev. John O'Malley.

St. Schwab in Eulogy

In the eulogy, Father Schwab paid tribute to Father Maley's work at the Craig Colony for Epileptics at Sonoma, where the latter built the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, "a chapel well named." "And Father Maley had that divine compassion, as he proved so signally during his years as pastor here at St. Cecilia's, where he endeared himself both to Catholic and non-Catholic by his charity, his tender kindness to the sick and poor."

Recalling for people of St. Cecilia's, Father Maley's transfer to the Hornell charge, the speaker said:

"I remember sitting in one home of this parish and seeing the tears in the eyes of several of his people as they realized that their friend was leaving them.

"And I thought, what a perfect tribute, what a perfect proof that Father Maley had been in very deed a priest of God beloved by his people."

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'Time' Letter Rebuke Reveals Scope of Chaplains' Service

NEW YORK.—Publication by the magazine Time of an alleged letter by an anonymous priest chaplain, in which it is stated that the bishops and religious superiors have given "plugs and plow horses" for service as chaplain, brought a sharp rejoinder today from the Military Ordinariate.

Speaking officially, for the two Archbishops, 20 Bishops, four Monsignori and 10 priests who constitute the supervisory group of the Military Ordinariate, the Very Rev. Msgr. James H. Griffiths, Military Chancellor, paid high tribute to the splendid character, the superior intellectual caliber, the resourcefulness, the adaptability and zeal of the Catholic chaplains.

"Wise Selection"

Monsignor Griffiths stated also that on innumerable occasions, both public and private, representatives of the Military Ordinariate have expressed deep gratitude to the ecclesiastical superiors who have made "such a wise selection of priests best suited to work with men under the hard conditions of life in war-time service."

"It is unfair," stated Monsignor Griffiths "to give wide circulation to an ill-considered letter which was evidently written in a hazy moment. In the voluminous correspondence of the Military Ordinariate, the ratio of optimism to pessimism is about 100 to 1."

He then called attention to the records of the Military Ordinariate which show a Communion record of more than half a million a month, with some months passing the million mark, and to the records of week-day Mass, which show an attendance of more than a quarter of a million each month. "Not all service men are saints," he added, "but many of them share their brothers in civilian life. Good-natured but relentless pursuit by cheerful chaplains has brought thousands back to the fold from which they had strayed in civilian life."

"No good chaplain is ever satisfied with results, since there is always much more to be done, but every wise Catholic chaplain sees hope for the future of America in the sound ideals and the good life of the great majority of Catholic service men."

Flare On Vatican Roof Snuffed Out! Pope Inspects Scene

VATICAN CITY.—(NO Radio)—During an aerial attack on Rome Saturday night, Feb. 12, a flare fell on the roof of the Vatican above the quarters of the Papal Secretariat of State. It was extinguished by Vatican City firemen. On Sunday, His Holiness Pope Pius XII inspected the scene.

Millions Sleep

Millions of people sleep through a sunrise and a mid-day throb of thrills before sunset, but because God doesn't charge admission to see the exquisite beauty of the creation.—Lenny, Editor