

# 'Young Teddy's' Flag Now Hangs in Oran Chapel

WASHINGTON (NC)—The United States flag carried by the late Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., on his entrance into the captured city of Oran, Algeria, now hangs over the main altar of the Holy Ghost Fathers' chapel in Messerghin, near Oran.

Captain Albert C. M. Steffen, priest of the Archdiocese of New York, and chaplain with General Roosevelt's command during the invasion of North Africa in November, 1942, tells the story of how it got there.

"We couldn't think of a more fitting disposition to make of the flag, before we moved up from that sector, than to give it to the Holy Ghost Fathers to adorn the wall of their chapel, as a slight return for the generous hospitality they showed Teddy's soldiers, hospitality which we shall gratefully remember forever," chaplain Steffen wrote to the Holy Ghost Fathers here.

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## Getting On In The World

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## Braved Death



Because he braved death in Holland to rescue two helpless children under heavy shelling, Army Chaplain John E. Rooney had been awarded the Silver Star citation. Father Rooney, formerly stationed at St. Peter's Church, Staten Island, N. Y., is now serving in Germany. (INWOOD)

# Geneva Officer Gives Life; Soldier Injured; 1 Missing

GENEVA—An Army artillery officer from here has given his life in the German fighting, a soldier has been wounded in Belgium, an infantryman is missing in action in Luxembourg while an engineer in the Southwest Pacific, previously reported missing, is now reported back on duty, the war casualty reports here, announce this week.

First Lieut. John E. McDonough, 31, son of Mrs. Catherine McDonough of 678 Exchange street, was killed in action in Germany on December 21st, according to a War Department telegram received Sunday, Jan. 14. Lieutenant McDonough was in the Field Artillery and joined the Armed Forces on March 25, 1942. He went overseas in October, 1944.

Before going overseas, Lieutenant McDonough and his brother, Richard F. McDonough, of the United States Marines were home on emergency passes last September to visit their mother who was ill.

Lieutenant McDonough was a graduate of De Sales High School in the class of 1932. He was salesman for the Lynch Furniture Company for several years prior to joining the Army.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Catherine McDonough; his brother, Richard McDonough, Ph. M., U.S.M.C., who is now in the Pacific area; three aunts, the Misses Harriett and Grace McCue of Geneva; and Mrs. Anna Larrich of Waterloo and an uncle, Harry McCue of Cleveland, Ohio.

A Requiem Mass for Lieutenant McDonough was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at St. Francis de Sales Church.

Mrs. Samuel Calabrese, 46 North Wadsworth street, has received a telegram from the War Department stating that her husband, Pvt. Samuel J. Calabrese, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium, Dec. 27.

Private Calabrese entered the service on March 15, 1944, and trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Camp Chase, Ark., and left for overseas in September, 1944.

Prior to entering the service, Private Calabrese was business agent for Common Laborer's Union, Local 192.

Mr. Paul McDonough, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonough, 274 William street, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20, his father was informed on Sunday, Jan. 14. He was with the United States Infantry and received training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Teachers College, Kentucky.

He went overseas early in September and his last letter home was dated Dec. 15. He is a graduate of De Sales High School, class of 1942.

Pvt. Leo Vinson, 24 year old Geneva, serving with the United States Infantry, who was reported to be in Belgium in missing in action in the Southwest Pacific area, is now reported to be back on duty.

the Philippines", according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Catherine DiTella, 2 Exchange street.

In his letter dated Dec. 25, Private Vinson said he had quite a story but would rather not relate it at this time. He added: "Not that anything has happened but it is just that I had rather not discuss it at present."

Relatives and friends here believe that the young man was in the big drive which was staged by the Americans in recapturing the Philippines and that he has been continually on the move.

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## Tragedy Stalks Belgian Family On Liberation

By Rev. Anthony Coppens (Brussels Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

PARIS — Among many tragedies which marked the liberation of Belgium is one concerning Madame Lejeune de Schierov, widow of the Countess Jean d'Ursel, wife of the count d'Ursel, member of a leading Catholic family of Belgium. During their retirement from Belgium the Madams came upon a group of members of the underground in the park of the chateau occupied by Madame de Schierov. Two of the Germans were killed in the ensuing struggle and two in the hands of the red succeding in escaping. The chateau was not able, but Madame de Schierov escaped from the burning building with her grandchild, Gustave d'Ursel, an infant in arms. She was assisted by a Jesuit chaplain, Father Lange.

Both were taken into custody by the Germans, along with other persons, and when Madame de Schierov asked for a glass of milk for the child she is reported to have been told this would not be necessary as they had not long to live. She approached the German officer in charge and gained from him assurance that the child would not be harmed.

Father Lange is reported to have been tortured and killed by having his head struck against a wall. The German officer, however, is reported to have been released.

Both the child and his mother were taken to Brussels in Belgium. In September of last year both were arrested on the day on which the funeral of the wife's father took place. They were imprisoned at St. Omer in Brussels, and on March 1, 1945, the Countess was taken to Germany, where she gave birth to her daughter, Gustave, in a prison cell. She was later brought back to St. Omer and the child was placed in the care of the grandmother, Madame de Schierov. Since then an infant's word has been received of the child and his mother.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Theological and Health Association of Belgium and Member County Board of Peace, Jan. 12 it was reported by Mrs. Douglas O. Mitchell, Chairman of the Christian Aid Committee that \$1,217 had been received in donations for the Christian Aid Committee in the month of January.

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