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Sergeant George K. Gannam

How young! how fair!
Through honest eyes
He meets our own
With no surprise—
Our first sweet human sacrifice
To pagan greed.

He met our need;
His life he gave
To foreign grave;
And in his blood spilled
For our land,
His destiny fulfilled.

EDNA A. PIGMAN.





Killed In Action



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He Becomes Savannah's
First Fatality of the War

PARENTS ARE NOTIFIED

Several Savannahians In
War Area Are Safe

Staff Sergeant George K. Gannam, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam of Fifty-third and Hopkins streets, was killed in action in the defense of Hickam Field, near Honolulu, Hawaii, it was announced yesterday by the army, becoming Savannah's first fatality in the present conflict.

Sergt. Gannam's parents, who operate a store at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets, were notified of their son's death yesterday afternoon. The news, received from Fort McPherson, stated that he had been "killed in action." He was attached to headquarters squadron of the Eighteenth Pursuit Group, stationed at Wheeler Field, Honolulu, several miles from Hickam Field.

A graduate of Benedictine Military School, where he made an excellent record in military, Sergt. Gannam enlisted in the army in August, 1939. Besides both parents, he is survived by two brothers, Michael Gannam and Anthony Gannam, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Saraf, all of Savannah; and another brother, Nazer Gannam, who is in the United States navy stationed at Norfolk, Va.

He will be buried in Hawaii until after the war, it was announced by the army.

Information was received yesterday by Mrs. W. L. Byrd, 122 East Thirty-sixth street, that her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, who have resided in the Hawaiian Islands for the past thirty-two years, are safe. Mrs. Byrd stated that the message reached her indirectly through a telephonic message between Mr. Caldwell and a business associate in San Francisco. She said that a telegram from her son-in-law's friend in San Francisco informed her of their safety.

Word was received last night from Lieut. Harry Grimshaw Moore, stationed aboard the destroyer Patterson based at Hawaii, of that Savannah officer's safety. A cablegram was sent by Lieut. Moore to his brother, Beverly H. Moore of 217 East Huntingdon street.

Two Savannah boys are stationed at an army post near Honolulu. They are C. M. O'Connor, Jr., son of City Policeman C. M. O'Connor, and Earl J. Brixhoff.

Through a cablegram sent by H. C. Herr, Jr., stationed at a naval air station in Hawaii, information was received to the effect that he is safe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Herr of 210 West Gwinnett street.

First Casualty



STAFF SGT. GEORGE K. GANNAM Sergt. Gannam, Savannah's first casualty in World War No. 2, was killed by the Japanese in their attack Sunday on Hickham Field, Hawaii. Savannah will pay him tribute tomorrow at a requiem mass at Sacred Heart Church.

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HERO HAD QUALIFIED AS AVIATION CADET

SERGENT GANNAM'S MOTHER RECEIVES LETTER FROM HAWAII

Notice from the office of the chief of the U. S. Army Air Corps that Sergt. George K. Gannam, Savannah's first casualty in World War No. 2, had been chosen for appointment as an army aviation cadet, has been forwarded to the mother of Sergt. Gannam, Mrs. Annie K. Gannam, from the air corps force at Wheeler Field, Hawaii.

Sergt. Gannam, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam and a graduate of Benedictine Military College, was killed in action the day the Japanese attacked Hawaii, December 7.

The notice from the chief of the air corps was forwarded Mrs. Gannam by First Lieut. Dean E. Mansfield, who sent the following letter, praising the service of Sergt. Gannam, with the official notice:

"You may have for your safekeeping the inclosed letter from the Chief of the Air Corps, placing your son on the eligible list for appointment as an Aviation Cadet. Staff Sergeant Gannam was one of our finest soldiers and radio operators, well-liked by all, and it is further example of the fine potentialities George had as an American soldier, that he so successfully qualified himself to become an Aviation Cadet.

"That his budding career was so prematurely ended is a great sorrow. But we look forward to the future knowing that he died for our country, and knowing too, that he would want us to look forward."

The official notice was signed by Capt. J. W. Durant of the Air Corps on behalf of the chief of the air corps. It stated that Sergt. Gannam, an enlisted man, had been found qualified for appointment as an army aviation cadet and his name had been put on the eligible list for assignment.

Also accompanying the letter was the notification from the Hawaiian base to the air corps office in Washington that Sergt. Gannam had been killed in action.

MASS HELD HERE FOR SGT. GANNAM

Officials Present at Rites For War Casualty

"Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

With these words from St. John, the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer, O. S. B., yesterday paid tribute to Savannah's first war casualty, 22-year-old Staff Sgt. George Gannam, who died this week on a battlefield in Hawaii.

Prominent city officials and other Savannahians attended the requiem mass at Sacred Heart Church, and together with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam, relatives and friends, heard an impressive and touching ceremony.

Cadets from Benedictine Military School, from which young Gannam graduated in 1938, marched in solemn procession from their armory to the church to attend the mass.

At the conclusion of the mass, Taps softly echoed through the edifice. George G. Doerner, a member of the B. C. band and a senior at the school, sounded the plaintive notes from high in the church behind the organ.

The celebrant of the mass asked the assembly to pray that God, the Ruler of the Universe, "may soften the hearts of the men who rule over the destiny of nations, and that He may bring back to the world peace, that precious peace which the world cannot give, which God alone can give."

Those who assisted the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, rector of the Cathedral of St. John the

Baptist; the Very Rev. James Grady, chancellor of the diocese; the Rev. Thomas Sheehan, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes; the Rev. James Croke, of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and the following members of the school faculty, the Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B.; the Rev. Robert Brennan, O. S. B.; the Rev. Norbert McGowan, O. S. B.; the Rev. Paul Milda, O. S. B.; the Rev. Peter Trizzino, O. S. B., and the Rev. Brendan Dooley, O. S. B.

Headed by Mayor Thomas Gamble, the city officials at the mass included Aldermen Peter R. Nugent, Charles H. Schafer, Daniel W. Brantley, C. F. Holton, B. I. Friedman, J. R. Burney, Louis J. Roos, Charles Wilkins, and Joseph F. Griffin; Lewis A. East, superintendent water department; Robert F. Downing, city marshal; Mrs. Irene S. Grogan, secretary to the Mayor and assistant clerk of city council; P. J. McNamara, clerk of council; W. G. Logan, supervisor of purchases; Chief William M. Hall, police department; Chief Walter S. Blanton, fire department; A. S. Goebel, city engineer; Dr. Charles C. Hedges, health officer, and T. T. Canty, harbor master.

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Family of War Victim



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Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam, parents of Staff Sgt. George Gannam, who was killed in the Japanese attack on Hawaii Sunday, and brothers of the dead soldier, shown leaving Sacred Heart Church following the requiem mass there this morning for the hero soldier. At the right is Anthony Gannam and in the rear is Mickael Gannam.

Taps for a Buddy



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George G. Doerner, Benedictine cadet, blows taps for Staff Sgt. George Gannam, following a requiem mass this morning in honor of the former Benedictine cadet who was killed in action in Hawaii.

lowmen and his country. You may rest assured that he has found favor with God. You may carry through life the sweet memory of a dutiful son who was a credit to you, who was respected by all who had known him and who had earned the gratitude of a grateful country.

"As to the rest of us, let us remember in our prayers the soul of our departed friend so that God in His Infinite Goodness and Mercy may give him eternal rest and peace. Let us pray also that God, the Ruler of the Universe, may soften the hearts of the men who rule over the destiny of nations, and that He may bring back to the world peace, that precious Peace which the world cannot give, which God alone can give."

Tribute Paid War's First Casualty at Requiem Mass



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A requiem mass, conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic Church today for Staff Sgt. George Gannam, Savannah's first casualty in the war with Japan, was attended by the Mayor and aldermen, city officials, the cadets of Benedictine Military School, of which Sergt. Gannam was an alumnus, relatives and a host of friends. The services were conducted by the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer, services were conducted by the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer, O. S. B., who delivered a beautiful tribute to the heroism of the young soldier, who was but 22 years old. Taps were sounded by George G. Doerner, a Benedictine cadet.

SAVANNAH MOURNS DEATH OF GANNAM

MANY ATTEND REQUIEM MASS FOR FIRST WAR DEAD

Savannah today paid tribute to its first war casualty as prominent city officials joined with sorrowing parents, relatives and friends at a requiem mass for Staff Sergeant George Gannam at the Sacred Heart Church. He died this week on a battlefield in Hawaii, being among the first killed as the United States launched its struggle against the Axis partners, Japan, Germany and Italy.

As the mass was held the pelt of raindrops from a leaden sky was mindful to those there that the world sorrowed too at the death of the youth who was but 22 years of age.

The soft fall of the rain mingled with the tramp of slowly marching feet as the R. O. T. C. units of the Benedictine Military School from which he graduated in 1938 formed their lines and marched in solemn procession from their armory to the church.

Into the church marched the sorrowing cadets in two long lines. The gray of their uniforms blended into the solemnity of the occasion as the boys paid their tribute to a comrade who was known to many of them. They entered the church in three companies each with his commanding officer leading. At the close of the service the cadets led the way followed by the family and consoling relatives and friends.

The celebrant of the mass was the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer, O. S. B., who consoled the family with the words of St. John: "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Assisting at the mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist; the Very Rev. James Grady, chancellor of the diocese; the Rev. Thomas Sheehan, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes; the Rev. James Croke, of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and the following members of the school faculty, the Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B.; the Rev. Robert Brennan, O. S. B.; the Rev. Norbert McGowan, O. S. B.; the Rev. Paul Milde, O. S. B.; the Rev. Peter Trizzino, O. S. B., and the Rev. Brendan Dooley, O. S. B.

At the conclusion of the service the notes of a bugle sounded from high in the church behind the organ. Softly Taps echoed through the edifice. George G. Doerner, a member of the band and a senior at Benedictine School, was the bugler.

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Father Boniface in his sermon said: "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

"Last Sunday afternoon the news was flashed around the world, that the United States possessions at Hawaii had been attacked treacherously by the enemy and that many lives had been lost. Those of us who had relatives, friends and acquaintances stationed at the army posts there hoped and prayed that they had not fallen victims to the attack. Several days had passed without news reaching us of the death of any of them and we breathed a sigh of relief, feeling in our hearts that everything was well with them, that they had survived the ordeal.

"Day before yesterday, we received the shocking news that our young and beloved friend, George Gannam, had fallen a victim to the enemy's attack. The War Department sent the terse message to the young man's family. 'Regret to announce that your son, George, was killed in action at Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7th.' This news struck like a bombshell in the peace and quiet of our community. We heard of the first casualty of the war. For the first time we realized that war had been brought home close to us. It had taken from our midst one whom we had loved and respected.

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"As a member of the Cadet Corps, his military record was an excellent one, so much so that he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He graduated from the school with honors.

"Only two months after his graduation he volunteered to the United States Air Corps where his record was no less distinguished than the one he had attained at Benedictine School. He quickly rose to the rank of staff sergeant, a rank he held until he died in the line of duty.

"Knowing him as we did, we can imagine him to have maintained the same sense of duty when he went up to engage the enemy in battle, as had been his wont in the Benedictine Cadet Corps. He died the death of a true soldier and we know that he did not flinch from the danger even when the odds were against him, as we may assume that they were. The school is honored in having tutored a boy of the type of George Gannam. He sealed his patriotism with his life's blood. 'Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

"To the members of the Benedictine Cadet Corps, George Gannam should serve as an ideal. In him you see exemplified every virtue which should characterize a Benedictine Cadet. Not so many years ago, he had gone through the same course of training through which you are passing now. He met with and overcame every difficulty which you meet in your daily student life. He was studious and conscientious in his class work; obedient and respectful to his superiors; kind and considerate towards those over whom he had been placed in command, and congenial with everyone with whom he had come in contact. Keep this ideal ever before you and you in turn will earn the respect and love of your fellowmen, no matter what walk of life you may choose.

"On this sad occasion our hearts naturally turn in sympathy to the parents upon whom God had placed the heavy burden of sorrow. They had made many and great sacrifices in giving their boy an education and in raising him as a useful citizen of his country. Now he has been taken from us while still in the vigor of youth. He had given every promise of a useful and successful life, but God in His unsearchable way had chosen him to become a martyr of duty. Be comforted with the thought that, though his life was short in years, it was filled with deeds well done. While his body lies buried in a distant land, his spirit, his soul still lives on in a world where, through the mercy of God, you will some day meet him again. He was a boy with a deep sense of religion; as faithful in serving God, his Creator, as he had been faithful in the discharge of his duties towards his fel-

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FEDERATION PLEDGES

Savannah Youth Killed in Hawaii

Gannam Among First Casualties In Jap Attack On Hickam Field

Savannah, Ga.—Staff Sergeant George K. Gannam, 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam of this city, was killed in action on December 7, while defending Hickam Field, near Honolulu, against the Japanese attacks.

The shocking news of their son's death burst upon Mr. and Mrs. Gannam on December 10, in a terse message from the War Department, saying, "We regret to announce that your son George was killed in action at Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7th." Sergeant Gannam was attached to headquarters squadron of the Eighteenth Pursuit Group at Wheeler Field, a few miles from Hickam Field, and was among the first Americans in this war to give their lives for their country. He had enlisted in the army in August, 1939, only two months after his graduation from Benedictine Military Academy.

Requiem Mass

At the requiem mass held for Sergeant Gannam at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church December 12, the city of Savannah joined his sorrowful family in mourning his death. He is the first fatality from this city. In addition to the many relatives and friends of the family, a large group of prominent city officials, headed by Mayor Gamble, and faculty members and cadet units of the Benedictine Military Academy, from which Sergeant Gannam graduated in 1939, attended the services. The cadets, many of whom had known the war hero, had marched in solemn procession from their armory and had entered the church in three companies, each with its commander leading.

The celebrant of the mass was the Very Rev. Boniface Bauer, O.S.B., of the Benedictine school, with the assistance of a number of clergymen. Father Boniface consoled the family with the words of St. John: "No greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for a friend." A catafalque stood before the altar in the absence of the body, which will remain in Hawaii until the end of the war.

School Proud of Gannam

In his sermon, Father Boniface said that during Sergeant Gannam's four years at the Benedictine Academy, "he had distinguished himself by his devotion

War Hero



SGT. GEORGE K. GANNAM

Mr. Gannam's Reply To
President Barakat's Message
George M. Barakat, Esquire
Sixty State Street
Boston, Massachusetts.
Dear Mr. Barakat:

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation your comforting words in our hour of grief. But for the words of friends, it would have been much harder to bear.

Though his death was such a shock to everyone who knew him, we at home are proud of him for the way he chose.

Respectfully yours,
A. K. GANNAM.

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PAY SOLEMN TRIBUTE TO DEAD BOYS

Touching Scenes as Their Bodies Are Laid to Rest

BY EUGENE BURNS

HONOLULU, Dec. 16 (AP)—Day after day, just before sunset, with simple dignity befitting the gallantry with which they died for their country, America's finest have been buried at Honolulu.

They have been laid to rest on green hills overlooking the sea—there to remain until a peaceful time when the bodies might be returned to their native soil.

MARINES RAISE RIFLES

This has been going on since Monday, Dec. 8, the day after Japanese bombings brought death to 91 officers and 2638 enlisted men of the navy and 168 of the army.

A tight-lipped group of six-foot marines in olive-drab uniforms raise their rifles and fire three volleys over the fresh earth as nightfall approaches fast. A bugle sounds taps.

A black-robed priest blesses the ground with holy water and a Protestant chaplain recites the committal ceremony—then the living move back to their war jobs amid the blackout.

"Don't say we buried with sorrow," said the graying chaplain of the fleet, Captain William A. Maguire. "Say we buried with conviction. Our men died manfully and we will wipe out that treachery, come what may. The spirit of these men lives on. I can feel it."

Mark Each Grave

"Each grave is marked and each body carefully identified for shipment back to the mainland after the war is fought and won—back to home towns."

Honolulu's gardens have been stripped of flaming poinsettias—Christmas flowers—golden asters and many-hued hibiscus flowers—each grave has a small bouquet—Honolulu's tribute.

The first bodies were taken to Nuuanu Cemetery overlooking the palm-fringed sea from which the treacherous attack was launched.

When all the space there was taken trenches were dug atop Red Hill, overlooking Pearl Harbor.

Glorious in Death

"I was in the thickest of the attack," said Chaplain Maguire. "Our 130,000,000 Americans would glow if they could have seen how our boys died. It was glorious. Nay a whimper! They manned their guns until the decks buckled with the heat."

The chaplain wiped his blue eyes. "Ah, how game," he said. "At the Marine barracks where the wounded lay that Sunday, if a worse wounded man was brought in, a man with a leg missing or an arm missing would say, 'For God's sake I'm all right, put him on the table. Take me out of here.'"

"And while all this heroism was going on those Japs still were machine-gunning—do you get the picture I'm telling you lad? Badly burned men without clothes carrying blankets begged me, 'I want to get back to my ship. I want to get back to my gun.'"

"Ah, lad, if every American had seen how quietly, yes quietly, men suffered, how gallantly they died, how courageously they died, now courageously they thought about the next man they would glory. They would swear our front line will never give."

On Furlough



—Photo by Poltz.
LIEUT. FRED H. MCKINSTRY

LIEUT. MCKINSTRY ON FURLOUGH HERE

FIRST LEAVE IN 2 YEARS

He Has Been at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

First Lieut. Fred H. McKinstry, of the antiaircraft branch of the army, is in Savannah on furlough after being stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, from August 1, 1941, until October of this year.

The young army officer is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. McKinstry, of 509 East Forty-first street. When he was 13 he left Savannah with his parents for Chicago, his father being comptroller of the Illinois Central System, promoted from the comptroller office of the Central of Georgia.

Lieutenant McKinstry is enjoying his first leave in two years. Naturally his location in Hawaii, especially since December 7, 1941, has been in a vital and interesting area. He has now been assigned to Fort Eustis, Va., and will report there after his furlough ends and he completes his visit to his parents here.

Army regulations prevent Lieutenant McKinstry from talking much of the situation in Hawaii, save to admit that at present it is good. Of singular interest is the information that the Orientals living on the islands have proportionately been markedly liberal purchasers of U. S. savings bonds, this being true not only of the Chinese people living there

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Warren of Pulaski, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ruby Esther. Mrs. Conner will be re membered as Mrs. Thera Shuman

Family of War Hero



Left to Right (Top): Michael, George, Mary, Anthony, Nazer (Nazer is in the Navy); Seated: Karam Gannam, Mrs. Gannam.

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Condolences From Federation President

Among the many messages of sympathy received by Mr. and Mrs. Gannam, who are in business in Savannah, was one from Mr. George M. Barakat, president of the Eastern Federation. He assured them that "We Americans of Syrian and Lebanese ancestry shall always treasure the memory of that gallant soldier, Staff Sergeant George K. Gannam, who was the first to sacrifice his life in order that we might continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty." Another message of sympathy came from Congressman Hugh Peterson in Washington, who said in part: "Your son George has made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of our nation."

Brother In Navy

Besides both parents, Sergeant Gannam is survived by two brothers, Michael and Anthony, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Saraf, all of Savannah; and another brother, Nazer, who is serving in the United States Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va.

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السايرجت جورج غنام

اول جندي من اصل سوري استشهد في الحرب
الاميركية اليابانية

هذا رسمه. وفيه نضارة الشباب وسيما الهمة
وامائر العزائم وخصب الامال
هو احد الشهداء اندين فدوا الوطن الاميركي
بدمائهم

هو احدهم. وهم كثر - وكلهم عزيز على الامهات
والوالدين

هو احدهم. ولكنه ينوب عن قوم حلوا في حمى
اميركا لاجئين فوفى عنهم بحقوق الجوار والبنوة
في سبيلك ايها الحرية هذا الشهيد العزيز. هو
منا واتنا به لفخورون. و هو ابن لك يا اميركا من
الابناء البررة وليس باخر واحد

اما والداه بالجهد فيكفكف دموعهما ادراكهما
ان ابنهما بذل روحه في سبيل الواجب الوطني
وينهه حزنهما ما اتصل بهما من تراث اليسالة
والتجدد في الشرق الذي قال شاعره

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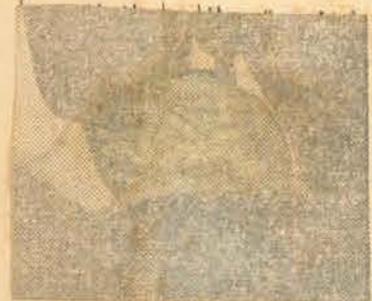
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الذي اقيم في مدينة سغانا
جورجيا لهذا البطل الشهيد
وكيف ان محافظ المدينة
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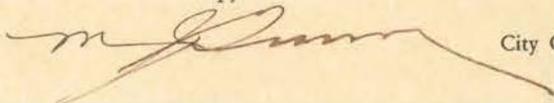
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Name of Father, **Karam Gannam**

Maiden Name of Mother, **Annie Gannam**

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A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk.

His Old Flag Is to Fly Here Again



SERGT. GEORGE GANNAM

Savannah's first death in the present war, once flew a flag over a neighborhood club here. The flag will be raised Sunday at noon on a new pole at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets.

GEORGE GANNAM'S OLD FLAG TO FLY

Ceremony Sunday at Noon at
53rd and Hopkins

HE USED IT AS A BOY

Cadets and Buglers to At-
tend the Exercises

The flag that Sergt. George Gannam, Savannah's first casualty in the war at Hickam Field, Honolulu, flew on a pole of a boy's club in Savannah, is going to be raised again Sunday at noon on a new pole at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets, next to his home.

There was a neighborhood club of boys near where George Gannam lived. He made the flagpole and the boys raised the flag on it. They insisted on the flag being above their club rooms.

Karam Gannam, his father, is giving the new flagpole. A detail of Benedictine cadets will be present at the flag raising. The senior class of that school will also have buglers attend. The Mothers' Club of Benedictine School will lay a wreath at the foot of the flagpole.

Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine, and Col. Fred Von Kamp, cadet colonel of the Benedictine battalion, will take part in the ceremony.

