ST. CANICUS CONGREGATION DOING THEIR BIT FOR UNCLE SAM

Two Hundred-Seventy Names On St. Canicus Honor Roll

An Honor Roll with 270 names, the roster of the men of the congregation who have entered the service of the nation's armed forces to date, adorns the vestibule at St. Canicus church.

All branches of the service are represented on the Honor Roll, of which the following is an alphabetical listing.

The Honor Roll

Sgt. John J. Amour, U. S. A., Cpl. Thomas J. Amour, U. S. A.

William Burke, MM 2/c, U. S. C. G., Pvt. John J. Bross, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Joseph E. Bross, U. S. A., Pfc. James Bross, U. S. A., Pfc. Peter Bross, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis J. Burke, U. S. A. C. B., Pvt. Frank J. Burke, U. S. A., Pvt. James Burke, U. S. A., Pct. John J. Burke, U. S. A., Pvt. Paul J. Burke, U. S. A. S/Sgt. James J. Burke, U. S. A., Cpl. David J. Burke, U. S. A., Pvt. Henry J. Burke, U. S. A., Lieut. Frank J Brady, U. S. A., Lieut. Arthur M. Becker, U. S. A. C., Lieut. Joseph Becker, U. S. A. C., M/Sgt. Richard Becker, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Joseph Becker, U. S. A., Sgt. John M Boyle, U. S. A., Pvt. Charles F. Boyle, U. S. A., Pvt. John J. Boyle, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph Boyle, U. S. A., Pvt. William Boyle, U. S. A. C., Pvt Joseph J. Boyle, U. S. A., Pvt. Daniel Burns, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis Burns, U. S. A., Pvt. Edward T. Byron, U. S. A., Pvt. James Brady, U. S. A., Pvt. Charles E. Brennan, U. S. A.

Pfc. Eugene Carlin, U. S. A., Pvt. James Carl, U. S. A., Pfc. James P Cavanaugh, U. S. A., S/Sgt. James Carr, U. S. A., Sgt. Charles Carr, U. S. A., Sgt. Thomas Carr, U. S. A. Pvt. John F. Carr, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph Carr, U. S. A., John J. Coady, S 2/c, U. S. N., Joseph F. Coady, A. S., U. S. N., James D. Coady, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. Philip M. Cullen, U. S. A., Pvt. John J. Cullen, U. S. A., Pvt. John T. Conway, U. S. A., Lieut. Anna Chescatti, U. S. A., Pvt. James Conroy, U. S. A., Pvt. Fenimore Cooper, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Daniel E. Copeland, U. S. A., Pvt. John J. Clark, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis Cummings, U. S. A., Pvt. Leo P. Conway, U. S. A., James J. Collins, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. Joseph P. Cardiff, U. S. M. C., Pvt. James Connors, U. S. A., Pvt. James P. Casserly, U. S. A., Lieut. John P. Campbell, U. S. A.

Pfc. Kerry D. Downey, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis J. Dixon, U. S. A. C. Pvt. Martin J. Dixon, U. S. A., Pvt. Sylvester Dixon, U. S. A. C., Lieut. Kenneth L. Donnelly, U. S. N., Pvt. James J. Dochney, Jr., U. S. A., Pvt. Leo Dubosky, U. S. A., Lieut. James P. Daly, chaplain, U. S. A, Sgt. John M. Donahue, U. S. A. C, Pvt. Michael F. Dunlap, U. S. A., Pvt Joseph Donahue, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph Downey, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Robert F. Dochney, U. S. A., William Dorning, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. John Downey, U. S. A., Lieut. James J. Donnelly, chaplain, U. S. N., Pfc. Francis J. Dowd, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph A. Devenney, U. S. A. C., Cpl W. Gerald Davis, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Frederick J. Davidson, U. S. A. C., Cpl. John Dempsey, U. S. A., Leo Dowling, S 2/c, U. S. N., Pvt. Charles Doorley, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph C. Doyle, U. S. A.

Pvt. Leo English, U. S. A.

