Soldier Missing, 5 Wounded in War

AUBURN — One Catholic soldier from here is reported missing in action in France while five other Auburnians were wounded, the war casualty reports of the week reveal.

George Sluty, one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sluty, of Myrtle Avenue who are serving in the armed forces have been reported missing in action in France as of Jan. 1. He was with the Armored Division of the Seventh Army. George entered the service December, 1943. The other sons of the Sluty family in the service are Alex with the Signal Corps in Belgium; John, with the field artillery in the Philippines; Stephen in the Pacific with the U. S. Navy; and Michael now at Camp Jordan, Ga., after 20 months overseas.

Mrs. Ellen Gleason O'Hora, Wall Street, has received word that her husband, Lieut. John P. O'Hora, has been wounded in Germany, as of Feb. 22. Lieut. O'Hora left Auburn in 1941 for Fort McClellan, Ala., where the National Guard units of which he is a member were stationed. Later he was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., and from there to Camp Meade, Md. From there he was sent overseas in January, 1945.

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AUBURN — Lieut. (j.g.) Frank T. Spadaro, Chapel Avenue daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Spadaro, is now stationed with the Navy Nurse Corps at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Sampson. She was commissioned in January, 1943, and was first assigned to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, Tex.; and remained there 18 months before getting assigned to New Caledonia where she has been on duty for more than two years. Miss Spadaro received her present rank last June. She wears the Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon.

George Francis O'Connor and his brother-in-law, Pfc. Austin Donovan, recently met in Holland and spent the week-end together. Corp. O'Connor is the son of Mrs. Helen O'Connor, Kelley Street, and has been in the service three years with the Seventh Army. Pfc. Donovan is stationed with the Signal Corps and has been in the service two years. Corp. Leo O'Connor, brother of Franklin, has been in the service two years and is now stationed in Belgium.

Three Auburnians recently met in England, Lieut. R. Whipple, Pvt. Paul McGlynn and Pvt. James Gleason, Jr., all members of the U. S. Army Air Force. McGlynn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McGlynn, Cady Street, and Gelice is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gelice, Church Street.

Assistant Lieut. Paul Wilson Lattimore, U.S.A.A.F., has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lattimore is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lattimore, of Grove Avenue, and is now in England where he is a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was his crew's bombardier. Graduate of Auburn High School, he was inducted in the army Aug. 3, 1943, and has been in the service since Feb. 1944.

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S 1/c Theodore Reardon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reardon, Steel Street, is with a tank force in the South Pacific. He is a graduate of St. Alphonsus School and East High School where he was active in athletics. At one time he was ping pong champion of Auburn and upstate New York.

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Dr. Frank A. Graceffo, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Graceffo, Columbus Street, has been promoted to the rank of Captain. He is with the U. S. Army in the European theater of action. He is a graduate of Cornell University and of Georgetown University Medical College, graduating from there in 1943. He served his internship in St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn. On January 1, 1944, he entered the service with the rank of lieutenant.

Frederick and Donald Looper, sons of Mrs. Alta Looper, have returned to Lockbern Army Air Field where they are air cadets. They have been spending their furloughs at their home in Auburn. William Quinn, S.A., first class seaman, stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station is spending a leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinn, Capitol Street. Quinn is 19 years of age and has been in the service 16 months. This is his first leave since his enlistment. Miles L. Hanlon, S 2/c was graduated from the Navy's Radio School at Sampson this week and is awaiting assignment to sea duty or to a Navy shore station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hanlon, Fitch Avenue. Frank Petruzzi, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Petruzzi, Fitch Avenue, was graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Electric) on the Purdue University campus, Lafayette, Ind. After assignment to sea duty or to shore station he will be eligible to earn the petty officer rating of electrician's mate, third class.

Raymond F. Riordan, Park Avenue, is now in training at the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station, Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. He will receive six weeks of special training. After completing special training he may enter deck or engine training.