The new flagpole is surrounded by a fence. The flag will fly there from day to day and people of the neighborhood, as well as others who pass by, will remember Sergeant George Gannam who fell at Hickam Field on December 7, the fateful beginning of the United States' entrance into the world war. Sergeant Gannam was the first Savannahian in this war to fall in action in defense of an American area.

Sergeant Gannam was a graduate of Benedictine School. He enlisted in the army in August, 1939. At the time of his death he was attached to headquarters group of the Eighteenth Pursuit Group, stationed at Wheeler Field, several miles from Hickam Field.

SGT. GANNAM'S FLAG TO BE RAISED TODAY

Exercises at 53rd and Hop-
kins Streets at Noon

At noon today a flag which belonged to Sergeant George Gannam when he was a member of a boys' club in Savannah will be raised on a new flag pole at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets.

Sergeant Gannam, Savannah's first war casualty, made the original flag pole when he was a member of the boy's club. His father, Karam Gannam, is giving the new pole.

Buglers from the senior class of Benedictine and a detail of the school's cadets will attend the flag raising. Sergeant Gannam was a graduate of Benedictine.

The Mothers' Club of Benedictine School and the Catholic Young People's Association will place wreaths at the foot of the flag pole which is enclosed by a fence.

Among those taking part in the ceremony will be the Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine; Col. Fred Von Kamp, cadet colonel of the Benedictine Battalion; Capt. A. M. Gignilliat, assistant P. M. S. and T., R. O. T. C. will attend.

Sergeant Gannam died at Hickam Field, Honolulu, December 7, 1941.

"The Register," Catholic newspaper of Denver, Col., in the issue of today, has the following story of Sergt. Gannam:

"The heroic death of another Catholic lad in the raid is related in the Catholic Herald, Honolulu paper. George Gannam, a fine member of the Holy Name Society, received communion from Father Siney at the 6:30 Mass. Badly wounded in the bombing, he was taken to the army hospital. Father John K. Connelly, a chaplain from the Sacramento diocese, was passing up and down the wards, giving the Last Sacraments to the more seriously wounded. George called to him, but the priest, seeing the boy's face unhurt, asked him to wait. Finally he heard the soldier's confession and gave him Extreme Unction and Viaticum.

"How are you feeling?" he asked. "Not bad, Father," came the answer with a smile.

"The priest lifted the blanket and saw that almost all the lower part of his body had been shot away. Before he died he made sure that Father Connelly would send his watch and money to his mother."

FLAG HE FLEW TO BE RAISED AGAIN

Will Be Tribute to Late Ser-
geant Gannam.

The flag that Sergt. George Gannam, first Savannahian killed in action in the war, flew on a pole at a neighborhood boys' club, will be raised again tomorrow at noon with elaborate ceremonies. A new pole has been provided at Fifty-third and Hopkins street, next to his home.

His father, Karam Gannam, has donated the pole. A detail of cadets from Benedictine Military School, from which Sergt. Gannam was graduated, will be present, and the senior class will have buglers attend. The Mothers' Club of Benedictine will lay a wreath at the foot of the pole.

The Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of the school, and Col. Fred Von Kamp, cadet colonel, will take part in the ceremonies.

The new pole is surrounded by a fence, and the flag will be flown each day, as a memorial to Sergt. Gannam, who fell at Hickam Field, Hawaii, on December 7.

Sergt. George Gannam's Memory Is Honored



—Photos by Harry Roberts

Scene in the lot next to the Gannam home at Fifty-third and Hopkins street as Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub was speaking Sunday at dedication of a flagpole in honor of Sergt. George Gannam, killed in battle at Hickam Field, Honolulu, December 7, 1941. Benedictine Cadets committed themselves to the cause for which Sergt. Gannam died. He was Savannah's first casualty in the war.

DEDICATION OF FLAGPOLE HELD

HONORS SERGT. GANNAM

Benedictine Cadets Pay Tribute to Alumnus

A flagpole was dedicated to Staff Sergt. George Gannam, U. S. A., first Savannah casualty of the war, at a simple but impressive ceremony yesterday at noon.

The flagpole is located on a lot at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets adjacent to the home of Sergt. Gannam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karem Gannam.

Opening the ceremony was the reading of special order No. 5 by Capt. Walter Ehrenreich, acting adjutant of the student battalion of Benedictine Military School, of which Sergt. Gannam was an alumnus. The order was as follows:

"This flagpole is dedicated in honor of George Gannam, a graduate of Benedictine Military School in the class of 1938. Staff Sergt. Gannam, U. S. A., died in the service of his country at Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. We, the present cadets of Benedictine Military School, dedicate ourselves to the cause for which George Gannam died and we pledge our youth and manhood to the establishment of world peace."

It was signed by order of the battalion commander.

Following the reading of the special order, a color detail of B. C. cadets marched to a table where an American flag lay on a silver tray, and received the flag from the father and mother.

The flag was raised on the new flagpole as a B. C. bugler sounded reveille.

The Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine, then read a resume of George Gannam's life.

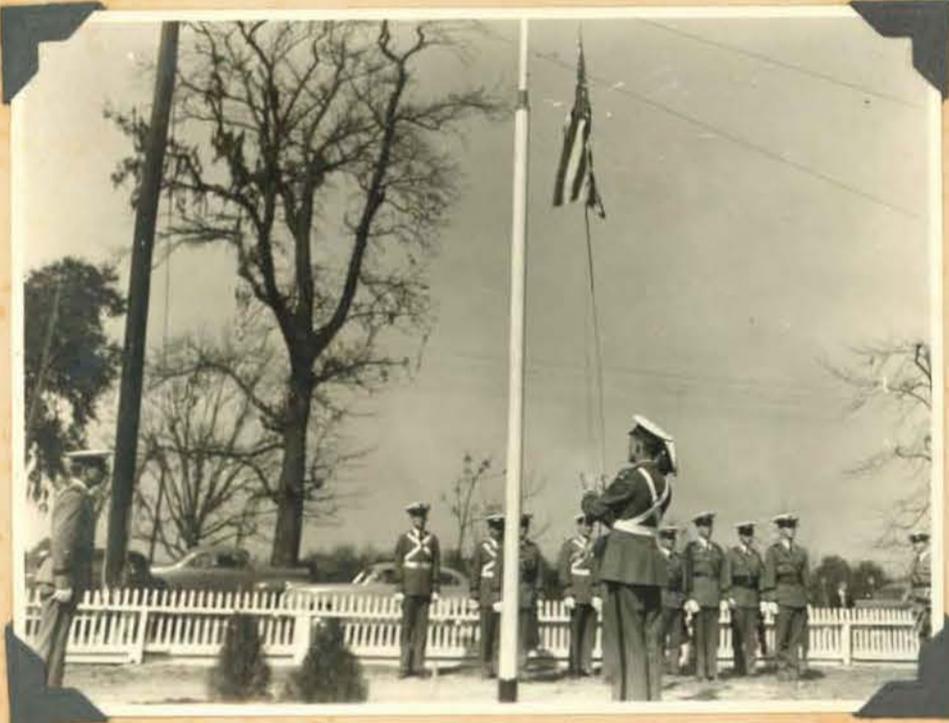
Two wreaths were placed at the base of the pole, one by Lieut. Col. Fred Von Kamp, cadet colonel of Benedictine, on behalf of the Mothers' club of the school, and the other by Miss Kitty McKenzie, president of the Catholic Young People's Association.

Following this the bugler blew taps while the cadets stood at attention. The ceremony was brought to a close with the playing of the national anthem by the Benedictine band.

The flagpole is in a pretty setting, with the ground sodded with grass and the lot enclosed with a fence.



The flag, which was Sergt. Gannam's flag when he was a boy, being raised to the top of the pole by two Benedictine Cadets, of the battalion's color guard. The new pole was given by Karem Gannam, the dead soldier's father.



GANNAM-LYONS UNIT TO MEET

Benedictine Alumni Forming Defense Corps Unit

The Gannam-Lyons Unit of the Georgia Defense Corps will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the armory of the Benedictine Corps of Cadets.

William Register is in command of the unit, which is being formed in large part of graduates of Benedictine Military School. The unit is named for two former Benedictine cadets who died recently in the service of their country.

Capt. Register is hoping that more alumni will show up at tonight's meeting and join the unit. The present strength is much below that desired. There are a number of Benedictine alumni, he believes, who will find they are doing a real service by joining this unit as their part in the defense work. He extends to them an invitation to attend tonight and sign up with the command. Assistance will be given the new unit by some of the smart undergraduate cadets, who are very proficient in military matters.

DEFENSE UNIT AT BENEDICTINE

IS FORMING MONDAY

Be Named For George Gannam and John Lyons

The Benedictine Alumni Association will meet tomorrow night at the armory at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming Unit 151 of the State Defense Corps of Chatham county. Plans are to name the unit after George Gannam and Jack Lyons, two former Cadets who gave their lives in the service of their country in recent weeks. The name was suggested by Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine.

The officers of the association, of which Richard Russell, Jr., is president, feel that the opportunity is right for former Cadets, in view of their military training, to render a service of special value to the city and its environs.

The organization of the proposed unit has been placed in the hands of Bill Register, a former Benedictine Cadet captain who graduated with the class of 1926.

The unit would be affiliated with the Chatam county defenses under Maj. George Rice and Capt. Joseph Hester, who head this division. Under the conditions of formation the state is to furnish uniforms and other equipment.

Father Gregory last night said, "I am deeply gratified to learn that the Alumni Association is interested in forming this unit. It represents the kind of reaction that is typical of the public spirit Benedictine always tries to inculcate. I feel sure that the required fifty-five can be quickly recruited. I would suggest the Unit 151 be known as the George Gannam-Jack Lyons Unit."

John Lyons died in a plane crash near Pittsburgh, October 9. He was 23 years old and was graduated from Citadel after finishing Benedictine. At Citadel he received several honors including the "Star of the West," which goes annually to the best drilled cadet in the corps. He had been a lieutenant in the United States Air Corps since April of last year.

George Gannam died at Hickam Field in Hawaii on the opening day of the Japanese attack. He was Savannah's first war casualty. His military record at Benedictine was among the best. He enlisted in the army in August, 1939, and had received a sergeancy.

CAPT. THOMSON TO MEET WITH ALUMNI

BENEDICTINE UNIT OF DEFENSE CORPS DRILLS TOMORROW

Capt. E. G. Thomson, commandant of the Benedictine cadets for 17 years prior to the school's attaining a R. O. T. C. status will attend the first drill session of the Gannam-Lyons unit of the Georgia Defense Corps tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the Benedictine armory.

The unit is named for two former Benedictine cadets who died in recent months for their country. Captain "Eddie" as he is affectionately known, is prevented taking part in the unit and other phases of public welfare work because of his health.

He is very enthusiastic about the organization of the alumni unit for it will be composed almost entirely of young men who attended Benedictine under his tutelage.

When seen this morning he said: "I hope my boys will seize this opportunity of serving with their old cadet buddies in this very important organization, the state defense corps. I should like to see the Benedictine alumni who have entered other phases of defense work for which they have had no previous training relinquish their places in such organizations to others and enter the Gannam-Lyons unit where they can use the military training they have had."

"It is important to my mind that each person serve where he can serve best."

"Although there is a great number of Benedictine alumni already serving with the colors I never-the-less feel that there are still more than enough to oversubscribe this unit."

"I will be looking forward to them tomorrow night giving Bill Register, the commander, their enthusiastic support."

The Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of the Benedictine Military School said today that he was greatly pleased to learn of Captain Thomson's plan to be with his old boys tomorrow night when the unit begins its first drill period.

Father Gregory declared he will have some of the members of the present corps of cadets available to help the alumni in regaining their one-time military efficiency.

May 21, 1940

George K. Gannam,
18th Air Base,
Wheeler Field, T. H.

Dear George:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th and I am glad to enclose herewith the character reference you requested. I hope it will properly serve your purpose, and with very best wishes and regards, I am

Yours very truly,

HOBART L. MANLEY

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May 20, 1940

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The writer has known George K. Cannam for approximately fourteen years, and he bears a reputation of integrity and high moral conduct. I believe he would make a good and trustworthy young man at any post he may be placed.

Also, have known this young man's family for the same length of time and know them to be fine people and good citizens of this community.

Yours very truly,

HOBART L. MANLEY

hlm:s

May 6, 1940
18th Air Base
Wheeler Field, T.H.

Mr. H. L. Manley,
Reynolds and Manley Lbr. Co.,
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Manley:

I plan to take the next Randolph Field examination, and must submit with my application a number of character references.

I would appreciate very much if you would send me a letter of recommendation.

Thanking you for your consideration on this matter, I am;

Yours truly,

George K. Gannam
George K. Gannam

KILLED IN ACTION

THESE MEN FELL FIRST AT HAWAII

These 30 young Americans (below) from Nebraska to Florida were on the first U. S. Army casualty list of this war. They were killed in action in Japan's surprise bombardment of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7. They are only a few of the total casualties, now estimated at 3,000, and their names are among the last to appear in a public casualty list for the war's duration.

Speaking for the Army and Navy, President Roosevelt declared



Rear Admiral Isaac Cambell Kidd was in command of battleship division at Pearl Harbor.



Private William W. Merithew is survived by a son, William Merithew Jr., at Oneonta, N. Y.



Staff Sergeant Joseph C. Herbert of the Army Air Corps used to live in Clear Spring, Md.



Staff Sergeant John Henry Mann of the Army Air Corps came from Stow, N. Y. He was 22.



Private Conrad Kujawa from Hammond, Ind. was with the Coast Artillery Corps in Hawaii.



Sergeant Joseph J. Chagnon is survived by father of 319 East 100th St., New York City.



Private John R. Fletcher of the Army Air Corps is survived by family in Janesville, Wis.



Private Robert L. Schott belonged to the Army Air Corps. His family lives at Elkhart, Ind.



Sergeant Robert C. Sherman of the Army Air Corps used to be resident of Middletown, N. Y.



Private John G. Mitchell of the Army Air Corps once was a resident of Hoisington, Kan.



Sergeant Walter R. French was a member of Medical Corps. His home was Delphos, Ohio.



Staff Sergeant George Gannam of Savannah, Ga. was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii.



Private Leland V. Beasley of Loretto, Tenn. is survived by his father, Cyrus C. Beasley.



Private William M. Northway of Providence, R. I. is survived by his aunt, Bessie Barton.



Second Lieutenant Louis G. Moslener was a resident of Monaca, Pa. where his parents live.

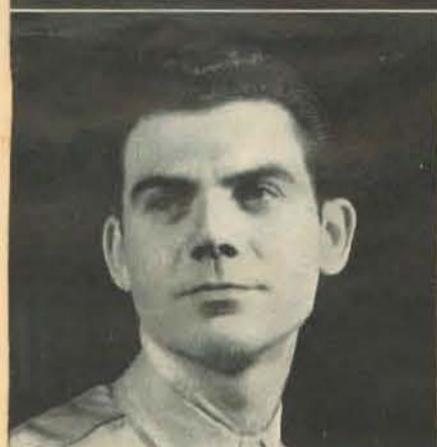


Private Ralph S. Smith of Essington, Pa. is survived by his father, Mr. Harry A. Smith.

last week that hereafter radios and newspapers should refrain from announcing complete lists of dead or wounded, for such lists would give useful information to the enemy. In case of a casualty, the next of kin would be notified at once, however, with instructions not to divulge the name of their relative's ship or station. The President said he thought it would be permissible for newspapers and magazines to print news of individual war

deaths if military or geographical information was withheld. The bravery of Captain Colin Kelly Jr. (right) on Dec. 12 off Luzon in the Philippines provided America with its first war hero. Kelly dove his plane straight at the Japanese battleship, *Haruna*, released a stick of high explosives almost into the mouths of flaming guns, and then vanished himself in the mighty explosion that ushered the 29,000-ton ship to the bottom of the sea.

Dec. 22, 1941



Corporal Malachy J. Cashen, Air Corps, leaves mother, Gertrude Cashen, in Lamont, Iowa.



Lieutenant Hans C. Christiansen, Air Corps, of Woodland, Calif., died at Pearl Harbor.



Corporal Vincent M. Horan belonged to the Air Corps, used to live in Stamford, Conn.



Captain Colin Kelly Jr. who sank the *Haruna* is survived by wife and son in Brooklyn, N. Y.



Private Robert R. Niedzwiecki was with Army Air Corps. His home was Grand Rapids, Mich.



Corporal Robert P. Buss of the Army Air Corps came from Elkhart, Ind. He was 26 years old.



Private Eugene L. Chambers of Army Air Corps was formerly a resident of Apollo, Pa.



Private Horace A. Messam was from Barberton, Ohio and is survived by his father Ernest.



Private Jack H. Feldman of Philadelphia, Pa. is survived by mother, Mrs. Reba Feldman.



Private Louis Schleifer leaves his father, Mr. Morris Schleifer, who lives in Newark, N. J.



Second Lieutenant George A. Whiteman of the Army Air Corps was from Sedalia, Mo.



Private William Coyne Jr., who was 20 years old, was Kansas City's first known casualty.



Private Victor L. Meyers, 24, of Hendley, Neb., was born on the final day of World War I.



Private Elmer W. South came from Indianapolis, was among those killed at Pearl Harbor.



Private Theodore F. Byrd Jr. of Army Air Corps is survived by father in Tampa, Fla.



Sergeant James E. Guthrie from Nathalie, Va., is survived by his father, Claude Guthrie.

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EDITORIALS

The football team has bought Defense Stamps, have you?

Movies would be a lot better if they shot less film and more actors.

BENEDICTINE AND THE WAR.

With the death of one of its alumni, the school has had the blunt horror of war thrown viciously into its face. Impersonal newspaper accounts of the treachery of the savages in foreign countries moved us little. It took the death of one of our group to jar us and startle us and to make us realize that America is really at war.

George Gannam died at Pearl Harbor but the memory of George Gannam cannot die so long as there remains a member of the Benedictine Cadet Corps who will often and reverently speak his name.

To us he has thrown the torch of freedom. It is our duty to catch it and raise it high and walk forward with it towards Victory. And in performing military duties here at school, in cooperating with government officials, we catch that torch and begin that march.

As cadets of a military school we are fortunate in times like these to be receiving training of inestimable value. Now more than ever it is necessary to study military science more faithfully and thoroughly and to carry out instructions in a soldierly manner.

If in the past the drill schedule has seemed dull and boring it should now assume a resemblance to reality that will force you to take an active interest in it. The drill field teaches self discipline and in this war control over one's self is a main weapon that the country will need in the times when, and if, rationing becomes very strenuous.

So wake up, Cadets. Take the noble example of George Gannam as a lesson of perfect loyalty and Prepare to Fight!

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR! REMEMBER GEORGE GANNAM!

SPORTSMANSHIP

"A sportsman", says the dictionary, "is one who in sports is fair and generous, a good loser and a graceful winner." All too often generosity is forgotten when the contest grows heated, not so much by our players, as the spectators. The mob instinct grips them, might makes right, they say, and they try to take matters into their own hands, or mouths should we say.

Such was the case in the Jordan-B. C. conflict. When a Benedictine player stepped into the foul ring a deathlike stillness pervaded the atmosphere, but let an opponent venture thither and anguished shouts arose. When he got ready for his shot the gym sounded like a nest of rattlers, and if he made it,—wow— We don't know if that's the common procedure in Columbus when a "foreigner" shoots, but we ask, "Is this proper? Is this sportsmanlike?"

This state of affairs cannot go on. Benedictine must and will rise above it. If we cannot win a game by fair means, let's not win at all. When our team is in a distant city we expect them to be pleasantly received, just as we receive them in our own gym.

Remember the old adage, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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B. C. Graduates Name Defense Unit For Gannam-Lyons

Both Were Alumni Of Benedictine

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Membership is limited entirely to graduates of Benedictine Military School, but the unit has the official sanction of the State Defense Corps.

Although still familiar with the basic fundamentals of military life, some of the older graduates have lost the command they once held over military science. To aid the members of the unit in becoming acquainted with the "new drill," Lt. Col. Von Kamp has volunteered the services of the officers of the battalion. Capt. Ray, Lt. Clifton and Lt. Ryan have assisted in the instruction.

Alumni Honors Him



Staff Sgt. George Gannam

School Honors Victims Of Sea

On Monday, January 27, a requiem mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the members of the crew of the S. S. City of Atlanta, which was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in Atlantic Waters.

Thomas J. Kenny, chief engineer, among those missing, is the father of John Kenny, a member of the class of '40.

The cadet corps of Benedictine Military School attended the military mass in uniform. The unit assembled in LaFayette Square at 8:45 A. M. and then marched into the church for the celebration at nine o'clock.

The school choir of the Cathedral Grammar School sang the mass. Friends and relatives of the missing attended in large numbers.

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GANNAM FLAG RAISING



C. B. S. TELLS GANNAM'S STORY

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and that in 1905 George's mother and father came over to America and settled in Savannah. In 1920 a child was born, and he was named George. It was then told how his father had that very day erected a flagpole in honor of George, and how his fellow cadets, the students of the Benedictine Military School, had assisted in the dedication. It was impossible, the narrator said, to realize the abundance of pride held by the parents of this great boy. He lived zealously and piously, and in order to do something great for the country he loved so dearly, he applied for a position and was readily accepted in the army, given the distinction of staff sergeant.

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B. M. S. WINS CITY CAGE TITLE

Cadets Hear Fr. Hubbard's Timely Talk

"Our Arctic Fortress" Is His Subject

Speaking on "Alaska, Our Arctic Fortress", Father Bernard Hubbard, S. J., delivered a timely and interesting lecture to an amazed audience at the Municipal Auditorium on Monday February 9. Most of Benedictine's Cadets attended.

Father Hubbard was introduced by Mayor Gamble who had been presented by Monsignor T. J. Mac-Namara, an alumnus of Benedictine.

Mayor Gamble spoke of Father Hubbard's geological discoveries and vast explorations as a continuation of the marvelous work begun by the Jesuit priests in America over four hundred years ago.

The priest modestly thanked "one of the country's most literary mayors," and with his droll humor immediately won over his audience. He held their undivided attention during the entire two and a half hours program.

He spoke quickly, audibly—in a manner that makes him one of America's foremost orators.

