

ALONG THE PATHS O' GLORY

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Along the paths o' glory there are faces
new today,
There are youthful hearts and sturdy that
have found the westward way.
From the rugged roads o' duty they have
turned without a sigh
To mingle with their brothers who were not
afraid to die,
And they're looking back and smiling at the
loved ones left behind,
With the Old Flag flying o'er them, and
they're calling "Never mind."

"Never mind, oh gentle mothers, that we
shall not come again;
Never mind the years of absence, never
mind the days of pain,
For we've found the paths o' glory where
the flags o' freedom fly,
And we've learned the things we died for
are the truths that never die.
Now there's never hurt can harm us, and
the years will never fade
The memory of the soldiers of the legions
unafraid."

Along the paths o' glory there are faces
new today,
And the Heavenly flags are flying as they
march along the way,
For the world is safe from hatred; men
shall know it at its best
By the sacrifice and courage of the boys
who go to rest.
Now they've claimed eternal splendor and
they've won eternal youth
And they've joined the gallant legions of
the men who served the truth.

JOHNNY ON THE SPOT

By E. C. Colby

He's the Navy's little brother—
We may scrap with one another—
Whoever saw a household where
'Twas always quite serene?
Yet the stranger, trouble seeking,
May discover—plainly speaking—
That he must lick two sailors
If he picks on a Marine!

He's a soldier true and steady
And we know he's always ready
With a punch for Uncle Sammy,
Just the same as brother Gob.
He's a fighter and a worker,
For the Corps won't stand a shirker,
He's a square and gamey little guy
And always on the job!

He's the Navy's little brother
And his foes can tell his mother
He's a red-hot fighting Bear Cat
With a punch in either hand!
Oh, he glitters in a racket,
He has brains and nerve to back it,
He is loaded to the gunwales
With the cleanest kind of sand.

He was over in the trenches
'Mid the ice and lice and stench;
Still you never heard him kicking
At the soldier's common lot:
It was safe to bet your money
On his bringing home the honey.
He's the Navy's little brother,
Always Johnny on the Spot!
—Our Navy.

Old Timer (noticing recruit on the top
side, shaving)—Do you always shave out-
side?

Recruit—Of course I do. Did you think
I was fur lined?

—Sub-Base Ballast.

Ex-Marine Claims 100 Years

From the following letter received by the
Secretary of the Navy on October 31, it
appears that there is one ex-Marine who is
at least eighty-nine years of age:

"Leavenworth Hospital, Kansas,

"September 14, 1921.

"Honorable Secretary of the Navy,

"Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:

"I have made my application for fur-
lough from the Home here without success
and they tell me that I will have to have
an escort if I leave the Home and my son
whom I want to visit lives in Brooklyn,
N. Y., and I don't feel like paying his ex-
penses coming out here for me and I think
I can make the trip alone and if you can
help me in any way in getting away from
here I will deem it a great favor and thank-
ing you in advance for any interest that you
might take in the matter, I am, respectfully,
"M. M. BRADLEY."

A postscript, dated October 27, 1921,
reads as follows:

"Sir:—I am virtually a prisoner here,
please procure me my discharge from this
Home, where I am a cripple. Aged 100
years and three months. I am the oldest
Sergeant of Marines—call for folio No. 16
at Marine Headquarters and you will be
satisfied.

"Respectfully, yours, etc.,
"M. M. BRADLEY."

The following is a letter from Bradley's
son, James Bradley, a retired policeman of
Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"August 9, 1921.

"Your postal card came to me the other
day. The station house has been closed
since Sept. 1919. I have been retired from
the force since March, 1920, and my pen-
sion is enough to keep me for the rest of
my days. I was in Florida last spring
about six weeks; Nan and her husband
spend their winters there. If I can land a
job there this coming winter, I will be
there; if not, I may stay here. All are well
excepting Sayde who is in Ware and not
expected to live. Mary of New Bedford is
getting quite feeble and always asks for
you; in fact they all enquire for you. Hop-
ing you are well and that you are settled
down and using some common sense which
you can do if you want to.

"Yours, etc.,
"JIM."

The records of Marine Corps Headquar-
ters show that Matthew M. Bradley enlisted
in the Marine Corps January 3, 1855, and
that he was discharged January 4, 1859; re-
enlisted January 5, 1859, and discharged
March 27, 1863. It is impossible to state
correctly this man's age or the date of his
birth. At the time of each enlistment his
papers stated that "he was over the age of
twenty-one years."

MARINE CORPS ORDERS

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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15, 1921.

755. (1) Selections of noncommissioned
officers for advancement to the rank of
Marine Gunner should be based upon (1)
the man's excellent moral character; (2)
his excellent military character; (3) his
knowledge and experience in Marine Corps
activities.

(2) The development of military charac-
ter, particularly those traits which inspire
respect and confidence in both seniors and
juniors, generally requires considerable ser-
vice, as does the acquiring of experience.
Knowledge may be acquired in a compara-
tively short time if a man is intelligent and
has a fair basic education.

(3) A great deal of knowledge that
would be most useful to a marine gunner
might be acquired before he enters military
service; but such knowledge is a secondary
consideration to the military characteristics
of a successful marine gunner.

(4) One of the purposes in establishing
the rank of marine gunner was to offer a
respectable and valuable reward to those
who give long years of valuable service as
enlisted men in the performance of line
duties—the duties that carry them aboard
ship, to foreign countries, to hardships of
expedition and campaign, as well as the
more or less routine duties of post and
barracks.

(5) The general policy of the Major Gen-
eral Commandant is to fill vacancies by se-
lections made on the foregoing basis. Amb-
itious self-improvement in the military
profession will be recognized, as will excep-
tionally meritorious conduct in action. At
the same time it will be an exceptional case
where a noncommissioned officer will be
advanced to the rank of marine gunner who
has less than 10 years' service, or less than
two discharges with "Character Excellent."

(6) The use of the form N. M. C. 759
A. & I. will be discontinued. General and
field officers, and post, company, and de-
tachment commanders are authorized to
submit recommendations for the advance-
ment of noncommissioned officers to the
rank of marine gunner at any time, keeping
in mind the above general policy of the
Major General Commandant in the matter.
Such recommendations should state in de-
tail the general and special qualifications of
the proposed candidate; his military knowl-
edge and experience in command, as well as
his moral and military character, as dis-
closed to the officer submitting the recom-
mendation.

(7) A file of such recommendations will
be kept at these Headquarters and will be
consulted as vacancies are to be filled from
time to time in the future.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General Commandant.

Marines Know

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