

# WHY U. S. MARINES ARE BEST FIGHTING FORCE IN WORLD

Recently the news columns of The Mail Tribune have told of some fighting that is going on by the Marines in the republic of Haiti. From time to time the press despatches tell that Marines are fighting in Santo Domingo, in Nicaragua, and in many different parts of the world. No more famous and successful fighting was done in the war than that by the Marines at Chateau Thierry. As a matter of fact the Marines are famous for being the finest and best soldiers in the world, and why? There must be a reason.

There are a number of reasons, all working together, first the tradition of the corps, to begin with it is the oldest of the services, its creation in America ante-dating that of the army or the navy. By our laws the army cannot be landed on foreign soil except by permission of congress, but the Marines may be landed for the protection of life and property by executive act without congressional permission. Judging by the acts of our government Marines would not be landed in such countries as England or France, but they would be and frequently have been in China, Egypt, Mexico and other countries that have not earned the reputation of at all times being able to afford foreigners the safety and protection they are entitled to. And in countries where disorders are frequent landing parties of sailors and Marines have repeatedly been put on shore to preserve order and then if occasion demands, additional Marines are rushed to the scene of trouble.

For an example, on July 26, 1915, a revolution broke out in Port au Prince, the capital of Haiti. To check it, the president, Vilbrun Guillaume, directed that 169 political suspects whom he had previously confined in jail, be butchered. This order was carried out. On July 28 Vilbrun Guillaume was killed; on the same day at noon the cruiser Washington dropped anchor in the harbor of Port au Prince and sent a part of 339 men, half Marines and half sailors to protect the foreigners resident in that city. A week later a regiment of Marines arrived and the sailors were withdrawn to the Washington. Events of a similar nature have repeatedly happened.

On such occasions the Marines have invariably been confronted by forces numerically much superior, they have fought lawless and disorderly bodies all over the world, and never in a

single instance have they failed to reflect credit on their corps and their country. Traditions of this character are of immeasurable value to a military service; to the esprit de corps; from the beginning, each generation of Marines have added to the glorious traditions they have inherited. When the Marines are landed they are away from a base except such as may be provided by warships. They are always against superior numbers; they have more occasion to develop self-reliance than troops otherwise placed, and this contributes to their efficiency as soldiers.

There is another cause that contributes to making the Marines the finest and best soldiers in the world, his barracks training. The Marine knows that except on extraordinary occasions, he will always operate in small detachments. This means that every bullet fired should hit. And this is accomplished by incessant target practice. On Mare Island every day you will see hundreds of Marines firing at targets, there is no body of men in the world that have such constant, incessant and intensive instruction with the rifle. The Marine corps is a corps of sharpshooters. No body of men in the world can compare with it in marksmanship.

Each year picked teams of Marines from the army, navy, Marine corps, and the national guards of the various states meet in competitions and invariably the Marines carry off the honors, the reason is not that they are not superior, but because of their incessant target practice. And this marksmanship does fearful execution when in battle. In France they created no little amazement by the way they set their sights no matter how fiercely the battle raged.

To sum up, we would say the reasons the Marines are the finest and best soldiers in their corps do not result from their traditions, from the nature of the service required of them, which develops the most desirable kind of self-reliance, and from their expert marksmanship, developed to a higher degree among Marines than in any other body of men in the world.

## EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett.

Sunday morning we had our regular Sunday school exercises and at the close Rev. Travato preached, but the attendance was very small although Rev. Travato preached one of his very best sermons.

By the time I reached home the company from the surrounding cities and country began to arrive at the Sunnyside, for the chicken dinner, and then the job of securing the names of the visitors began. The first ones on my register were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wise and family, P. N. Anderson, Misses Phena and Helen

Anderson, J. W. Smider, wife and children, C. V. Loosley of Fort Klammath and Charles Horton of Klammath Falls; J. G. Pierce, Trail; Master Hugo and Joyce Von der Helten, Lloyd Stanley, Howard Silliman, Mrs. H. B. Silliman, Mrs. J. Silliman, Roy Wakefield, Mrs. C. W. Wakefield, Mr. J. W. Wakefield, Hester Wakefield and Charles Wakefield. The ten last named had phoned from Medford the day before that they were coming, so as to have Mrs. H. arranged. A good idea. Y. R. Wise, A. B. Shevler, Miss Stella Anderson and her sister Ethel. They had spent the night at the Sunnyside. Glenn Haley and A. J. Flory, Jr., were also guests during the night, and Miss Phena, Lorraine and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van der Helten, besides a few whose names I failed to secure. The visitors from Medford report that the road between here and Medford is in fine condition and the most of them expressed a determination to come out again in the near future.

Mrs. E. Y. Strong of Trail came out on the M. E. P. stage and went on to her home Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harphes were favored Monday morning with the arrival of another plow boy weighing about nine pounds.

W. B. Eddy and son Harold Eddy of Portland, were here for dinner Monday. Mr. Eddy was crossing the town selling a medicine to cure all complaints of the feet.

