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## FAREWELL TO ARMS

. . . and to the BTO and to the PTO and to all the GI-stuff of which a war is made, is more than a dream to a lot of the Friars. By the hundreds they are coming home since V-J Day. And your Crier is having more of a time trying to keep the mailing list straight. And anyhow, he is busy counting up points (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Corps, Hospital Corps, Medical Corps, Chaplain Corps, Special Services, etc, system) and finds that he has just about enough to ask for an honorable discharge. He has enjoyed the "service", but the Crier seems to have done his job. He will feed the info to the Alumni BULLETIN and Ed Conaty's column, and will try to keep up a little personal correspondence too. The Crier's service record over two years and three months looks like this: 23 numbers, approximately 7,000 copies, in 7,000 envelopes with stamps (generally) and mailed to all sixteen points of the compass. (Too many are coming back now with wrong addresses) So, it's farewell to arms for your Crier too. We'll meet at the next Alumni reunion.

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IT'S BEEN FUN and the souvenirs have come in to prove it. Latest addition is Mathematics book, in Japanese, from Lt. George W. O'Brien, who picked it up "Somewhere on Luzon, while working with the forward troops." A folder from Panama is new too. Pictures of the Basilica at Lourdes, of Nazi high-ranking officers, of the "Midget of Heidelberg" and letters that are telling of more than riot guns and .38's. -- By the way, letters and things are filed and if any of you want them for your own collections they may be had - of course, for a small fee!

SINCE V-J DAY more people are smiling. You can feel it everywhere, except perhaps in front of the hotel-hospitals in Atlantic City where we see too many reminders of the price we had to pay. Your editor has had to repress the urge to editorialize the situation; but let him say simply this: through all the mixed emotions he tries to say "Deo Gratias," and also, thanks to you whose "blood, sweat, and tears," have made it possible. And this little chronology can't be explained only in terms of "coincidence," Dec. 8, Feast of Immaculate Conception; Sept. 8 (when Italy surrendered) Feast of Nativity of Bl. V. M.; V-E Day came first week in May; V-J day on 14 Aug, (15th in Japan) Feast of Assumption of Bl. V. M. Immaculate Conception of Vl. Virgin Mary is patronal feast of United States of America. Mere Coincidence!

WHO'S WHERE DEPARTMENT is hard put, and glad that it can't keep up with people, specially when they're heading home. Fred Fay just came in to make arrangements to come back to school. -- Bob Lucy is sick in Ward C-11, Naval Hospital, Sampson, N.Y., and would like to see any P.C. man in that vicinity. -- Fr. Skeehan is Fleet Hosp. 103 -- Fr. Fanning, Fleet Hosp. 116. -- Fr. Dan Reilly still at Wm. and Mary Navy Chapel in School. -- Fr. Donavan and Fr. Doyle back in States from BTO. -- Fr. McCarty in TSEET, BTO. -- Fr. Ryan, Major now, still in Philippines, has story about having his jeep stolen by MP Pat Morrison, '64.

S S Lorenzo C McCarthy launched July 25, 1945, St. Portland Navy Yard, blessed by Fr. J.T.Fitz. -- School year ahead looks better - Freshman class of about 125 Dorm reopening with about 35; and we're going back to peace-time schedule.

Thanks for listening. Hurry home.

Your Friar Crier,

Wm. R. Clark, o.p.