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STAFF OF QUILL HAS NEW OFFICE

Military Department Furnishes Desks

Father Gregory has given the staff of the Campus Quill the room next to the military supplies room on the second floor of the Armory as an office where the paper may be prepared and where meetings may be held.

Sgt. DeMotte has given a desk from the Commandant's Office. The room, once used as a store room, has assumed an air of bustling activity and the members of the staff are usually found after school hours busily preparing the next edition of the Campus Quill.

BENEDICTINE CHAMPIONS



From left to right, front row: Charles Angelus, Jimmy Petit, Vic Mell, Walter Ehrenreich, Dick Welsh. Second row, standing: Robert Smith, official time-keeper, Charles Rousseau, Coach Dennis Leonard, Jimmy Grogan, Langdon Cooper, Joseph O'Loughlin, Barrett Welsh and Manton Hester, student manager.

Cagers of '42 Win Prep Crown For First Time

Angelus Outstanding With 18 Points

The basketeers at Benedictine have won a coveted distinction in this year of 1942. They have been led by Coach Leonard through a highly successful basketball season climaxing with the capture of the City Title, a prize never before won by a maroon and white team.

The cadets won the crown when they defeated Savannah High School in the Hi gym, 29 to 21.

Benedictine lost its first game to the Blue Jackets in the High School gym, but tied the annual series by winning the second game in the Armory on February 3.

This, too, was a bit of history-making, for it marked the first time that B. C. had defeated S. H. S. in the Armory. The "Armory jinx" often referred to has been broken by this precedent breaking team of '42.

In the third game of the series, B. C. won as the dopsters predicted by a neat margin.

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Cadet Battalion Stages Review St. Patrick's Day

Annual Parade Cancelled Due To National Crisis

The boys of Benedictine did not sport their green this year by parading in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. The committee in charge of arrangements for the parade decided to abandon the ancient custom this year on account of the national emergency.

The corps did however stage a review in honor of Sgt. Wm. Berry of Fort Jackson who represented the Irish Jasper Greens at the ceremonies held in that battery's honor on the 17th.

Columbia Broadcasting System Tells Story of George Gannam

Listeners were entranced Sunday night, February 22, when the Columbia Broadcasting System presented, through its dramatic program, "They Live Forever", the inspiring life of the late George Gannam, killed in action at Pearl Harbor. The program was produced in a unique, dramatic fashion, and it showed that the life of George Gannam was indeed the life that every true American

should lead.

Several voices were used in the production. The first, low and emotional, captured the attention of listeners from the very beginning with an address that made people stop to find out what was going on. Then another voice read the list of Pearl Harbor casualties headed by the name of George Gannam. After the reading of the casualties, still another voice entered and told briefly but completely the life of George Gannam, how as a boy he insisted on raising and lowering the flag over a neighborhood club, made up of himself and several of his mates. The narrator explained that the name Gannam was Syrian

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DEMOTTE RETURNS AFTER ILLNESS

Injured By Gun At School

Sgt. Otis A. DeMotte, assistant to the Commandant at Benedictine has returned to school after a painful absence. Injured by a 37mm gun which fell on his foot, Sgt. DeMotte has been confined to his home for over a week.

Complying with War Department orders, Sgt. DeMotte was crating the weapon for shipment when it slipped to the floor and mashed the bones in his foot. Though still not free from the cast, the sergeant is able to hobble around the school and perform the duties which were so sorely missed while he was gone.

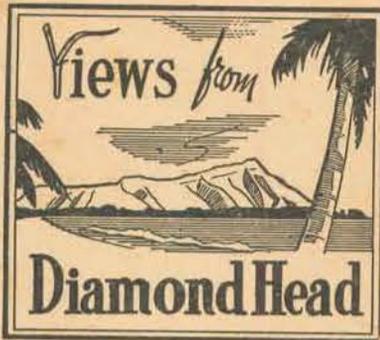
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Catholic Heroes

Sidelights on the start of the war in the Islands are still as interesting to the general public as the day they happened. This war is such a personal thing to each of us. We are always anxious to read of the heroic deeds of the boys participating—as long as they are true and faithfully narrated. Each American soldier, sailor or marine engaged was one of ours—a buddy, and as close as though he were a member of our own family. We sorrow in his pain and anguish; we rejoice in his deeds of strength and valor.

A visit to several encampments the other day brought out the following . . .

One fine Catholic soldier who endeared himself not only to the boys of his regiment but to many civilians as well—especially to those at the Columbus Welfare Building—had just attended the 6:30 Mass at Hickam Field with several hundred other boys on the morning of December 7th. He had received Holy Communion at the Mass, and without breakfast, was preparing the altar for the 8:30 Mass when three bombs in succession struck the building. In five minutes time the structure was leveled to the ground. And this grand Knight of the Altar who stood his ground with the Lord in His own house was found afterwards by Father Ed Sliney, the post Chaplain, lying right in front of the spot where the altar had been . . . his thanksgiving after Holy Communion at an altar here below . . . interrupted . . . is being continued alongside the throne within the Great White Gates where belief in things unseen gives way to vision . . . dear good Joe Nelles has gone to God in Heaven.

Another young soldier from Hickam Field, Joe Silva, who may be cited for bravery under fire, saw three gasoline trucks in the midst of falling bombs. Without considering his own safety, he and two other soldiers rushed to the trucks, despite the fact that many planes were still overhead releasing their bombs, grabbed the controls and got the loaded gas tanks to safety before a bomb could strike them and ignite the whole of the flying field. Then amid plenty of machine gun bullet strafing, he kept the hospital supplied with water from the swimming pool after the mains had broken. Joe smiled in relating it and thought it nothing.

At a second post, the chaplain Father John Connelly was just starting Mass with 400 boys in attendance. As he recited the "Introibo ad altare Dei" the first bombing started although none realized that it was war and all remained in their pews. At the Gospel the explosions increased.

While composing his sermon the night before, the chaplain had prepared his boys, unconsciously but prophetically, for this very day's war. As

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Thursday, January 15, 1942

Views From Diamond Head

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the theme of his sermon, Father Connelly had chosen these words: "The Right Way to Die." He related a war story . . . a true one of the last world war . . . a regiment of dough-boys being sent into a sector that was being heavily shelled. They were seasoned troops. They knew what was ahead. As they went to battle they passed a wayside shrine so frequently found in France. It was the Pieta—the statue of the Blessed Virgin with the dead Christ just taken down from the cross in her arms. Every dough-boy saw it as he passed to take his battle position. Each whispered a prayer for success and safety in the encounter. The boys went in and held their sector. Not all came out. But those who did, made their way back through the shell-holes over the same road.

They came to the Pieta. It was still standing, thank God! They looked closer. In the arms of Mary they saw, not the body of Jesus—that had been blown away by the shells—but resting there in almost the exact position as the body of Christ, was one of their own buddies, a young American soldier, killed in action, and by some strange accident, blown into the arms of the Mother of God. "That's the right way to end—right in the arms of the Blessed Mother," said the other dough-boys.

"That's the way to end," repeated the chaplain as he finished his sermon to the boys of Fort Shafter in the new world war that morning of the 7th without knowing that the war had started.

Attending Mass at this chapel were Lt. Col. Griffin, Captain Diestal, Lt. Carnahan and his wife, Lt. Keogh and other officers . . . none believing that any nation would attack another nation without warning. Informed quietly of the attack towards the end of Mass, they immediately left for the firing line. They had served their God. Now their country.

The supreme sacrifice was made by another Catholic boy with the same sweet patience he had always manifested in life. His name is George Gannam; he was not only a fine Catholic but a loyal member of the Holy Name Society as well.

Badly wounded by shrapnel, George was brought to the Army Hospital

early Sunday morning, December 7th. Passing quickly up and down the Hospital wards, Father Connelly gave the last sacraments to the more seriously wounded.

George at last saw him and smiled. "Father, hear my confession. I received Holy Communion this morning at Mass. But I want to go to Confession and Communion again for the last time. I haven't long to live."

Although pale, his face hadn't a scratch. He looked well and uninjured. A blanket covered him from the waist down.

"Just a few minutes and I'll be back," replied the chaplain.

"There are other boys worse than you, George. You've been a fine Catholic. I'll be back as soon as I can."

"Okay, Father! Just as long as I know you are around."

A few minutes later, Father Connelly passed his way again. Gannam smiled and called him.

"There are a few more to anoint, George. Then I'll be back to you." Another smile—sweetly and resignedly.

Finally about 15 minutes later, he did come back. "A little lull, George. Now I'll take care of you." He heard his confession, gave him Extreme Unction and Holy Viaticum.

"How are you feeling now, George?"

"Not bad, Father," as he smiled.

Father Connelly then lifted the blanket and saw that the lower part of his body had been almost entirely shot away.

The heroic lad was much worse than most of the others, yet he didn't complain. The chaplain went with him to the operating room. George's only worry now was about his mother back on the mainland. He was anxious to see that she got his money. "Write my mother, Father. Send her this watch and wallet and give her my love." He died soon afterwards.

Your boy died a long way from home, Mother. But he died the death of a double hero—a hero of God and a hero of his country. This will be your greatest consolation in the long days to come without him.

God is so faithful to His servants that He will never permit to be deceived by the devil one who desires to please Him, and to devote his life to His honor and glory.

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MR & MRS KARM GANMAN=

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:ACCEPT OUR DEEP SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE IN THE IRREPARABLE LOSS
OF YOUR BELOVED SERGENT GEORGE WHO FELL IN THE DEFENSE OF
LIBERTY LOVING AMERICAN MAY THIS EVERLASTING MEMORY PROVE OUR
:OUR LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRYWHO CLOSE TO LIVE AND DIE FOR ITS
CAUSE. IN THE FAMILIAR WORDS WHICH OUR RELATIONSHIP WARRANTS
WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE FROM THE CLAN OF ABISAMRA THE
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MR AND MRS K A GONAM AND FAMILY=

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FRIEND ALL MY LOVE AND SYMPATHY GOES TO YOU=

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ALTHOUGH I MET GEORGE BUT ONCE I FEEL THAT I HAVE LOST
 A FRIEND MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO ALL=

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HAVE LEARNED OF GEORGES DEATH. ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY=

SHEKRALLA DAGHIR AND FAMILY.

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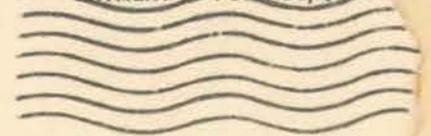
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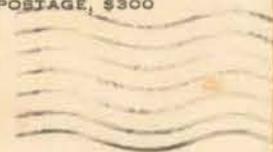
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Wheeler Field, T. H.

7 February 1942

53rd & Hopkins Streets
Savannah, Georgia
June 14, 1942

Dear Mrs. Gannam,

You may have for your safekeeping the inclosed letter from the Chief of the Air Corps, placing your son on the eligible list for appointment as an Aviation Cadet. Staff Sergeant Gannam was one of our finest soldiers and a fine operator, well-liked by all, and it is further example of the high caliber of our men and of our training, that he so successfully

Lieutenant D. E. Mansfield
1st Lieut., Air Corps, Commanding
17th Air Base Squadron
Wheeler Field, T. H.

Dear Lieutenant Mansfield:

Please accept our thanks for sending us the document from the War Department placing our brother George Gannam on the waiting list for appointment to Army Aviation Cadet. We cherish this letter and will put this among all his other papers which marked his progress in the Air Corps. It is needless to say he dedicated himself to getting this appointment so that he could get the necessary training for a commission.

Mrs. Ann Gannam
53rd & Hopkins Street
Savannah, Georgia

We only hoped that he served you well while he was with you and wish that he could have served his country more when it needed him most.

Your kind remarks about him were a source of comfort to us.

Yours very truly,

A. K. Gannam

AG/E

17TH AIR BASE SQUADRON
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Wheeler Field, T. H.

7 February 1942

Dear Mrs. Gannam,

You may have for your safekeeping the inclosed letter from the Chief of the Air Corps, placing your son on the eligible list for appointment as an Aviation Cadet. Staff Sergeant Gannam was one of our finest soldiers and radio operators, well-liked by all, and it is further example of the fine potentialities George had as an American soldier, that he so successfully qualified himself to become an Aviation Cadet.

That his budding career was so prematurely ended is a great sorrow. But we look forward to the future, knowing that he died for our country, and knowing too, that he would want us to look forward.

With heartfelt sympathy, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dean E. Mansfield
DEAN E. MANSFIELD
1st Lieut., Air Corps
Commanding

Mrs. Annie K. Gannam
53rd & Hopkins Street
Savannah, Georgia

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS
WASHINGTON November 22, 1941.

SUBJECT: Army Aviation Cadet Appointment

TO: Commanding Officer,
17th Air Base Squadron,
Wheeler Field, T.H.

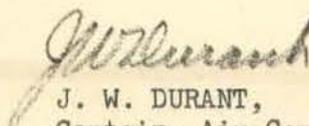
1. As a result of his recent examination the following named enlisted man, your station, has been found qualified for appointment as an Army Aviation Cadet, and his name has been placed on the eligible list with a view to his assignment to the first available class:

Sergeant George Karan Gannam, A.C., #6926173

2. Necessary orders for his assignment to school for training will be requested by this office from The Adjutant General at the proper time.

3. It is requested he be so advised and that he be directed to report to this office any change in his organization or station in order that his appointment as an Aviation Cadet may be accomplished at the proper time.

For the Chief of the Air Corps:



J. W. DURANT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Chief, Military Personnel Division.

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1st Ind.

Commanding Officer, 17th Air Base Squadron, 18th Air Base Group (R), Wheeler Field, T. H. 5 February 1942. TO: Chief of the Air Corps, War Department, Washington.

1. Staff Sergeant Gannam, 69261731, was killed in action 7 December 1941.
2. Original of Basic communication has been forwarded to his parents.

Dean E. Mansfield
DEAN E. MANSFIELD
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYO 293
Gannam, George K. (6926173)

July 31, 1942.

Mrs. Annie K. Gannam,
53rd & Hopkins Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Gannam:

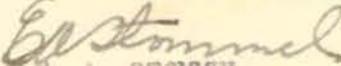
Please be advised that this office is in receipt of official information that the remains of your son, the late Staff Sergeant George K. Gannam, were interred in the Post Cemetery, Schofield Barracks, T.H., in Plot 3, Row S, Grave 75, on December 9, 1941.

You may also have the assurance that his remains were reverently and properly interred, and that the grave has been so marked and recorded, as to insure as far as is humanly possible, the preservation of identity, in order that the remains of your son may be, if possible, disinterred and returned to the United States for final burial after the cessation of hostilities, if so desired by the legal next of kin.

This office expresses its deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,


E. A. STOMMEL,
Special Assistant.

SEVENTEENTH BASE HQ & AIR BASE SQUADRON
18TH SERVICE GROUP

8 October 1942

Dear Mrs Gannam,

Inclosed are several copies of an old snap-shot of your son, Staff Sergeant George K. Gannam. The pictures were taken 21 June 1941, when the Squadron was holding a Luau near an Army Air Base. The pictures were made from a negative that belongs to one of his friends, Staff Sergeant Michael Twardowsky and were printed by another of his friends, Staff Sergeant Francis P. Fulton. The soldier in the picture with George is Sergeant Rudolph R. Patrovich, whose home is at 960 E - 170th Street, New York City.

Since you may not have a copy, it is believed that these will be of interest to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Dean E. Mansfield
DEAN E. MANSFIELD
Captain Army Air Force
Commanding

Mrs George K. Gannam
53rd and Hopkins Street
Savannah, Georgia

6 Inclosures - Snapshots

53rd & Hopkins Streets
Savannah, Georgia
November 5, 1942

Capt. Dean E. Mansfield
CO AAB
APO 959
C/O Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Capt. Mansfield:

Your recent letter with the six snap-shots of our brother George inclosed got to us alright. We were glad to hear from you and want to thank you for the snap-shots because we haven't any like them. If Staff Sergeant Francis P. Fulton and Staff Sergeant Michael Twardowsky are still in with you, please thank them for us for thinking enough about us to send us the prints. The resemblance to George is close and we will place them in the book with all his other pictures which came through with his effects.

With kindest personal regards and hoping that Victory will be ours soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. K. Gannam
(For Mrs. K. Gannam)

HEADQUARTERS SCHOFIELD BARRACKS
TERRITORY OF HAWAII

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

December 31, 1941

My dear Mrs Gannam:

At such a sad time, it is not possible to find words of comfort, but I think it does help to know someone is thinking of us and longing to comfort us.

My husband, Colonel Wilson, is in command of Schofield Barracks where all our Army boys were laid to rest after the attack on December 7th. I have tried to think of some way we could express our sympathy.

On Christmas Eve which is also my Birthday, Colonel Wilson ordered Antheriums for my gift. These we took out to the cemetery.

Today, with Chaplain Harkey, we also put many vases of the same beautiful Hawaiian flowers where our heroes rest.

On New Years Day, Chaplain Harkey with his Chaplains of all faiths will hold services of prayer there, and we shall bow our heads with a prayer that comfort may come to you.

With our deepest sympathy, I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert Ford Wilson

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December 23, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Karam K. Gannam
Fifty -third and Hopkins Streets
Savannah, Ga.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam :

It was so good of you to respond so promptly to my request for the photographs. They arrived safely this morning and we shall be very happy and proud to include them in our next issue of the Federation Herald which will go to print the first of the week.

I would like to make another request. I believe that a letter from you stating that you are proud ^{that} your son gave his life in defense of his country and the freedom and liberty which you have been privileged to enjoy in this new homeland of yours, *would be most welcome*

A letter like the the one I suggest would find its way to the American people when we publish it and will do our people a great deal of good in this country.

In addition I would like the names of the family so that I can put them under the picture. Give them to me from left to right as they appear in the picture.

Thanking you again for you cooperation and praying that you might find comfort in these Holidays that will help to make you forget your sorrow. I remain

Sincerely yours,

George M. Barakat, Pres.

Syrian and Lebanese American Fed. of the Eastern States.

53rd & Hopkins Sts.
Savannah, Georgia
December 20, 1941

George M. Barakat, Esquire
Sixty State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Barakat:

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation your comforting words in the hour of our grief. But for the words of friends, it would have been much harder to bear.

Though his death was such a shock to everyone who knew him, we at home are proud of him for the way he chose.

We appreciate the tribute that you intend paying him in the next issue of the Federation Herald. You will receive through the mail what pictures which are available right now. The large picture of George is one taken of him when he was a cadet at Benedictine Military Academy here at Savannah.

Respectfully yours

A. K. Ganam

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December 16, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Karam K. Gannam
Fifty-third and Hopkins Streets
Savannah, Ga.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam :

At this hour of your deepest sorrow, I am afraid that there is nothing that anyone can say or do that will help you to forget the great loss that you both have sustained on that fateful morning of December 7th. of

But I know that both you must be proud that death came to him while "in action" in the defense of his beloved country.

We Americans of Syrian and Lebanese ancestry shall always treasure the memory of that gallant soldier, Staff Sergeant, George K. Gannam, who was the first to sacrifice his life in order that we might continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty in this new homeland of ours.

Very sincerely yours,

George M. Barakat
George M. Barakat, President

Syrian and Lebanese American Federation
of the Eastern States

P.S. I would appreciate your sending me by return mail a picture of your late son together with a picture of yourselves and your other boy who is in the Navy. I would like to publish them in our next issue of the Federation Herald which will come out in another week. I am sending you a sample copy.

53rd & Hopkins Streets
Savannah, Georgia
February 1, 1942

George M. Barakat, Esquire
60 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Barakat:

You have paid our brother a glowing tribute befit a gallant soldier. I assure you it will always live in our memories and we are deeply grateful to you.

As for him, we are proud of him--proud of him for what he was and proud of him for the way he went, laying down his life for his country and for the cause of Liberty, Freedom and Justice which are a symbol of this new homeland of our fathers.

We know that his comrades who fought with him will carry on to victory. They will not fail him. They must not fail for democracy's sake and for the sake of those who paid the supreme sacrifice to see the job well done. May God guide them and protect them from the enemy. Let us all prege ourselves to the issue and see it through regardless of the price or sacrifice.

Respectfully yours,

A. K. Gannam

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P.S. We hope the pictures we sent have served you well. Please, just as soon as you have used them, return them to us. They are all we have and we cherish them.

عند لورنس ملك ١٦٢٠
١٩٤١

عمن وعمني الخزيين رحمه وكرم

بينما نمت تشرف اضرار السارة من فحوم والاف في ساعة محزنة
ورد علينا نلقران من عنكم وبه تبر وكرم وحبينا بوردج فلان كدرنا
وخرنا عظيمها لا يوض ولا يفر بنبي وما اعظم هو المهيبة عنه وقوعها
على الام والار لانه رحمه الله لانه محبا لوطنه وبلاده ورضي في بيل الممار
واقفا عن وطنه وبلاده مار جوكم ان تكون من صبورين على هو المهيبة وقولوا
ايوبه الله بقر الرب اعظم والرب اعنه عليك اسم الرب مبارك
بالتي ايها الامام قريب اليكم لكي اتمن عنكم الاكم وامنكم واخمدكم
باصكم الملتزمة ولكن رسلنا هذه هي النصرة الكبر لتلك الملتزم
رضي الحتام الملى من الله ان يكون فائمة اضرانكم وان يحفظ بقية اولادكم من
الما المقابب والاكوار وتكون ردمع الفز بوردج من الملكوت السماوي وعرضنا
في سلافة العائلكه جميعا الخزيين ابن الصبي وابن عمكم داود ملك
والخزيين ماريه ملك ابراهيم ورضي تمام

حفة الصديق الفاضل السيد كرم خان اللازم

بمن الحزن والاسى تلتفت خبر وفاة ابنك العزيز
تكررت كثيراً للمبارك الاليم لان اشتد همهم جورج وتليون . نعم
انه مات . ولكنه موته كان شرفاً له وللشبيبة اللبنانية السورية
(جمعاً) لقد مات ببلد وطنه شريف ولد تحت سماء وترعرع على
هضاب وذهب شهيداً حيث كان حامياً للوائى ..

