

Chaplain O'Malley Moves up to Front

RORNBELL—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. Donnell.

Father O'Malley is in the famous Rainbow Division, one year from New York.

He enlisted in the Army last May, volunteering at once for overseas duty. After graduation from the Chaplains' Training School in Boston, on June 5, 1944, he served for a time in Camp McClellan.

First assignment overseas was a post behind heavy artillery lines in France. When an SOS call came for chaplains at the front, Chaplain O'Malley volunteered.

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

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

D.S.C., Bronze Star Awarded Coming Men

LT. Frederick I. Bach, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bach of Washington, D. C., formerly of Morning, was been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism under fire.

According to word received here the presentation was made on Feb. 25, at an American Hospital in England where the young lieutenant was under treatment for wounds received in Belgium. It is expected that Lt. Bach, who suffered a shattered leg, will be in England again for reoperation.

He was born in Coalinga in Calif. and moved to Washington as a young boy with his parents. He was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1938, receiving his commission in May of that year as a member of the ROTC. He served as an infantry instructor at Fort Meade and Fort Howard, Pa. for a time and in September, 1941, was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent overseas.

The citation accompanying the award reads: "As Lt. Bach was leading a platoon of Company I, Infantry, through the enemy-held village of Posieux, France, his men were pinned down by severe machine-gun fire coming from a house located on high ground in front of them. As he deployed his platoon for an attack against the position, Lt. Bach noticed a wounded soldier lying exposed to intense enemy fire. Disregarding this fire, Lt. Bach fearlessly made his way to the injured man, rendered immediate first aid, and then carried him to shelter. Returning to his previous position in front of his platoon, Lt. Bach then led his men against the building where the enemy had established a strong point."

One enemy officer and 15 enlisted men surrendered to the platoon according to the citation.

His outstanding accomplishments, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest tradition of the military forces of the United States," the citation concluded.

Mrs. Michael F. Schich, 18 W. Fifth St., has been presented with the Bronze Star which was awarded posthumously to her son the late Lt. Robert M. Schich, who was killed in action Aug. 1, 1944, in France. He was a member of the 10th Infantry.

In a private ceremony, attended only by members of the family, Capt. Rexford H. DeWitt, Public Relations Officer, District Four, Second Service Command, made the presentation to Mrs. Schich.

Accompanying the Medal was a citation commending Lt. Schich "for heroic achievement on July 3, 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy."

Lt. Schich, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Coalinga Free Academy, entered the service in March, 1942, and had been overseas since October, 1943. His younger brother, Pvt. Arthur L. Schich, is serving in the Central Pacific war zone.

This is true humility; to think little of oneself and to witness without envy or jealousy the good that happens to another.—St. Gregory the Great.

Sports Listed At St. Mary's

A basketball tournament for high school students of St. Mary's parish is scheduled to get under way on Wednesday, April 4, in the school gymnasium. A total of eight teams will compete. All boys in local high schools who are members of St. Mary's parish are eligible.

Girls of St. Mary's parish now attending high school will conduct a basketball tournament in St. Mary's gymnasium commencing Tuesday, April 3.

It was observed during this week that prospective candidates for St. Mary's baseball team were practicing in earnest and that three complete squads were lined up by their coach, Alie Quatrano.

Those boys are out to top the championship again in the Parochial school league and retain permanent possession of the Knights of Columbus trophy.

What Hitler Said

The naïvete of the recent attackers of the Vatican is quite remarkable. To cover their maliciousness, they cry that they are opposed to the Church. Which is what Hitler said. Der Fuehrer murdered priests, silenced the Catholic press, uprooted schools all over the world, and he was fighting the "political" activities of the Church. These latest maligners might try being at least original.—The Monitor.

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