

Heroism Earns Silver Star

Corporal Richard L. Fitzgerald of St. Augustine's parish has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action in France."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Fitzgerald, 312 Kenwood Ave., have learned.

According to the citation: Corporal Fitzgerald "went forward with other medical men and men and efficiently evacuated eight wounded soldiers" in an

eyes under artillery fire from which the troops had withdrawn from an anticipated starting and bombing raid by friendly planes."

In service since Jan. 15, 1941, the corporal also holds the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Certificate of Merit, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Distinguished Unit Badge. Serving in France in his brother, Quartermaster Bernard R. Fitzgerald.

Schoolgirl in 'Bella' Film



A NATURAL BELL. Joan Cornell, Catholic school girl plays "Patty," who has problems solved by Father O'Malley. (Big Crosby) and Sister Benedict (Ingrid Bergman) in McCarey-RKO film "The Belle of St. Mary's."

Mass by Prisoner

U. S. Chaplain Officiated Daily in German Camp

Somewhere in Germany — (NC) — Life in a German prison of war camp is portrayed by the Rev. Herman Heide, an Army chaplain, in a letter to the Military Ordinance.

Father Heide was captured in the Battle of the Bulge on January 9 and was liberated by American tank columns in Germany on March 27. He relates that he had offered Mass every day and three times on Sundays in the camp, using a Mass kit furnished by his captors who "in turn got it from French private prisoners in the same camp."

"The routine in camp was irregular because of air raids," he reports. The camp was hit once and eight Frenchmen and six Italians were killed. Mass had to be said on the spur of the moment. There were no facilities for hearing Confessions and this meant General Absolution every Sunday and very often on week days.

Father Heide adds that his release came "while Jerry was trying to evacuate us to the rear on foot, but luckily the tanks were a bit faster."

No Refuge for Guilty At Vatican Says Eden

London — (NC) — Replying to a question in the House of Commons Foreign Minister Anthony Eden stated that there is no foundation for the rumor

that the Vatican has offered asylum to leading war criminals.

Mr. Eden replied: "The Vatican was included in the approach to neutral States in 1943 to which I referred when I said that the replies were broadly speaking not unsatisfactory."

Prayer Crusade Asked

Brooklyn — (NC) — A crusade of prayer for guidance of delegates to the San Francisco Conference toward a program for "international order founded on peace and justice" has been urged upon the 250 women's organizations in the Diocese of Brooklyn by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

"A further inquiry was made of the Vatican on this subject in September last in connection with a certain press report. The reply of the Vatican authorities showed that there was no foundation for the rumor that asylum had been offered in leading war criminals."

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London's Course
Topsies (INS) — Alfred M. Landon, former governor of Kansas and Republican presidential candidate in 1936: "We don't have to clash with Russia and Britain. We must not get all sentimental about anybody, any more than we have to hate any one."

Chaplain Says First Mass On Island in 31 Years

Southwest Pacific — The distinction of being the first priest since 1914 to offer Mass on an atoll in the Southwest Pacific fell to the Rev. Joseph F. Garrity, a Society of the Divine Word priest serving as a Navy chaplain.

"The military authorities invited me on a trip to an adjacent atoll, where there were supposed to be a few Catholic natives," Father Garrity wrote. "The last priest was there in 1914. I was wondering how the Faith had been kept alive all those years and I got the surprise of my life. We found a village with European culture and real houses and two large families who were descendants of a German and a Portuguese plantation owner. I learned that after the missionary left in 1914, these families would go down to the Capital four times a year for Confession and Communion. And I was the first priest to say Mass on their island since then!"

Our Lady of Fatima Peace Prayers Urged

Oxnipon, Calif. — (NC) — A nationwide crusade of prayer has been inaugurated by the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, here, to coincide with the United Nations Conference.

A plea has been sent from the Christian Major Seminary here to every rectory and convent in the United States, asking priests and Sisters to cooperate by spreading devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the cause of peace. Our Blessed Mother, is one of her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, promised that peace would come and Russia would be converted through devotion to her Immaculate Heart, the announcement states.

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