



### **Allenby's Only RC Chaplain Herioc Death of Rev Bernard Kavanagh CSSR**

There is a touch of religious mysticism about the death of the distinguished member of the **Redemptorist Order**, Captain the Rev Bernard Kavanagh, **St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull**, Perth, who died of wounds outside Jerusalem on December 21st.

Early in the war Father Kavanagh volunteered as a Roman Catholic chaplain for the front. He was rejected many times owing to his poor Physique, but he practically sat upon the War Office til at least his importunity obtained him an appointment on a hospital ship. This took him to Egypt, where he managed to get a transfer to our army in that country. Sp that when the expedition was sent to Palestine he obtained the greatest desire of his heart - to enter the Holy Land and help its delivery from the Infidel. But like Moses, he did not get all that he wished. He lived long enough to hear of the delivery of Jerusalem and the Holy Places, the wounds received in administering to his "boys" on the battlefield prevented his visits to the Holy Sepulchre.

Father Kavanagh was the only Roman Catholic chaplain in Allenby's army, and his death will be a great loss to those whom he encouraged and stimulated by his noble courage and spiritual ministrations.

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