

Navigator History

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I. Introduction.

II. “Spencer’s right arm” and Pearl Harbor. (1941-46)

- A. It started out with fellowship.
- B. The early men were giants of the faith.
- C. Testimonies.

III. Post World War II: quiet years (1946-48)

- A. Many of the Christians gave themselves to the Word of God in a deep way after the burden of the War was lifted.
- B. Many things were tried as far as discipleship is concerned.
- C. There was great discipline with memorization, Bible study and prayer during this time.
- D. The founder of the Navigators Dawson Trotman was very busy during this time setting up service men’s centers and Navigator homes.
- E. Trotman was not afraid to take a chance because if a person did not quite work out he figured he could help that person out.

IV. General characteristics and happenings of the movement.

- A. Materials were important to Trotman but he knew that God could do a work outside of the materials.
- B. Women were highly regarded in the ministry.
- C. Many things came into Trotman’s ministry through careful planning and prayer - ministry with the military and officers, etc.
- D. Trotman had a mentally handicapped boy which was a challenge to him.
- E. One of the Navigators split from the movement and turned against it.
- F. To “reproduce reproducers” was articulated as the mission of the Navigators.
- G. Observation from reviewing Navigator history: we have lost a lot of men from the battle.

Application questions

1. What was one of the early mission statements of the Navigators?

2. How was Trotman an impact on the Navigator movement outside of his founding it?

3. Explain what the speaker meant by the statement, we have lost a lot of men from the battle?
What can we learn from this?