لقد مات الهمم جورج بالجهد اما اسمه وانعاله باقياً في اعيان
في سجل التاريخ الاليم الجيد . فطمح الهمم الفقد العزيز رحمة ولفقة .
نعم يا كرم انت فقدت ابنك . ولعمري الامة اللبنانية عنه
بكرة امها وابرا خسرت بعم زهر طيب الرائحة وثاب متوتر
الذهبه وحند شجاع ووطنه مقدام . فحسب الله عليه .

كلنا يا كرم سارون على هذه الطريقة . وتعزيتك كبيرة
لانه ترك بعده سمعة طيبة واحدوية الطيب . وتغنى
بما ذكره الكلبان ويعتد التريب والغريب بطلوته وتلمحيته .
يا كرم يحقد لك الحزن والبكاء . ويحقد لك ان اثارك
باخرانك . ويحقد لنا ايضاً ان نكف عن الحزن والكآبة . ولكن يجب
يجب علينا ان نعلم امورنا كدرة الالهية ونضع لام نروع بان نشفع
بنفسنا العزيز الغالي عندنا ايها الحبيب اخلاصه العالم ..

واعند يا كرم وان كنت بعيداً عندى بلحمة اثاره قد شرد
الندمة . فقد كنت معك بالروح والفكر والنية ..

هل لك ان تبلغ تعزيتي اخلاصه لسيدة قريته المصونة
ولعائلكم الكريمة . وقد لام انية شاعراً معكم بفقد الهمم جورج
وعبر الهم . فلنفسه الفقدية الراحة الابدية وورد ولقرنتي
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Mr. R. Gannon
53rd and Hopkins Sts.
Savannah, Georgia.

With sympathy

for poinsettia

Savannah, Georgia.

An unseen clasp of a friendly hand
In sympathy deep and true!
A loving word in a voice unheard
From a heart that goes out
to you.

Mrs. A. Child

89 Broadway
Kingston, N.Y.
Dec. 26, 1941.

My dear Mr. Gannon,

My son, George,
and I wish to convey our
sympathies in the loss of
your son in the services
of our country.

Also please convey
our thoughts and prayers
to Mrs. Gannon. Respectfully,
Mr. Chas. Habel.

Dear

Bill

Bill

December 25, 1941

May the love and beauty
of the Christmas season
fill your hearts with
peace and comfort.

The Stallings'

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN

F. Lannam
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ما نشر نوفمبر 2014 في ٩٤

حضرة العم وادماء العم وجميع العائلة اذ ملكم الله لنا
فهار الفميس الماضي الواقع في الباري قد صلت البيريد الاميركية واول ما نظرت في
اول وجه وقع نظري على اسم فقيدكم ونفسيذنا المأسوف على شبابه وكلم جورج اني اعجز من
ان اعزيم في مصابكم البلاء يلام ينفق من حوله ذرة فهد خطب عظيم لا تجدي
في مثله الثغاري بل تزيد جسامته اذ تيد على صمم البتلي ذكر فقيدهم
فتضع بذلك على نار حزنه وقيداً

فجلاً ما اتوخاه اذا بيته الرسالة ان تشرفوا ايها العم الكريم
مشاركني انا وآل بيثي في حزنكم ومشا طرثنا اياكم الاسخ الريم على تلك
المنارة البسمية وقد تملك الدهر التينة منال الادب وطيب السرة
اما ثقتين احزانكم وكرطيب قليم المنصب فدم مطمح في فيلهما الا من لدن الذي
في يده قلوب العباد يعولها كين شاد فاضع اليه بقلب كسير ان يعنى بها عليكم وهو خير
مسؤول واكرم مرثي

وربنا يسوع المسيح الذي مات حباً لنا ولكم وللي يجمعنا بعد فرق وقتي في ملكوت الرصدي
هو بفرتم بنعمته وجاء المياح الابدية التي نمن مسافرون اليها عن طريق هذه الحياة
السريعة الزوال

واسال الله عزاء وجداء ان يعطر على الفقيه غيث الرصمة والرضوان وان يعزىكم
جميعاً بالبر والسلوان آمين

شريك با اسفا صدم كح صبيب
وابنت اخو كح ادال ساهمان

عن ما نشره نوحه لاجل في ١٢ / ١٨

ابن العم كرم حفظه الله

سبح السلام والارواح عظام بانا نثونو ما كنين على

تمام ~~الحكمة~~ الحكمة ابني الخاوية تحريي نكتم اولاً للشهيد
عن غاي سلامتكم وثانياً للاهل السرر تقاضيني لفقده العم

مع ولدكم بمرح على هذه الاعياد التي اجده علينا

هذه الذنبة ابني العم قد ابرقت في ابن عمي هنا

في ذلك الوقت وعدت ارسلت له تحريي لبيعتي

عن اخوتو واليرم في هذه الصياح وطلنا كرت

من ما ربي وكيد في من عندكم ولا اعلم اذا كاتو احوام له

لا اعلم اذا كان فكري على فلكم على كاد حال ادرنا

بان ارسل نكتم فكري اذا نصيتو مناسيب امثو في

موجبو واذا قلا واني وانيت عمي لطيفه قلنا بان

هنا موافق لي بعدي يتكلمو ورسبو الالهة

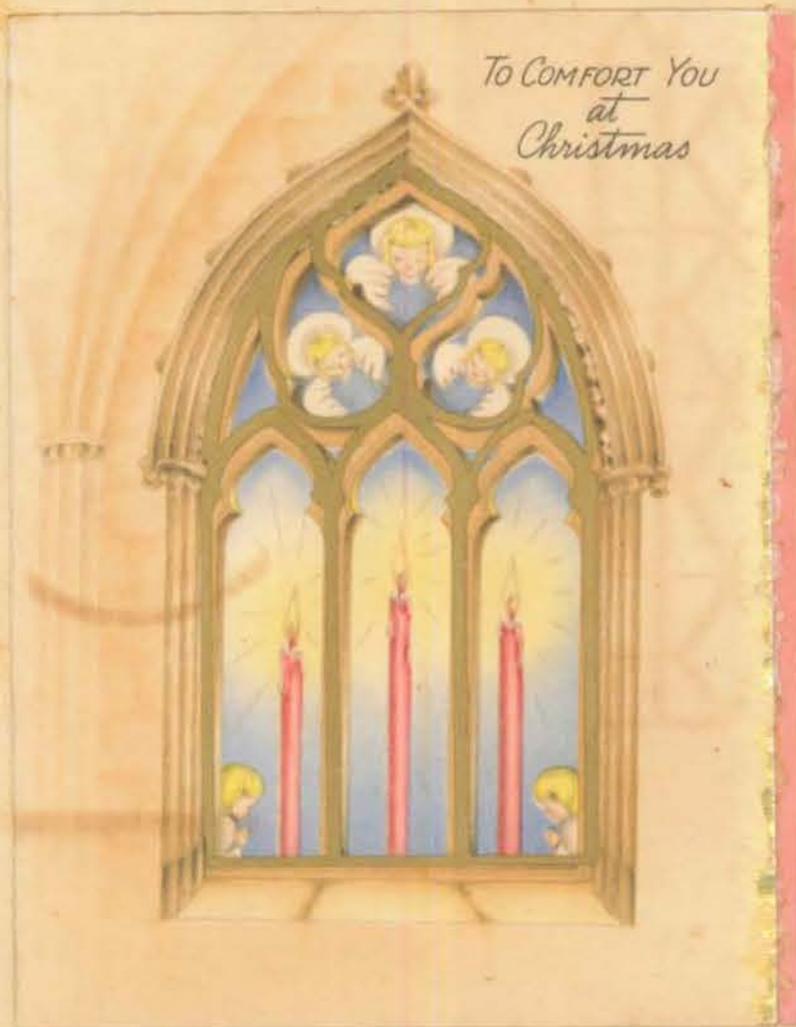
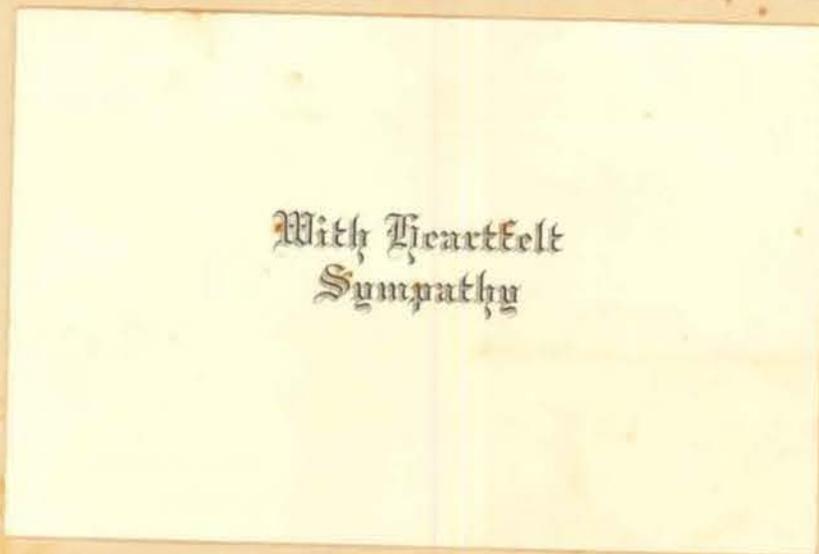
ويكونوا احسن رايي والخالطركم احلو في الصمرا نتم

ضارة واحملو الموفق السلام نكتم وارعيانكم ورمتم

يوكفينا
عائم

الاسم لا تشقرا تنهوا بوقوع علمنا
من الله انذاعه واحداً توتصل اصل
تطابكم او ننشر لحنا لا يجنا علم منكم
فا فراقنا لربما الحكمة شئرت بان
تخدم ننشر لحنا لا نعلم منكم فصار الذي
حار فنتعلم باننا تنبأ هو في مثل هذه
الاطل فيحق لكم بان نقول في امر كائن
رافتو وضحيتو مثل ايائها ونفا خود
بأصلكم وفتعلم هذه ورمخ اولاري

كله بيشتر گو مهي في الافا في ابر علمكم
بعينها
حانم
وعائلته





There's little I can say,
 except that I understand
 and sympathize
 with you.

May Dadin



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I know you are mighty
 proud of him as are
 all Americans

Walter Myers



Though
 Christmas happiness
 this year
 Must seem a thing apart,
 Still, may the season's
 beauty
 Bring its comfort
 to your heart.

Walter Baran &
 his Mother,



May tender memories soften your grief
And fond recollection bring you relief
And may you find comfort and peace
in the thought
Of the joy that knowing your loved
one brought,
For time and space can never divide
Or keep your loved one from your side
When memory paints in colors true
The happy hours that belonged
to you.



Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Carano
and Family

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



HE IS JUST AWAY



In Sympathy
AT
CHRISTMAS



WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY



With Deepest
Sympathy



I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead,-- He is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you--O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,--
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead--he is just away!

James Whitcomb Riley

Mrs & Mrs Vernon Dabie
and family



Just a message of deep
SYMPATHY
Sincere - and warm -
and true - -
May He who understands
your loss
Sustain - and Comfort You!
The Rebeccaw
Family



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It may help
a bit to know
that someone's heart
goes out to you
in sympathy
at this Christmas
season.

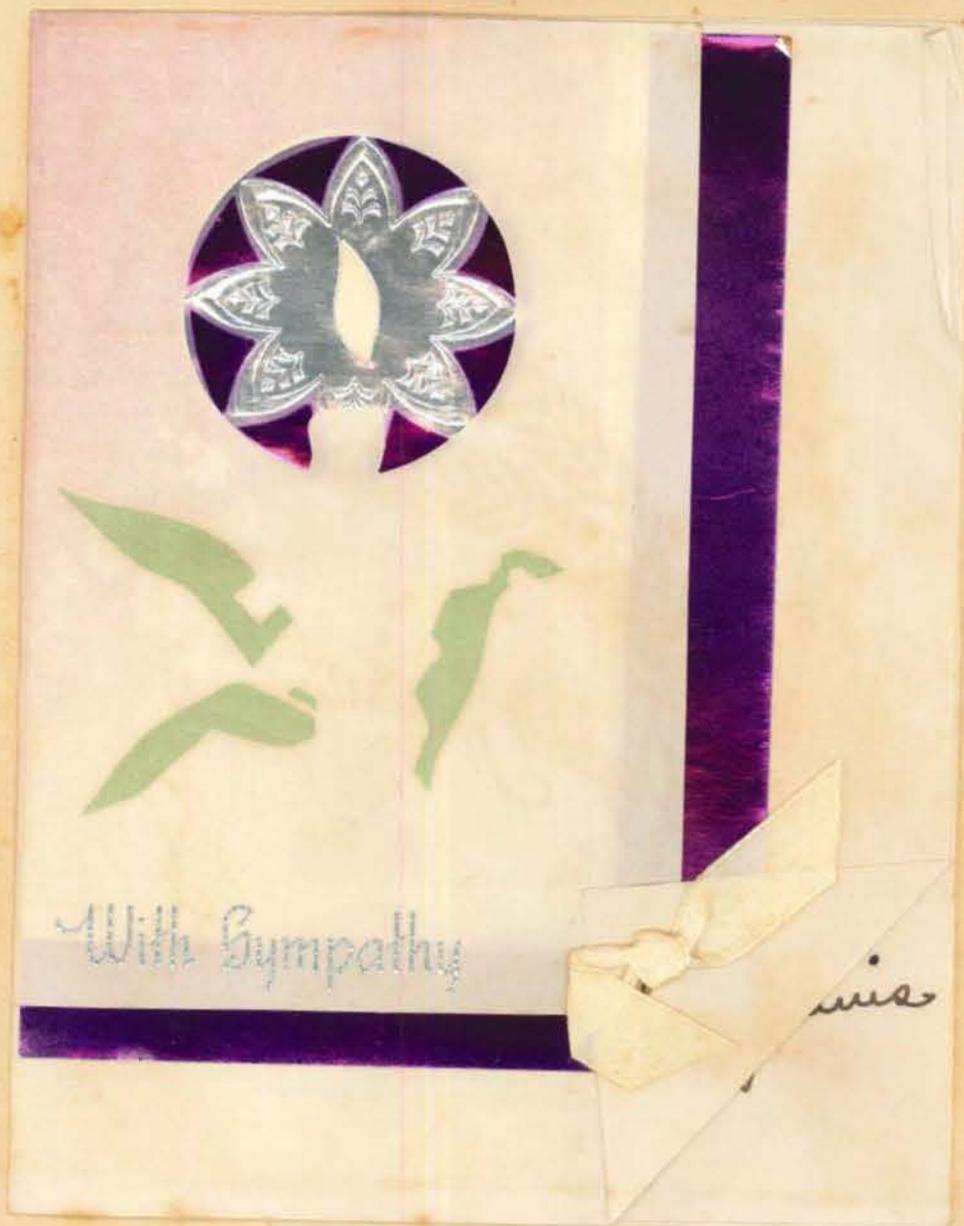
Dot Selie - Charlie

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May the dawning
of a new tomorrow
Help ease the pain
of your recent sorrow.

Dorothy + Robert Smith



Christmas won't be quite the same
For you this year
But life asks other, deeper things
Than joy and cheer;
May it bring peace and consolation
Just to know
That if Christmas is not quite the same
God willed it so.

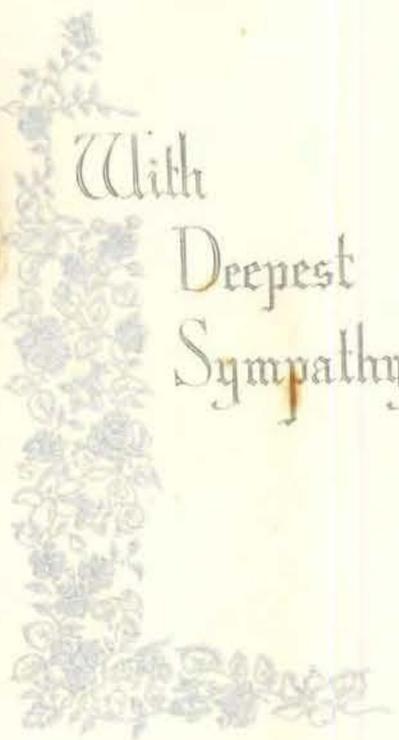
Mr. + Mrs. Jas. B. Zisette
619 W. 45th St.



May it bring you comfort
In some small way to know
That those who care are sharing
In the shadowed way you go:
And with a depth of feeling
That words cannot impart,
Come wishes that Time's healing
Brings peace to mind and heart.

Mr and Mrs Alf Younis
and Family

With
Deepest
Sympathy



Deepest Sympathy



To extend sincere
sympathy to you
in the loss
of your dear one

Mr + Mrs R. L. Tomlin
and Family

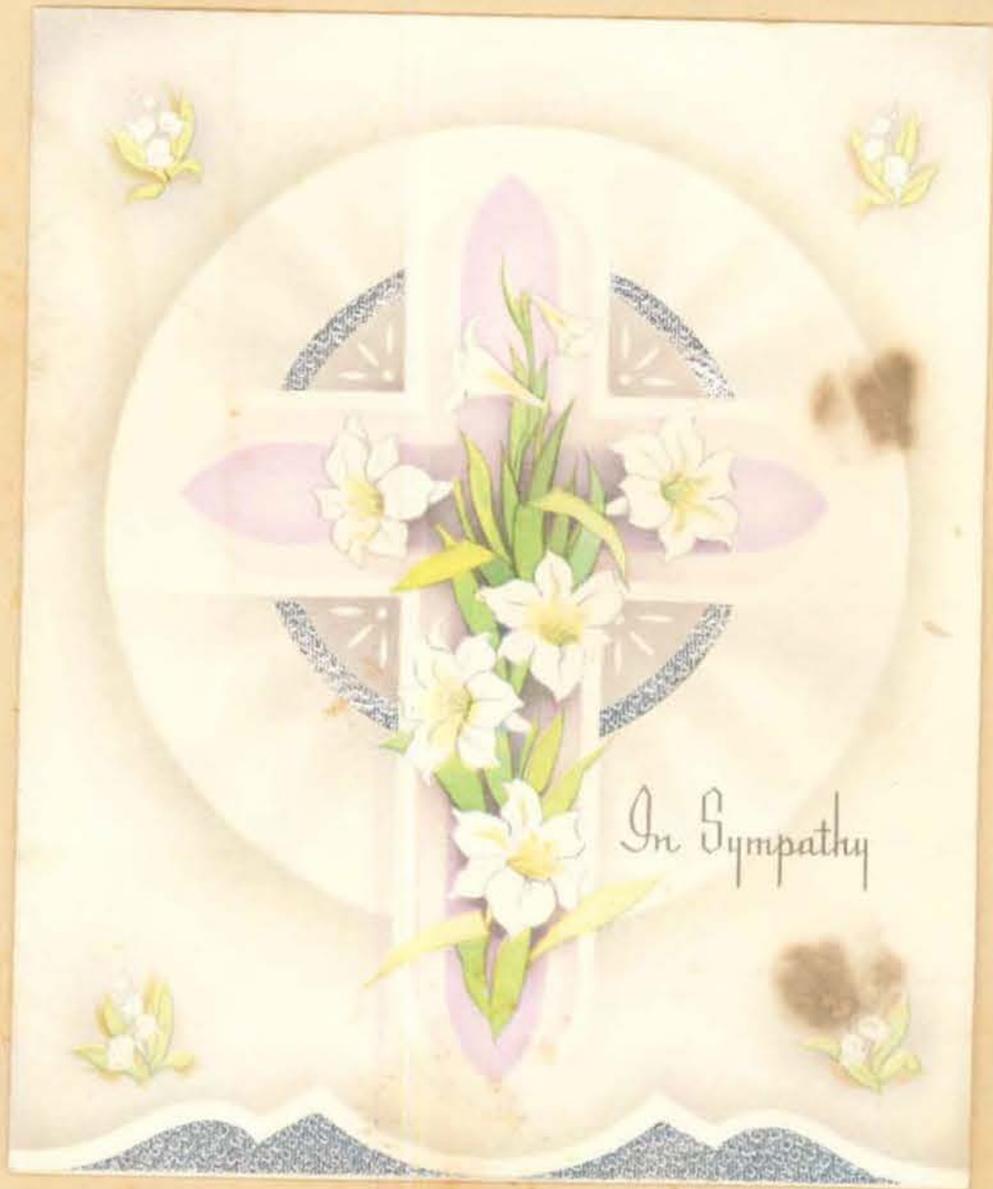


They cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
and He saveth them out of their distresses.

PSALM 107:19

May your
heavenly Father
comfort you
and give you
peace.

Evelina Brown





To express
deepest sorrow
and
heartfelt sympathy
as you mourn
the loss of one so dear
to you

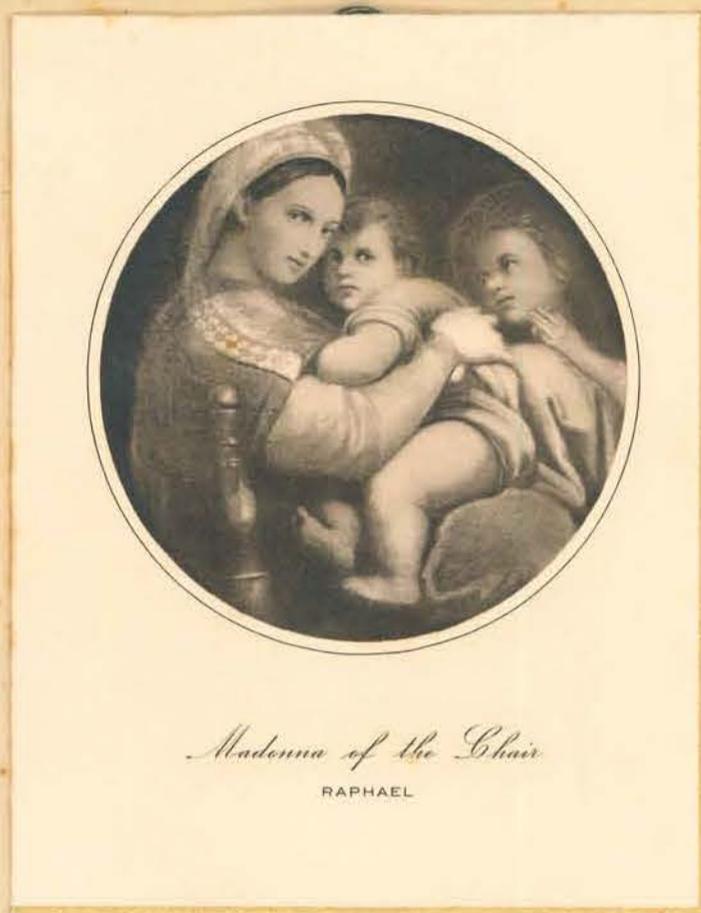
Mr. + Mrs. Abraham Karam



"Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4

May the joyous promise of His love
Your courage and strength renew,
And may His peace and guidance
Help sustain and comfort you.

