"Poor Old Patched-up Dome, You Will Be Glorious Again!"

Pathetic, isn't it, to see our grand old Golden Dome shabby and be patched, blacked-out. For sixty years the Dome has been the proudest landmark, rich and resplendent, a fitting throne for the lovely statue of Our Lady of the Lakes.

The statue is still (rather remarkably) golden, but the gold leaf has flaked off in large patches, and dull tan protective paint has taken its place. We are all touched by this, perhaps the freshmen more than anyone else: that's not the Dome they saw when they came out for elder brother's graduation in 38.

What happened to our Dome is just a symbol of what has happened nearly everywhere these last three years. There is not much beauty left in France, for example, and yet the inspiration for our Golden Dome was in the mind and heart of a French priest, our Founder, Father Sorin.

But don't worry: this dimout can't last forever. We are going to have a grand regilding at Notre Dame some day! That will be after we have won, and the world will be at peace, and there will be room again for beautiful things. That day is coming: let us all ask Christ, the Prince of peace, to give us grace and courage to do all we can to help bring it about.

Right now we can help out best in two places:

1) AT THE COMMUNION RAIL: Look at the little Thanksgiving Meditation in your new ND Prayer Book. Make your Communion a real COM-union, a union-together with all those brothers of yours in Christ, the Notre Dame men who are fighting for God and country all over the world.

2) AT YOUR DESK: You are in school right now because the government thinks you are studying. If you are not studying -- just stalling around, marking time -- you are a bum patriot, a bum student ... in fact, a BUM.

Before You Leave For Home and The Service:

1. Make a good confession, General Confession, if you wish.
2. Get the N.D. Service Men's medal (from Pref. of Religion)
3. Get the Special Blessing (All morning, all evening, Dillon)
4. Take a Notre Dame Prayer Book with you. (Chapels and Backs)

PRAYERS: (deceased) wife of Gene Blish '32 (Denver, Co.). (Ill) aunt of Bill Gates (BP) grandfather of Dom Boetto (Al); father of Ready O'Conner ex '44; Leo M. Rumely ex '44 - injured. One Conversion. Three Special Intentions.

PICK UP A CALENDAR IN THE OFFICE OF THE PREFECT OF RELIGION

also ill: Msgr. Hackett of Grand Rapids (operation)