

a matter of life ^{easy} /1/ drifting

it's pretty hard to say **what** were the worst years of my life. but **no matter** how **bad things got** I never **broke down** completely. **whenever** I **hit a wall** in one area of my life, I **would** try something **else**. you know what **they say**. **every time** god **closes** a door, he opens a window.

after I **got out of** high school, I **quit** a lot of things I **had started**. the first few years after high school were **awful**. I had no **skills**, I couldn't **even type**. **all** I could do was be a stock clerk. I hate this kind of work, **though**, so you won't **be surprised to learn** that I **changed jobs all the time** during those years.

I **even** tried the Navy but I **got kicked out**. I've always **had trouble doing things** people told me to do **unless** I really wanted to do it. I **hated** it when I **was supposed to** do something that I **wasn't interested in doing**. and if there's one thing that the Army **expects from** you, it's that you **carry out whatever** orders you **are given**.

even if you **fail at** something, you shouldn't **give up** if something doesn't **work out**, something else **will** in those days, you **were expected to** be able to type **at least** I **figured** that the Navy was something **even** I could **handle** **this was because** I've never **been good at taking** orders **whenever** I **was asked to** do something, I **wondered** if it was worth doing, and **that's not how** the Army works