

CHAPLAIN ALEXANDER GOODE (1911-1943)

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE HIGHEST DUTY



At age 32, Rabbi Alexander Goode enlisted as a military chaplain. He was assigned to the *Dorchester*, an overcrowded Army transport ship carrying more than 900 soldiers and civilian workers to the European front.

In February 1943, just miles off the Greenland coast, a German U-boat torpedoed the ship. In the ensuing pandemonium, Rabbi Goode and three Christian chaplains, Father John Washington, Reverend George Fox, and Reverend Clark Poling, calmly directed their fellow soldiers to lifeboats. The four chaplains gave away their life jackets, and joined arms at the ship's railing—praying and singing hymns to men on lifeboats and in the icy water.

The ship sank 27 minutes later, taking the chaplains with it.

1948: Chaplain Goode (far right on the stamp) and three Christian chaplains were memorialized on this 3-cent stamp for their heroism during World War II. Chaplain Goode grew up in Washington, D.C. graduated from Eastern High School, and served Washington Hebrew Congregation during the summers while studying for his ordination at Hebrew Union College.

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