Father Egan To Chaplains

On September 8, 1958, by order of Wilbur Brucker, Secretary of the Army, Rev. Thomas F. Egan, S.J. was appointed a First Lieutenant in the Chaplains’ Branch, Army Reserve, and given orders for active duty at the Second Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Lt. Col. Richard Engel of the College ROTC unit administered the oath of office to Fr. Egan on Thursday, September 25.

Fr. Egan was selected for work as a military chaplain by the Provincial of New York Province last June, and was then directed to the U.S. Army by Francis Cardinal Spellman of the Military Ordinate, Bishop for all men in the U.S. Armed Services. Cardinal Spellman will be Fr. Egan’s ecclesiastical Superior for his work as chaplain.

Fr. Egan expects to remain at Ft. Hood until January 1959, when he will enroll in the Chaplains’ School, Ft. Slocum, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Fr. Egan expressed his regrets at leaving Canisius after three years of pleasant associations with faculty and students, but noted that the current shortage of Catholic chaplains leaves the Church undermanned in a vital area. He earnestly requests the prayers of all Canisius men to assist him in his new work.