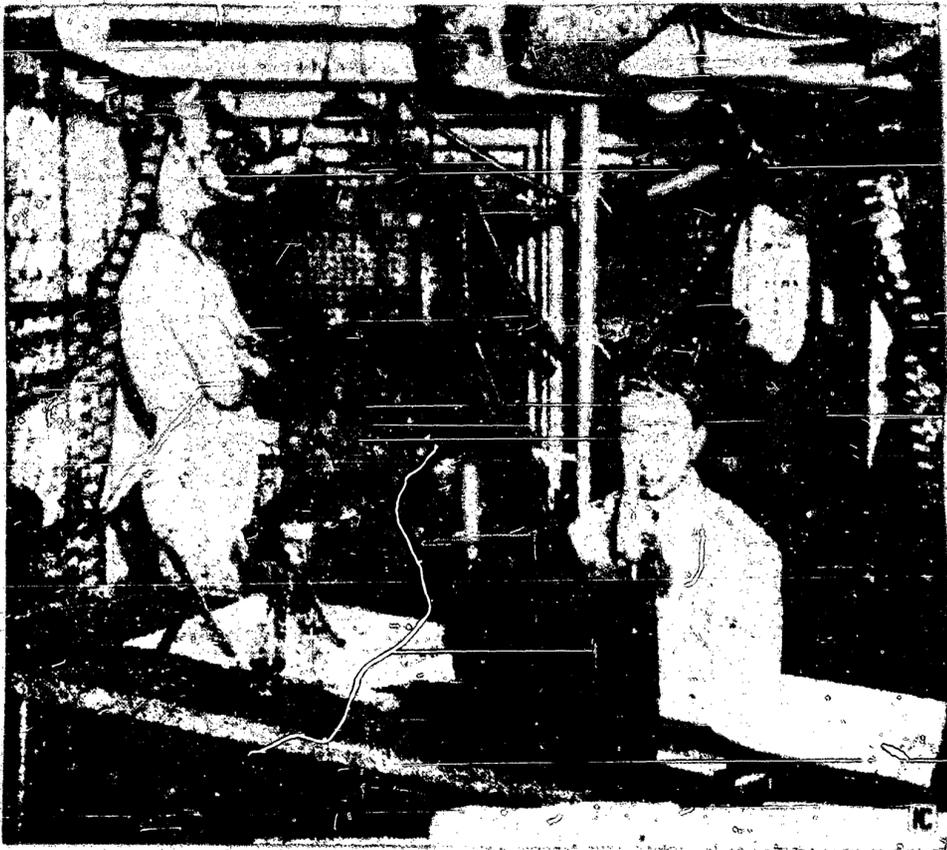


A NAVY CHAPLAIN AND PRISONERS OF WAR



Navy Chaplain Thomas J. Fallon, C. S. S. R., priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, celebrates Mass for German prisoners of war on a naval vessel somewhere in the Atlantic, en route to the United States. The men are crowded into the sleeping compartment while sergeants-at-arms are stationed to prevent any disturbance. Father Fallon was formerly attached to the Mission Church, at Roxbury, Mass. Official Navy photo. (NCWC)

Sailor Brings 186 Men into Church

ST. LOUIS, MO. The zeal of a former sailor in effecting the conversion of 186 Navy men is related in a recent issue of C.A.O.A. (Catholic Masters of America), one of the publications of The Queen's Work here.

Bob Anderson of San Francisco, the article relates, "was in the Navy three years before his discharge. While there, he instructed and brought to the chapel for baptism 186 men. He is a convert himself which partly explains his zeal. One time he was ordered by an officious non-Catholic chaplain to stop his proselytizing. Bob promptly wrote to Archbishop Spellman, got a swift letter back congratulating him and telling him to keep up the good work. The

next time the busy non-Catholic chief chaplain called him all he had to do was show him Archbishop Spellman's letter.

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Tells of Pontiff's Love of Music

NEW YORK (NC) — Aside from prayer, the only consolation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII in these trying times is his love of music, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, told at the annual concert given by the Catholic Club of New York. Commenting on the Holy Father's interest in music, Archbishop Spellman said that the Pope "is himself a musician."

Soldier Makes Supreme Sacrifice in France

AUBURN — An infantryman has given his life in action in France and three other soldiers from here are reported wounded in the War casualty list, this week.

Pfc. William E. Bouley, Jr., 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bouley, 10 Swift Street, was killed in action in France on Dec. 13, according to word received by his parents on Thursday evening.

Pfc. Bouley has been in the service since Sept. 20, 1942 when he was studying engineering under the Army Special Training Program at the University of Alabama. He was later transferred to the infantry and sent abroad on Oct. 5, 1944. He took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., prior to going to the University of Alabama and was then assigned to Camp Atterbury, Indiana for further training. He was then sent to Fort George Meade, Md., and was there for five weeks when he was sent overseas to England and later into action in France. His last letter home was dated Dec. 1.

Pfc. Bouley was a graduate of Auburn East High School in the class of 1941 and was enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy. He studied at RPI for two and a half years when he was called to enter the service on Sept. 20, 1942. He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Alvin, Terrance and Kimberly. Mr. Bouley is a well known engineer contractor, head of the W. E. Bouley Company of this city.

A Memorial Mass was offered on Saturday morning at St. Alphonsus Church for Pfc. William Bouley. The Solemn High Mass of requiem was attended by many friends of Pfc. Bouley.

Pvt. William McQuerny, 35 Walnut Street, now with the U. S. Infantry in Germany has been awarded the Purple Heart. He was wounded while in Holland on Oct. 21. For a time he was in a military hospital but is now back on active duty. McQuerny entered the Army on April 3, 1944 and was sent overseas last April 2nd.

Detective Capt. William V. Graney, of the Police Dept. and Mrs. Graney, 81 Geneva St. have received word that their son Corp. William V. Graney, Jr., has been wounded and is in a hospital in France. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. Graney has been in the service for two years and eleven months and has been in France about five months. He is a member of a Tank Destroyer unit attached to the Third Army of Gen. George Patton.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley Kolesynski, of the U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Kolesynski, Route 1, Auburn, is among the 2,628 soldiers wounded in action in the European Area according to the latest report issued by the War Dept.

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