Prayer Combined with Plasma Brings 'Gl Jim' Through Ordeal

(Blood plasms and prayer are esorking miracice of body and soul on today's battle fronts. The fol-lowing article, written by an Amer-ican Chaptain stationed in South Pucific buttlefront, gives a dram-atic picture of how faith and blood plasma help our fighting men).

Last week one day I approached my quarters after having spent several hours whiting all the wards in the Market Interior of the Control of th candy and what cheer I could muster up; offering Mass in one of the wards where the ambulatory partients could attend hearing confessions and bringing Our Lord to the beds of the patients unable to

My clerk met me outside and said that several B-245 were on their way in from a mission and that there were skenty of wounded. I was to go right to the hospital where they were being taken.

I flow the distance in eight minutes and was able to meet the first patient as he was brought in. Alter doing what I could for the others, I stayed with the one, a Catholle, who was on the-verge of death.

Once a Catholic

As soon as the doctors and nurses had placed him on the operating table I asked his religion. as he was fully conscious.

He replied rather diffidently: "I used to be a Catholic at one time. but I guess I'm not much of anything now." When the blood plasma was flowing freely in his veins. I requested all to leave the room.

When I was alone with the boy his great, rolling brown eyes followed my every movement. I heard his confession, anointed him and gave him the Apostolic blessing for the dying. These latter two ministrations were in the presence of the medical crew working over J. Marks, Thomas R. Burns, Fred-

methem attends could and let Jimmy hold my hand tightly as his big eyes never left me | Bixteen betiles of plasma, equal to thirty-two people giving a pint of blood each, were poured into his almost emptied veins as the shock scep- Will be done; but oh God, it it's ened and he grew chivering cold present places again the life of and corpor-like; he was uncon-

I walked out of the ward to his nine walting buddles who were his crow and tent-mates-men with whem he had lived and laughed, and faced bardships and danger, and confided his beart to, and braused about his lovely wife and little daughter. All night these loyal hals had "sweated out" their friend's fate. Person Univ. Hone

When I approached them their white Acces asked the aucstion: "Is. there any hope, Father?" Sadiy in, and singly and in pairs they are quietly but they be a labely but the pairs they the hands of God, as Ho was the bed. Tenderly, each took his hand, only one who could save him now. I then added: "If you fellows know bow to pray, now's the time to do k" It was an annecessary injunction, I discovered, for aircady, one by one, they had silently started to squat down in the dust. . .

I had to walk away, I was so touched by their devotion and earnestness. As I walked up and down telling my beads, they contimied, each in his own way, to implore the same God that "Thy

Again Name Fr. Schwab As K, of C. Chaplain

Announcement of the appointment of Rev. Leo G. Schwab as Chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, has been made by Grand Knight Eugene F.

Other appointments are as foilows: Frank R. Rhode, Lecturer; House Committee, Samuel L. Le-Mark; Finance, Henry P. Farrell, Busil J. Vaillancourt, Edward C. erick-E. O'Herron, John T. Nugent and Anthony B. Cierl. At a meeting held last night in Columbus Center Joseph H. Berrigan and John Allen were appointed cochairmen of the annual outing to be held at Cold Brook on Sunday, August 6.0

When I thinked my reserve returned to the still praying men and with a gesture, walked back into the ward. No one had done a thing for our patient in the meanline mothing human could be done. But when I reached over and took his hand his brown eyes opened and the breathed: "Selle, Pather" and Gave me a wan sude. He superied my hand and direct his

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toes to a normal rest. ...
Letter I teld his buddles to come squeezed it walte, petting his brow and with glowing eyes, whispered: "Good boy, Jim". "We're with you tellow". Out in there, out man "God bless you. Jim."

Each one received a smile and turned and walked away to bide his tear-filled eves in order not to betray the fact that his voice couldn't get past the lump in his throat. It was one of the most touching seemes I have ever witnessed and reminded me mightly of Ernie Pylo's description of the death of the much-loved Captain [

of the outilt on the clopes of Cas-When I remarked to the men-that they must have prayed, they chorused: "We did!" They'll never forget how God answered their

prayer! I have been seeing Jim dally and he is always cheered by the visit of "his Father."

Sunday night I received a call to come to the hospital, as Jim wanted me. As soon as my last Muss was finished. I hurrled there. Jim grected me with a warm caile. held my hand and said: "I ruces I've get kind of bad nows for you. Father.*

Comforted on Loss I knew what was coming—the doctors had told him he was going to lose his leg. In the darkness of the sleeping ward, I whispered all the encouragement into his car that I could think of in my tired mind; I told him that Our Lord had suffered for us and what an opportunity this was for him to suffer for Our Lord; I pointed out what miracles of science had done for limbless men and bolstered up his spirit with the prospect of a trip home and I ended with: "Be-sides, you still have your leg—and who knows but God!"

He asked me to pray with him as he made the sign of the cross with his thumb on his brow lips and heart. I prayed. After a while, he said, drawally, "I feel all right now. Father, and I'm not afraid. What is to be, will be. Besides I'll be going home. Will you write my wife? I guess I better go to sleep now". He was centent and not lonesome any more, though his buddles had returned to their base in another valley early the afternoon before.

Jim stif has his leg, and still . only God knows!

'Prodigious,' Says Paraguay Priest of Catholic Activity

WASHINGTON-Catholic activty in the secial, educational and public welfare fields, as well as in the civic life of the United States, was described as "prodigious" by Capt. Ecnesto Peres. Acosto, Chief of Chaplains of the Paraguayan Army and Vice-President of the Paraguayan Federation of Boy Scouts, during his visit to the head-quarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in this city... Pather Perez, a Balesian Friest

who has been traveling in the United States and Canada at the invitation of the Boy Scouts of America and under the auspices of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, said he was returning to his country with a feeling of great satisfaction in being able to present first-hand information, as to the significant status of the Church in the United States. States.

Poles Executed

LONDON-Official Polish sources bere have reported the execution. in public, in Warney of the Rev. Mieczysław Konia; the executions in Cleszyn, Bilesia, of the Reva, Faulus and Saymecko, and the ar-rests of many Religious in the Warsaw area, including Father Dirin, aged 75 and 12 process and twelve Brothers of the Society of M. Francis de Seles.

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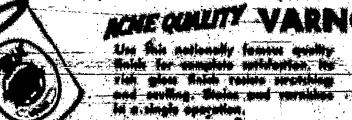
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