Mrs. Ameen Thomas
Dames & Co. Eugene





Madonna of the Chair
RAPHAEL



Words cannot express
the heartfelt sympathy
for you in this your hour
of bereavement.

Benedictine Military School Auxiliary
mothers.



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will be offered

Once

for the repose of the soul of
Serg. George K. Harman
with the sympathy of
Helena Pol Durgent

Rev. John Hayes S. M. A.
St. Anthony's



With
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With sincere sym-
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Mrs. P. W. Meldrim ^{14 W. Mason}
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and I hope

long endures

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Wishing you a
Peaceful Christmas
and Happiness that
long endures





CHRISTMAS GREETINGS *Blue*

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GREETINGS



Hubert, Jean, and Sally Keller

(over)



★ CHRISTMAS GREETINGS *Bliss*



Merry
Christmas

Benedictine Mothers
Club.

Akron - Ohio
Dec 20, - 1941.

Dear Mr and Mrs Lannan.

I wish to express to
you my sincere sympathy
for the loss of your
son, George.

Such news was indeed
a great shock to me, and
to every one who knew
him.

I realize that nothing
I can say can lighten
the burden of your grief.

May the memory of
the happy years you spent
with him help you to
bear your great loss.

And may God help
you to be patient and

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may He spare you
the rest.

Regards to you all.

I remain,
Dear Thomas,



Mr. and Mrs. K. Gannan
 53th and Hopkins Street
 Savannah, Georgia



Mr. Karam G. Gannan
 53 + Hopkins Strate
 Savannah, Georgia.

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 Chalmette, La.

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Mr. and Mrs. K. Gannan
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 Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Rice Thomas
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N. York, N. Y.

Mrs. J. Morton Perry
Ridgeland, S.C

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam;

I was always so fond
of your boys and enjoyed
having them come down
to the office to see me so
much. George for some
reason was never too
lucky to pay me a visit
and naturally I was
closer to him than the

say that I am thinking
of you during these
sad hours. My God
Bles you.

Give my regards to
Wager when you write him
and please remember me to
"Mike", I am

most sincerely,
"Lee Ola Tutew" Perry

others. When I heard
the tragic news I
cried so much until
I couldn't write. If there
is anything appropriate
to write or say or
anything that could be
in the slightest degree
helpful, I do not know
it. Therefore, this letter
will be just a line to

Sibie is studying just now while I am writing to you. A few weeks ago we made a mission. I made it the first week and Sibie the next week. Now we are getting ready for Christmas. It's so much fun with Charlie to play for.

Well I'll close for now and please don't be as long in writing to us as we were in writing to you.

Love from all of us!
Dad & Sibie

P.S. Charlie has a tooth now.

6 Allen Street
Waburn, Mass.
Dec. 7, 1941

Dear Uncle:

Please forgive us for not having written sooner. We are all well.

We have a new addition to the family. a six weeks old puppy. She is part spitz and part terrier, all white and her name is snowball. We brought her home last night and we've had a great time with her today.

Now for the big news. We expect a new arrival the first of May and hope it will be a girl this time. but of course

How is everyone down there?
all are well I hope. George
writes to us regularly and Roger
does too.

We just heard the news of
the war with Japan this noon.
It had to come so I guess it might
as well be now. God grant that
will all come through safely.

How are you making out with
the house. I hope it is finished
now.

As far the water shortage it is
still serious. We have had very
little rain and now that cold
weather has set in it makes things
worse.

we won't mind as long as it
arrives safe.

Charlie has had a slight cold
this past week but he seems
much better today. He is being
inoculated against Diphtheria.
He walked a few steps last
Tuesday and the day that he
was 11 months old so we think
he'll be walking soon.

Did you have a pleasant
Thanks giving? We had my
family here for dinner and had
a grand time. We expect to go
to them for Christmas.

NEW ORLEANS ARMY AIR BASE EXCHANGE

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

December 23, 1941

Dear Mrs. Gannam:

When we received a letter from Nazer that George was killed in action, you know well how I and my children felt about your misfortune. God only knows how my heart goes out to you in your hours of bereavement and if there is anything in the world that I can do do not hesitate to call upon me.

I have Kelly in the Air Corps in the Army now and I think that they will call George too, but I hope God takes care of them and also the ones you have left. May God have mercy on us and our children in this awful mess.

God has his will and there is nothing we can do about it, but please don't take it so hard because you have others left, I know how you feel about the one over there, but you must pull yourself together and try to feel, for the sake of your other children, that you will pull yourself together because I know they are worried sick and will eventually make yourself ill.

If possible, why don't you try to come down here and spend a week with me, I am sure it will take some of the burden off. For the past four months I have been ill, sometimes in the bed for at least three or four days with my legs, the same thing that was the matter with me when I went to Georgia this Summer.

Write me soon and let me know how you are and also the children and husband.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs M. Hasney

P. S. Mike, I wanted to write this letter for mama by hand but I have been working at the New Orleans Army Air Base from 8 O'Clock in the Morning to almost 11 O'Clock at night since the war began and that is the reason I wrote it on the typewriter, so please excuse. I am rushing this on the typewriter now. Try to console you mother as much as possible for I know how she feels.

Agnes



Mr and Mrs Warram G. Gannam
 53rd and Hopkins St.
 Savannah
 Ga.

Mrs. G. M. Ryder
 Pablar, Ga.



Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gannam
 53rd and Hopkins St.
 Savannah, Ga.

VARA A. MAJETTE
TILLANDSIA COTTAGE
ST. SIMON ISLAND, GEORGIA

And your fine boy has gone
down with other of our boys. May
the Good God (who has not deserted
his faithful followers in spite of all
the hellishness turned loose in the world)
Comfort and sustain you in your
great loss.

The Americans did not want this
we wanted peace. But your sons
going has begun that vast gift of
American boys with their lives to
defend and sustain that peace and
justice in which we believe.

May you know the heart of America
is with you. Sincerely
Vera A. Majette

Pooler, Ga.
Dec. 12th 1941

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Gannam -
I do not know you
and you do not know
me but I felt that I wanted
to tell you how my heart
goes out to you in this
terribly dark hour. I have
a son in the Coast Artillery
in Honolulu and so far
we have had no word
whatever from him. Our
hearts are very heavy and
we sympathize deeply
with you in your sorrow.

I feel there is a deep bond
between the parents of all these
precious boys.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. J. H. Ryder,
Pooler, Ga.



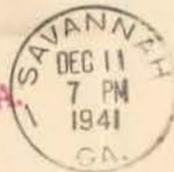
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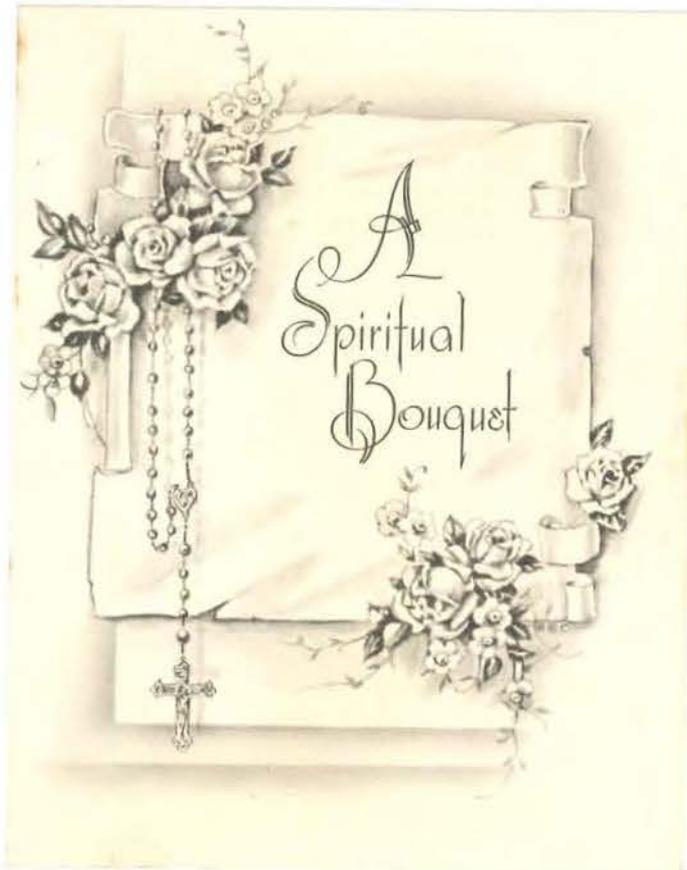
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Devotedly yours,

Joseph D. Mitchell

A letter in care of Bishop O'Hara will be sent to me if you ever have time to write.



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The Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass
will be offered _____
for the repose of
the soul of
George L. Gannam
with the sympathy of
Michael - Anthony
McBonnick & David Kelly
Said by Father Mitchell
Dec. 16, 1941

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RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA

December 11, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Karam Gannam,
53rd and Hopkins Sts.,
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam,

I was grievously shocked to read of Georges' death in this mornings news. So little can be done or said to express my heart felt sympathy for your and yours in this bereavement.

I was indeed fortunate in having George as a student while serving as athletic coach at Benedictine. George was a concientious, clean manly youngster and a chap that brought credit to himself and his parents for his gentlemanly manner and bearing.

Please believe me when I say that he was one of the finest boys it has ever been my pleasure to know.

I do hope you will find some small comfort in the knowledge that George lived a Christian life and brought joy to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Sincerely

Robbie Thomson

Robbie Thomson

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Savannah, Georgia,
December 11th, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. K. Gannam,
53rd and Hopkins Streets,
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy
for the loss of your boy.

There isn't much any of us can do
toward healing your great wound, but I sincerely
hope that both of you will be here to see his death
avenged.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Mendel

J. A. Mendel

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Mr. and Mrs. K. Gannam,
53rd and Hopkins St.,
Savannah, Ga.

To



Mr. & Mrs. Karam Gannam
53rd & Hopkins St.
Savannah, Ga.

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Mr and Mrs Gannam
53rd & Hopkins St
Route 4
City.

302 West Bryan Street

Estelle Tybela Rubnitz

Savannah, Georgia

December 11, 1941.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gannam:

My heartfelt sympathy is
extended to you in your hour
of sorrow.

Sincerely
Estelle J. Rubnitz

302 West Bryan Street

Estelle Tybela Rubnitz

Savannah, Ga

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MERCHID AND WIFE

58 Linwood Ave.
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Dec. 12, 1941 N.Y.

Dear Aunt & Uncle

Well I was very sorry
to hear the sad news but God
wants him sooner than he wants
us. The only thing I could tell
you although it hurts that we
are Americans and there are going
to be a lot more of sacrifices
that we have to face, were in
the war now and well never
quit till we crush the Axis powers
till the end we won't quit till
we get em all. Well all we
could say is that he died as a hero.

Please don't have any grudges
 against me for writing like this
 because as soon as there's a chance
 for a transport to leave I'm one
 that is going because I'm going back
 over to my old outfit because
 I know my position but it's
 hard to get there. After all there
 are millions of young & old who have
 lost their it is up to us now to show
 that we are Americans that we show
 fight with all our might to work
 em out of action. Cause an
 American always an American.

Liberty, Freedom, + Just to all.

Your Loving Mother
 Mr. + Mrs. Meredith J. Keane

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P.S. Our home address is

Mr. & Mrs. Merchid G. Kram

58 Linwood Ave.

Mitchel Gardens

Hempstead, L. I. N. Y.

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Dear Mr and Mrs Gannam and Family:-

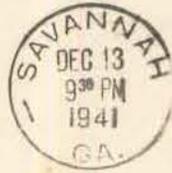
When our son Homer Newsome was in jr High school he knew your son George & we all liked him very much. The Ulmer's lived at 51st & Hopkins we would visit them & Homer knowing your 2 elder sons would go there play ball with them.

Homer gets married Dec 14-41 this Sunday 10 a.m. we know not the outcome of his marriage even in his trip by auto on highway whether he'll reach there safe or not as all danger is not in battle these days.

But I know he ~~will~~ will feel a deep hurt within his heart when he hears of poor George's fate.

Homer finished school only June 1941. So now he's working for a C.R. R.R in Wilmington N.C in Signal Dept as his Dad does. We accept our deepest sympathy & may God Comfort you all, Mrs J. N. Newsome. & once lived at 407. W44th & west 40

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Mr. Michael Gannam,
53rd and Hopkins Streets,
Savannah,
Georgia.



*Mr. Karam Ganem
534 Hopkins St.
Savannah,
Ga.*



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*Mr. Anthony Gannam
Hopkins & 54th Streets
Savannah, Ga.*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 13, 1941

Mr. Michael Gannam,
53rd and Hopkins Streets,
Savannah, Georgia.

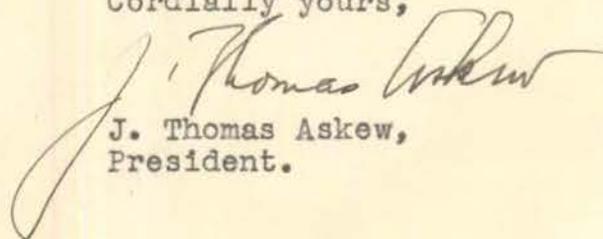
Dear Mr. Gannam:

Please know that you have the sympathy and understanding of the faculty and students of Armstrong in this hour of sadness.

The country, I am sure, is grateful for the supreme sacrifice of your brother.

Please convey to your family our deepest sympathy.

Cordially yours,



J. Thomas Askew,
President.

jta/b

302 Merrimac St.
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Karam,

Please forgive me for not having written sooner. I trust that when you receive this letter, you will all be in the best of health.

Karom, I wish to tell you that I was very sorry to hear of the unfortunate accident that happened to George. Believe me, I am very sorry, and hope that the idea of him,

brother Nazir, and that he will avenge the untimely death of his brother.

Nothing I can say will ease the deep sorrow that you feel, but I hope that when you read this letter, you will know that your loss is ours and your sorrow ours.

Trusting in God,

I remain,

John J. Ganem

passing away in the line of duty, a true soldier and patriot, will help to ease your anguish. I know that nothing & no one will ever take his place in your heart, but all you can say is, it was the will of God. Who are we to question His judgment?

I hope that in the days to come, God will make you proud of his

MISS MAY BELLE CLARK
1717 BARNARD STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

We have a young
cousin in Hawaii in
the army. We have
watched the casualty
lists in fear lest his
name be there.

May God comfort you
and your family in
this sad hour and
keep us all in this
time of peril.

Sincerely yours,

May Belle Clark

MISS MAY BELLE CLARK
1717 BARNARD STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Dec. 11, 1941

Dear Anthony:

Your family has
been the first to lose
a member in this
war. You have the
sympathy of the
entire town, I assure.

It is a great price
to pay, but it is in
a great cause. He gave
his life for the
honor of his country
and for the safety
of millions. We honor
and love his
memory for it.

My sister Anna
asks me to express
her sympathy to

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Mr & Mrs Karam Gannam
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19 Lebanon St.
Lawrence
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Mr. & Mrs. K. A. Gannam,
53rd & Hopkins St.,
Savannah, Ga.

Sylvania Ga.
Dec 12. 1941

Mr & Mrs Karam Gammam

Will you accept my heartfelt sympathy in this deep sorrow you are experiencing now. That of sacrificing your precious son in this horrible war. I sent up a prayer in your behalf when I read ~~of~~ the paper this morning. I shall add you to my prayer list, Remembering you daily. Praying you are a Christian and will be a witness for Him, as a saviour. of all who will accept His price He has already paid for our salvation. Not what we do, but what we do with Jesus, gives us salvation. Let us seek ~~to~~ there for Him.

May God's Holy Spirit be recognized as your ever near friend, who will guide you, if you will let Him. Lean hard on Him.

Your unknown friend
In deepest sympathy
Mrs J. S. Mowcrief Sr
Sylvania
Ga.

I have a boy
in training
in Kansas)

19 Lebanon St.
Lawrence, Mass
Dec. 15, 1941

Dear Aunt & Uncle:

Received your telegram Thurs. noon and Sadie and I have been so upset & shaky since we received that awful news that I just couldn't write to you any more. Forgive us & it is with deepest sympathy & a bleeding heart that I write to you. The news was also printed in our local papers & many of our friends came & offered their sympathy. Even tho' I do not know your beloved son George I have taken him into my heart ever since I saw his picture and his death has hurt Sadie & I very deeply. Beloved aunt & uncle I wish I were near to you cause this is the time when we need each other most but being so far apart makes it so hard. If the body had been sent home I would have gone down & attended the funeral.

Brother David + family + sister
Margaret's family also extend to you
their deepest sympathy. From the
bottom of my heart I pray that
God give you the strength to carry
this great sorrow and there is nothing
left for us to do but pray for our
loved ones and when we stop to think
there are many others who are feeling
the same grief as we are. May God
bless you and the family and my
best regards to your daughter
Mary's family.

Your loving niece
Mary Abraham

313^d Material Sgdr.
Box 218,
Kialeak, Fla.

Dear Friends,

It was indeed a shock to me when I learned of George's death. I was never hurt by anything so much as I was when I received this sad news. I hardly have to tell you how much of a friend he was to me, for you know how close we were. Then came the time when he sailed for Hawaii, but this never stopped our contact. His letters were never late & always he would ask if I had heard from the "folks". This meaning of course

you two - of whom he
was never forgetful -

It would be useless
to say that George was
a good boy, for you know
it as well as the rest
of us. He was my best
friend, and I am indeed
proud that I can say
this. I know both of
you are proud to say that
he was your son.

I wish I had been
able to come home at
this time, but dicker
circumstances wouldn't allow
me - never has my heart
or thoughts turned from
your sorrow.

Mother has sent me
all the clippings of his
pictures - these I intend
keeping forever -

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I hope all of you
are well - Please let
me hear from you, as
soon as you can. Remember
you still have hope & I.

Let all look to God
in this world of war,
for he knows best.

Sincerely yours,
W. A. Stone, Jr.

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Rose Kamm
390 So. Beech St.
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Mr. & Mrs. K. Gannam
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Mr. & Mrs. K. Gannam
53rd and Hopkins St.
Savannah, Georgia

390 So. Beech St.,
Manchester, N.H.,
Dec. 11, 1941

Dear Auntie & Uncle,

I can't find words to say how shocking & heartbreaking the news of George's death is. All I can say is He is a Saint & is in Heaven right now, so please, ^{don't} take it too hard although it is the worst thing that can happen.

Oh, Auntie, Uncle, Mike, Tony, & all of you, I can't tell you how broken hearted I am right now.

Oh, I know for sure that George is in Heaven for he is a Saint, & we should pray & ask God to be satisfied by taking our most Beloved, Loving, Precious George, & have mercy on us to keep the rest of the

I am so over.

Rose.

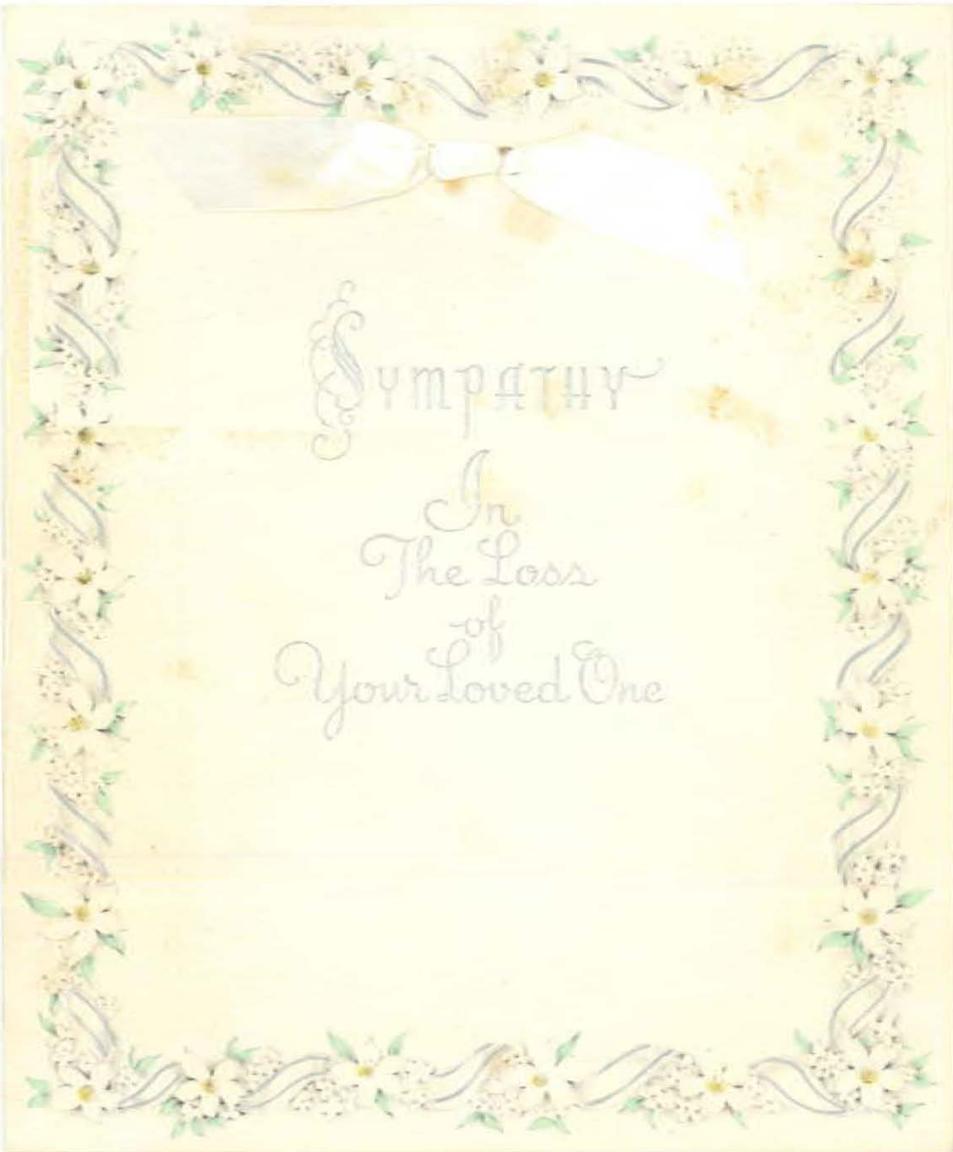
boys safe. Prayers are needed,
So let us pray for peace through
this heartbreaking news of ours.