James P. Fogarty, U. S. N., Edward P. Farber, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph M. Foley, U. S. A., John W. Foley, U. S. N., Cpl. William Foley, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis M. Foley, U. S. M. C., Pvt. Joseph A. Fritz, U. S. A., Pvt. Richard F. Fritz, U. S. A. C., Cpl. John J. Fritz, U. S. A., Cpl. James G. Fallon, U. S. A., Pvt. Maurice J. Friel, U. S. A., Pfc. James A. Friel, U. S. A, Lawrence W. Fowler, S 2/c, U. S. N., Cpl. John J. Flynn, U. S. A., Sgt. Joseph J. Flynn, U. S. A.

Joseph Goodman, A. S., U. S. N., Pfc. George H. Graham, U. S. A., Sgt. Manuel Gonzales, U. S. A., Sgt. Joseph P. Glennon, U. S. A. C., Cpl. James E. Glennon, U. S. A., Pvt. J. F. Graham, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Edward Gilmore, U. S. A., Pfc. Clair Gomery, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Bert Groody, U. S. A., Lieut. Dominic Gillespie, chaplain, U. S. A., Pvt. Thomas G. Graham, U. S. A.

Pfc. John R. Hoban, U. S. A., Cpl Francis C. Hoffman, U. S. A., Cpl. Joseph J. Hasara, U. S. A., Cpl. John J. Hasara, U. S. A., S/Sgt. Edward Haley, U. S. A., Cpl. Joseph Haley, U. S. A., Pfc. Charles A. Haley, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph F. Hylan, U. S. A., Sgt. William F. Horan, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph A. Hoffman, U. S. A, Pvt Wm. Carlin Hughes, U. S. A., Pvt. Edward J. Hill, U. S. A.

Sgt. Carmene Isella, U. S. A., James Igo, U. S. N., Pvt. Joseph Igo, U. S. A.

Pvt. Henry J. John, U. S. A., Sgt. Edward F. John, U. S. A. C., Lieut. John J. Joyce, U. S. A.

Pvt. William F. Keegan, U. S. A., Pvt. Thomas C. Keegan, U. S. A. C., Sgt. Francis M. Kane, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis E. Kane, U. S. A., S/Sgt. James P. Kane, U. S. A., Pvt. Michael Kane, U. S. A., George M. Keenan, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. Edward Kline, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Robert Kline, U. S. A. C., Cpl. Mark Kline, U. S. A., Cpl. William J. Kenney, U. S. A., Pvt. Manton E. Kramer, U. S. A., S/Sgt. Edward Kramer, U. S. A. C., Pfc. Charles W. Kramer, U. S. A., Sgt. Robert F. Kramer, U. S. A. C., Sgt. Peter Kerrigan, U. S. A., Sgt. William Kistler, U. S. A., Lieut. Francis W. Kelly, chaplain, U. S. M. C.

Pfc. John F. Lynch, U. S. A., Sgt. John L. Lynch, U. S. A., James P. Lynch, A. S., U. S. N., Francis J. Lynch, A. A. M. 3/c, U. S. N., Pvt. Raymond Lynch, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph Lannon, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Eugene Long, U. S. A., Pvt. Thomas J. Lawlor, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph Long, U. S. A., William Leonard, S 2/c, U. S. N., Pvt. John Long, U. S. A., Pvt. James L. Lyons, U. S. A., Pvt. Daniel J. Lawlor, U. S. A.

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Pvt. James R. McCarron, U. S. A., Lieut. Mary P. McCarron, U. S. A., M/Sgt. Joseph W. McQuade, U. S. A. C., M/Sgt. James V. McQuade, U. S. A. C., Cpl. William McElhenney, U. S. A., Cpl. Joseph McNiff U. S. A., Cpl. Leo McNiff, U. S. A., Pvt. Mark E. McGeever, U. S. A. C., Sgt. John R. McClaqerty, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Joseph F. McCann, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Joseph McCarthy, U. S. A., Pvt Edward J. McGeehan, U. S. A. C., Pfc. Charles McCullough, U. S. A., Pvt. James G. McCann, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Martin T. McKerns, U. S. A. C., John McCann, S 1/c, U. S. N., S/Sgt. Joseph McAndrews, U. S. A., Pvt. Charles P. McLaughlin, U. S. A., Pvt. Charles M. McLaughlin, U. S. A., Pvt. Robert McLaughlin, U. S. A., Eugene McCloskey, S 2/c, U. S. C. G., Pvt. John F. McElhenney, U. S. A., Pvt. Richard I. McCormick, U. S. A., Pvt. Nicholas McCormick, U. S. A., Pvt. Francis McGroarty, U. S. A.

