

JET BLAST

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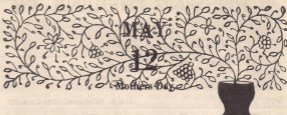
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LATTER-DAY SAINTS:
Sundays: 0900

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Fridays: at sea 1900 Secondary Conning Station.



In Philippine Seas, Formosa Straits,
And exotic lands we've known,
Since BENNINGTON sailed from the states
To take us far from home,
So many thoughts passed through our minds
Of men and women we've missed
(Between flight ops and our frequent 'bonds')
And MOTHER topped each list.

We can't be home this Nother's Day
So we bless you from afar
For all you've done, in every way,
To take us what we are,
Enroute from Sydney, homeward bound,
On Sunday, 12th of May,
We'll think of you and hope you've found
A happy Mother's Day.

Chaplain's Chat

We have all heard the principle of sports 'Follow Through'! It's not enough just to hit a golf ball, a tennis ball or a baseball. We must continue to swing in the direction we want the ball to go. A smooth follow-through gives a golfer greater distance and leaves an easier approach.

In the game of life, however, we seldom stop to realize that follow through must also be used. The greatest difficulty is experienced towards the end of our efforts. For every masterpiece of painting, there are thousands of uncompleted ones. Why does this happen?

As time goes on the will-power weakens. Many difficulties arise between us and the goal. We become unwilling or unable to stick to it. We do not follow through.

If we are to be successful in any game, we must persevere. In spite of difficulties or setbacks, we have to stick to it right to the end. Nothing will be accomplished without persistency.

Spiritual aims are especially

subject to setbacks. The overcoming of a vicious habit, the conquering of one's predominant fault, may at times make one feel too tired to go on. We may wonder is the gain worth the pain.

In these matters one can fall by the roadside without being pointed out as a quitter. In secret a man can put aside the desire to conquer without being detected.

The devil tempts us to get discouraged when victory seems impossible. What a false coach he is! What an arch-enemy of all that is good and decent! Christ tells us to keep on, to try again; but Satan says 'What's the use of trying anymore?'

We all realize that a quitter is the most unpopular fellow alive. The man who quits when the going gets tough; the lad who can't stick to it through thick and thin is despised because he does not have pluck and perseverance. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ warned 'He that shall persevere TO THE END, he shall be saved.'