

Marine Dies on Iwo, Soldier is Wounded

A Catholic Marine sergeant from Elmira has made the supreme sacrifice on Iwo Jima and a soldier was wounded in action, the casualty reports this week stated.

Sergeant Johnston, 192, East Market Street, has been informed by the War Department that his son, Sgt. Edward B. Johnston, 24, was killed in action on Iwo Jima of February 18.

A member of the Fifth Marine Division Sgt. Johnston entered the service in January, 1941. After completing his training he was assigned to duty with a gun crew of a destroyer. His ship was on convoy duty in the Atlantic and accompanied the first troops to North Africa. Returning from convoy duty, he transferred to the Paramarines and had made 75 jumps, when the Paramarines were disbanded and he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he trained recruits. He requested overseas duty and was put in charge of a machine gun crew and went to the Hawaiian Islands last summer and later was sent to the South Pacific, arriving on Iwo Jima Feb. 18.

Sgt. Johnston was graduated from St. Peter and Paul's School and the Academy and worked at the Wallace Machine Division before he entered the service. He was prominent in all branches of sports while in High School, especially in basket ball and played

on the High School Team during the 1936-37 seasons.

Besides his mother, Sgt. Johnston is survived by two brothers, Sgt. Robert, now in Saipan and Francis (Junior) of Elmira.

A Requiem High Mass was offered for Sgt. Johnston in St. Peter and Paul's Church on Monday, March 26th, by the Rt. Rev. Messr. John J. Lee, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, 218 Bloomer Avenue, have been informed that their son, Pfc. Donald Lee, 26, was wounded in action in Germany, February 28th. He has informed his parents that his condition is improving and he expects to be back on duty soon. Pfc. Lee was wounded last September in Belgium and his family has just received the Purple Heart, which was awarded to him for the wounds which he received.

Pfc. Lee was graduated from the Academy and has been in the service about two years and has been overseas since last July. The Lee family are members of St. Anthony's parish.

God tries the souls of those he loves. He seeks to God if they are wanting in hope in Him.

HOLY WEEK IN THE ETERNAL CITY



With customary splendor Holy Week ceremonies are held in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, with the Cardinals, members of the diplomatic corps and of the Roman nobility attending. The solemn procession takes place on Holy Saturday, 1944, while the Eternal City was still occupied by the Germans. The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Salotti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation, in the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who entered the seventh year of his Pontificate, March 12, 1944. (AP/WGC)

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Chaplain O'Malley Moves up to Front

HORNELL — Chaplain John P. O'Malley, first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, is now somewhere in the front lines in Germany, according to a letter received by the Rev. Andrew T. Diocott.

Father O'Malley is in the famous Rainbow Division, the 88th, from New York.

He entered in the Army last May, volunteering at once for overseas duty. After graduation from the Chaplain Training School in Boston, on June 8, 1944, he served for a time in Camp MacDill.

First assignment overseas was a post behind heavy artillery near St. Francis, when he B.O.A. and was one of the first to see the front lines.

His sister, Miss Mary O'Malley, is serving with a Nursing unit overseas in France.

Father O'Malley was assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church for several years before being transferred to Assisi.

Colored Family of Eleven Get \$5,000 Dimes Day Award

CHICAGO — The annual \$5,000 award for the best family of eleven was given to the Johnson family of Chicago, Ill., by the Dimes Day Committee. The Johnsons, who have eleven children, were selected by a jury of judges from all over the country. The award is given to the family that has the best record of saving dimes for the year.

Chaplain Among 337 Men Freed from Luzon, Home Holy Family Group Will Plan Banquet

SAN FRANCISCO — The second contingent of Army officers and enlisted men liberated in the Philippines arrived here when a transport discharged 337 Army personnel who had been freed from the Japanese prison of Oribanjan and Bilid on the island of Luzon.

The Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, welcomed Chaplain Albert D. Talbot, one-time member of the faculty of St. Joseph's College, the Preparatory Seminary for the Archdiocese, who has been decorated with the Purple Heart.

Regular business meeting of the Holy Family Church will take place in the meeting rooms Wednesday evening, April 11, after church services. Plans will be discussed for the coming banquet.

President Helen Valtz has appointed Mrs. Loretta Bauer as general chairman, and she in turn will appoint various members to serve on her committee. After the business meeting there will be a social hour. Lunch will be served by the following members: Mrs. Mary Metzger, Mrs. Ethel Waldman, Mrs. Barbara Leonard, Mrs. Rose Waldgreen, and Mrs. Florence Bauer.

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