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Pvt. Francis J. Trusky, U. S. A., John Trusky, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. John Thornton, U. S. A. C., Pvt. Patrick Tierney, U. S. A., Sgt. Francis Truskowski, U. S. A. C.

Pvt. John J. Quinn, U. S. A.

Pct. Lawrence Walsh, U. S. A., William Walsh, A. S., U. S. N., Pvt. Daniel Walsh, U. S. A., Pvt. George F. Whitaker, U. S. A., Pvt. Joseph A. Whalen, U. S. A. C., Pvt. William Weber, Pvt. James Whalen, U. S. A.

Flag Raising Ceremonies Held Last September 6

St. Canicus parish honored its sons in service on Sunday, September 6, when they unfurled American and service flags with appropriate ceremonies. The speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Lawrence F. Schott, Army chaplain, stationed at Indiantown Gap, who was also appointed by Bishop Leech, of the Harrisburg diocese, as military deputy and moderator in charge of the Catholic U. S. O. at Harrisburg.

The streets in the vicinity of St. Canicus school and chapel were thronged for the exercises which were of deep reverence as well as patriotic enthusiasm.

From a large, decorated platform erected in front of the school building facing Catawissa street, Rev. John J. O'Shea, rector of St. Canicus, opened the program with a short address in which he welcomed the participants and briefly outlined the afternoon's program. The Legion band, which played during the ceremonies, gave its opening selection and a drill by members of the St. Joseph's high school, Girardville, Girls' Drill and Drum Corps, was an opening feature. The girls, uniformed and instructed to military precision, made a deep impression on the large crowd. They were under the direction of William O'Brien, assisted by Joseph Gormley with Rev. John Cullen, St. Nicholas boy, now assistant rector at St. Joseph's, Girardville, also on hand.

The audience joined in singing the national anthem after which Father O'Shea read the names comprising the St. Canicus Honor Roll to which new names are being added week by week. Included in the list are the names of former assistant rectors now serving as chaplains with the armed forces. These include Reverends James P. Daly, Army; James Donnelly, Navy; Dominic Gillespie, Army; Francis Kelly,

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SIX FORMER ASSISTANT PASTORS OF ST. CANICUS NOW SERVING WITH U. S. FORCES

Dominick Gillespie
U. S. A.

John J. O'Neill
U. S. M. C.

James Donnelly
U. S. N.

Francis W. Kelly
U. S. M. C.

Parish Calendar To Servicemen

Interesting News About Parish Boys In Armed Forces, Featured.

A packet which the boys from St. Canicus parish in service eagerly look forward to receiving is The Parish Monthly Calendar, in which the Rev. John J. O'Shea, rector of the parish, devotes the major portion of the space to news about the boys themselves.

These journals are also valued by the home folks and keep them, as well as the boys in service, informed of the whereabouts of their former parish friends and acquaintances.

The following are among the items culled from the December issue, which give evidence of the grand type of work that Father O'Shea is doing.

Home Front News

There's not much to report this month because I think you will be getting it direct from the Sodality Ladies. They have your names and addresses and you will be hearing from them soon.

Today we sent in our report on the sale of War Bonds and Stamps by the Ladies' Committee and it amounted to $2,955.50 for the month of November. That is very good indeed and I hope we will do as well if not better this month.

Our Service Flag was reinforced with canvas. It has to be very strong to stay out in all kinds of weather. I intended having the number placed on it but it changes so often I thought it better to wait awhile. There are at least 230, and more about to go. Many of these names are not on our Honor Roll. We hope to have this straightened out by next month and ask the families of the boys to keep us posted.

