

Thursday is CASUALTY  
DAY. Rise for Mass and  
Communion for all your

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friends and Notre Dame men  
injured, missing, killed  
or prisoners of war.

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Jerry Was Ready.

Three messages of information rest on the desk of the Prefect of Religion. The first is a simple notice from a mother about a tragedy that has happened to her son: "Lieut. Jerry Killigrew, '42, of Hobart, Indiana, is missing in action."

The second document is a V-mail letter written by Jerry November 13, from his ship the USS Cooper. Addressed to his former rector, the letter said in part: "I do wish you would remember me in your Sunday Mass prayers because it has been so long since I've been able to attend Mass on Sunday that I hardly know what it feels like, and I do miss that spiritual comfort, especially when one never knows what is going to happen from one day to the next."

A newspaper article printed only last Thursday gives a third reference to Lieutenant Killigrew. It tells the story of the USS Cooper: sunk in the Ormoc bay in the Philip-pines, by a torpedo apparently, on December 3, (just three weeks after the V-mail letter was written); of the complement of 300 men only 158 were rescued by Catalina flying boats. The destroyer sank in sixty seconds.

The priests with whom Jerry lived during his days on the campus are not worried about the condition of his soul. For they know that the Recording Angel has the long list of Masses and Communion credited to Jerry during his student days. These prepared him for the emergency of December 3. God is looking after Jerry, wherever he is, because he took time out to look after the interests of His God.

Are you ready for a sixty second emergency of life and death?

From France.

The morning mail brings a letter from Capt. Harold J. Barres, '41, stationed in France with the 312th Fighter Control Squadron. "Send two Missal Supplements for 1945. I would like one sent to my mother and the other to me. I don't get a chance to go to church often, but my Missal comes in handy. A long time ago I went through the city where C.S.C. has its home (Le Mans, France). I wasn't able to stop but it brought back all kinds of memories."

The 1945 Missal Supplements can be obtained from Father Craddick's office in Sorin or from Father Simonitsch, 107 Cavanaugh Hall. The Offices of the Prefects of Religion are open mornings and evenings. If you should sleep over some morning during the week, you can receive Holy Communion in Sorin Hall Chapel. Simply press the buzzer and the Prefect of Religion will give you Communion after you make a few minutes preparation.

A Letter of Appreciation.

The parents of the Notre Dame men who received your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet are most grateful to you. Here is one letter of thanks; others will be published later.

"What a joy to receive again a Spiritual Offering from dear Notre Dame! Truly my heart leaped with joy to see again the familiar card that never failed to arrive at Christmas and Easter during John's happy four years at Notre Dame. Only mothers and dads like us can tell you men how much it means to us now. Use every means while students to make the most of what Notre Dame offers spiritually, so that when our Creator issues His final summons, you will have much to offer Him. Mr. Hennessy joins me in thanking each man who so generously contributed his wonderful acts of charity for our dear son, Captain John M. Hennessy. God bless you always. John's Mother."