

Chaplain Gets Award For Civilian Service

Rev. Fr. John D. Slowey of
Albion Is Honored.

Recognition of outstanding service as Catholic chaplain at Percy Jones General hospital was received by the Rev. Fr. John D. Slowey, a native of Albion, when Brig.-Gen. Joseph E. Bastion, center commander, presented him with the first Civilian Service award to be issued at Percy Jones.

In a citation signed by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and authorized by the commanding general of the Army Service Forces, and commanding general of the 6th Service Command, the war department expressed appreciation for Father Slowey's patriotic service in a "position of trust and responsibility."

The citation was awarded for:

"Meritorious service in giving unstintingly of his time and efforts, both day and night, in promoting the spiritual comfort of the battle casualties at Percy Jones General hospital. His tireless consideration of the problems and welfare of patients greatly contributed to the high state of morale through the hospital wards he served. His masterly counsel, his skill, initiative, generosity and devotion to his assignment reflect credit upon his calling, the military service, and himself."

Following the presentation at ceremonies in the general hospital auditorium, Col. Arthur R. Gaines, hospital commander, stated the citation reflected the esteem in which the chaplains' corps is held and the excellence of the work of those ministering to the spiritual needs of patients at Percy Jones.

Father Slowey attended St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, O., and from 1940 to June, 1944, he served as assistant pastor at St. Michael's Catholic church at Flint. He came to Percy Jones in June, 1944, as a civilian chaplain.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Slowey of Albion.



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RECEIVES CIVILIAN CITATION—Brig.-Gen. Joseph E. Bastion, commanding general of Percy Jones Hospital Center, presents the first war department citation awarded to a civilian at the center to the Rev. Fr. John D. Slowey, who has served as civilian Catholic chaplain at the general hospital for nearly two years. The award was made at ceremonies in the general hospital auditorium.