

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 harin 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 stenches;
 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 furlough 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 expenses 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 thanking 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 statehouse has been closed since Sept. 1921. I have been retired from the Corps since March, 1920, and my pension 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. Hoping 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 Headquarters show that Matthew M. Bradley enlisted in the Marine Corps January 3, 1855, and that he was discharged January 4, 1859; re-enlisted January 3, 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."

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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 character, particularly those traits which inspire respect and confidence in both seniors and juniors, generally requires considerable service, as does the acquiring of experience. Knowledge may be acquired in a comparatively 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 General Commandant is to fill vacancies by selections made on the foregoing basis. Ambitious self-improvement in the military profession will be recognized, as will exceptionally 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 detachment commanders are authorized to submit recommendations for the advancement 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 detail the general and special qualifications of the proposed candidate; his military knowledge and experience in command, as well as his moral and military character, as disclosed to the officer submitting the recommendation.

(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.

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