The Fighting Front

The months are passing. Here we are in December. Just a year since the treacherous Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. They picked the holiest month of the year for the attack. The month of December has its weeks of Advent as preparation for the coming of Our Lord into the world. It has the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, December 8th, on the eve of which, without notice, the Nipponese bombed the ships. And then that same month has Christmas Day when Our Blessed Lord was born in the stable of Bethlehem. I know all of you boys from St. Canicus will be very lonely this Christmas. Many of you are away from your native land, on battlefields in every continent. Others of you are on warships fighting on all the seas of the world. And others, while not yet out of the country, are in camps and barracks and war-time schools preparing yourselves for battle and getting ready to leave your homeland.

Back at home we are lonely too. We miss you. I see your fathers and mothers and the members of your families every Sunday. We swap our stuff. They tell me of the last time you wrote and what you said and I tell them of your letters to me. So we have you in mind all the time. You are good brave fellows on the outposts of the world guarding for all of us everything that is sacred and true. Like the shepherds of old on the hillsides around Bethlehem, you too are keeping watch that the wolves may not destroy us who are your flock. Those shepherds at Bethlehem were Our Lord's first visitors. To them His angels announced His coming. He had a special care for them as He has for you, good faithful shepherds, who are ready to lay down your lives to save your flock. So keep your chin up.

The Divine Infant who is God Almighty who made the world and all of us will give you courage and comfort you when you are sad. You are fighting for Him now to bring into the world that "Peace On Earth to Men of Good Will," of which His angels sang on the dawn of that first Christmas. This coming Christmas everyone of you who possibly can will receive Him in Holy Communion. At home the priests of St. Canicus' will offer Masses for you, and all of the parish—men, women and children—will ask Our Lord when they receive Him to guard you and keep you and bring you back to us safe and well.

A Christmas Greeting from the Middle East just arrived by "V" mail. It is from Sgt. Robert Kramer. Maybe he is near Jerusalem and the scenes of the first Christmas Night. I just picked up a paper and saw that John Bross has been changed from Keesler to Madison, Wisconsin, and his brother James to Camp Pickett, Va. Not exactly near each other. Joe McCarthy is in the Medical Corps at Camp Pickett and he sent me a card where he is soaking his poor tired feet and he says, "I gotta use mustard on these dogs, too!" Frank Reing is down in Orlando, Fla., and says there must be and awful lot of Catholics in the world when so many are in his detachment. Had a card from our naval recruit, John Coady. He's still at Bremerton, Wash. A letter from Mark McGeever down at Fort Bragg says Bernard Higgins is down there too and they went into Durham last week-end and met Joe Sullivan who is stationed at Camp Butner. They had a swell time together and they sent me a card from "Three Irish Guys." They're good guys, too! John Cullen, another St. Nicholas boy, is an M. P. down at Edgewood Arsenal. His cousin, Atty. Phil Cullen, is in the Air Corps at Amarillo, Texas.

We hear from Joe Seick often and his mother had a nice Christmas card signed by his Commanding Officer saying Joe was in tip-top shape and a real soldier. Haven't heard from Francis recently but I saw a grand picture of him in his bombardier suit and all his company. Looked like they were all perched, ready to go somewhere. Had a Christmas card from Chugo Haley. His address is Pvt. Charles A. Haley, 863 Guard Squad, McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash., in case you want to get in touch with him. Joe Goodman, from New Boston, is down at Bainbridge, Md. He says the Navy is hepped on cleanliness. They make you scrub your teeth three times a day. Guess they want you all ready to polish off those Japs and Germans. I see now why Tommy Monaghan joined the Navy. He's all for cleaning up situations. You two ought to get together down at Bainbridge. Tommy's in Co. 2 and Joe in 38. Bks. 413 and 422. I don't know anything about the place but it sounds near.

John O'Brien is still c/o New Orleans P. M., and he says it's good we have those Japs on the run because he would like to get this thing over with and get back to Mahanoy City. His brother, Jimmy O'Brien, is with the 494th Engineers at West Camp, Clairborne, La. He was in to see me and he looks great. By the way, Lieut. Anna Chescattie, of Trenton, is a nurse at Camp Clairborne. I don't know what's this about privates and officers but since she is from your home town they ought to let her talk to you.

