

'Prayer Saved Me,' Penn Yan Glider Infantryman Writes

Penn Yan — Dropping into the invasion of Germany in a glider "full of bullet holes," Pfc. Robert O. Flynn, member of the 17th Airborne Division, "did a lot of praying," he reveals in a letter home.

Writing from "somewhere in Germany," to his mother, Mrs. Anna Flynn, of Lake Street, Private Flynn describes the beginning of the operation and his

preparation for it: "We left about 8 o'clock the morning of Mar. 21 in the gliders — the party that papers back home have been so full of — I hear. I had gone to Mass and Holy Communion the day before.

Riding over France, Belgium and Holland and across the Rhine was a sight the glider infantryman will never forget, he declared.

"The paratrooper outfits jump-

ed five minutes before we landed. The British Commandos had crossed the Rhine the night before and took the city of Wesel. "As we got close to the Rhine it got smoky from fires started by artillery and burning planes. The Germans had ack-ack guns set up near where we were to land. They also shot their rifles and machine guns at the gliders. My glider was full of bullet holes. It was really scary. I did a lot of praying.

"We made a crash landing in a plowed field and nobody was hurt. We got all set to land. The Germans were waiting for us. . . . Wrecked gliders were all over and burning planes and the Germans firing at us and planes all over the sky. . . . We captured ourselves a lot of Jerries and I got myself a bicycle. . . . The rest of the operation wasn't so bad. We've really got Jerry on the run now."

Private Flynn, who fought all through the battle of the Belgium bulge with Patton's Third Army, was able to attend the first Mass offered in a Catholic church in Luxembourg following the liberation. "Prayer has saved me," he always writes in his letters, according to his mother.

Cassino Abbey to Rise Again



Enrico Lenti, architect, and Leonardo Castelli, engineer, discuss the reconstruction of Montecassino Abbey as they view a model of the proposed work. Plans for reconstruction have been approved by a group of 20 architects commissioned by the Vatican. Actual work to restore the Abbey will not begin until after the close of the war. It is expected to take about four years and will cost 500,000,000 lire (\$5,000,000). Funds will come from contributions all over the world. The original shrine was leveled by Allied bombing. O.W.I. photo. (INCWC).

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By ELIZABETH

We hear a great deal of talk these days about the "place" of women in the modern world. Sometimes it irks me and I'd like to shout "What place!"

Now don't get "huffy," I've no quarrel with the achievement of many great women and the world is a better place for their living but somehow I think they would have reached greatness in any era.

What concerns me is the thousands of average "me's" who are tortured by visions of what "they could be." In the past woman held her place in the world dictated by "convention" and aside from an occasional burst of interest perhaps in the theater or the like, she was content with being a "lady."

But what happens today? High pressure advertising has made us all overestimate ourselves and in the success stories of excitement and glamour we mentally say — "Why not I?"

The difficulty is most of us have only smattering of abilities and being women, we can't quite make up our minds in what field we're going to be famous. What happens? The majority of us go about satisfied with our regular task — usually feeling superior to our work and often not putting our best into it because we don't feel it's important. We go around on the edge of expectancy and then feel cheated and let down when we're forced to face the realness of living.

Perverted propaganda has lowered the standards and ideals of marriage so that too many feel it is hardly worth their talents. How many times have you heard — "Her college education was wasted — she married right after graduation. She had such promises too."

You see, in kicking over the trails of the past we forget something — at least some of women forget it and many of us have blindly followed them. They forget a fundamental law of psychology. They took away one standard but did not erect another. The Church has set the ideal or standard for womanhood — one that has been rejected in the so called "fight for equality."

Yes, we are equal, equal in the sight of God — but on earth each has his designated task, not comparable, but equal and supreme in his own sphere.

Today, we need to examine our lives. We should not bury our talents. Neither should we waste them by spreading ourselves too thin.

Ireland Plans Relief Shipments to Europe

Dublin — (NC) — Details of the plan whereby the Eire Government proposes to allocate supplies to the value of three million pounds to relieve distress in Europe were disclosed in the Daily by Prime Minister Eamon de Valera.

The project calls for the sending of some-rationed goods, including butter and sugar, involving a reduction in the amount of these commodities available to the Irish people. It is also proposed to send livestock, bacon, cheese, dried foods, some baby foods and clothing.

When you are deciding on your life remember — whether we like it or not — women are servants — servant of their own love.

You may not like these lines but they carry a thought worth considering. Women are door mats — These mats applaud. They keep their men from going in With muddy feet to God. — Mary C. Davis

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