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To The Seniors.

There are a few last tips to be given seniors or any others who may be entering the Army or Navy service.

1. Those who are entering the service shortly after graduation, please hand your name in to the Prefect of Religion Office at 117 Dillon Hall. Notre Dame wishes to send you forth with a blessing and a prayer. There was a ceremony for those who left in February, and it is hoped to have another this June. Report has it that there will be one large group entering the Naval Air Corps, which may retain its group identity as the "Fighting Irish", or possibly, the "Flying Irish".

Please hand your name in so that you may be notified regarding the ceremony, if one can be arranged.

2. Bishop O'Hara and all the chaplains have constantly stressed this point: Visit the Catholic chaplain and make yourself acquainted with him as soon as you arrive in camp. Don't wait until you are in trouble or sick. If there is anyone who "knows the ropes" and who is not bound by too much formality or red tape it is the chaplain.

Naturally, there will be some leisure, and recreational facilities are limited. When time hangs heavy on your hands, you may get into trouble of various sorts. Volunteer to help the chaplain in the various religious matters, also in social and recreational events. Helping the chaplain will help you. It can help you to keep out of trouble, and can help you to meet the finest men in the camp -- and God will bless you for your efforts.

One chaplain suggested that there be formed in each camp a Notre Dame Club, which could help the chaplain on various things. If you all report to the chaplains, incidentally, you can locate any other N. D. men in that camp, and have a few sessions comparing discipline -- and food, of course.

3. You naturally will get into some religious discussions. You will meet many young men who are sincere in their questions. Don't back away from discussion, but be tactful and charitable, too. However, if you aren't sure about the answer, don't back yourself into a false position by giving just any answer, which may be the wrong answer. If you don't know, tell your questioner you are not sure, but that you are sure there is an answer -- and there is! Tell him that you will look it up, or that you will secure a pamphlet for him.

Then back at your tent drop a line -- even a postal card -- to the Student Commission for Decent Literature back here, and explain your question. The Student Commission will be glad to send you a suitable pamphlet.

Bishop O'Hara and the chaplains state that there have been many conversions already, and many fallen-away Catholics have been brought back to the Faith. This will be the first intimate contact with Catholics that many young Americans will have. Many of the young men that you will meet have absolutely no religion. Facing the danger that they do, they will have questions, and will look to you. Show the Faith that is in you. Make Our Lady proud of you.

NOTE -- Please return all books to the Prefect of Religion libraries by Friday.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Wife of Michael Donahue, '93; Charles Nizer, '97; Father of Joseph Rogers (St. Ed's), anniversary. Ill: Sister of Paul Puglia (Walsh). Five Special Intentions.