

NEW ASSIGNMENT



REV. RAYMOND J. LEVAY

Ware, Oct. 22—Rev. Raymond J. LeVay, former curate at All Saints Church in Ware and now a chaplain in the Navy, has received a new assignment as chaplain at the Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.

While Fr. LeVay was stationed in Ware he endeared himself to the young people of All Saints Parish and was the founder of the Crusaders, a youth society connected with the church. The Crusaders sponsored minstrel shows and entertainments from which they made money enough to take the teen-agers on two outings a year. In the summer months there was usually a trip to a beach and during the winter it was either the Ice Capades or a dinner at one of the nearby eating houses.

In January of 1955 he entered the Chaplain School at Newport, R. I., and upon completing the course he was assigned as a chaplain, lieutenant junior grade, with United States Mobile Construction Battalion Three and served in the Philippines where he spent 16 months with the Seabees.

Fr. LeVay is the only Catholic chaplain at the Naval Hospital where he is now stationed and reports that he is kept busy. He said that he found his work in the Philippines a great experience and that he met some fine men among those rough and tough Seabees. There are two patients in the hospital where he is now stationed who were with him in the Philippines.

He states that hospital duty is quite different from his work with the Seabees as now he puts in a full day visiting the sick men in the wards, administering the sacraments and taking care of office calls. He says that there is a lot of good to be done at the hospital and that the work is very gratifying.