Oh, May God Have Mercy on
all of us, & keep George safe &
happy with Him until we meet
again.

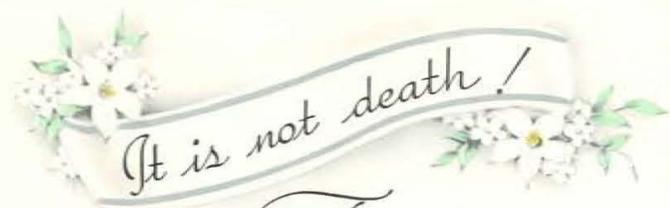
In saying I shall always be
praying for George & for all of
us for my heart is broken too.

my mother, father & the family
are so heartbroken too, because
George is their son too. We all
must pray & thank God in Heaven
& ask Him to be satisfied soon for
our tears cannot help now, May
God Have Mercy, although they can't
be stopped too.

Through all this heartbreak

A decorative sympathy card with a floral border and a ribbon at the top. The text is centered and reads:

Sympathy
In
The Loss
of
Your Loved One



Those whom we love
May leave us for a time,
Exchanging little earthly cares
For something more sublime!
It is not death! Those whom we love
Can never, never die
But live within our memory
And hearts as days go by!

The Campus Quill

Volume 16

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL, SAVANNAH, GA., OCT.-NOV., 1942

No. 1

CONNERS HEADS B. M. S. CADET CORPS

New Commandant At Benedictine

Lt. Smith Succeeds Capt. Gignilliat

On Friday, October 16, 1942, First Lieut. James F. Smith, U. S. Army Infantry, took command of the R. O. T. C. unit at Benedictine Military School as assistant to Lieut. Col. John H. Milan, P. M. S. & T. of all R. O. T. C. units in Savannah.

He succeeds Capt. Arthur M. Gignilliat, who has been ordered to report to Camp Wheeler on October 26.

Lieutenant Smith, who was born in Flint, Mich. entered active service as a reserve officer on April 1, 1941. He reported for duty at Fort Jackson, S. C. and was stationed at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Later he was engaged in recruit training at Camp McClellan, Ala.

While there, he volunteered and was accepted into the parachute troop corps and was sent to the parachute training camp Toccoa, which was formerly Camp Toombs, at Toccoa. He was ordered to Benedictine from command of a company there.

Lieutenant Smith is a graduate of Howe Military School, Howe, Ind. where he received his reserve commission. He attended Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., and graduated from the Babson Institute in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

At Michigan State, He played on the football team under Charley Bachmann as coach. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

When ordered to active duty, Lt. Smith was the local promotion manager for an automobile industry in Flint, Mich.



LT. COL. WM. CONNERS

Officers Escort Veronica Lake

Assist At Rally In Auditorium

Miss Veronica Lake, blonde bombshell of Hollywood, was escorted by the Cadet Officers of Benedictine Military School and Officers of the High School regiment at a huge War Bond rally in the Municipal Auditorium. The Cadets, in full dress with dashing maroon sashes, cut a splendid figure as they held their gleaming sabers in a high arc for the beautiful actress to pass beneath.

After the passage of the blonde star the officers faced to the stage, presented sabers with a flourish and marched off to the side galleries from which places they viewed the proceedings on the bunting-bedecked stage. Mayor Gamble welcomed Miss Lake with a few chosen words, stating that the inhabitants of Savannah were proud to have her in their midst. After this opening address Mr. William Kehoe, an alumnus of Benedictine,

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Service Roster

Many Alumni In Armed Service

Once again the graduates of Benedictine heed the call to arms. Hundreds have already gone into service, and more are following in their footsteps.

Our graduates are serving in the Marines. Paratroops, Army, Navy and Air Corps. They rank from Private to Lt. Colonel. Some have been decorated for bravery and six have made the supreme sacrifice.

As in World War 1 they will defend and protect their country to the utmost.

The following names are but a few of the hundreds in the armed forces. Each month we shall print a list of Benedictine men in the service:

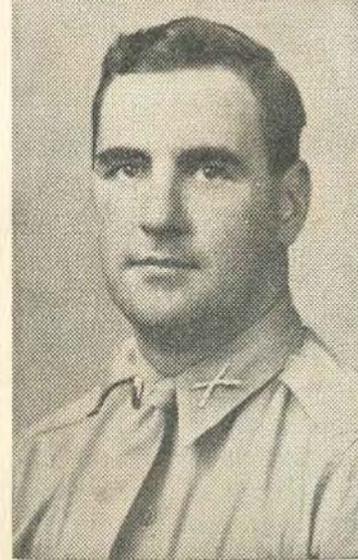
Aliffi, Sebastian J., U. S. Marines; Aliffi, Frank. U. S. Navy; Allen, Ignatius; Alexander, Louis Rich, 2nd. Lieutenant, U. S. Army; Anglin, Thomas, U. S. Navy; Alpert, Maurice; Aprea, Andrew, (Flying Corps), U. S. Navy; Axt, William; Baran, Frank J.; Barksdale, James A., Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army; Barr, Harold, Chaplain-Captain (Air Corps), U. S. Army; Barrow, Davis C.; Becker, Meldrim; Bergin, John, U. S. Merchant Marine; Bergen, William J., Corporal, U. S. Army; Berry, James; Blair, Melvin; Brady, James T.; Bremer, Arthur; Brennan, Joseph; Brennan, James J.; Brennan, Patrick, killed, April 1942. (Air Corps), U. S. Army; Brennan, Joseph T.; Broderick, Charles J. Broderick, William, Petty Officer, U. S. Navy; Brooks, Horace J., Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army; Brown, John H., U. S. Army; Bruce, Daniel, U. S. Navy; Burnett, Alexander, (Air Corps), U. S. Army; Butler, Harry G.; Butler, John G., Jr.; Butler, Paul L., U. S. Navy.

Capt. Gignilliat Lt. DeMotte Leave

In honor of Capt. Arthur M. Gignilliat and Lt. Otis A. DeMotte a retreat parade was given in the Forsyth Park by the cadet battalion of the Benedictine Military School, commanded by Lt. Col. William Conners. The two officers are leaving Benedictine to go into active service. The captain and the lieutenant, formerly our sergeant, have served faithfully for the past year instructing the cadets in how to be officers and gentlemen. Their work will not be easily forgotten.

After the parade had been formed the departing officers were presented gifts from the cadets by Col. Conners and gifts from the faculty by Father Boniface, O. S. B. The Cadet Corps then passed in review before the reviewing stand on which were, besides Capt. Gignilliat and Lt. DeMotte, Col. John H. Milam, P. M. S. & T. of

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LT. JAMES F. SMITH

Cadets Hear Seamen's Exploits

Broderick and Winters Speak on Navy Day

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the students of Benedictine Military School were addressed by two former cadets who recounted their experiences in the Navy and the Merchant Marine. On this day, Navy Day, the battalion assembled in the armory and the guests entered and ascended the stage, while the band played "Anchors Aweigh". Father Gregory, O. S. B. introduced the guests, whom he had known as students when he served at Benedictine in other years.

The first to speak was Joseph Winters, who is a second mate in the Merchant Marine. He explained to the cadets the duties and hardships of members of the Merchant Marine and gave a glowing description of the sinking of an oil tanker by a Nazi submarine. He also warned his audience that Americans were not making as

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Officers Named At Commission Dance

Rector, Principal, Speak

On the night of Thursday, October 15th, 1942, in an impressive ceremony at the school, the permanent appointment of R. O. T. C. officers for the year were made by Col. John H. Milam, P. M. S. & T., of the R. O. T. C. units in Savannah.

Commanded by officers temporarily appointed at the beginning of the year to serve until final decisions were made, the cadets marched into the Armory clad in their eye-filling full-dress uniforms and halted facing the stage, on which were the speakers and guests of the occasion. Father Gregory, O. S. B., serving as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Capt. Arthur M. Gignilliat, P. M. S. & T., at Benedictine.

Capt. Gignilliat, who was to be relieved from duty at Benedictine on the following Monday, expressed his sorrow at leaving this school and commended the the cadets highly upon their conduct and discipline during the period of time he was here. He then introduced the guests of the evening who spoke a few words.

After these addresses the Battalion Adjutant read special order number one, naming all cadets receiving commissions.

Appointments are: Lieutenant Colonel, William Conners; Major and Executive Officer, John J. Doolan; Captain Adjutant, Daniel O'Leary; Captain—Special Service, William Doolan; Lieutenant and Personnel Adjustant, Joseph Fogarty; Cadet Captains, William Dismar, band; James Grogan, Co. A.; William Sutlive, Co. B.; James Cole, Co. C.; Cadet First Lieutenants, David Kelly, Co. A.; Stephen

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George Gannam's Photo Dedicated At B. M. S.

To honor George Gannam, Savannah's first hero of World War II, a large picture of him in the Benedictine uniform, bordered by scenes of his life in the Army and of the Cadet Corps honoring him, has been placed in the foyer of the Bull street entrance. The American flag and the school colors flank this portrait and all cadets will be required to salute as they pass. Opposite will be the Benedictine Roll of Honor of the first Great War. Beneath Gannam's picture a plaque bearing the names of the B. C. boys who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war is to be placed.

During the dedicatory ceremonies held on October 26, a C. B. S. recording of "They Live Forever", featuring the life of the late sergeant, was played.

MAXEY REPORTS AT BENEDICTINE

Sergeant Winston E. Maxey, formerly of the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Screven on Tybee Island, has reported for duty at Benedictine Military School. In his short stay here he has shown himself to be a very efficient drill-master and is well-liked by the Cadets.

Sergeant Maxey is a native of Walterboro, S. C., enlisting in the Eighth Infantry at Fort Screven, April 13, 1936. He served with the Eighth at Fort Screven and Fort Benning until Sept. 1941, when he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Screven. He remained there until Oct. 23, 1942 when he was transferred to this school as the assistant to Lt. Smith, PMS&T.

Campus Quill Staff Chosen; William E. Dismar, Editor

At a meeting of the members of the staff of the Campus Quill the officers for the present school year were elected. Several new members were also added to the staff. It was agreed at the meeting that seven issues would be printed this year, and the price of subscriptions was decided upon.

Those elected to serve as officers on the staff this year are: William Dismar, editor-in-chief; Daniel O'Leary, associate editor; John N. DeGregory, sports editor; Joseph Killorin, feature editor; James Chappas, assistant feature editor; Karl Holmen and Jeffe Persse, reporters. William Conners is business editor with Joe Cafiero as his assistant. The circulation department is headed by Leroy Cole.

Our Policy

This publication is operated for and by cadets of the Benedictine Military School. Its purpose is to keep everyone who is interested informed as to recent happenings concerning the school and all persons connected with it. It will endeavor to present some interesting features which will be instructive as well as entertaining to all. We who are now entrusted with the paper intend to strive to maintain the high standards set for us by our predecessors and ask your kind indulgence in backing up this effort.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 4th, 1942.

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My dear Friends:

On next Monday, December 7th, at one o'clock, there will be unveiled in the Mayor's Office, a portrait of your son George who was the first Savannah boy to lose his life in World War No. 2.

This is to be presented to the City by Father Gregory in the name of Benedictine Military School and there will be appropriate ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the picture.

I feel that you would like to be present on this occasion and I extend you an official invitation to be with us on that occasion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Gamble

Mayor

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U. S. S. SYMBOL TO BE COMMISSIONED

EXERCISES THURSDAY
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KIND IN GEORGIA

The U. S. S. Symbol, constructed at the shipyards of the Savannah Machine and Foundry Company, will be commissioned Thursday morning of next week at 11:45 o'clock. The occasion will be an auspicious one, marking the first commissioning of a United States vessel in Georgia waters. Many Savannahians witnessed the christening of the beautiful little vessel last July, and will hail with pride the final chapter in the history of the preparation of Savannah's first ship for the World War.

In the absence of Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, commandant of the Sixth Naval District, Charleston, Capt. H. R. Keller, port director of naval transportation service, will receive the ship from officials of the company and turn it over to Commander Robert C. Brown who will be the officer in charge of the new vessel. The Most Reverend Gerald P. O'Hara, Catholic bishop of the Savannah-Atlanta Diocese, will deliver the invocation on this occasion. A limited number of guests will be on board the U. S. S. Symbol, designated as A. M. 123, when it is commissioned, space demanding that those witnessing the ceremony from on board be restricted almost entirely to naval personnel and officials of the company building the vessel. Invitations will be extended to a few civilians to witness the commissioning ceremonies from the dock.

The keel of the U. S. Symbol was laid last November and it was launched at impressive ceremonies July 2, being the first launched at the local plant. The sister ships, Threat and Tide, have also been launched.

Commander Brown is a native of Thomasville. He has Savannah connections which make his assignment to a Savannah-built ship of special significance. He is a brother of Mrs. J. D. McCartney and his wife is the former Miss Frances West, daughter of the late T. Newell West and Mrs. West. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis from the Seventh District of Georgia. His most recent assignment was at Puerto Rico.

Hero's Picture Will Hang in City Hall



The original of the above picture of Staff Sergt. George K. Gannam, first Savannahian to give his life in the present war and who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, will be unveiled at exercises at the City Hall Monday afternoon, during which tribute will be paid all Savannahians killed during the war as well as all now serving in the armed forces. Grouped around the portrait are various scenes from the life of Sergt. Gannam, including his activities at Benedictine Military School, where he was a student.

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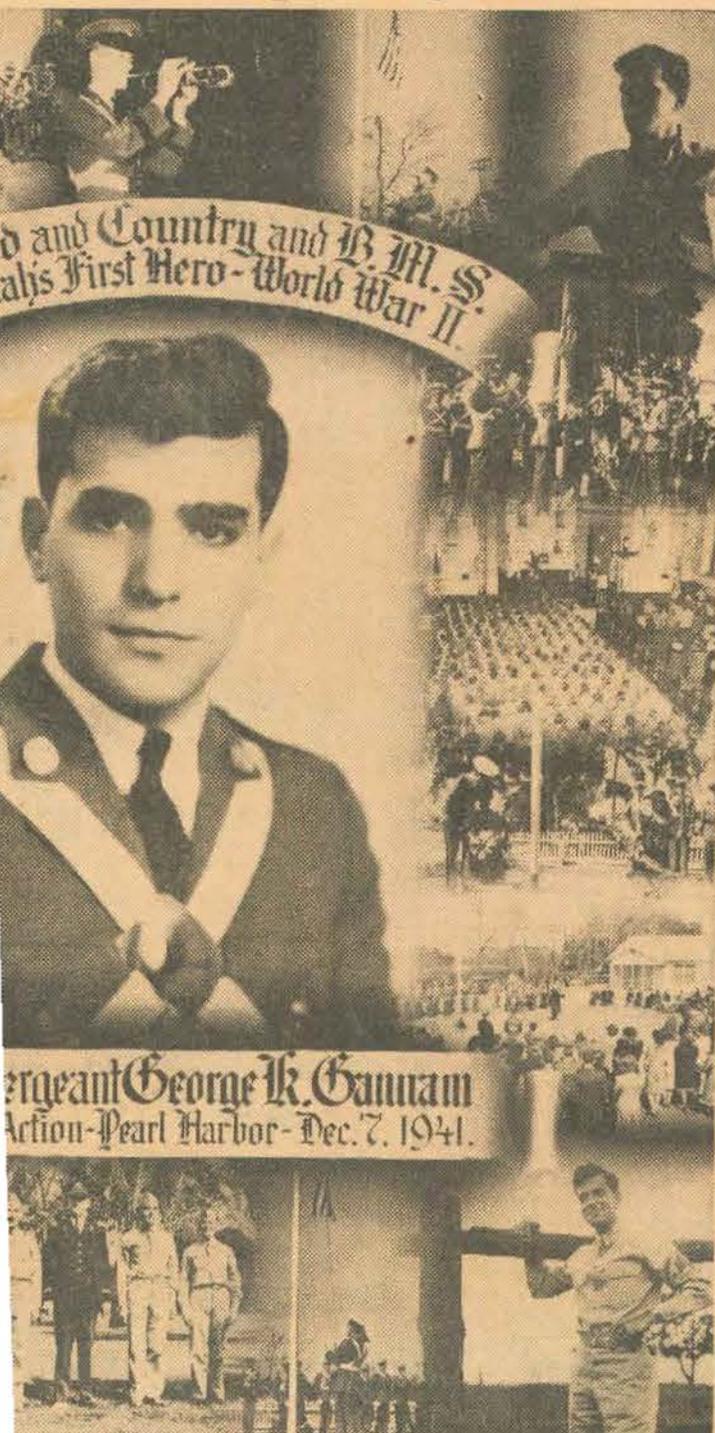
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PORTRAIT OF HERO TO BE UNVEILED

CEREMONY TOMORROW

Memory of George K. Gannam to Be Honored

Staff Sergt. George K. Gannam, who fell at Pearl Harbor in the Japanese attack on that tiny Hawaiian outpost on December 7, 1941, and was classed as the first Savannahian to give his life for the cause of freedom and liberty in World War 2, will receive additional honor tomorrow when a portrait of the local hero will be unveiled in the reception room of Mayor Gamble's office in the City Hall.

The memorial services, which will also pay tribute to all Savannah men who have given their lives and those countless numbers who have joined the armed forces of Allied nations throughout the world, will be held at 1 o'clock.

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Photograph Montage Placed at Benedictine

A photograph montage, featuring a large picture of Sergt. George Gannam, a Benedictine graduate who died at Pearl Harbor, surrounded by smaller photographs of dedication ceremonies, has been placed on the wall of the entrance hall at Benedictine Military School, the Rev. Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal, said last night.

Next to the montage is a roll of honor to include the names of all Benedictine students who give their lives in this war, which has been placed directly across from the roll of honor of the last war.

Orders were issued yesterday at a student assembly requiring all cadets to salute as they pass through the hall, Father Gregory said. Included in the memorial display is the American flag and the standard of the cadet corps.

"They Live Forever," a phonograph recording of a ceremony held on Washington's birthday, which paid tribute to Sergeant Gannam, was played for the cadets at their assembly yesterday.

Savannah to Remember Pearl Harbor at Memorial Service

Portrait of Staff Sergt. Gannam to Be Unveiled

BY MARGARET CURTIS

Memorial services here today—to be held a year after the incredible attack on Pearl Harbor—will honor those Savannah men who have given their lives for their country and all who are now engaged in the task of preserving human liberties. And particularly will there be a tribute to Staff Sergt. George K. Gannam, who died on December 7 at Pearl Harbor, who was the first Savannahian to lose his life in the cause for freedom in World War II.

In the reception room of Mayor Gamble's office in City Hall, citizens will gather at 1 o'clock this afternoon to see the unveiling of a portrait of Sergeant Gannam, which will be hung beneath the clock there, and to pay tribute.

Sergeant Gannam was a graduate of Benedictine Military School, and the portrait shows him in his uniform as staff sergeant of the school. He is surrounded by scenes of military life among the Benedictine Cadets, and the portrait bears the inscription, "For God and country and Benedictine Military School. Savannah's first hero, World War No. 2, Staff Sergt. George K. Gannam, killed in action, Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941."

Savannah has become a very different place in this one war-filled year, since that Sunday when swift news of Japanese inhuman treachery shocked the city into immediate preparations for total war.

At once army posts in the vicinity cancelled all leaves and calls went out to men on furloughs and passes to report back to their posts immediately. With the help of civilian cars and buses, six thousand troops were moved from Savannah proper to their army bases. Police forces on the waterfront were doubled, and the F. B. I. announced itself fully mobilized in case of any local emergency. Vital railway points in and around Savannah were placed under close guard, and bridges, trestles, vital buildings were put under extra guard.

Civilians realized that this was their job, too, and in one day 400 air raid volunteers enlisted their services. The Civilian Defense Volunteer office of the Chamber of Commerce was crowded. Trained army personnel were recalled to Savannah to begin the rigid training of women to work at the Filter Center. Requirements for navy enlistment were slightly lowered and young men threw over school and civic responsibilities to cast their lot in the war against the

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STAFF SERGT. GEO. K. GANNAM

SAVANNAH TO REMEMBER PEARL

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Japs. News was received of the death of Sergt. George K. Gannam, killed in action at Pearl Harbor. This was Savannah's first casualty.

All of the defense mechanism of the city was organized in a few days. A committee to start blackout functions was announced. The Inshore Patrol of the Georgia State Defense Corps was formed, small private boats to patrol the waters along the coast.

On December 16 it was announced that the old Terry Shipbuilding plant at Port Wentworth would be operated by the MacEvoy Shipbuilding Company, under contract with the United States Maritime Commission. That day, also, warning was sent out against saboteurs and that night Savannah had its first blackout, pronounced very successful. The Savannah-Chatham County Defense Council, with Robert W. Groves as chairman and Col. E. George Butler as co-ordinator, took on more and more responsibilities.

The Savannah Auxiliary Police organized, to go on duty at their posts in four districts of the city at the first sound of an alarm. Intensive recruiting campaigns began as the whole world watched MacArthur in the Philippines. As soldiers and sailors increased by the hundreds, civilian groups planned service centers and recreational facilities to care for them.

