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Free a Marine to fight

U. S. MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE

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By Act of Congress the Women's Reserve has been
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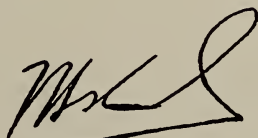
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THE MARINE CORPS helped win American freedom in 1775 and has fought in its protection ever since. The present conflict confronts the Marine Corps with the most severe challenge in its history.

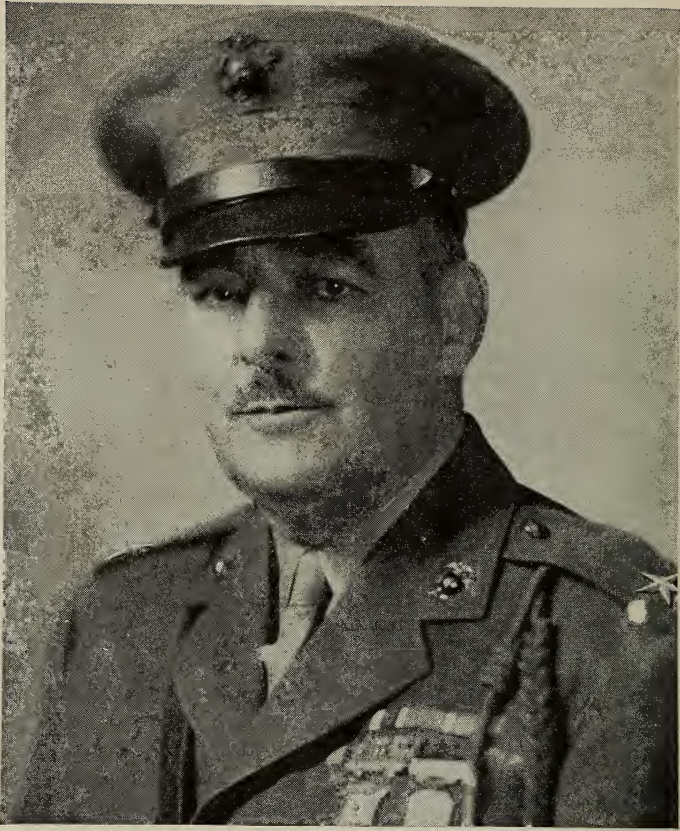
In order to meet that challenge fighting men, thoroughly prepared by Marine training, are needed at the front. But there are essential duties that must be performed by Americans in uniform here within the United States. Many of these duties *you*—the women of America—can fulfill. The tasks are not simple—industry, ingenuity and vigor are needed to do them with traditional Marine efficiency. But the inspiring part played by women in the nation's war effort to date leaves no doubt as to your ability and determination to achieve whatever must be done.

We of the Corps invite you to join us, to wear our uniform, to share our trials and triumphs, to march with us to victory.

We believe that in volunteering for the Marine Corps Women's Reserve you will be taking a step of which you will always be proud and for which your nation will always be grateful.



T. HOLCOMB,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps,
The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps



TODAY as never before the Marine Corps is carrying forward relentless, gruelling offensives by land, sea and air. Every trained, able bodied man in America's foremost attack force is needed at his battle station.

You, the women of America, are urged to become Marines and take over duties at home, thus releasing trained fighting men for combat. Like the men of the Corps you can receive the finest technical training and experience for a post-war career. Like them you will be called upon to display stamina, courage, unwavering devotion to duty.

The Marine Corps Reserve welcomes you to its ranks.

L. W. T. Waller Jr.

L. W. T. Waller, Jr.,
Brig. General, U. S. Marine Corps,
Director, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve



WHEN it becomes our privilege to wear the uniform of the United States Marines, we realize that we have acquired more than just a uniform. Traditions of gallantry and honor on battlefields since 1775 become our traditions. Ours is the privilege of fighting for freedom side by side with the men of this historic military organization.

Never before have the women of America had such a real opportunity to serve their country. May it be given to us to wear with integrity the uniform that has been covered with glory from Tripoli to Guadalcanal.

