Chaplains Fight Vietnam's Other War

By FATHER MICHAEL V. **GANNON** (NC News Service)

I was much impressed by the chaplains who serve our fighting men in Vietnam. Catholic and Protestant alike. they affected me favorably wherever I went in that tortured land, from the DMZ-in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south.

Certainly they were, and are, an inspiration to the Marines and GIs whom they were sent to serve. It is hard to single out any one chaplain as representative of the rest. There are so many splendid men of God. Where would one begin?

I think, for example, of Father (Lt. Cmdr.) Daniel F. Fogarty at Delta Med, the Marines' receiving hospital for battle casualties at Dong Ha. six miles south of the DMZ. Delta Med is the popular abbreviation for D Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Father Fogarty is a priest of the New York archdiocese ordained in 1949, who has served with the Marines in Vietnam since July 4, 1967. I spent an afternoon with him one day in June this year, and



Two young girls weep bitterly as they try to comfort their father who was wounded in the stomach when fight erupted on the outskirts of Tay Ninh, South Vietnam, a provincial capital 53 miles northwest of Saigon. (RNS)

copter from battlefields all more than that.

observed his kindly ministra- along the DMZ. He is a priest tions to the wounded flown doing priestly work. I would into the Delta Med by heli- embarrass him if I said any

(Father Michael V. Gannon of the University of Florida, Gainesville, spent his vacation in Vietnam, helping as a chaplain and compiling material for a book. His travels took him from the DMZ in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south. This is the last in a series of articles about his experiences.)

I think, too, of Navy Capt. Robert C. Fenning, Missouri Synod Lutheran, who commands the 31 Catholic and Protestant chaplains attached to the 3rd Marine Division. A princely Christian gentleman, much loved by his confreres in the field, Capt. Fenning told me a hard fact — one third of his chaplains in the 3rd Marine Division had been killed or wounded.

One day I attended a chaplains' meeting at Capt. Fenning's office at Quang-Tri and occasion to meet 10 priests and ministers just out the field. They talked of many problems, all of them interesting, but the problem that stood out above the rest was quite plainly pot-mari-

One chaplain explained: "Some men on pot shoot up their buddles. They're crazed. Just the other day one potcrazed guy pulled his truck out of a convoy and smashed head-on into an oncoming vehicle causing serious in-

"Most of them pick it up from vendors, usually children, whose stands line the six-mile road from Dong Ha to Quang-Tri," the chaplain said. "A Marine truck will stop with phony engine trouble and kids will jump on the running boards to make their exchanges. You see it happen

Another, more subtle problem was posed to me at Cates, the newly built fire base overlooking Khe Sanh. I talked with the Protestant chaplain of a Marine battalion.

frequently. It's a serious

"I worry about the dead and wounded among these lads," he told me, "but I also worry about their psyches. So many of them have come to enjoy killing. You listen to their conversations in the field at night as they describe their experiences, their gleeful laughter as they relate how zapped some enemy gook in the belly - well, it gives you pause. What are we

has lifted 100 per cent, and I The chaplain whom I remember most vividly from my days in the delta at Vietnam's southern tip is Army Maj Herman J. Brinkmann, a Redemptorist from Philadelphia.

Father Brinkmann was Catholic chaplain with the 9th Infantry Division at Dong-Tam, and on July 14 I joined him there to share his last day in Vietnam. "I'm Father Orphanage around here," he told me, laughing. But he spoke more in truth than in jest, for everyone to whom I mentioned Father Brinkmann's name mentioned in return the Catholic Orphanage of My-Tho operated by the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres.

Shortly after arriving at Dong-Tam in July 1967, Father Brinkmann learned of the orphanage, which was then in desperate need of food and clothing. He persuaded Company D of the 9th Signal Battalion at Dong-Tam to adopt the orphanage as its special charge. The men take up collections for the orphanage on paydays, and truck in food, medicine, and clothing. Most important, they make weekly visits to the 150 chil-

"As a consequence of these Father Brinkmann told me, "morale in the unit

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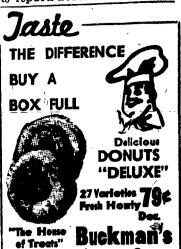
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It was hard not to fall in

love with the orphans of My-

Tho. Their handsome Viet-

namese features blended

agreeably with their Ameri-

can style clothing, and the

light in their eyes for Ameri-

cans. especially Father Brink-

mann and the men of Com-

pany B, was a heartwarming

sight, indeed, in a land where

cynicism and callousness all

to widely prevail.

children and the Sisters."



TOPICS

Dear Friends,

This is our last POP Topics column for Game #4! Have dove once I saw the atrocities you been hiding labels in some drawer intending to submit them perpetrated by the North Vito your chairman? Too late now? Well, that's what we've been harping on these past few weeks! That deadline can sneak up Cong against defenseless citlike a thief in the night. Come Tuesday, October 1, this Garne zens. will have faded into happy (unhappy for you?) memory, and your POP Chairman can do no more.