I saw a letter Gene Carlin wrote Sr. Mary Lucille and he is longing for the good old days when he was a thorn in my side. He talks of the memories that the picture of the flag raising brought up. Says he, "I can see Dick Sheehan, Porky and Mickey Boyle, Carr and Yauk and me sitting on the corner of the church singing and raising cane. I don't think Father O'Shea or the people around the neighborhood liked our singing very much because just as we would get going Fr O'Shea or the cops would come around and chase us. Fr. O'Shea often got us but the cops never did. Guess I was down in Superior's office every other day." Now what do you know about those kind of memories.

I see Jim Carl is over in Ireland or perhaps it was because according to the papers a lot of those fellows are now the Second Front in Africa. Jim is a nice fellow from Delano. Maybe some of you will have time to get a letter off to him. His address is Co. A, 133d Inf., A. P. O. 34, c/o N. Y. P. M. John McClafferty is a Sergeant out at Merced Air Base. Our new found friend, Jimmy McCarron, says sometimes a fellow gets blue and homesick and there's nothing like a letter to take your mind off your troubles. I think Jimmy will soon be getting a letter from another of our girls. I won't say who she is but she is nice.

Chester Folweiler, of Delano, is in the Anti-Tank Co. of the 317th Inf. at Camp Forrest, and oh how he misses that pretty Glennon girl he married recently. There were a lot of marriages last month. It isn't Spring or June. I guess it was Thanksgiving. Bill Burke, of the Coast Guards, got married in Philadelphia. Someone said the girl was from Florida—and he said he didn't like Florida scenery. Francis Hoffman, down at Camp Edison, N. J., married a Camden girl. Jimmy Fallon telegraphed from Fort Eustis that he and Anna Radick, of Park Place, were united in the Post Chapel. Sadie Ryan and Private Joseph Girard, formerly of Hazleton, had a very beautiful wedding here. Last night's Record-American gave a very nice account of the marriage in Brooklyn of Betsy Miller and Ensign James O'Hora, your former Township coach.

There were some funerals, too, and they were very sad because some of the boys were beyond reach and could not be here. Mrs. Patrick Reing, mother of Neal and Jim, passed away suddenly although she had been ill. Lieut. Neal was here but Jim, who was home about a month ago, is now somewhere at sea and it was impossible for him to get here. Manus Boyle, Porky's and Mickey's father, was buried last month, too, and Mickey couldn't make it from Newfoundland. Jerry Davis' and Chugo Haley's grandmother, Mrs. Bridget Burns, died also and of course they could not get here.

You know that we have three Fritz's in the Army. John at Edgewood, Joe in the Engineers at Fresno, Cal. and Dick in the Guard Squad at Growen Field, Idaho. Billy McElhenney, of Morea, had a novel experience. He said after being on the water so long that he thought he was in the Navy instead of the Army. He finally set foot on land and enjoyed three steaks in Capetown, South Africa. Never in his life did he think he would be eating so far from home. Those steaks weren't the kind Mom cooks in Morea, but they tasted good after all the mutton he had been chewing. Says, "I think there's some wool growing on my back." That was a grand letter and he's a grand fellow. I'm sure some of the Township Belles would like his address, so here it is: Corp. William McElhenney, Co. B, 125th Ord Regt. (Q) A. P. O. 1224 c/o N. Y. P. M. Looks like Henry John has shipped out because he is c/o N. Y. P. M. now and Edward has changed to Florida. Jimmy Collins signs up with the Navy and so did Jimmy Coady. Jimmy Fogarty and George Kernan. Say how many does that make at Bainbridge? Freddie Schumacher is A. O. M. 3/c at the Navy Air Base in Norfolk. He wants to say Hello! to all his friends.