Ruth Cheney Streeter

Ruth Cheney Streeter,
Major, U. S. Marine Corps,
Director, U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve



Heritage of Victory

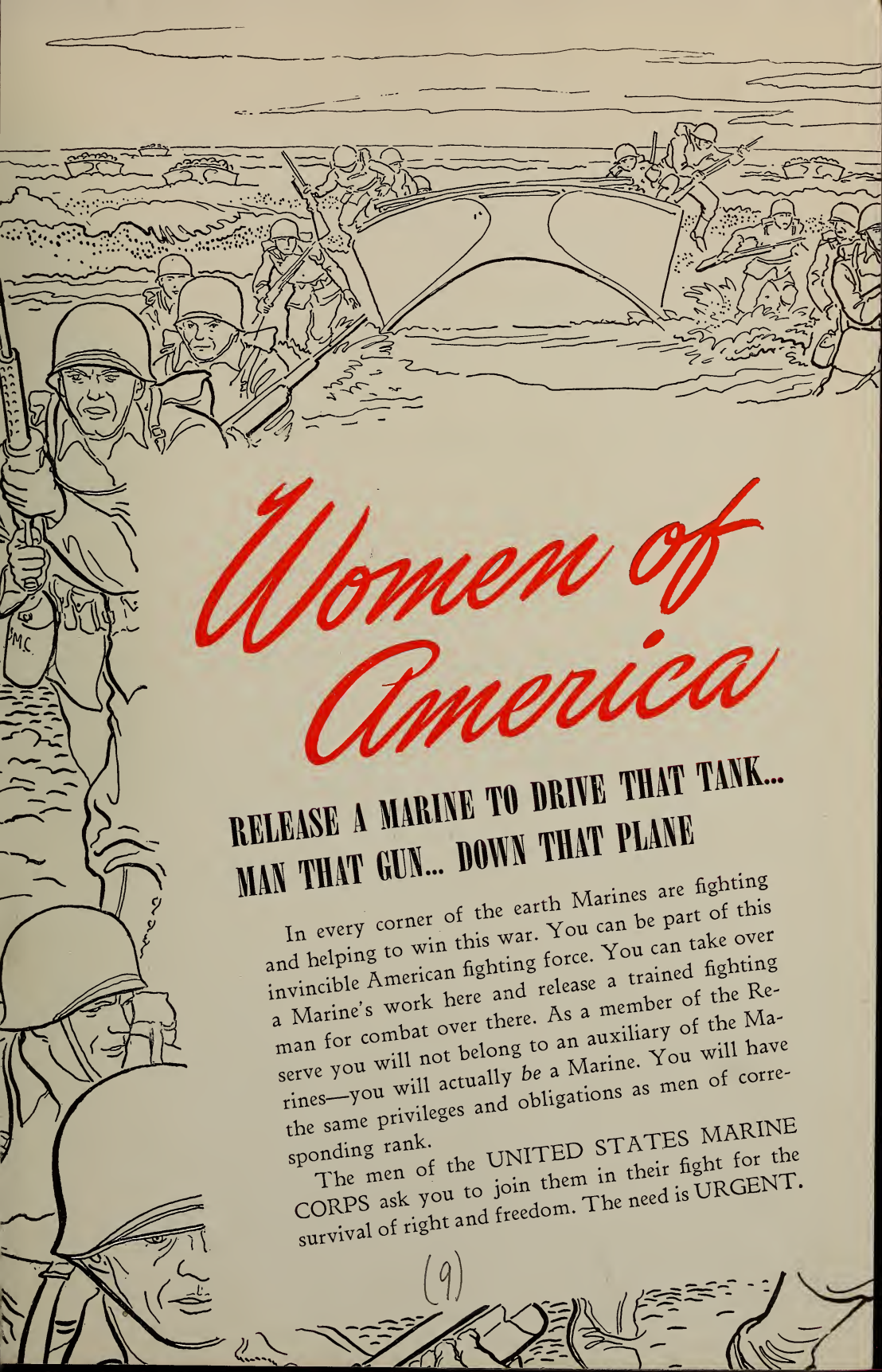
THE U. S. Marine Corps, oldest branch of the armed services, was established by Act of Congress on November 10, 1775. During the succeeding 167 years, Marines conducted almost 200 landing operations on foreign soil, from the Bahamas to the Solomons, scoring success in every one.

They crossed the Delaware with Washington and advanced against odds. With deadly fire from the main tops, they cut down enemy seamen in decisive naval battles of the Revolution.

Marines helped bring the Barbary pirates to terms; faced withering rifle fire to storm and take the heights of Chapultepec; landed 650-strong to defeat a superior force at Guantanamo Bay; and turned the tide of World War I when, advised to retreat, they replied, "Retreat hell, we just got here," and stayed in Belleau Wood to stop the German juggernaut.

