

CHAPLAINS TO SHOW ONLY CROSS OF GOD

Rank Will No Longer Be Indicated by Shoulder Insignia

CORPS TO BE ORGANIZED

Grade of Lieutenant Colonel Can Now Be Assigned to Army's Padres

By Bishop H. C. BRENT, Headquarters Chaplain, A.E.F. The Army chaplain is simply a minister of religion performing his duties under military conditions. Though he may be a commissioned officer, his military rank is conferred merely as a means of fitting him to best advantage into the Army system.

Men are of divided opinion as to the desirability of rank for chaplains. In the British Navy, for instance, chaplains have no rank. With us, they have rank from first lieutenant up to lieutenant colonel. Until a recent enactment by Congress, the highest grade for chaplains was major. But whether with or without rank, the commission by which the chaplain acts is the sincere commission of the ministry of the church which he represents, and of the One Commander of all the Army of God.

According to recent regulations, he is not to wear the insignia of rank—why should he? His functions remain unaltered whether he be lieutenant or colonel; but he is to be distinguished by the cross on his collar which signifies the unchangeable commission of his unchangeable office. The uniform mode of address, according to law, is "Chaplain," unless the familiar and affectionate title of "padre" displaces it, as it frequently does in both the English and American Armies.

In the old days of the Regulars, when our military establishment was small, the number of chaplains was correspondingly small. The chaplain was attached to a regiment or larger than the present. There were no separate chaplain corps, though it has long been thought desirable to form one, so that his responsibility was strictly individual and parochial. The divided state of Christendom necessitated a pro rata appointment from the various churches, which seems to be the best working basis that can be devised.

Chaplain's New Importance

Now that we have a whole nation under arms, the position and responsibilities of the chaplain spring into new prominence and importance. Up to now, the old law has stood, which, however adequate for a moment, has left the Army bare at a moment and under conditions requiring maximum moral and spiritual effort.

In America the need could be supplied by local aid. In France, it was a different matter. Men at the supreme moment of their lives, in the face of imminent death, were in many instances still at home, without those ministrations which are on the threshold of every citizen at home. We have just learned that the new chaplains' bill has become law, and we are to have a chaplain for every man. The next thing is to speed up appointments and secure ministrations for our soldiers who, in the day of battle, are asking for them.

It does not require any extended argument to justify the movement to organize the chaplains into a corps with a central office at G. H. Q. The original plan was outlined early in January of this year.

What Corps Will Do

To put the matter briefly, the benefit of the organization, which has just been made the subject of a general order, is to create esprit de corps among the chaplains. While varieties of religious faith are great, the motive and purpose is one and capable of consolidation.

To provide such literature on chaplains' opportunities and duties as will lead to the highest degree of efficiency and unity of effort.

To prevent and forestall duplication of effort and friction, and to act as a coordinating factor in the religious effort in the Army.

To insure steady ministrations in every part of the Army so that there will be no bald spots or areas where Special attention can thus be given to units that are broken and divided by military necessity, and special details.

To put the chaplain's office and function, as an important military asset, in its right relation to the Army.

To give to the chaplains that official recognition at the center which is necessary for their inspiration and highest efficiency.

To have a carefully chosen group who will be representative of the chaplains and qualified to speak intelligently in their name on all matters pertaining to their status and duties. This body will be in a position to present their cause in all circumstances and secure for them the support necessary for the fulfillment of their responsibilities.

Plan of Organization

The organization is simple. The G. H. Q. office consists of three chaplains, two ministers of Evangelical churches, the third a Roman Catholic. One of them is designated as senior chaplain. Division of chaplains under their supervision will be appointed in courses. Through them the central office will reach the entire body.

In order to conserve, coordinate, and use to best advantage all the religious effort that is being put forth in the A.E.F., the Board on Chaplains' Organization has kept in constant touch with the Red Cross, whose chaplains are assigned to hospitals; the Y.M.C.A., who have a large number of ministers available for religious work; and the Knights of Columbus, who have an increasing number of chaplains under their supervision. Care will be taken to provide ministrations to those of the Jewish faith, and also, as far as possible, to any considerable group of co-religionists that there may be in the A.E.F.

CHANGE OF CHARACTER

Lieut. Swallow: I don't know what to make of Lieut. Talpin since he joined that bombing squadron. Lieut. Sparrow: Yes, he's changed a lot; became a regular fly by night.

A "Mother's Letter" From the Wife of the President of the French Republic

(TO BE READ THROUGHOUT AMERICA ON MOTHER'S DAY)

TO THE MOTHERS OF AMERICA: At this time when the United States, in celebrating Mother's Day, let me tell you in the name of the French societies of the Red Cross, how much we want to share in this expression of gratitude towards the valiant mothers of hearts, with yours, are in this holy observance.