In December, a great patriotic mass meeting of all those interested in defense was held at the Municipal Auditorium. Everybody was interested in defense and there were a thousand people who could not even get into the meeting. Everyone wanted to know what there was to be done, and how they could help to get it done.

Women's place was not in the home any more. The women's division of the Chatham County Defense Council was organized, there were endless Red Cross duties to be fulfilled both day and night; the vocational schools announced a seven-day week of defense classes.

Meanwhile the quiet orderly civilian life changed. Now there were milk deliveries only in the daytime, stores could deliver only once a day, later not at all. Everything possible was done to conserve light, fuel, time. The Victory Book started and the wartime Community Chest quota was \$141,000.

Great shipbuilding industry came to Savannah. The Savannah Machine and Foundry Company was expanded and the Maritime Commission announced the award of a contract to Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation for the construction of thirty-six emergency cargo vessels. Word came of the sinking of the steamship City of Atlanta with only three of the officers and crew saved. They were mostly Savannahians on the ship, and recruiting of Navy and Marine Corps received new impetus.

The Red Cross began new courses of first aid for instructors, and courses in first aid and home nursing sprang up all over town. Women began to take war jobs, in the shipbuilding plants, in quartermaster clerical jobs at Fort Screven, in offices, banks and factories. An hour was forever lost when the nation went on War Saving time. The chairman of the executive committee of the volunteer office of Civil Defense announced that 10,368 men and women had registered for voluntary defense service.

The Savannah emergency plasma blood bank, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, began functioning. All aliens were requested to

register and in February sixty-three aliens received their citizenship papers. The third "R" day came along and all men from 20 to 40 years of age registered for Selective Service. The Community Chest and the Red Cross campaigns went over the top. "Salvage for Victory" conferences started, and provision for saving all waste paper, metals, rags, was made. On General MacArthur Day there was a whirlwind campaign of collecting, selling and moving scrap—"Scrap to Slap the Jap Off the Map."

Nearly three thousands people enrolled in the Civilian Defense School. A large number of Red Cross Nurse's aides began their training. The Canteen Corps, soon fully equipped, began their work at Union Station.

Col. Eddie Rickenbacker and Col. Frank O'D. Hunter were in Savannah for a few days and advised boys who were eligible to begin aviation training. The Board of Education authorized the signing of a contract whereby a thousand men of the Signal Corps of the Army of the United States would be taught in the Savannah Vocational School, an eight weeks' term. Armstrong Junior College was accepted by the Navy Department to participate in the V-1 plan, in which freshmen and sophomores could enlist in the Navy in Class V-1 as apprentice seamen in the Naval Reserve. An emergency medical center for Savannah was announced by the chairman of the local emergency medical services.

Before even summer came the city was designated as one of the best organized and prepared cities in the South. The blast of the new siren could be heard for ten miles. Zone wardens were appointed in charge of 29 zones. All neon signs were out at night, baseball had to be played in the daytime, and Bay street was declared a restricted zone. Gas rationing and sugar rationing started, with more to come.

By "Maritime Day," keels on four ships had been laid, and in July the S. S. Symbol, Savannah's first minesweeper, was launched at the Savannah Machine and Foundry Company. The S. S. Threat soon followed. By this time there was V-mail, "Praise the Lord, and Pass the Ammunition," WAAC's and WAVES, and the promise of Veronica Lake to help sell bonds in September.

The Savannah Airport was increased to a class 6 airway with a 7,000-foot runway. In October the "Third Front" was launched in the city and tremendous amounts of scrap were collected by men, women and children, in attics, cellars, garages.

The famous Savannah Platoon of Marine Corps was sworn into service on the Marine Corp birthday, with 75 boys from Savannah and the nearby area enlisting at an impressive ceremony in Wright Square. The Navy Day banquet was attended by a crowd of 600 people and \$109,000 worth of bonds were sold.

On November 20 the S. S. James Oglethorpe, Georgia's first Liberty ship was launched at the Southeastern Shipyard, christened by Mrs. Walter George, with Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, vice chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission among those officiating. A 10,500 ton vessel, the James Oglethorpe is the largest ship which has been launched south of Wilmington, Del. Newsreels of this event have been shown throughout the nation.

In one lone year, Savannah has done these things, and with the knowledge now of what there is to be done before the final victory, this city is going forward with new energy to accomplish them.

Park Named For First Newark Soldier Killed

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 6 (INS)

—Five thousand persons today attended ceremonies dedicating the Louis Schleifer Park in Newark, named in honor of the first soldier from this city to be killed at Pearl Harbor.

Private Schleifer was credited with bringing down a Japanese plane with revolver fire. He remained in the open, firing his gun, until killed by a burst of machine-gun fire from a diving enemy fighter.

LATE SERGEANT GANNAM AWARDED PURPLE HEART

The Order of the Purple Heart has been posthumously awarded to Staff Sergt. George F. Gannam, who was killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, according to a letter received by Sergeant Gannam's parents from the War Department.

The letter advised that the Purple Heart had been decreed for the young man who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of his country. Sergeant Gannam was Savannah's first casualty of the present World War and a framed photo-montage of him hangs in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

The Order of the Purple Heart was instituted during the time of the Revolutionary War and was originated by Gen. George Washington.

Purple Heart Awarded Gannam Posthumously

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The letter pointed out that the Purple Heart had been decreed for the young air corpsman who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of the country. The award was originated by Gen. George Washington in the Revolutionary War, and the one for the Savannahian is expected to arrive here within a week.

CEREMONY HONORS SERGEANT GANNAM

MOVING TRIBUTE PAID SOLDIER WHO DIED AT PEARL HARBOR

Savannah bowed its head today to its World War II dead, just one year after the city's first citizen lost his life at Pearl Harbor.

In solemn and touching ceremonies held at the City Hall early this afternoon, a portrait of this hero, Staff Sergt. George K. Gannam, was unveiled and presented to the city of Savannah by the Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine Military School.

The family of George Gannam, his friends, and various public officials gathered in the Mayor's reception room where the ceremony was opened by Robert F. Downing, city marshal. An arm bouquet of red roses, held by red, white, and blue tulle, was presented to Sergeant Gannam's mother by the city.

"George Gannam was a hero not because he did great things in the eyes of the world, but because he did the ordinary things of life extraordinarily well," Father Gregory said, in making the presentation.

"He was singled out by one of the Honolulu papers as a model of patience and courage in the face of death, but those attitudes were not developed at the moment. He laid the foundations for them by purposeful living for many years."

Father Gregory, after describing the character, personality, and home-life of George Gannam, ended by saying, "May his life and death inspire other youths to live as he did—'For God and Country.'"

Two of the four Benedictine cadet officers standing before the portrait unveiled it as taps were sounded from the floor above by Cadet Sergt. J. Goodwin. The cadet officers were Cadet Lieut. Col. William P. Conners, Cadet Maj. John J. Doolan, Cadet Capt. James P. Grogan, and Cadet Capt. Kirk Sutilve.

The portrait, which is surrounded by a photomontage of events from Sergeant Gannam's life, was accepted by Mayor Gamble, who said in part:

"This war will weld the American people into one people as no other agency could possibly have done. With millions of the staunchest youth of the land fighting on widely separated fields, bravely facing death together, establishing ties of comradeship that will never be broken, and creating a spirit of genuine tolerance for varying beliefs and opinions, we can rest assured that the American people, when this war is over, will have in those who have served under the Stars and Stripes a mighty force for the preservation and promotion of human liberties, for the perpetuation of all American freedoms, that can never be overcome.

"No matter from what soil their fathers or forefathers may have come, no matter in what churches they may worship God, or what creeds they may profess, they will be found Americans to the core. That is one imperishable fruit that our country will derive from this war.

"We are all Americans today, and we will continue Americans, a more than ever united people, more than ever capable of facing any enemies which may arise threatening those liberties which we all cherish.

"I thank Father Gregory for the inspiration that led him to present this memorial to the city of Savannah. I know he visioned how it would serve in coming days and years to keep afresh in our minds, and in the thoughts of thousands of visitors to the City Hall, the courage of

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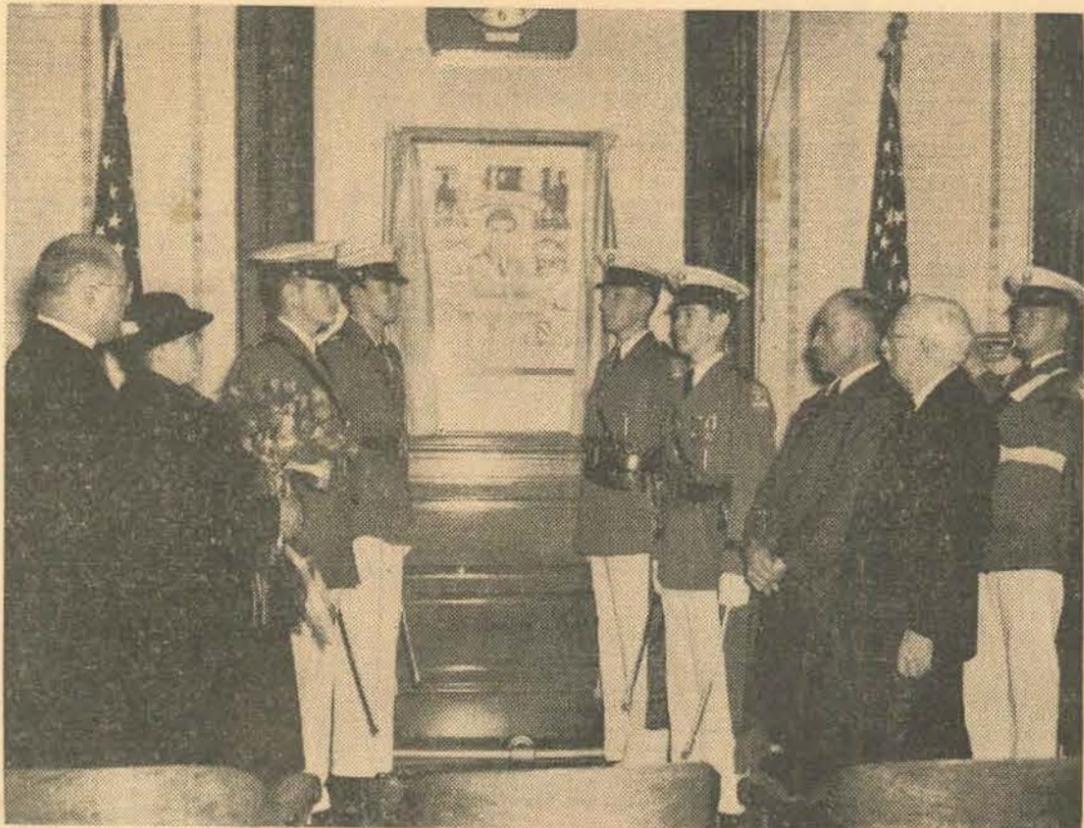
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America, and the sacrifices it made in order that this 'government of, by and for the people' should not perish from the earth."

The eulogy was delivered by Frank M. Grayson, city attorney, who called attention to the significance of the day, calling it one for reconsecration to the task of carrying out a just vengeance for the losses and sacrifices of America's men who lost their lives because of Japanese treachery. Turning to the young men present, Mr. Grayson said: "You fine young men, in all your bloom and strength of young manhood, the schoolboys of today and the soldiers of tomorrow, let your minds be consecrated to the idea and the determination that, when this conflict is ended, that you, as the young manpower and the leaders of this great nation, shall insist that the sacrifices which have been made by our fighting men in the loss of lives, in wounds, in suffering and privation, in separation from their loved ones, their families and friends, shall not have been made in vain and that, in this one great nation, there shall continue in times of peace, a government of the people, in the truest Democratic sense and meaning of the word, where preference shall be given those who sacrificed most and where the freedom and liberties, as guaranteed by our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, shall be kept inviolate and every man and woman shall possess the right of freedom of thought and action and religion and the inalienable right to exercise their own initiative in the conduct of their lives and happiness unregimented and untrammelled."

J. Thomas Askew, president of Armstrong Junior College, and John L. Sutilve, president of the Board of Education, spoke briefly in tribute to Sergt. Gannam. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. John S. Wilder, D. D., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Temple.

Savannah Honors First Hero of War



SERGT. GANNAM'S MEMORY HONORED

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worship God, they will be found Americans to the core," he said.

"In accepting it (the portrait) for the city, I can assure all that it will be cherished as a precious memorial, dedicated to all American boys who fell in line of duty in this war.

"As people enter this room and their attention is drawn to the portrait of Sergeant Gannam, their thoughts will revert to others who, like him, gave up their lives that freedom might live," said the Mayor.

Spence M. Grayson, city attorney, who delivered the eulogy, called attention to the significance of recommitting oneself to the task of carrying out a just vengeance for the losses and sacrifices of men who lost their lives because of Japanese treachery.

Robert F. Downing, city marshal, opened the ceremony, and presented an arm bouquet of red roses to Sergeant Gannam's mother.

Two of the four Benedictine cadet officers standing before the portrait unveiled the picture, a portrait, surrounded by a photomontage of events from Sergeant Gannam's life. Taps were sounded by Cadet Sergt. J. Goodwin, Jr. Cadets standing at attention were Lieut. Col. William P. Connors, Maj. John J. Doolan, Capt. James P. Grogan and Capt. Kirk Sutlive, Jr.

Attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Karem Gannam, parents of Sergeant Gannam, other members of his family, a number of friends and city officials.

J. Thomas Askew, president of Armstrong Junior College, and John L. Sutlive, president of the Board of Education, spoke briefly in tribute, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John S. Wilder, D. D., pastor of Calvary Baptist Temple.

SERGT. GANNAM'S MEMORY HONORED

PORTRAIT IS UNVEILED

Savannah Youth Lost His Life at Pearl Harbor

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The Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine Military School, presented the picture to the city.

"George Gannam was a hero not because he did great things in the eyes of the world, but because he did the ordinary things of life extraordinarily well," Father Gregory said, in making the presentation.

Following Sergeant Gannam's death at Pearl Harbor, he was singled out by one of the Honolulu papers as a model of patience and courage in the face of danger. Father Gregory went on to say, "These attitudes were not developed at the moment," Father Gregory said. "He laid the foundations for them by purposeful living for many years.

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"No matter from what soil their fathers and forefathers may come, no matter in what churches they may

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Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Observed By Launching Big Ship

S. S. George Handley Slides Into River at Southeastern Yards; Second Liberty Ship Built In Savannah

A year almost to the hour after the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, Savannah struck its most significant note in the observance of the anniversary yesterday morning with the launching of another cargo vessel, the S. S. George Handley.

The Liberty ship, christened by Mrs. Robert W. Groves, wife of the president of the Savannah Port Authority, eased into the Savannah river from the ways of Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation, flags and bunting waving wildly in a northeaster which was springing up at the moment.

While the fanfare which marked the launching of the first vessel at the shipyard on November 20 was missing, the spirit of the occasion was still there as the S. S. George Handley moved downward from the way next to the one from whence the S. S. James Oglethorpe had preceded it by seventeen days.

Although no public announcement had been made prior to the launching, thousands of members of the families of the shipyard workers were allowed to attend the launching.

Henry M. Dunn, attorney for the corporation, introduced Mr. Groves,

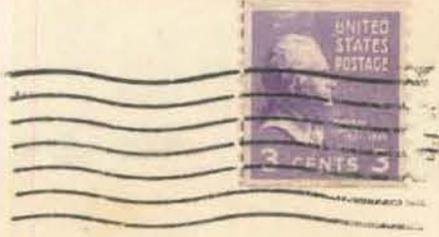
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Matron of honor was Mrs. Samuel L. Varnedoe, assistant to the co-ordinator of the Savannah-Chatham County Defense Council.

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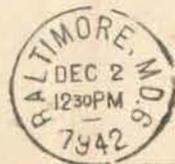
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gannan —

Not one of us would
remind you needlessly
of the sorrow you suffered
a year ago today — but
I thought there might be
some comfort in knowing
your friends remember and
share with you — and
wish for you the peace
that will come with time
and faith in the dear
God's loving mercy.

Please remember me
to Polly, Anthony, and
Mike.

I am planning to
come home for a few days
at Christmas — and hope
I shall see you both then.

Sincerely,

Gaynor Stallings Rooney

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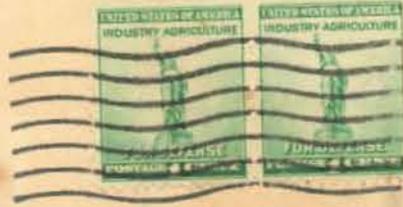
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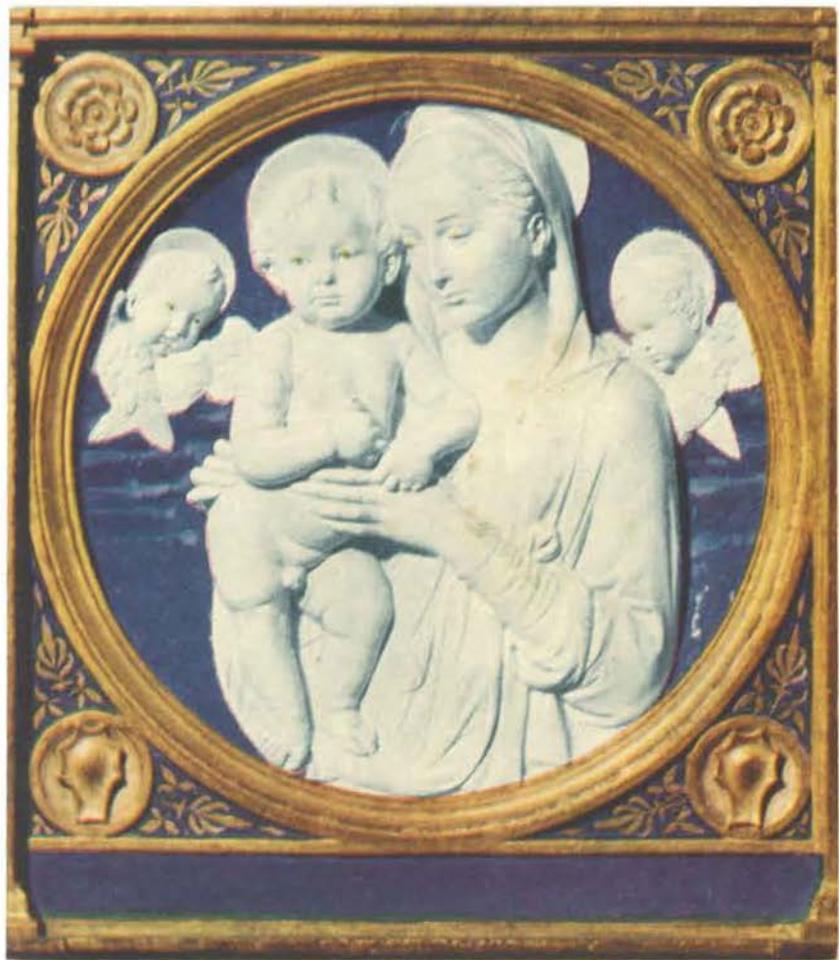
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GOD BLESS 
the master of this house,
 The mistress also,
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SCHOLAR-ATHLETE FEUD IS RENEWED

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"Sure the freshmen need the athletic training that we believe helpful in conditioning fighting men and we'd like to see them get it. But some conservative professors don't want to yield an inch even in war-time emergencies. They think moves to play freshmen are a deliberate attempt to lessen academic standards. Nothing could be farther from the truth, but try to convince them and get them to go along with you."

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June 5—Diplomas presented senior class of Benedictine School at fortieth commencement exercises. Candidates tossed hats into political ring as follows: David S. Atkinson, state Senate; Spence M. Grayson, A. Leopold Alexander and Frank A. McNeil, for the Legislature; Judge Alexander R. MacDonnell to succeed himself in City Court and Judge Emanuel Lewis to succeed himself in Municipal Court as meetings of Chatham county Democratic committee.

June 7—Sixty-six students of Armstrong Junior College graduate at fifth commencement exercises.

June 18—James A. Rourke, Sr., prominent in the foundry trade and shipping interests of Savannah, dies.

June 20—Georgia Legionnaires descend on city. Miss Elaine Monroe and Mrs. Mary Jane Teal join WAAC's from here.

June 24—County Officers' Association of Georgia opens convention. Thomas M. Hoynes re-elected president.

JULY

July 2—Minesweeper Symbol launched at Savannah Machine and Foundry Company.

July 5—Land condemnation case of Savannah Shipyards, Inc., begun in Federal Court.

July 9—Foreman M. Hawes named dean of students at Armstrong Junior College at annual college commission.

July 16—Mrs. Catherine Mendel Silver purchases Mendel building, Drayton and Congress streets, from

Mutual Life Insurance Company. July 27—Ground broken for \$145,000 addition to St. Joseph's Hospital.

AUGUST

August 6—United States jury receives Savannah Shipyards case after more than month's hearing. Roy Freeman becomes district manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

August 14—American building, Bay and Drayton streets, sold by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, to undisclosed Savannah interest. Buster Shaw, negro slayer of four members of Nahunta family, captured here.

August 15—U. S. S. Threat launched at Savannah Machine and Foundry Company.

SEPTEMBER

September 7—U. S. S. Tide launched at Savannah Machine and Foundry Company.

September 9—Attorney General Ellis Arnall wins Chatham county's vote over Gov. Eugene Talmadge in primary. Representative Hugh Peterson re-nominated.

September 19—Tracts of land acquired for \$40,000 for Pine Gardens subdivision.

September 22—Crowd at Municipal Auditorium buys \$129,000 in war bonds. Veronica Lake, movie actress, present.

September 25—Chatham county host to Gov.-Elect and Mrs. Ellis Arnall and Representative Hugh Peterson at political rally at Shriners' Country Club.

OCTOBER

October 3—Joseph E. Lockwood, 81, naval stores consultant, dies.

October 4—Rev. A. L. Patterson resigns as pastor Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church.

October 8—Savannah Playhouse discontinues for duration.

October 27—Lieut. Comdr. Robert E. Erdman, U. S. N., principal speaker at Navy Day dinner. \$109,425 bonds sold during day.