Joe Cardiff was under the weather for awhile but he's o. k. now and raring to go. Leo Dubosky wrote me a nice letter from Fort Knox where he is getting ready to attend radio school. Jimmy Carr is the proud father of another son. Nice baby, looks like a chip off the old block. I see our N. Y. A. Supervisor is still at Camp Forrest and likes it very much. Sgt. Bob Mack is down at Camp Pendleton, Va. They are camping out down there and when it rains he says it's like sleeping in the creek. Sgt. Joe Peel is down that way, too, at Fort Monroe. Ed Kline is back in New Mexico. Last we heard of Billy Leonard he was on his way back to Portland, Maine. Hope he didn't have a sore thumb when he got there. His pal, Leo Whitecavage, is now at the submarine base in Hawaii. Danny Burns went from Camp Pickett to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Those Oncidi boys are doing all right by the country. There are five of them in the service now. Corp. James Rooney is still with the Fighter Command, c/o New Orleans P. M. Ed Monaghan, Frank Dixon and John Koval are in Miami. Petty Officer Francis J. Lynch is taking an advanced radio course down that way. Charles O'Connor is a Corporal in the Medical Corps at Camp Gordon. Joseph and James McQuade are M. Sergeants now. Sgt. Bill Horan was home for his sister's wedding and is he a handsome soldier? They'll never keep him down on the farm when this is over.

Mickey Meehan is a mechanic down Miami way and his brother-in-law, Marty Reardon, is going out this week so they may meet. Joe Long, of South street, Joe Igo, of Park Place, and Charlie Doorley will be with that bunch. Corp. Flynn is at New Bern, N. C. John Burke, son of Billy Burke, is at Camp Breckenridge and our friend John Cornelius is now a Navy Seabee. Leo Dowling went to Jacksonville. Jimmy O'Brien went to Pier 94, New York. Bill Keegan is with the 1327 Service Unit at Fort Story, Va. His brother is in now, too. Tommy Fallon's a Corporal at San Antonio. Eugene Long is now an M. P. at Fort Knox. Edward Farber called to say he's in the Navy now. Atty. Frank Guinan left for Cornell to begin his basic officer's training. Corp. Jimmy Rooney says everything is o. k. down his way and he wouldn't mind it so much if they would give him one peep at the old burg. He hasn't been home since the day he signed up. Martin McKerns is at Buckley Field, Colo. Lieut. Frank Brady, our pharmacist, was in England last time we heard and Corp. Austin Noonan is at Santa Ana, Cal. He's completely sold on California. I don't know who she is but she must be charming. Yes siree, he says they have everything out there—Hollywood and Redwood but they ain't got Lakewood. Sunday after the last Mass our friend, Frank Sullivan, dropped in and is he an eyeful. You should see him as an Ensign. Frank deserves a lot of credit. He gets everything the hard way and he never lets up till he gets it. Ten months and he's an Ensign and I know he won't stop there. Walter Maharg just dropped a line to say he's at San Bernadino, Cal., and Henry Burke is at Fort Knox.

Well, I have kept the big surprise till last. Who do you think dropped out of the sky yesterday? You would never guess so I must tell you. It was Fr. Daly. He had to wait a few days in Frisco for his boat so he hopped a plane to Reading and then up here for the night; offered Mass in the Convent—and away he went to catch his boat. You can imagine how delighted and happy we were to see him again. I don't know where he is going but I wouldn't be surprised if some of you fellows way down under see him some day.

John T. Mitchell
U. S. N.

James P. Daley
U. S. A.

Former Curates At St. Canicus Are Now Serving As Chaplains

Six former assistant rectors of St. Canicus R. C. church Rev. John J O'Shea, rector, are serving as chaplains with the U. S. armed forces. They are:

Lt. James Donnelly, who served a short period here in 1928 as assistant to the late Rev. A. J. Fleming. Lt. (Father) Donnelly's present address is Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida.

Lt. John J. O'Neill, who came to town after his ordination and remained here for several years, being transferred in 1932. He is a chaplain for a Marine Corps unit and his address is San Diego, Cal.

Lt. Dominick Gillespie, who was stationed here from June 4 until June 25, 1937, when he was transferred to Lost Creek. Lt. (Father) Gillespie is at present located at the Station Hospital, Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Lt. John T. Mitchell, who was assigned to the local parish in June, 1939, and served here until June of the current year. His present address is the Naval Armory, Detroit, Michigan.

