TOMORROW (THURS) is Casualty Day. Your friends prayed for you. It's your turn to pray for them NOW. (Mass in hall chapel)

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Tips From GIs...

"Remember the day you put up that sign for "Afternoon bridge-players, sack hounds, and pre-sanctified GIs?" Well, I was one of them, Father, I'm sorry now that I didn't make it every afternoon to Mass, because we didn't get to go much at ________, and down here it's worse. Just like you always told us. When you can't go, you look back on the days you could have gone to Mass and didn't go -- it makes you feel bad. I'll say one thing though, Father. I'll always remember my days at Notre Dame. I never could have gone to such a great school if it hadn't been for the Marine Corps, but after the war, I'll be back. Our work there was all done so close to God, it was good for us. I was the Dope, though while I was there I used to think you were. But we did cut down and kill a few bad habits in spite of "me" and I am grateful for it."

-- A Marine

"I remember all those guys who used to write to you and tell you how they missed the old opportunities of daily reception of the Sacraments. Ed and I were talking about the same thing this morning on the way home from Easter Mass. At our last station we had a chance to attend Mass and receive Communion only twice a week, here it is only once a week -- and next year ?????. Well, I want to thank you and Notre Dame for helping a lot of us guys lay a good foundation. We're appreciating that help more and more every day." --Marine.

"Accomodations and the trip in general were pretty miserable, and we had no chaplain on board, so for some time our only contact with public devotion was the Sunday rosary and prayers led by a medical Lieutenant. One of the first things I did when I reached my new station was to hunt up the Corps chaplain and get to Mass and Communion. It seems so strange not to have to fast even the usual four hours. Some of those lads at N.D. who can't drag themselves out of the old sack for morning Mass just don't know how much Mass can mean until you're away from it for a while." --Soldier.

"Yesterday was my first Easter from home, and it did feel strange. I went to 8:00 A.M. Mass, but it was a far cry from the beautiful High Masses at Notre Dame. But I did try to pray just as reverently." --Soldier.

"I went to daily Mass and Communion in preparation for Easter, but it was quite a temptation to skip Mass to attend morning chow. Thank God we do have one afternoon Mass each week" -- A Marine.

Communion At Iwo Jima.

A photograph taken during action at Iwo Jima was recently printed in many Catholic newspapers. It showed a Catholic chaplain in the act of giving Holy Communion to two men. They were in dangerous territory. The priest did not dare stand erect in distributing Communion. He crouched low, lest he draw fire. Why, you may ask, did the boys seek out the chaplain, and why should Communion be given out at the time of such a crisis? Notre Dame students have answered that question. Their remarks have been taken from various Notre Dame Religious surveys.

"A friend and I decided to receive Holy Communion daily. We did so. One morning while he was driving to a small town the car overturned, killing him instantly. I feel that he was well prepared to die, and I want to keep myself that way." .... "Frequent Communion is a consolation to me and a preparation for the morrow that may never come." .... "I go to Communion frequently because I find it the best way to keep out of sin, and I want to meet death unflinchingly when my time comes."

PRAYERS: (deceased) Two friends of Stanley Mrus (Cav); uncle of Fr. Jos. Gervin, CSC.