From the beginning of the war, the American mothers, in their tender solicitude, sent us their babies' toys for our babies. Then they themselves came amongst us, enlisting in an ever-increasing number of organizations for the care of the sick and the wounded. Even before your great country took part in this fight, they lavished here treasures of self-sacrifice and generosity.

Now that their husbands, brothers and sons are crossing the sea to come to France and fight under the Stars and Stripes, their courage is called upon to face that hard trial which the women of France have known these many months.

They can be sure that those who are dear to them and whom they follow on to the battlefield with their thoughts will find here the most cordial welcome and the gentlest care.

It is my earnest wish that this assurance comfort them. For all the distance, the women of France feel quite in touch with the American women who are linked closely in the same patriotic duties, in the same hopes.

This is what the Red Cross Societies begged me to tell you today, feeling as they do that they speak faithfully what all French women feel.

(Signed) HENRIETTE POINCARÉ.

HOME FOLKS AWAIT "MOTHER'S LETTERS"

Continued from Page 1 will be the special task this coming Sunday of those devoted women of the Red Cross whose business it is to journey from ward to ward through all the base hospitals, taking dictation from the soldiers there who are too weak or hurt to sit up or hold a pencil. Theirs is the work of keeping the lonesome doubtless in touch with home. Sometimes it is a pretty delicate task.

All in a niche shell has played the devil with the hearts of these soldiers' secretaries was instructed the other day from the pillow of a hospital bed. "She won't mind that much. I never was so awful handsome, but don't tell her yet that I've lost my right arm." The doctor says I'll soon be able to shake it with my left and she needn't find out till I get back. Then she'll be so glad to see me she won't care so much."

Probably the Red Cross searchers will be swamped with the number of letters the boys in the hospitals will want to write on May 12, but there is many a nurse and many an orderly who can pitch in and help that day. Hospital censors might as well make up their minds to an all-night job on Mother's Day.

You can guess that at many a point in the A.E.F., where conditions are not so strenuous and every hour is not crisis, some hour on Sunday will be set aside for the writing of Mothers' Letters.

Choose Your Own Hour

The staff of THE STARS AND STRIPES has chosen 4 o'clock in the afternoon—the hour in our memories when mother used to subside a little from her whirl of work and settle down in that rocking chair of hers by the window.

At 4 o'clock on May 12, "Brain Mash" will pretend there never was such a word as etiquette, the circulation manager will cease for a time to care whether you get your favorite newspaper or not and the cartoonist will forget all those hard guys who serve as models in his art. And there will be nothing heard but the scratching of pens and the rat-

LIBERTY LOAN'S SUCCESS DUE TO PEOPLE

Continued from Page 1 of the market set for it, and more than a million individual subscribers. Connecticut is 30 per cent over, New Hampshire 25, Maine 19, Vermont 15, and Rhode Island one. Almost 1,200 towns are flying the honor flag.

The San Francisco district went far beyond its quota with a million subscribers and an even larger number subscribed their allotments without a single bank's contribution being necessary. Thirteen hundred honor flags are flying in this district, California leading with 574.

The Cleveland district reports that at the 195 cent mark have surpassed their quotas, and last announcements say they have gone heavily over their figures. Arizona is 30 per cent over, Louisiana 18, Texas six, New Mexico four. Every county and State in the Minneapolis district beat its mark and 2,600 honor flags are flying.

In the Middle West

The Chicago district went over the top with a total of \$143,000,000, which is \$17,000,000 over its quota. Cook county went seven per cent over, and the rest of Illinois 34 per cent. Indiana beat its mark 10 per cent, Iowa 41, Michigan 19 and Wisconsin 38. The district has 2,400,000 individual subscribers.

The Panama Canal zone took over a million of bonds. The Baltimore foreign language division reports German subscriptions totaling \$1,397,000; Jewish, \$860,000; Polish, \$200,000; Bohemian, \$200,000; Italian, \$100,000; Lithuanian, \$75,000; Greek, \$2,000.

The Cleveland foreign language division reports 22,000 subscribers for a total of \$2,000,000. The New York foreign language division reports as follows: German, \$18,000,000; Polish, \$9,500,000; Italian, \$8,500,000; Latin-American, \$5,750,000; Bohemian, \$440,000; Swedish, \$120,000; Russian, \$145,000; Lithuanian, \$66,000; Danish, \$28,000; Armenian, \$190,000; Belgian, \$700,000; Chinese, \$31,000.

The National Woman's Liberty Loan Committee collected \$750,000,000. Many thousand German-born Americans held a great meeting in Central Park early in the week to add to the fund.