Lt. James P. Daly, who left from the local parish in June of the current year to serve as a chaplain. His present address is A.P.O. 10213, c/o of the Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Had Narrow Escape

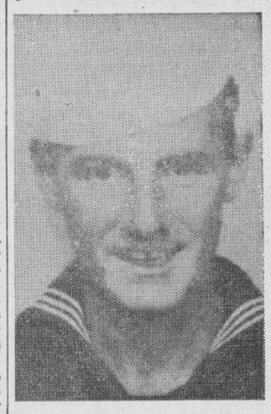
Lt. (Father) Donelly had a narrow escape from death when the U. S. Transport Edward Rutledge was sunk while unloading cargo off Casablanca on November 12th, last year.

Father Donnelly, 31, stationed in the sick bay, started onto a crowded companionway when the first torpedo struck, but an "unexplained impulse" caused him to mount a ladder to the upper deck.

"A moment later," he said in an interview granted a Philadelphia newspaper reporter, "a second torpedo hit the very spot for which I had been heading originally. The men I had been following were killed."

Father Donnelly manned a life raft with fifteen other survivors and landed on the beach. Later he returned to this country.

THREE SONS OF ST. CANICUS CHURCH REPORTED MISSING



John W. Foley
U. S. N.

John Shovelin
U. S. N.

Gerard Stanziola
U. S. A.

Three sons of St. Canicus congregation have been reported missing in action. They are:

Private Gerard Stanziola, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stanziola, of New Boston, reported missing in action in the Philippines.

Seaman John Foley, son of Mrs Minnie Foley, of Philadelphia, and brother of Joseph Foley, well-known local post office employee.

Seaman 2d Class John Shovelin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shovelin, of 11 East Mahanoy street.

Private Stanziola, a Mahanoy Township High School graduate, enlisted in the U. S. Army Signal Corps in Brooklyn, N. Y., in March, 1941, was reported missing last June. His family last heard from him in February, 1942, when he was stationed on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines.

Preliminary to leaving for overseas on July 7, 1941, he was stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

On December 9, Seaman Foley's mother received word from the Navy Department that he was missing. No details were contained in notification. Seaman Foley was engaged as a fire controlman. He was in the service for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shovelin received word over the New Year's week-end that their son, John, Jr., Seaman 2d Class, was missing in action. No details were contained in their notification either. Seaman Shovelin enlisted in the Navy shortly after the outbreak of war and reported for duty last March 17th for training. He was employed as a driver for Swift and Co. at the time of his enlistment.

A mass for the safe return of the three young men was offered Monday morning in St. Canicus church by the rector, the Reverend John J. O'Shea.

A second mass, with the same intention, will be offered next week at a day and hour to be announced later.

St. Canicus' Contributions To War Efforts Of Nation

A congregation that can be well proud of its outstanding contributions to the nation's war effort is that of St. Canicus R. C. Church, town. Under the spirited leadership of its zealous and energetic pastor, the Rev. John J. O'Shea, a program has been carried out that rivals, if not exceeds, that of any other parish of which the writer has knowledge.

First of all, a total of 270 young men from the congregation are serving in various branches of the country's armed forces. Six of its former assistant pastors are serving as chaplains—three each in the Army and Navy.

Then, the home folks have ably supported their sons in service by cooperating in Red Cross and Civilian Defense activities. The parish was one of the first to form a Red Cross Auxiliary, and to conduct First Aid, Home Nursing and Nutrition classes for members of the congregation and interested friends.

A total of 287 women have received certificates upon completing First Aid courses. Vast numbers of knitted and other garments have been made for the soldiers and for refugees by corps of sewers and knitters.

Father O'Shea, with the able assistance of the Revs. James P. McGarvey and Joseph Hannon, assistant rectors of the church, and the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, instructors of the parish school, have done a magnificent job in keeping in touch with the boys in service.

Up to the present time, they have mailed over 1,000 packages, including toilet articles and other useful items, in addition to upwards of 2,000 letters, and 1,200 packages of magazines and newspapers, to the boys in service abroad and in the various camps in this country.

