

Reynolds, Frank E.

Former Bethlehemite, Chaplain In Army, Awarded Silver Star

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SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA—For valiant conduct under combat conditions and service beyond the line of duty, Captain (Chaplain) Frank E. Reynolds, Bethlehem and Reading, Pa., was presented the Army's Silver Star award in a recent military ceremony at this Central Pacific base.

The former Pennsylvania and Rochester, N. Y., pastor serves as a chaplain of the 165th Infantry — New York City's old regiment of "Fighting Irish"—and with one of

its assault battalions went into the fray of Makin Island late last year when his organization and other 27th Division elements comprised ground forces attacking and seizing that Gilbert Island stronghold from the Japs.

Chaplain Reynolds received the award from Lieutenant-General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding general of Army forces in the Central Pacific area. The citation praised him for staying with advance elements of the battalion during all phases of the fighting and, without regard for personal danger, assisting the wounded and encouraging the fighting men around him.

A native of Bethlehem, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Reynolds, reside at 1112 Maple Street, the chaplain attended Bethlehem schools and later Ursinus College at Collegeville, Pa. He was later ordained a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed church after study at the theological seminary in Lancaster, Pa. His first pastorate was in Rochester, N. Y.—the charge he left to enter the Army's corps of chaplains. Chaplain Reynolds came overseas to join his present regiment in 1943.

He is married and has one child. Mrs. Reynolds and John Calvin, their son, reside at 1605 North 15th Street, Reading.

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