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In Commemoration of the Birth of the Marine Corps

The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt:

On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a Resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During ninety of the one hundred and forty-six years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the nation's foes. From the battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the

THE SPIRIT OF ARMISTICE DAY

By ED. E. FORD

He went without a murmur, you
did not bid him stay,
Although you knew the price that
you and he might have to pay;
Now he is gone forever, but you
would never have it said
An American Mother whimpered
because her son was dead.

He won a cross in Flanders—how
proud you were that day!
Your face was bright as though the
light of heaven shed its ray.
There is another cross in Flanders
where he is laid to rest,
But only tears can tarnish his cross
upon your breast.

Not yours the joy of battle, only
the griefs and fears,
But a hero's grave of the son you
gave is wet by a nation's tears.
Ye afflicted women of America—no
more misunderstood—
Your sacrifice shall ever be a crown
of Motherhood!

seven seas that our country and its
citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term Marine has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute, we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as Soldiers of the Sea since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General Commandant.