

Servers needed for  
6 A.M. Mass in  
Basement Chapel.

University of Notre Dame  
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What are you doing  
to bring peace to the  
world and to sinners?

### Jack Whelan Jr.

He stole the heart of the campus and its sincerest applause his freshman year at Notre Dame with his entertainment: his magic and his "line".

And how he is dead: Naval Aviation Cadet John J. Whelan Jr.

Jack was at the training base at Corpus Christi, Texas. There was a plane accident on February 3, and he died at the naval hospital from the injuries received in the mishap.

Jack did not graduate. In January 1942 while a student at the University, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve. He started training in May at Glenview, Illinois after completing his junior year. He had been at Corpus Christi since August. A recent assignment placed him in the Marine Corps. He would have received his commission as a lieutenant this month.

Jack seemed to have had a mission in life: to draw people away from their worries for a while and to make them laugh with his sleight-of-hand and his chatter. And he was no second-rater. In his grammar school days he became known as a magician. At the age of fourteen he applied for membership in the Society of American Magicians. He was much too young for regular membership, but the Society made him an honorary member of its distinguished group.

In 1939 Jack came to Notre Dame. He stepped on the stage of Washington Hall in his first year and won the first prize at the Knights of Columbus Vaudeville show.

We wish this announcement of Jack's death could reach all his audiences, and especially those before whom he produced his best and wanted no return for it. There was charity in his life, a full measure of it. Children in institutions have laughed and marvelled at his tricks. If he had a free night, he took on charity jobs, and never hesitated in offering his professional services. And his Charity was simon pure. One of his friends recalls that he never talked his work.

Jack leaves a mother and father and a young brother, five years old. His mother at the present time is ill. Burial will be from his hometown in Bloomfield, N. J.

There is one think Jack would wish every Notre Dame student to do tonight: to slip into the Chapel and kneel before the God of Charity and ask Him to support his parents in this trial. And it would be just like him to say nothing about himself.

But Notre Dame men won't forget him who forgot himself. Take ten minutes tonight before the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for Jack. Pray for the thirty other Notre Dame men who have died "For God, Country and Notre Dame" in glory everlasting.

God grant that all our dead are gathered tonight with Our Lady in heaven!

### Captured.

The second Notre Dame man captured by the Japanese and now in a concentration camp is 2nd Lieutenant Thomas P. Foy, '38.

### Prayers.

Father William Cunningham, C.S.C., was called to the bedside of his dying brother Thomas Cunningham, C.S.C., was called to the bedside of his dying brother two months of recuperation ahead of him; he will appreciate a remembrance in your Mass. Bill Daugherty is recovering from an appendectomy at St. Joseph's Hospital. Charles Terry '38, the brother of Dick Terry of Dillon and brother-in-law of Mr. Dooley of the Publicity Dept., has just undergone a serious operation.