

### SOLDIERS UNDER FIRE MET DEATH WITH PRAYER, CHAPLAIN STATES

By Helores Hanrahan

Hornell—"The men I saw die went praying," said the Rev. Gerald F. Rabe of Buffalo, missionary of the Society of the Divine Word, who recently returned from 14 months' overseas service as a captain in the Army Chaplain Corps. Before entering the Army, he was a teacher at St. Michael's Mission House at Conesus.

Father Rabe was transferred Sunday to Fort Niagara Hospital from St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell where he was brought following injuries suffered in an automobile accident on August 14 near Hornell.

"Under fire, and in any stress, whatever, the men met the crisis with prayers on their lips," he continued. "The high spiritual sense of the men should be most gratifying to their families and friends at home."

Although he was under constant shell-fire for more than a year, Father Rabe escaped without a scratch, only to receive multiple injuries and a double fracture of the left arm within a short time after returning to the States.

"It's worth lauding in a hospital, just to be back in America," he said with a grin. "None of us really appreciates the small delights of living in the U.S.A. until we come up against life in Europe. Little luxuries, such as a chocolate malted, which we take for granted are denied the war-impooverished European peoples. There are no words strong enough to tell you how beautiful life in America really is." People in liberated countries have a deep appreciation for

American soldiers. Father Rabe discovered in Hamm, Luxembourg, second largest military cemetery, the entire population forms in solemn procession to decorate the graves of fallen Americans. Children have the practice of "adopting" graves of American soldiers and as their particular responsibility keep them decorated with fresh flowers, or kneel to say a prayer for the dead.

While in Belgium, Father Rabe had the privilege of becoming acquainted with the renowned Mariette Bege, who at the age of 12 was greatly favored with eight apparitions of the Blessed Mother. The visions occurred in 1933 at Banneaux, near Liege.

The Blessed Virgin appeared to the child and directed her to establish a shrine for the relief of the suffering of all nations. Little Mariette was say-

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### St. Anthony's Church Free of Debt, Solemn Thanksgiving Mass Scheduled

The Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, Administrator of St. Anthony's Church announces that a Solemn High Field Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the Church grounds on Sunday morning, Sept. 2 at 10:30 a. m. This special Mass is being offered in thanksgiving for the splendid achievement in completely liquidating the financial obligations against the Church property.

The Very Rev. William J.'Brien, V.F., Dean of the Elmira Deanery will be the celebrant of the Mass and will be assisted by Rev. Charles J. Azzl, deacon and Father Simonetti, subdeacon. This will be Father'Brien's first official duty in his new capacity as representative of Bishop Kearney in the Elmira Dean-

Father Azzl who is at present pastor of Mount Carmel Church in Rochester and who served in the same capacity at St. Anthony's from June, 1935, to June, 1937, will be the preacher at the Mass.

Immediately following Mass the ceremony of burning the mortgage will take place on the church grounds with Father'Brien, Father Simonetti and the two Church trustees, Adolph Crull and John Cavaluzzi taking active part in this event that has long been the hope of the priests and parishioners. The balance of the indebtedness on the church property was recently satisfied and concludes the obligation that has existed since the church was organized.

Father Simonetti has worked



Rev. A. L. Simonetti

tirelessly for the past two and a half years in promoting a wide and varied program of activities to the end that the parish would be debt free under his administration and in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, now on Military leave. Father Simonetti has been the recipient of many fine tributes from all sections of the city and from all the members of the parish for his outstanding efforts and the many sacrifices he

has made to make possible this occasion.

The first Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's on October 9, 1940, by Father Adolph Crull, the first pastor who served in that capacity for 13 years.

### Month's Mind Mass For Monsignor Lee

A Month's Mind Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at SS. Peter and Paul's church for the happy repose of the soul of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F.

The Rev. William J. Naughton, newly appointed pastor was the celebrant of the Mass and was assisted by the Rev. Joseph Merkel, deacon, and the Rev. James L. Callan, subdeacon. Other priests in the sanctuary were: The Very Rev. William J.'Brien, V.F., and the Reverend Fathers Leo G. Schwab, Thomas J. Lunde, Ladislav J. Szczepanski, Joseph E. Hogan, John A. Murphy, Albert L. Simonetti, Joseph L. Hogan, J. Edmund O'Brien, all of Elmira.

The Reverend Fathers William M. Cannon, Elmira Heights; Philip J. Reilly, Horseheads; Winfred Guenther, C.P., Scranton; Robert F. McNamara, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester; Joseph McCarthy, Corning; and Raymond Lynd, East Henrietta, were present. Also present was a large delegation of Sisters from the local Convents.

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