

Chapter 2: "In Boot Camp" (pg. 17-23)

Summary:

Franz goes to bootcamp and requests to trade his Saturday work for Sunday work. He also requests food that did not have pork or lard. He used the story of Daniel as his inspiration for standing true to God. He traded his pork for dairy products and became known as the sharpshooter of his company.

*Vocabulary Words:

swastika (pg. 17)- a figure used as a symbol or an ornament in the Old World and in America since prehistoric times, consisting of a cross with arms of equal length, each arm having a continuation at right angles; this figure as the official emblem of the Nazi party and the Third Reich

bellowed (pg. 18)- to emit a hollow, loud, animal cry, as a bull or cow

insolently (pg. 19)- boldly rude or disrespectful; contemptuously impertinent; insulting

barges (pg. 21)- a capacious, flat-bottomed vessel, usually intended to be pushed or towed, for transporting freight or passengers; lighter

pontoon- (pg. 21)- Military. a boat or some other floating structure used as one of the supports for a temporary bridge over a river

trestle (pg. 22)- a framework in the form of a horizontal member supported at each end by a pair of splayed legs, used to carry scaffold boards, a table top

Discussion/Quiz Questions:

1. What two requests did Franz ask his commanding officer? (pg. 18)

To trade his Saturday work for Sunday work and to have food that did not contain pork or lard.

2. What story encouraged Franz to stay faithful when it came to his diet? (pg. 19)

He read the story of Daniel and the three faithful youths who did not eat the king's meat.

3. What solution did Franz come up with when it came to his diet? (pg. 19)

He traded his pork for dairy products.

4. What nicknames did the other soldiers call Franz? (pg. 20-21)

They called him "Carrot Eater" and "Bible Reader" and "Holy Man."

5. Summarize the Bible text Franz quoted for Lieutenant Gutschalk? (pg. 21)

He quoted Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, "This is the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man, even Lieutenant Gutschalk."

6. What skill did Franz possess that made the other soldiers admire him? (pg. 21)

He was a sharp-shooter and hit the bull's eye every time in target practice.

7. Why did Franz receive special recognition and even a medal after the big party? (pg. 23)

He had stayed sober when all the other soldiers had become drunk at the party and later he read that he had "good moral influence on the men in the entire company."

Journal Questions:

What kind of influence would your friends say you have on them? Why? What kind of influence do they have on you? Why do you think peer pressure is so powerful? What can you do to have a good influence on others and fight the often bad influences of peer pressure?

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“I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in Him I will trust.” Ps. 91:2

