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How To Prepare For Army Or Navy Life. (1)

There are good soldiers and bad soldiers. Which will you be?

You may fulfill all orders and regulations to the letter, but that won't make you a good soldier, for a good soldier must be GOOD in GOD'S EYES. Notre Dame men will not be good soldiers unless they live like CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS. No man is a real, solid Christian soldier day in and day out unless he LOVES CHRIST, our Blessed Lord.

WHAT YOU WILL MEET IN THE SERVICE (in training camps and on battlefield): orders from superior officers, and plenty of them; suffering, inconveniences, opportunities to improve self in body and soul, death, a pagan attitude towards womanhood and marriage, companies who do not know the purpose of their existence.

ARE YOU READY FOR SUCH A LIFE? Not if you don't have a great love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until that love possesses you, you will not be happy or content with your mission of doing good in a uniform.

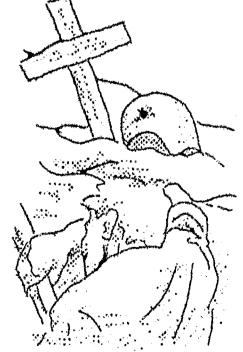
Why YOU MUST LOVE OUR LORD? If you love Christ, your faith will be strong and you will be able to SEE such things as obedience, suffering, death and companions in the right light. Moreover, your love of Christ will drive you to duty, charity, patience in suffering. The man who does not enter this military life supported by the knowledge and love of Christ is doomed to many days of misery.

WHEN THE STUDENT SHOULD START HIS PREPARATION FOR THE ARMY OR NAVY LIFE: There is only one answer: <u>NOW</u>. Now is the time to develop the love of Christ. For the Notre Dame student, there is one method of developing that love, and that is to . . .

LOVE OUR LORD IN THE TABERNACLES IN OUR CHAPELS.

You must MEET Our Lord to know how attractive and lovable He is.

You must SPEAK to Our Lord about your future, your fears, your hopes before you will learn how approachable and helpful He is.



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You must LISTEN to Christ for His inspiration, consolation and assurance.

You have about 33 days left in which to deepen your knowledge and love of Our Lord. And it is not a day too long for the work that must be done in your soul.

THE FORMULA: You must come in contact with Christ every day: In the morning: at Mass and Holy Communion. During the day: by visits before and after class. At night: by a short meditation before retiring.



THE RESULT: Kindness, patience, purity of intention, zeal for the things of God, a living faith will spring forth NOW. When the call to the Service comes, You will be ready, and you will say with St. Paul: "I can do all things in Him (Christ) who strengtheneth me".

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rev. John McAllister, (Grand Rapids); grandmother of Tony Early (Cav). (<u>Ill</u>) friend of Jim Atkinson (Cav); mother of Brother Hubert, C.S.C. and Agnes Koeppen; mother of Bill Dold (Dil). Three Special Intentions.