

Chaplain Doyle Says European War Over; Question Now Is 'What Next'

"It's over, over here, thank God; now we are enjoying peace, but you have no idea of the misery and suffering here," writes Capt. Edward P. Doyle of the Army Chaplain Corps, serving with the 104th Infantry (Timberwolves) Division of the First Army, which was the spearhead for the drive on Cologne. His letter was dated May 12 in Germany.

Chaplain Doyle describes vividly the fitting celebration of V-E Day with a regimental high mass on May 10, in which the "boys of the outfit outdid themselves in decorating for the occasion, seemingly providing flowers from nowhere. A memorial service was also conducted for the dead."

"The tone is one of gratitude, but now it is a question of what happens next," Capt. Doyle states in his letter. He is receiving *The Herald News* regularly and says that it is most timely in its coverage of his front. He comments as follows: "It is most gratifying to know that as the battle goes here the people in Fall River know that very day and with a picture story.

"I have reference particularly to the picture of Cologne and the Cathedral in the March 7 edition, which had the war pictures, and we had hardly taken that city at the time. I am convinced that the folks at home know all about this side."

The young Dominican priest, a teacher at Providence College be-



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fore the war, has been overseas with the 413th Infantry Regiment in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany for almost two years.

In describing the scenes in Germany, Captain Doyle says the roads are filled daily with columns of displaced persons, each one a tragedy of humanity and war. A four-year-old Polish lad, the second child of his mother, died on their trek across Germany the day he wrote the letter.

"The war is over, yes, but it will be a long time before a real internal peace is again the possession of these peoples," the chaplain declares in closing.