Neither are the boys forgotten in the prayers of their spiritual leaders and their families and friends. The 11 o'clock mass each Sunday morning is offered for all of the young men from the congregation who are in service. On Friday evenings, a Holy Hour with novena prayers for peace and victory is held.

One of the most unique methods in which contact is maintained between the boys in service and their home church is through the monthly parish calendar, which is a splendid piece of work for which Father O'Shea deserves much credit.

The compilation of material, comprised chiefly of news concerning the boys in service, is attractively presented, and the eagerness to which each issue is looked forward, is attested by the many scores of letters of appreciation received by Father O'Shea.

The work done by St. Canicus Church has merited the recognition of the diocesan authorities, who have requested that a detailed report be submitted for its permanent files.

Another magnificent piece of work has been done by the parish in the sale of war bonds and stamps. In November, Father O'Shea arranged for the erection of a booth at the entrance to the church, where bonds and stamps were sold prior to, and following the masses each Sunday. When the weather became inclement, this booth was removed to the vestibule.

With a corps of women in charge of the booths, in the brief months since it has been opened, sales of stamps and bonds have totalled upwards of $16,500.

St. Canicus parish is to be commended for the outstanding record of patriotic service, with special compliments to Father O'Shea for his untiring leadership.

A Biography Of Rev. John O'Shea

To be complimented on the fine showing made by his parish in war work is the Rev. John J. O'Shea, rector of St. Canicus R. C. church, whose dynamic leadership is responsible for the impressive record attained by the congregation.

Father O'Shea, a native of Dungarvan, Ireland, received his preparatory training for the priesthood in that country and completed his theological studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, where he was ordained on June 8, 1919.

In July, 1929, he was appointed rector of St. Nicholas' church, Weatherly, where he served until July 26, 1933, when he succeeded the Rev. A. J. Fleming, as pastor of the local church, when the latter was transferred to the rectorship of St. Veronica's church, Philadelphia.

During the decade of his ministry here, Father O'Shea has proved a devoted pastor as well as an excellent administrator of the parish and has won the high regard of the entire community as well as the esteem and affection of his parishioners.

Flag Raising Ceremonies Held Last September 6th

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Navy; John T. Mitchell, Navy; John J. O'Neill, Marines.

Chaplain, The Speaker

Father Schott, the guest speaker, told his audience that he has been an army chaplain for eight years and spoke from a background of experience as a member of the armed forces. Addressing himself in particular to the parents of those in the service he stressed the fact that the young men and women wearing the uniform of their nation's military forces are deeply religious for the most part and are ready to give evidence of their abiding faith in God on every occasion. He cited instances including attendance of soldiers at field Masses numbering thousands and wherein each man present received Holy Communion. Statistics show attendance at Masses for soldiers, sailors and marines at some 75,000 daily and hundreds of thousands on Sunday. Making God the center of all their activities the military are providing an example to civilians in their loyal devotion to matters of faith.

The talk was the kind to leave hearers deeply impressed and was concluded by the quoting of lines concluded by the quoting of lines from the poem by Joyce Kilmer, who died in action in World War I most apropos for the occasion and the intent of the chaplain's address.

Raising of the large service flag was next in order with the following assisting with the ceremony: Staff Sergeant James Carr, Seaman James F. Nolan, Staff Sergeant James J. Burke, Seaman W. Leonard, Pvt. James P. Casserly, Pvt. James A. Friel, Corp. Francis E. Kane, Coast Guardsman Eugene McCloskey.

The firing squad from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post who fired the salute to the flag included John Petrucha, squad commander; Elmer Stride and John Petritsch, color bearers; Roy Heitz and Bert Lord, color guards; John Hoben, George Detrich, Al Ansbach, Joseph Young, Joseph Lukatch, Bert Whitcomb, Michael Dando, Daniel Kane. Kane.

Following the ceremonies Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given from an outdoor altar with Father O'Shea, officiating. Hymns and responses were by the children's choir of the church. The novena prayers were recited by Rev. James P. McGarvey, assistant rector of the parish.