NOVEMBER

November 3—South Georgia annual conference of Methodist Church opens.

November 11—J. Marcus Stubbs appointed postmaster to succeed the late Marion Lucas.

November 20—S. S. James Oglethorpe launched at Southeastern.

November 26—City observes Thanksgiving by watching annual football classic. Savannah High School defeats Benedictine Cadets.

DECEMBER

December 2—Three-story brick building at Broughton and Whitaker streets sold for \$100,000 for the account of Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company.

December 3—Stephen N. Harris named manager of War Housing Center.

December 6—Ardsley Park Baptist Church cornerstone laid.

December 7—Portrait of Staff Sgt. George K. Gannam, first Savannah casualty in war, unveiled in City Hall.

December 9—Mrs. John S. Howkins, valued Savannah citizen, dies.

December 16—Five persons, including Judge Clark Edwards of Elberton, wounded by shotgun and pistol fire in Superior Court. Polignac Bourquin arrested for firing double-barrel shotgun.

December 21—Union Bag and Paper Corporation approaches end of a \$6,500,000 expansion program.

December 22—\$175,000 war bonds subscribed at mock trial in City Court room sponsored by Savannah Bar Association.

December 23—John Christopher Abele, notorious bank robber, arrested here by F. B. I.

December 25—Savannah enjoys quiet Christmas with many yule programs.

December 27—S. S. James Jackson launched at Southeastern.

December 31—Savannah ushers in 1943 quietly and without the traditional bonfires.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE FEUD IS RENEWED

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navy that question recently and he answered:

"Sure the freshmen need the athletic training that we believe helpful in conditioning fighting men and we'd like to see them get it. But some conservative professors don't want to yield an inch even in war-time emergencies. They think moves to play freshmen are a deliberate attempt to lessen academic standards. Nothing could be farther from the truth, but try to convince them and get them to go along with you."

But the army and navy are expected to take over 300 colleges, with Big Ten units among them, to provide special academic training for selectees from 17 to 23 years of age and Uncle Sam then will set his own eligibility requirements and a year's residence won't be among them.

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السنة ال ٤٥ العدد ٢٥٠ الاثنين في ٢١ ك ١ سنة ١٩٤٢

Survivors of Transport That Struck Mine



A photo by News of the Day Newsreel shows barges and life-rafts milling about the debris of a South Pacific island, picking up survivors of transport, the former *President Coolidge*, which struck a mine and sank. About four thousand soldiers were saved, only four lost. Note the men standing in shallow water in background. Both President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy Knox declared they had no information to indicate the transport struck a U. S. mine. (Central Press)

Guards Replace Men at Naval Air Station



أخذ هذا المشهد على أنسر
 اصطدام ناقلة الجنود «الرئيس
 كوليديج» بلانين وغرقها
 في مركز من البامفيكي
 وترى فيه الاطوانم والزوارق

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THE GUIDANCE

الاثنين في ٢١ ك ١ سنة ١٩٤٢

جريدة يومية جامعة انشأها نوم مركزل سنة ١٨٩٧

Monday, Dec. 21, 1942

سرون هجوما عظيما
مسافة ٧٥ ميلا

تطبق على محطة خط موسكو
وتتقدم بمعدل ١٦ ميلا كل يوم

صفوف الالمان الذين خسروا
مقادير طائلة من الذخائر الحربية

الروس خسائر الالمان بالنفوس ناهز
منطقة عددها الـ ٢٨ الفا والاسرى
جنوبيا ١٣٥٠٠ جندي

واكدت الاذاعة الروسية ان
القوات الحمراء مستمرة في
اندفاعها الى الجنوب الغربي في
مطاردة الالمان الذين ينسحبون
من مراكزهم بسرعة وقد
اخذوا يبذرون كثيرا من الذعر
وسوء النظام وكان معدل سرعة
التقدم الروسي في اليوم ما بين
١٥ و١٨ ميلا ومجموع الاميال
التي ربحتها الروسيون منذ باشروا

شيانو ولافال

عند هتلر

وزير خارجية ايطاليا يقاوض

هتلر في مركز قيادته

لافال يستدعى في اخر

المفاوضة

نقل البرق من سويسرا انه

انتهت امس مفاوضة يومين

جرت في مركز قيادة ادولف

هتلر كان فيها الكونت شيانو

وزير خارجية ايطاليا والمارشال

يوغو كافاليري ممثلين ايطاليا

ذلك ووزير خارجية المانيا فون

بلدتي ربنتروب والفيلد مارشال وليم

حملتهم هذه يناهز ٧٥ ميلا

وجاء في الاذاعة الروسية

ايضا القوات الحمراء غنمت

مقادير طائلة من الاعتدة

والزخائر بينها قطار مملوء

بالدبابات و ١٣٢٠ مدفعا من

عيارات متفاوتة و ٨٠٠ مدفع

خندقي و ١٩٦٩ مدفعا رشاشا

واكثر من ١٠ ملايين رصاصة

للبندقيات واكثر من مليون

لغم وقذيفة و ٦٣٢٠ سيارة نقل

و ٣٦٠٠ من الخيول و ٧٧ مخزنا

للموون و ٧٠ محطة راديو

وبينا يلاحق فيه الروسيون

حملتهم هذه لا يزالون مستمرين

في هجومهم الشتوي العام في

ناحيتي ستالينغراد الشمالية

الغربية والجنوبية الغربية وفي

المنطقة الوسطى بموجب الخطة

الشتوية ذاتها التي الحققت

بالالمان خسائر كثيرة في الشتاء

الماضي لما وصلوا الى ابواب

موسكو العاصمة

الراهن انه ليس فيها شيء من

الخير لفرنسا و قد جاء في

الاذاعة الرسمية ان لافال بحث

مع هتلر وشيانو وغيرينغ

وربنتروب في القضايا التي

تواجهها فرنسا اليوم و كان

يرافق لافال شارل روشه

السكرتير العام لوزارة الخارجية

وجين بيشلون وزير المواصلات

وقد عاد لافال ووفده الى فرنسا

بعد ظهر امس الاول ولكن

الوفد الايطالي تأخر في العودة

حتى ظهر امس الاحد وقابل

هتلر مرة اخرى قبل مغادرته

المانيا

نشاط الفرنسيين
الحربي

في افريقيا الشمالية

بدأت الحوادث الاخيرة

تشير الى نشاط القوى الفرنسية

البحرية والبرية والجوية في

الحرب ضد المحور في افريقيا

الشمالية

وقد جاء امس من الجزائر

ان فرقة فرنسوية احتلت بلدة

بيشون الواقعة على الجانب

الجنوبي من تونس العاصمة

وتبعد هذه البلدة اثنين وستين

ميلا الى الجنوب من مجاز

الباب وستين ميلا الى الغرب

من ثغر تونس

وذكرت الصحافة المشتركة

في نباها الاخير ان الفرقة

الفرنسوية استعادت بلدة

بيشون بمساعدة طائرات الصدام

الامريكية التي اسرعت الى

نجدتها - ولا تزال هذه الفرقة

على اتصال دائم مع قوات العدو

في هذه المنطقة الجنوبية

ويستفاد من النبا ان الولايات

المتحدة بدأت تجهز الجنود

الفرنساويين في تونس بالملاح

الحديث لكي تكون لهم يد

فعالة في استنقاذ افريقيا الفرنسية

من نفوذ المحور

اما الحرب البرية في تونس

فلا تزال هامة بسبب الوحول

الكثيرة التي تحصر حركات

مصفحات الحرب في منطقة

ضيقة ولكن الحرب الجوية لا

تزال محتدمة على اشدها

ويواصل الاحلاف ضرب القواعد

الالمانية باستمرار

قلاع الجو الامريكية
تنبشش باربعين ط

شدد اثنان

على اليابانيين

في غينيا الجديدة

وردت برقية متأخرة من

اعادة الاحلاف في غينيا

الجديدة بتاريخ ١٨ كانون

الاول الجاري تفيد ان قوة

جديدة من الاوستراليين

«المعمدين» بنار الحرب في

الشرق المتوسط اقتحمت صباح

ذلك اليوم المراكز اليابانية

المحصنة على ساحل منطقة بونا

وتوغلت فيها نحو الف يرد

الى الساحل فتم لها احتلال

كايب انديادر احتلالا كاملا

وتمكنت هذه القوة الاسترالية

بالتعاون مع الامريكيين من

تطهير منطقة كشرت فيها

اشجار النخل موءدية الى

الكايب المذكور بعرض

اربعمائة يرد

وقد اصبح اليابانيون في

«ارسالية بونا» والمنطقة

الموءدية منها الى كايب انديادر

في حالة يائسة لا امل لهم معها

في الثبات الا اذا وصلت اليهم

نجدات جديدة من الخارج

ولكن الى الشمال من ذلك

لا يزال اليابانيون مستولين

على ثغر سناندا وبعض

الشواطىء الواقعة الى شماليه

الانكليز يلاحقون

الحملة على برما

تشير الانباء الواردة امس

المقنبلات الامريكية
الكبير في روملي
عدم ترافق المقنبلات
تهاجم ال

بعد ان اضطرت حال
الطقس في الايام الثمانية
الاخيرة قاذفات القن
الامريكية والانكليزية الك
الى التوقف عن
بحر كاتها الهجومية صفا
الجو فقامت عمارة كبرى
القلاع الجوية الامريكية
والمقنبلات المعروفة
«محررات» وجعلت هدف
المطار الالمانى الكبير
روملي على السين الواقعة
بعد ثمانين ميلا الى الجن
الشرقي من باريس

وقد جاء في الاذاعة الر
من لندن ان نتيجة هذه القن
كانت ممتازة وممكن صف
الجو من مشاهدة الاهد
والاصابات الواقعة عليها
وقد تصدت للطيار
الامريكية عمارات كثيرة
من طائرات الصدام الالما
ونشبت بينها معارك جوي
خسر فيها الامريكيون
مقنبلات بعد ان بطشوا با
من اربعين طائرة المانية
وقد القى الطيارون الامر
قنابلهم من علو عشرين
قدم فاحدثوا دمارا في
الطيارات في المطار الال

الحلي والجواهر في قصور امراء الهند

اللاآلي التي تحلي عروش حكام الهند غريبة الحوادث تكاد تمثل حكايات الف ليلة وليلة

(بقلم الاستاذ يوسف لفوفه)

لا ادري لماذا لا يهتم ابناء الشرق الادنى بجيرانهم الهنود ولا يحاولون درس مدنيّتهم القديمة والحديثة كما يدرسون المدنيات الاوروبية ومدنيّات الاقوام الدرّكة في مصر وفينيقيا وبابل واشور . هذا ما قاله يوما الميجر ايمري الملحق العسكري السابق في السفارة البريطانية بواشنطن وكان قد اقام في الهند نحو ١٥ سنة برتبة كاتبين وهو يتقن اللغة السنكرستية الهندية وقد ترجم بعض كتبها الى اللغة الانكليزية . وقال لي ايضا انه عندما كان في خدمة حكومة السودان بعد قدومه من الهند اختلط بكثير من ابناء بلادنا القديمة من مصريين وسوريين ولبنانيين فوجد ان اكثرهم يتقنون اللغتين الانكليزية والفرنسية جيدا وبعضهم يعرف اللغات الالمانية والايطالية والروسية ولكنه لم يشاهد واحدا منهم يعرف اللغة الهندية . فاذا كان الغرض من درس لغات الاجانب الاتصال بهم ومد اسباب ووسائل التجارة معهم فالهند اولي بذلك والتجارة

خيالية اي ليست حقيقية . اما

الحديث عن حلي امراء الهند

وان كان عن شيء موجود نراه

العين وتلمسه اليد الا انه يشبه

الحكايات الخيالية التي تتمثل

في قصص الف ليلة وليلة

المذكورة

فمن القصص الهندية الغريبة

عن الحلي قصة «عقد الافراح»

الذي انشأ الهنود له القصص

الخيالية العجيبة الحوادث ورووا

ان هذا العقد كان يزين عنق

راقصة هام بها امير دارا شقيق

سلطان المغول وكانت هي

تبادله الحب ايضا . فلما

عرف السلطان بذلك دبر

دسيسة قتل بها شقيقه الامير

ليخلو له الجو ويستولي على

قلب الراقصة الفاتنة - ثم

بعث يطلبها واعدا اياها

بالسعادة اذا قبلت بان تصير

احدى حظاياها . فلما عرفت

بالدسيسة ابت ان تخون عهد

القتيل ورفضت الذهاب الى

الاساخ وظنوا اولاً انها قطعة

زجاج لا قيمة لها ولكنهم بعد

البحث عرفوا انها الماسة

المفقودة . وهم يدعونها بلسم

العرش ويعتقدون ان من يحصل

عليها ويملكها يستولي على

عرش الامارة . وما يؤيد هذا

القول انها وقعت مرة في يد

مملوك فصار ملكا وعقبه على

العرش طائفة من المماليك الى

مدة مئة سنة . وبعد ان انتقلت

الى اسر هندية مالكة وكانت

السبب في سعادتهم وهنائهم

وصلت اخيراً الى لندن وباتت

من الجواهر التي تزين التاج

البريطاني لان ملك بريطانيا

هو امبراطور الهند ايضا

ويقال ان اغنى اغنياء الهند

هو مهرجاه بارودا وان لديه

اكبر مجموعة من الحلي

والجواهر . ويملكه بالغنى

والجاء مهرجاه اندرو المعروف

بصاحب عمامة الطاووس

المرصعة بالياقوت والالماس

واللؤلؤ والزمر

وسرقة الجواهر في الهند

صناعة خاصة يقوم بها افراد

يتوارثونها عن ابائهم وهم

يحملون ارواحهم على اكفهم

عند قيامهم بهذه المهنة الشاقة

ولو اعتبر العالم مقدار الجهود

والدماء التي اريقت للحصول

على قطعة واحدة من الالماس

لاستصغر الثمن على الرغم من

فداحته . فان كثيرين من

البنائات في هذه البلاد من اسم

واحد الى اخر

في الهند وعلى الاخص تجار

الجواهر ان حوصلة الدجاجة

تزيد اللؤلؤة سناً وجمالاً

فيضعون اللؤلؤة في حلق

الدجاجة ويدفعونها الى اداخل

الى ان تصير في الحوصلة ثم

يتركونها مدة اسبوع او اكثر

ويشقونها ويستخرجون الجوهرة

منها وهم يزعمون انهم نالوا

ربحاً وفيراً وان اللؤلؤة

زادت تألقاً من هذه الحضارة

ومن الحكايات التي لا

يصدقها العقل ما يرويه الذين

زاروا قصر مهرجاه بارودا وما

فيه من التحف الغالية . فقد

ذكروا انهم شاهدوا في القاعة

الكبرى فيه بساطاً مصنوعاً من

اللاآلي تتوسطه زهرة مركبة

من ثلاث الماسات كبيرة

حولها اثنان وثلاثون الماس

صغيرة يحيط بذلك ١٥٠٠ قطعة

من الياقوت و ٧٠٠ قطعة من

الزمرد وباقي البساط مؤلف

من قطع الالماس الصغيرة

ولا يزال الهنود الى هذا

الوقت يعتقدون ان اللآلي

تجلب الى حاملها السعاد

والجمال فالناس يجلب الجمال

والياقوت القوة والثيروز راح

البال والزمرد حب الغير ولكل

حجر كريم تاريخ كامل في يد

حامله يسلمه الى من يشتري

منه الحجر المذكور كما يفعل

تجار العقار عند نقل حجج

البنائات في هذه البلاد من اسم

واحد الى اخر

لكبرى فيه بساطا مصنوعا من
اللائي، تتوسطه زهرة مركبة
من ثلاث الماسات كبيرة
حولها اثنان وثلاثون الماس
صغيرة يحيط بذلك ١٥٠٠ قطعة
من الياقوت و ٧٠٠ قطعة من
الزمرد وباقي البساط مؤلف
من قطع الالماس الصغيرة
ولا يزال الهنود الى هذا
الوقت يعتقدون ان اللالي
تجلب الى حاملها السعاد
والجمال فالماس يجلب الجمال
والياقوت القوة والنيروز راح
البال والزمرد حب الغير ولكل
حجر كريم تاريخ كامل في يد
حامله يسلمه الى من يشتري
منه الحجر المذكور كما يفعل
تجار العقار عند نقل حجج
البنائيات في هذه البلاد من اسم
واحد الى اخر

No. 1 Man



Pvt. John W. Castell

t. John W. Castell is the first
dier of the 75,000 men in the
nored force. Stationed at Fort
ox, Ky., he is the first man in the
squad, 1st platoon, 1st company,
1battalion, 1st regiment, 1st divi-
sh and 1st corps in the armored
foe. He hails from Bloomfield, Ky.

احد ٧٥ الفا من رجا
الفرقة الميكانيكية الامريك
الجديدة في فورت نو
بملاسه العسكرية الخاص

هو امبراطور الهند. ايضا
ويقال ان اغنى اغنياء الهند
هو مهرجاه بارودا وان لديه
اكبر مجموعة من الحلى
والجواهر . ويملكه بالغنى
والجاه مهرجاه اندرو المعروف
بصاحب عمامة الطاووس
المرصعة بالياقوت والالماس
واللؤلؤ والزمرد

وسرقة الجواهر في الهند
صناعة خاصة يقوم بها افراد
يتوارثونها عن ابائهم وهم
يحملون ارواحهم على اكفهم
عند قيامهم بهذه المهنة الشاقة
ولو اعتبر العالم مقدار الجهود
والدماء التي اريقت للحصول
على قطعة واحدة من الالماس
لاستصغر الثمن على الرغم من
فداحته . فان كثيرين من
الفدائيين الذين يشتغلون بهذه
الصناعة ويسرقون الجواهر او
يهربونها قد فقدوا حياتهم في
هذا السبيل بما اقدموا عليه من
المخاطر والمهالك . فقد كان
بعضهم يشق لحم ذراعه ويدفن
الجوهرة بين طيات اللحم
الحي فتجوز الحيلة على مفتشي
الجمارك ومراقبي خفر السواحل
بين المقاطعات المختلفة ثم
يتمكن حاملها من تهريبها
اياما غير ان مكان الجوهرة
يلتهب بعد ايام قليلة ويحدث
تسما في الدم يقضي على حياة
حاملها . وفي بعض الاحيان
كان سارقو الجواهر يبلعونها
ويخبئونها في بطونهم فاذا
عرف الامير بذلك وتعذر عليه
استخراجها بواسطة المقيثات
او غيرها لم يتأخر عن اعداد
وسيلة سرية يقتل بها حاملها
للوصول الى الكنز المسروق .
ومن اغرب ما يعتقد الناس

الذي انشا الهنود له القصص
الخيالية العجيبة الحوادث ورووا
ان هذا العقد كان يزين عنق
راقصة هام بها امير دارا شقيق
سلطان المغول وكانت هي
تبادل الحب ايضا . فلما
عرف السلطان بذلك دبر
دسيسة قتل بها شقيقه الامير
ليخلو له الجو ويستولي على
قلب الراقصة الفاتنة . ثم
بعث يطلبها واعدا اياها
بالسعادة اذا قبلت بان تصير
احدى حظاياه . فلما عرفت
بالدسيسة ابت ان تخون عهد
القتيل ورفضت الذهاب الى
القصر . فارسل يتوسل اليها
ويقول انه وقع اسيرا في جدائل
شعرها كما يقع الطير في
الشرك . فتناوت المقص
وجزت شعرها وارسلته اليه .
ولكنه عاد يستعطفها بقوله ان
وجهها السذي يشبه القمر
باستدارته هو الذي ملك قلبه .
فاخذت الراقصة سكينا حادة
وشرطت وجهها حتى صارت
هيته كهيئة ترعب الناظر اليه
ثم ماتت حزينة قابضة بيدها
على عقد الافراح الذي عرفت
بواسطته الامير حبيبها

ومن الجواهر النفيسة التي
لعبت دورا هاما في الهند
الماسة «كوهينور» تداولتها
ايدي الامراء المحاربين حتى
استقرت اخيرا في حوزة ملك
بريطانيا وامبراطور الهند .
واول ما عرف عنها انها كانت
مطمورة في حائط قصر ملكي
في الهند فلما انهزم صاحبه
وقتل عثر عليها الامير الظافر
صدقة . ثم اضاعها ولم يعلم
كيف ضاعت الى ان لقيها
الكناسون مرة في بقايا

بواشظون وكان قد اقام في
الهند نحو ١٥ سنة برتبة كاتب
وهو يتقن اللغة السنكرستية
الهندية وقد ترجم بعض
كتبها الى اللغة الانكليزية .
وقال لي ايضا انه عندما كان
في خدمة حكومة السودان بعد
قدومه من الهند اختلط بكثير
من ابناء بلادنا القديمة من
مصريين وسوريين ولبنانيين
فوجد ان اكثرهم يتقنون
اللغتين الانكليزية والفرنسية
جيذا وبعضهم يعرف اللغات
الالمانية والايطالية والروسية
ولكنه لم يشاهد واحدا منهم
يعرف اللغة الهندية . فاذا
كان الغرض من درس لغات
الاجانب الاتصال بهم ومد
اسباب ووسائل التجارة معهم
فالهند اولى بذلك والتجارة
معها تفيد بل هي مصدر غنى
وفير لمصر وسوريا والعراق
وكل الاقطار العربية المجاورة
هذا فضلا عما في الهند من
الثقافة الماضية والحضارة
العصرية الراقية وما يترتب عنها
من الفوائد الجلى والمنافع
الكثيرة لمن يتصل بها

اقول هذا مقدمة لما اروييه
عن الحوادث الغريبة عن الحلى
والجواهر التي يفتنيها امراء
وراجوات الهند . هذه
الحوادث بل الروايات التي
تعد من الخيالات بل هي اشبه
بحكايات الف ليلة وليلة
العربية . غير ان الفرق بين
حكايات الف ليلة وليلة
وحكايات هذه الجواهر
كالفرق بين الخيال والحقيقة
لان القصص العربية مع ما فيها
من دقة التصوير وجمال الاسلوب
وحسن التعبير هي كما نعلم