These are but a few of the brilliant chapters in Marine history. Leathernecks have triumphed on land, at sea, and now in the air, in all our wars. They have been engaged many times on foreign soil to protect American lives and honor during periods of general peace. They have been—true to their motto—Ever Faithful.

Their exploits have won for the U. S. Marine Corps the respect and admiration not only of America, but of the entire world.



Women of America

**RELEASE A MARINE TO DRIVE THAT TANK...
MAN THAT GUN... DOWN THAT PLANE**

In every corner of the earth Marines are fighting and helping to win this war. You can be part of this invincible American fighting force. You can take over a Marine's work here and release a trained fighting man for combat over there. As a member of the Reserve you will not belong to an auxiliary of the Marines—you will actually *be* a Marine. You will have the same privileges and obligations as men of corresponding rank.

The men of the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ask you to join them in their fight for the survival of right and freedom. The need is URGENT.



Advantages of being a Marine

Pay and Allowances—Same as officers' and men's; for actual rates of pay for all ranks, see page 12.

Uniforms—\$250.00 allowance for officers and \$200.00 for enlisted personnel.

Food and Living Accommodations—Provided by the Marine Corps the same as to men.

Medical Care—Complete medical, hospital and dental care free for the duration of your enlistment.

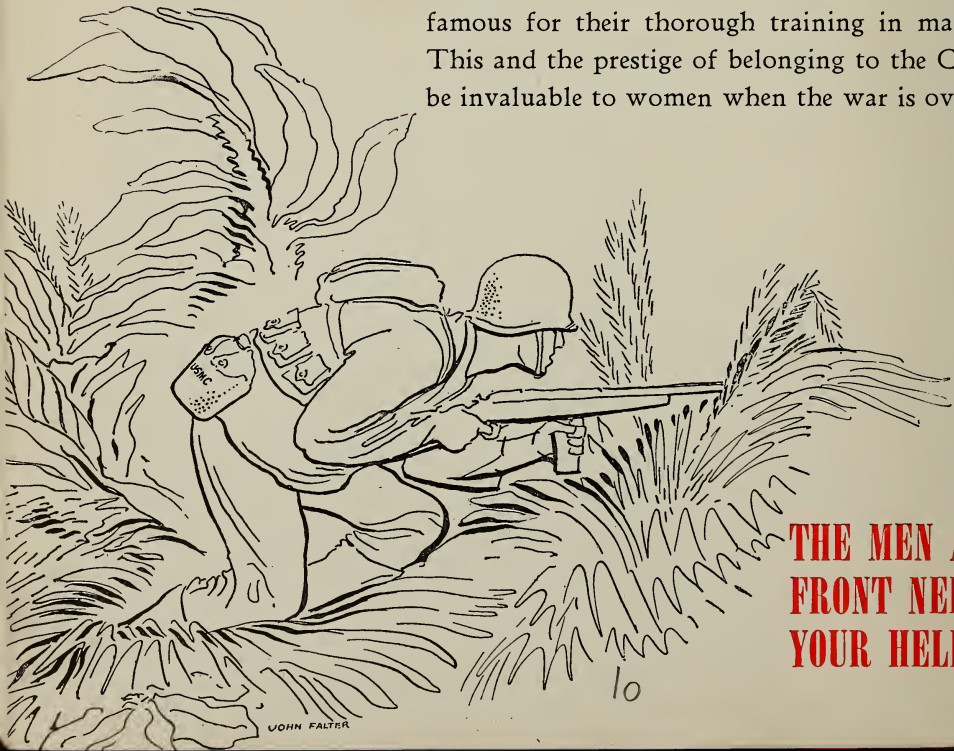
Family Allowances—Same as to men.

Government Life Insurance—Life Insurance at same low rates as to men.

Special Benefits—Free mail privileges, discounts on transportation, theatres, many hotels, clubs, etc., the same benefits from U.S.O., Red Cross and other similar organizations as provided the men.

Advancement—Because the Marine Corps is a small, compact, carefully chosen unit, your special capabilities can be quickly recognized and applied.

Training for Peacetime Career—The Marines are famous for their thorough training in many fields. This and the prestige of belonging to the Corps will be invaluable to women when the war is over.



