



HEADQUARTERS 104TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Office of the Commanding General

APO NO. 104

Camp San Luis Obispo, California

November 6, 1945.

Very Reverend Frederick C. Foley,
Providence College,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Reverend Foley;

I have known Father Edward P. Doyle, Army Serial Number O-532170, Corps of Chaplains, 413th Infantry Regiment, 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division, Camp San Luis Obispo, California, from May 1944 to the time he received his discharged from the armed forces, 3 November 1945. Within that period of time, he has functioned under my personal observation during a period of intensive training and during six and one-half months of continuous arduous combat as the Chaplain of the 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry Regiment.

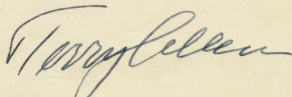
Father Doyle is a man with the highest personal ideals, exemplary habits, and possess an excellent character. He is highly intelligent, thoroughly dependable, and has a great deal of common sense along with a pleasing personality. He was thoroughly respected by the officers and enlisted men who have been associated with him.

During the successive, difficult combat operations of this division, Father Doyle was outstanding as a Chaplain of this division. I was particularly well pleased with Father Doyle's meritorious service in connection with the military operations of this division in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. It was with great pleasure that I was able to express the division's gratitude for his courageous service during the Ruhr River Crossing by awarding him with a Bronze Star Medal. This award was unusual because his Regimental Commander personally asked that Father Doyle receive the award.

As the Catholic Chaplain of the 413th Infantry Regiment, Father Doyle personally supervised the spiritual and moral needs of the Regiment which included the non-catholic personnel. I know of personal cases in which Father Doyle has spiritually and materially assisted men of other religious faiths, which has been a fine, outstanding example for the Catholic men of this Regiment. I know that any man associated with Father Doyle will miss him, because of his fine spiritual and moral help which he so unhesitatingly gave for his men. There were times when Father Doyle celebrated mass under shelling, and there were times when he, without being asked, went willing and well forward into the danger zones of the division to render his consoling thoughts to the men just going into or coming from combat.

Since the Division has been back in the United States awaiting in-activation, I have attended mass in Father Doyle's chapel and have seen the tremendous and excellent work that has gone into his beautiful altar. He had one of the most outstanding chapels and followings of any chaplain in this division. If I were in civilian life, I would be delighted to be associated with Father Doyle because of his intelligence and outstanding capabilities. I personally feel that the Providence College is gaining, and the Armed Forces is losing, a wonderful man in the name of Father Edward P. Doyle.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Terry Allen", written in a cursive style.

TERRY ALLEN
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding, 104th Inf. Div.

P. S. Inclosed is a copy of Father Doyle's Bronze Star Medal Citation.

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