



## ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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### “REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!”

I cannot claim any firsthand experience with this phrase. However, if I understand correctly, it is used often in the armed forces.

When a member of the service is summoned to appear before his captain, he enters with a salute and these words, “Reporting for duty, sir!” After this, he is given his orders. It may be something as mundane as cleaning the bathrooms or picking up trash. Or it may be a situation where his life might be on the line. It really doesn’t matter if he is happy with the order. Whatever he is called to do he knows he has taken a sworn oath to obey orders to the letter. He knows he may never receive great recognition but it is satisfaction enough to know he has done his best to carry out orders.

Am I as conscientious in my Christian service? Am I willing to serve in any capacity to honor the heavenly Kingdom that Christ told us of? Or do I even report for duty? When I am given orders do I expect to be praised and honored? Or will I be happy knowing I have carried out my orders to the best of my abilities? Maybe cleaning bathrooms or picking up trash has its own rewards.

Whatever we do, let’s not forget to come before Jesus, our Captain, to say, “Reporting for duty, Sir!”