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EDITORIAL

Of course we are optimistic about the progress of Operations. But we are not unmindful of what every minute of action means, and we are still sending up those pleas to the Man Upstairs to stay on our side. Letters from all sections of all the fronts give us reason to feel that there will be a big Thanksgiving Day even before November. Keep 'em on the run.

Home-Front News

Gym Fund Drive still being talked about and all concerned are almost happy about the results. More returns are still expected. Alumni Bulletin just off the press proves what the Loyalty Fund Drive did - \$15,650 in War Bonds. Every class except four went over the quota, and one of the four was 99%. Total was 177% of quota. (We're proud).

COMING EVENTS

April 25, Silver Jubilee VERITAS ready for circulation
 May 3, Dinner and Civic Reception for Fr. Foley, Pres. P.C.
 May 6, Graduation of 25th Graduating class - 17 members.
 May 19, new trimester begins - and on thru the summer.
 Dec. 25, Christmas

MAIL BAG

Mail seems to get here quicker than it gets there. One letter from "East of the Rhine, Good Friday" came in 10 days. Another from Phillipines on Easter Sunday arrived here Apr. 11. We'll speak to Mr. APO about this and get it there faster, I hope.

Fr. Chas Carroll, O.P., '30, with 105th Med. Bn, APO 30, NYC, reports Fr. Doyle in Cologne, and several other O.P.'s in the neighborhood. Fr. Ryan, O.P. Hdq. I Corps, is Corps Chaplain in Phillipnes. Had a close call but only a dirty face for his trouble, he says.

Fr. Ryan met Lt. Pete Goodwin '40 put there. Also Dr. Joe Famigletti, '35, and "Tiny" Mellen from Narragansett.

Capt. Earl Blais '41, met Fr. Crowley, P.C. '30? in New Guinea. Earl is "passing the Ammunition 590th Ord. Co. (Apo 923) and of course Fr. Crowley is chaplaining. Lt. Ed. Burke USN '39, is back in States after an "experience" around Iwo. Fred Fay '43, bombardier in 5th Army Air Corps, did his stretch in SW Pacific, on Clark Field, etc., and is also back for re-assignment. Has a couple of scars, too.

"Crier" has finally instituted a filing system and promises to keep all mail for future reference. It is being written up again in a special Sunday feature article, they tell me, as a sample of "morale letters", but we hope they overlook the bad spelling. Fr. McCarthy wrote from Paris that he got a chuckle out of the first word in line five under "Mail Bag" in the 17 Feb. issue. (Your Crier Still Does His OWN Typing, and it dun't spill alright sumtyme.)

Afraid the report that Fr. John Curran O.P. '28, Chaplain in the Philippines when it started was released is a mistake. No one has been able to find him as yet, and it's quite possible he'd be in a military prison. But keep looking for him! -- Cynical note from Pacific says "Home and alive in forty-five" must be written for Atlantic: here's what they say out there: "The Golden Gate in '48; The bread-line in '49; Back to you in '52. This does not represent the sentiments of the sponsor,

Dr. Doug Ferraro 1st Lt. MC writes of meeting classmates ('39) in SW Pacific: T. Milton Farley, sig. corps 8th Army. Eddie Butler with portable surgical unit, and Lt. jg. Fred Turner on an LCI. And you can look for Fr. George Reilly, Chap. ch. Navy, on APA 35, USS Galloway. Just gone out. Lt. Henry Coffey Dec. '42, with AAA outfit APO 72, had some interesting "sociological remarks" about the Filipinos.

YES, YES, we know it's not over in Europe, at least at this writing - Friday the thirteenth, and Mort Hoffman tells us of crossing the Rhine in a dead-run. Azom Slom jg. is back from Atlantic cruises for 2½ years. Ernie Guglielmo has Gen. Patton helping him. Paul Cavanagh was transferred to Inf. jg. Bob Cooney May '42, is the officer in the pictures in LIFE Dec. 4, 1944, showing the Hellcat afire as she lands on the deck of the "Cowpens". Bob has 20-day leave. -- And your Crier turns green with envy when he sees such beautiful pictures, but he's kept busy with a few events, with identification photos, and pix of children of the alumni. "May their number increase."

we still say quote home and alive in forty-five is worth fighting for unquote.

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