

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Killed in plane crash: Lieut. Ben Walker, ex. '46, Winchester, Ill.	University of Notre Dame Religious Bulletin July 28, 1944	Confessions after supper: Basement Chapel at 6:30; Sorin and B-P after 7:30
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Consoling Letters.

The other day a student-serviceman stopped at the office of the Chaplain a bit stumped. The news that his best pal had been killed at the front had just reached him. He knew the boy's mother well, and felt that he should write a letter of sympathy to her. This type of letter writing was a new venture to him. What should he say, and how say it? The Chaplain gave him a lift. Not many days later, there came to the notice of the Chaplain two letters embodying the suggestions he gave the student.

The first letter, tho not one of sympathy, is also a work of mercy. Charity urges one to write letters of this kind when a friend may be sick or injured. The note should be cheerful or consoling, depending on the circumstances of the case. The writer should be himself, forgetting formality. The letter, published in the Reader's Digest, was sent to a mother whose soldier-son was sick in the hospital. To make matters worse, her younger son was very ill at the time the notification of sickness came from the War Department. "You can imagine how upset I was. Then," said the mother, "I got this."

"Dear Mrs. I ain't much of a hand to write letters but I see your boy every day. I am a cleaning woman in this hospital. He told me about his sick little brother and how you couldn't come to see him for a spell and I reckoned as how if I told you I think he is getting well real fast and is cheery and busy reading and joking with the others it might perk you up. He is a real nice boy your boy is. Real polite and kind. I bet you are proud of him. I will kinda look after him till you come. Yours truly, Anna Owens."

A Letter From The Admiralty Islands.

Imagine the consolation received by the parents of the young man described in the paragraph taken from a letter signed by thirty-nine of the lad's comrades. A mother and father find their cross easier to carry when they know their son lived and died in God's good graces.

"You have all the right in the world to be proud of your son because he was a brave boy, and when it came his time to make the supreme sacrifice he did so as courageously as anyone we have ever seen. He was very fortunate in one respect. The Catholic chaplain was along with us the morning that Bob was shot, and God let him live long enough to receive all the last rites of the Church. That should be a comforting thought to you as it is to us."

Are You Among The Missing?

Our Blessed Lord is still waiting to meet a number of students more frequently at the Communion rail. In a few cases, the first meeting is still in order. Bad habits succumb to frequent Communion. Through the Eucharist Christ keeps the soul fervent in the practice of charity. Can you say that you don't need Christ?

PRAYERS: (deceased) niece of Father Forrestal, C.S.C.; friend of Bill McNeil (Sorin); friend of Andy Foley (Al). (Ill) wife of Prof. McCusker; Wes Forman, '44, wounded in action. Five Special Intentions.