But don't despair and above all, don't destroy those left-over proofs of purchase. Many of the products may remain on the Game #5 Shopping List and their identifying labels will still pied principally by the Monbe worth valuable points. This is one of the assets of POPit's no do-or-die, one-shot affair but a continuing project which always offers a "second chance." Besides, it's an easy, painless way for a group to earn additional funds, over and above other Missionaries are still here more strenuous fund-raising efforts.

Incidentally, POP Chairmen, IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO RE-REGISTER YOUR GROUP FOR EACH GAME. Unless you inform us otherwise, we automatically continue your membership anti-Christian governors of assuming that you plan to remain in the program. We would ask, however, that IF A NEW POP CHAIRMAN IS APPOINTED (or a new president elected) YOU'LL SEND US HER NAME, them. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. This will enable us to get all material to the proper person quickly and directly.

We certainly are a strange lot Now that there's no Friday instriction on eating meat, we seem (according to statistics) to be eating more fish! If you've found yourself enjoying fish lately, this is the recipe for you.

BARBECUED FISH FILLETS

(serves 6) 2 lbs. fish fillets, perch, sole or haddock (fresh or thawed) 2 cup margarine or 1 stick margarine

- 1 tbl. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 large onion, sliced thim 1 tbl. prepared mustard
- 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar 2 tsp. salt

2 tbl. brown sugar

- 4 tbl. Hunt's Tomato Paste 1/2 cup water
- dash tabasco

Grease shallow pan or baking dish with part of the mar dense jungle area controlled garine and place fish in it. Mix remainder of margarine in by the Viet Cong until they small saucepan with all but onion and paprika. Bring to a boil, met a column of trucks comsimmer gently for 5 minutes. Meanwhile cover fish with sliced ing from the opposite direconion and paprika. Pour barbecue sauce over all. Place on lower tion. This indicated the road

fish flakes. (Add a small amount of water if fish becomes dry.) they went ahead alone. Company coming for cocktalls and dinner? Prepare a batch of these easy-to-make nibbles. They'll be a welcome change from the proverbial chips and dips.

Cocktail Nibble Arounds

(About 7 Dozen) 1/2 cup (1 stick) Land O'Lakes Butter

Cut butter into flour until mixture resembles coarse corn meal. Add onion dip, mix until the flour is completely incorporated. Wrap dough in waxed paper or foil and refrigerate. When you have a little time during the next day or two, remove dough from refrigerator. When dough is workable, preheat oven at 425° Roll dough on well floured board to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with biscuit cutter and place rounds with spatula on baking sheet. If desired, garnish with toasted sesame seeds or poppy seeds. Bake for 8-9 minutes until a light golden Remove from baking sheet and cool.

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Vietnam--a Hospital under Fire

By Father William Richardson

Kontum, Vietnam-I came to Vietnam with an open mind, but now I must confess that it was difficult to be a etnamese Army and the Viet

Kontum-in the central highlands of this war-torn country, about 250 miles north of Saigon—is a small city occutagnard tribesmen. It is one of three missions opened in 1850 by French missionaries. In 1850, the missioners were

hunted down and killed by Annam. Today it's the Viet Cong who seek out and kill

The situation here is tense. During the Tet offensive earlier this year, Kontum was partially overrun by regular troops of the North Vietna-meter Army and Viet Confunits. Flying in low in a helicopter gunship from the big U.S. Air Force base at Pleiku some 25 miles away, I could see the remains of buildings in Kontum that had been blasted by rocket and small arms fire. Some 2,300 Communists died in their attempt to take the city during the Tet offensive.

Just a few weeks ago two French priests were traveling by small private car on a road out of Kontum. The priests followed a military convoy for a few miles into a rack of very hot oven, 450 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until was safe from land mines so

> Minutes later their car was blown up and one of the priests was killed. The exprosion undoubtedly resulted from a hand-detonated mine. It was clearly a deliberate attack against unarmed civilians in a vehicle that was clearly non-military.

The single most encouraging thing about Kontum is its small civilian hospital operated for the benefit of the Montagnard people by a young American doctor from

This is Part 4 of seven articles on Southeast Asia, written by Father Richardson, editor of Maryknoll Publications..

Dr. Smith and her staff of volunteer nurses, which includes three American religious sisters, told me that

tion of leaving.

She had just arrived back in Kontum from a few days of well-earned rest when I arrived here. She sang the praises of the French missioners who risked their lives to bring their Montagnard parishioners from the outlying areas through Viet Cong-controlled jungles to her hospital.

Pat Smith is a person of compassion and is com pletely involved in saving lives, not taking them, but she told me that the people in the United States are getting a very one-sided view of de-struction and injury caused by the United States military

She related innumerable tales of Viet Cong brutality, pregnant women shot in the stomach at close range, chil-





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thought that they had captured Dr. Smith, Sister Marie Sister Marie has a round,

Seattle, Washington, Dr. Pat dren deliberately burned and mutilated. Sister Marie Crowley, a Maryknoll Sister from Tewkesbury, Mass., working with Dr. Smith, told me that during the Tet offensive, she has been in Kontum for nine years and has no intenwhen they were in the hospital at the edge of the city, the

> VC overran the place and carried off one of their nurses, Renata Kuhnen, a young German volunteer. They probably



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