Two Auburnians are with the 64th General Hospital unit which has been overseas for the past two and a half years and are now in Italy. With the hospital unit are Staff Sgt. James B. Kirwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Kirwin, No. Division Street, and Pfc. Walter J. Rohm, Perrine Street. The hospital unit was activated on July 15, 1942, and it was sent to Biarritz, North Africa, arriving there on July 15, 1943. Later the unit went to Naples landing in Italy on March 2, 1944, and shortly thereafter was [illegible]

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Fr. Dugan Honored By Auburn K. of C.

AUBURN—The Rev. Gregory Dugan, chaplain of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus was lauded and presented with a gift for his contribution to Columbianism, at a breakfast in Hotel Osborne given in his honor Sunday morning following Corporate Communion at St. Mary's Church.

Rev. Gregory Dugan

Principal speaker was Lt. Comdr. John J. Millet, USN Medical Corps, officer-in-charge of the Farragut Unit Dispensary at Sampson Naval Training Center.

Lieut. Commander Millet, holder of a Presidential Unit Citation for service with the First Marine Division on Guadalcanal, told of his experiences on Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Britain. He gave statistics revealing the vast supply and communication lines maintained by the U. S. Navy, particularly in the Pacific that bring food, ammunition, gasoline, oil and needed equipment to armed forces, enabling them to push back the enemy and making possible the might smashes now under way against the Japanese homeland.

Tough Fight Ahead

The young naval physician who enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was assigned to the Marines warned that it will be a tough struggle "as the Jap is a tricky and fanatical fighter and is battling in a climate and on terrain to which he is more accustomed." He stated that the Americans have to fight off the scourge of malaria and other tropical diseases that have had a telling effect heretofore but now are being conquered.

A question box closed the program and Commander Millet in reply to questions told of the fine spiritual atmosphere prevailing at the front and of the large turnouts at Mass and other services. He told of the tremendous amount of mail handled, of its belated receipt in many cases and of the pleasure the letter provides the men and women in the service.

First Solemn Masses Set at St. Alphonsus'

AUBURN — Sunday, March 18, will be a memorable day in the history of St. Alphonsus Parish for on that day two young priests, parishioners of the parish, will offer their First Solemn Masses in their home parish. It will be a happy occasion for the pastor, The Rev. Frederick G. Straub, who has been pastor of St. Alphonsus during the young priests' school days in St. Alphonsus and has watched their progress with interest during all the years.

Father Richard Nangle will offer his First Solemn Mass at 11:00 o'clock on Sunday. Rev. Gerard Amann, former assistant at St. Alphonsus, will preach the sermon. Rev. Joseph Gayner will say his First Solemn Mass at 12:15 and Rev. Elmer A. McNamara, S.T.D., S.S. L. of St. Bernard's Seminary will preach the sermon.

In the afternoon Father Nangle's reception will be held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Nangle, 169 South Hoopes Avenue, from 4 until 7:00 o'clock. Father Nangle is the son of Mrs. Nangle and the late Charles Nangle, and has a sister, Miss Betty Nangle and a brother David Nangle.

Father Gayner's reception will be held at the home of his uncle, Supervisor John B. Clinnity, 3 Van Anden Street from 4 until 7:00 o'clock. Father Gayner is the son of Mrs. Rose Gayner, of 97 No. Fulton Street, and the late Dennis Gayner, and he has three sisters, Mrs. Albert Pinum, and the Misses Mildred and Cletus Gayner.

The Columbian Squires of which both priests were charter members will have a part in the First Masses. The choir is being directed by the Rev. Robert Duhamtin and Mrs. [illegible] is organist.

Seneca Falls Sergeant Wounded in Belgium

SENECA FALLS — The official casualty list published during the past week carried the name of Sgt. Anthony Marapease, son of Mr. Michael Marapease, Swaby St.

Sgt. Marapease was wounded in Belgium Jan. 11, suffering wounds to the fourth and fifth fingers of his right hand, and necessitating the amputation of a part of the fifth finger. He is now a patient at the Det. of Pat., U. S. Hospital, England.

Sgt. Marapease has been in the service for the past three years, and has been overseas for 18 months. He is a member of a Tank Destroyer Outfit. He received training at camps in South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and Louisiana.

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