

# Capt. Verret, Army Chaplain, Killed in Action

## Burlingtonian Was With Parachute Troops in France



Capt. John J. Verret, (above), was killed in action in France, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Verret, 91 Henry st. The message informing them of their son's death was from the Very Rev. V. Nicolle, SSE, under whom Capt. Verret served.

Capt. Verret was chaplain for the 507th parachute troops, and had been overseas since Nov., 1943. He entered the chaplains' corps in June, 1942, and first reported for duty at Fort Adams, R. I., and was later chaplain with an infantry regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., where he volunteered to take the training of a paratrooper and was promoted to captain in March, 1943. He was awarded his paratrooper's wings after four weeks of training.

He was born at Burlington in 1912, the son of Alexander and Anna Verret. He was graduated from St. Michael's college in 1935. Father Verret also attended St. Edmunds juniorate at Swanton where he was treasurer of his class, and St. Mary's seminary at Randolph. He was ordained to

# Pfc. Mark Gardner Wounded in Action

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gardner, 76 Bank st., have received word that their son, Pfc. Mark Gardner (shown here) was wounded in Germany Dec. 11. He is now making normal recovery. Pfc. Gardner went overseas in Sept. 1944.



# NOW OVERSEAS

Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Coutu have received word that their son, Flight Officer Marcel D. Coutu (shown here) has arrived overseas, and is somewhere in the South Pacific area. He received his wings as a glider pilot and appointment as a flight officer at Lubbock, Tex.



# Receives Purple Heart

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hance, 850 North ave. that their son, Corp. Gunner Arthur J. Hance (shown here) has been awarded the purple heart for wounds received while in combat duty in Germany.



Corp. Hance enlisted in the U. S. army Jan. 23, 1941 and has been overseas since July, 1942. He has participated in the North African, Sicilian and Normandy D-day invasions. Since his enlistment he has been with the famous fighting first army.

the priesthood June 18, 1939, and did graduate work at the Catholic university, Washington, D. C. Prior to entering the service he was at St. Joseph's novitiate, Putney.

Besides his parents, Father Verret is survived by two brothers, Omer and Albert, and two sisters, Miss Vivienne Verret and Mrs. Elizabeth Caron, St. Johnsbury.

A solemn funeral mass service will be held Friday morning at 10 in St. Joseph's church.

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