Cuba subscribers paid over four million, though they promised only three. The Philippines exceeded 6,000,000 pesos. The Liberty Loan bill, trundled from Buffalo to New York, collected more than \$25,000,000.

Great Race at Finish

There was a hot race in the final week between all sections of the country. The St. Louis district, which held first place early in the campaign, finally took second, yielding premier honors to the Kansas City district. Kansas City held the lead until the third week, when Minneapolis forged ahead from sixth place to third and then, in a grand spurt, seized first place and held it to the finish.

MANY COMMENDED FOR APRIL 20 FIGHT

Germans' Seicheprey Dead Equal Shafter's Loss at Santiago

CHAPLAIN'S NAME ON LIST

Buzzer Artist Takes Hand in Struggle for Ammunition Dump

An echo of the savage fighting at Seicheprey which made April 20 memorable in the history of the American sector northwest of Toul is sounded in the list of commendations issued by the general who commanded our troops in that victorious engagement—commendations for the many outstanding deeds of individual heroism displayed in the course of one day's fighting which left a named German dead in our trenches equal to Shafter's total loss at Santiago. Thus honored are about one hundred of the three hundred Americans who held our positions that day against 3,000 picked German storm troops.

The list of commendations includes some men who have already been decorated with the Croix de Guerre and names Colonel Bertram and 14 French infantrymen who led the American wounded back through the woods to the first aid stations. Most of the enlisted men were from many towns and villages in New England and the officers commended are from all parts of America.

What Chaplain Farrell Did

One of those commended is a chaplain. His name is William J. Farrell and you can have no guess at his service in the French Republic. He conducted an ambulance along a heavily-shelled road, and helped gather and comfort the wounded.

In Seicheprey's chronicle of valor, there was more than one instance of impromptu fighting. Corporal Ralph Shuck, a chaplain Farrell personally conducted an ambulance along a heavily-shelled road, and helped gather and comfort the wounded.

Privates H. R. Johnson and J. C. Parent, artillerymen both, were set to the task of repairing wires under a steady rain of gas and high explosives and stuck to this job till communication was restored, though both of them had been wounded. Though Sergeant Benjamin James was seriously hurt by shell splinters, he persisted at his work of repairing wires under burning fire and would not accept medical assistance until those in his charge had been treated first.

Wound Didn't Matter

For much the same doggedness, Corporal James Thornley, Infantry, wins the general's commendation. He was wounded early in the day while exhorting his squad to hold its position and yet later he was the one who went up a tree and from that vantage point alerted directions as to where the enemy was located.

So, the record runs—here a lieutenant who helped work a gun himself after three fellow officers and eight privates had been put out of business, artillerymen crossing the open under fire again and again, an ammunition train driver plugging his truck under burning fire until his motor struck and he had to coast the rest of his course with the radiator and driver's seat punctured, with the canvas top and wheel guards blown off and with the wheels and body riddled with shots.

FEWER MORNING PAPERS

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—With the sale of the Chicago Herald to William Randolph Hearst and its consolidation with the Examiner, Chicago is left with only two morning papers, the Tribune and Examiner.

This is but one of a number of similar occurrences of late years in large cities of the United States, where the tendency has been to reduce rather than enlarge the number of papers sharing the morning field.

Previous to the Hearst combine in Chicago, the mergers most commented upon were those of the New York Press with the Sun and the Cleveland Leader with the Plain Dealer, making the latter the only morning paper in the Ohio metropolises.

200 GIRLS IN RACE

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—Admirers of the well-known and popular human form are greatly cheered by the growing mass of news about women swimmers challenging back and forth across the continent, promising a gorgeous mornal season calculated to out-Annette Annette at her mightiest. Among the female of the species, the one-piece suit promises to be as popular this summer as the issue of B is among the male.

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T.B.Jr.—Yes, if the picture flatters you, send it by all means. If it doesn't, send it anyway. You know, you look a lot better to her over here than you ever did over there; so don't be afraid if the camera told the truth about you. (Somebody has got to tell it, you know; you could never be depended on to do it!)

W.R.C.—You say her Old Man is an Army officer back in the States and you are a bit skittish about writing to her, what with being a buck private and all? Well, you needn't be. Start off your letters with "From: To: Subject," number the paragraphs, and stick to the third person all the way through. Then, if the Old Man finds the letters lying around the house, he'll think they're just plain recommendations or requisitions, and won't bother to read 'em. That's the way to fool him!

U.B.D.—You say you've lost her last letter somewhere between the dressing station and the base hospital and you don't know what to write her because you've forgotten what she asked you? Shucks! Write her for anyway; she's gotten, too. Women never acquire memories until after they're married. And then they make up for lost time.

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