William J. Johnson of Gastonia, Ohio and Wm. Lewis, our shoe maker, were also here for dinner. And so was Edgar Johnson, representative of Johnson Hole and Wood company of Brownboro, and J. W. Scott of Medford, representing the Seams Sewing Machine company. Fred Niece of Astland were all here for dinner and so was Charles Lovelady and Charles Horton and Charles Canale, three cattle men. Messrs. Lovelady and Horton had just bought a lot of steers of Charles Canale and they all three came here for dinner. Harvey Smith was also one of the dinner Monday.

J. L. Roberson, who is in the habit of coming to town every day in a buggy, he has his bees playing and running his Fordsoning plow, harrow or spring tooth harrow, and it seems to keep him busy most of the time. He came in Monday in an auto bringing the shafts of his buggy with him for repairs. He said that he let the boys have the buggy and that when they drove into the driveway one of them about the first thing that he did was to pull off the fiddle, and the horse snorting that he was loose turned square around and the result was both shafts and the crossbar were smashed, but our blacksmith soon had them repaired and ready for use again. The next time they intend to hitch the horse before they take off his bridle.

Mrs. H. F. Peck of Bend, Oregon came out Monday on the H. O. clock

train, but was not early enough to catch the L. C. stage so went of the Sunnyside and remained over night, taking the M. E. P. stage for her grandfather's place. Mr. Demony, who owns a farm near Lake Creek, she intends to spend a while visiting him before returning home.

Harry Van der Helten was among the business callers Monday also.

W. E. Hammett, one of the leading promoters of the ditch from Big Butte to the section just north of town, was here on his way to Medford. He seems to be greatly encouraged over the project and is planning to cut a large part of his place in alfalfa and clover. He is satisfied if he can succeed in putting water into his land that he will be able to raise several hundred tons of hay, besides other kinds of crops. He is one of our progressive men who believes in going ahead and doing instead of being some of the old timers are being—throwing cold water on every good toward advancement for fear that the taxes will be increased.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nell of Dalby came out on Monday on the stage, went to Medford, returning Tuesday and going on to home.

C. R. McDonald, the man who came in from Idaho a short time ago and bought the W. E. Demsey place, started for his old home in Idaho Tuesday afternoon to attend to business interests, expecting to be gone a few weeks. He will tell the people of that Oregon region about one southern Oregon climate.

Ed Morgan has moved into the Waindley home.

In my rounds Tuesday I called at the new garage and found they had it fixed up in good shape and were doing some business. Later called at the old garage—the W. L. Child with blacksmith shop, and found them busy. Mr. Child has engaged the services of Glenn Haley, an expert machinist, to help him in his garage work, and we speak for both places, expecting to be able to report that both places are crowded with work.

J. B. Jackson, one of our farmers, was in town Tuesday and speaking about the Farm Bureau told how when he wanted to prevent salubrious on his alfalfa that the dealers in Medford and Central Point said that it could not be sold for less than \$80 a ton, and how he and William Perry had their land down at their doors in Eagle Point for \$47 and \$39 a ton and other fertilizers in the same ratio. He is boosting for them.

Sam Courtney, Marshall Miller and Mr. Hoagland of Central Point were business callers, Mr. H. taking out with him several rolls of barbed wire going toward his farm above Brownsboro.

William Perry is engaged in pulling up about half of the fruit trees on the Roy Stanley place.

O. P. Cole, agent for Knight Parking company, was here for dinner

Tuesday, trying to get the farmers to engage in the production of tomatoes, offering to pay \$20 a ton delivered at the point in Medford.

Miss Phena Lee and Mr. L. O. Turner of Trail have been working in the Fruit dryer that was burned in Central Point, came out and spent the night at the Sunnyside Tuesday night.

William Moore of Butte Falls and Ethel Cook of Medford were here for dinner Tuesday on their way to Medford. Mr. Moore returning Wednesday morning and going to B. E. on the stage.

Mrs. John Rader and her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stanley were business callers Tuesday.

William Van der Helten accompanied by J. P. Gunn and J. G. Pierce started for Round Top this morning to tear down a large barn that Mr. Van der Helten had bought. He intends to put it on his farm on Reese creek.

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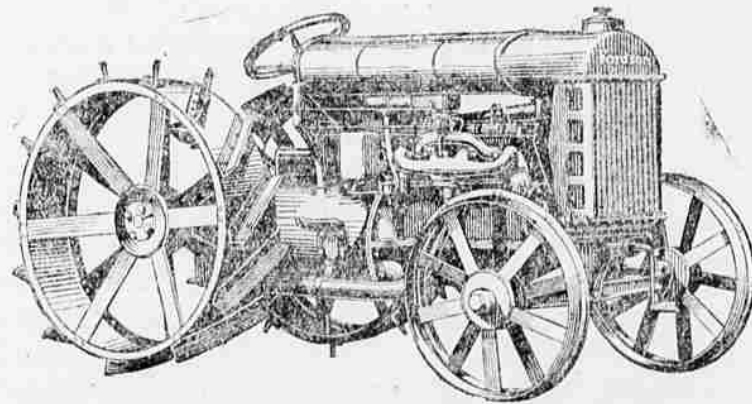
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