JOHN FALTER

**THE MEN AT THE
FRONT NEED
YOUR HELP NOW!**

Necessary Qualifications

MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE

Officers

U. S. Citizen.
Age 20 to 50 years.
College degree or 2 years college work, plus at least 2 years of acceptable business or professional experience.
Sound physical condition.
Height at least 5 feet.
Weight at least 95 pounds.
No children under 18 years of age.
Character and ability references.

Enlisted Personnel

U. S. Citizen.
Age 20 to 36 years.
Minimum of 2 years of high school, or business school.
Sound physical condition.
Height at least 5 feet.
Weight at least 95 pounds.
No children under 18 years of age.
Character and ability references.



All applicants should be prepared to submit the following data to substantiate their eligibility:

1. Birth or baptismal certificate, or birth affidavit.
2. Transcript of their educational record.
3. Record of occupation since leaving school.
4. Three letters giving references as to their character and ability from citizens of good standing in their community.
5. (Required of officer candidates only). Two passport size photographs, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ ", without hat, 1 full face, 1 profile.

Marital Status—No woman will be accepted who has a husband in the Marine Corps.

If unmarried when enrolled, she must agree not to marry until completion of her preliminary and special training.

She cannot, while in service, marry an officer or enlisted man in the Marine Corps.

Pay and rank of U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve

OFFICERS

Insignia	Rank	Monthly Base Pay	Without Dependents		With Dependents	
			Rent	Sub-allow.	Rent	Sub-allow.
	Major.....	\$250.00	*\$90.00	\$21.00	*\$105.00	\$63.00
	Captain.....	200.00	75.00	21.00	90.00	42.00
	1st Lieutenant...	166.67	60.00	21.00	75.00	42.00
	2nd Lieutenant..	150.00	45.00	21.00	60.00	42.00

*Note: Officers, with or without dependents, who are assigned to quarters furnished by the Government or officers without dependents, on duty at a post or station with troops, are not entitled to rental allowance.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

MONTHLY BASE PAY

*(Plus Allowances)

Rank		Monthly Base Pay
	Sergeant Major	} ... First Grade \$138.00
	Master Gunnery Sergeant	
	Master Technical Sergeant	
	Quartermaster Sergeant	
	Paymaster Sergeant	
	First Sergeant	} Second Grade 114.00
	Gunnery Sergeant	
	Technical Sergeant	
	Drum Major	
	Supply Sergeant	} Third Grade 96.00
	Platoon Sergeant	
	Staff Sergeant	} Fourth Grade 78.00
	Sergeant.....	
	Corporal..... Fifth Grade 66.00
	Private First Class..... Sixth Grade 54.00
	Private..... Seventh Grade 50.00

*Note: In addition to the Base Pay, the Marine Corps provides free to all enlisted Marines, men and women, food and living accommodations, or, where food and living accommodations are not furnished by the Marine Corps, a quarters allowance of \$1.25 per day and a subsistence allowance of \$1.50 per day with which to provide these accommodations.

Low cost Post Exchange Stores reduce considerably the cost of personal spending, and you have free mail privileges, discounts from railroads, theatres and many restaurants, hotels and clubs.

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How and Where You Enlist



1. Write to the nearest Office of Naval and Marine Corps Officer Procurement (see page 17) and ask for a Marine Corps Women's Reserve application blank. Or, if there is an office close by, call in person.
2. When you apply either by letter or in person be sure to give the following information: (a) your age and date of birth; (b) your education; (c) your marital status—married, unmarried, widowed, divorced; (d) number of children if any, and the age of each; (e) if you are married, your husband's occupation.
3. If you appear to qualify on the basis of the above information, you will be sent or given an application blank and other necessary papers. When completed, return these papers to the office from which you secured them.
4. If your application is accepted, you will be asked to report for an interview, aptitude test and physical examination. If you pass these successfully, you will be sworn in—ready to serve your country in your country and release a man to fight.

How and where

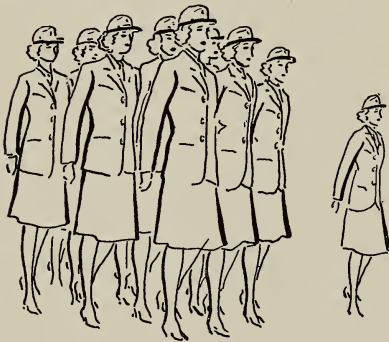
FIRST SIX WEEKS

The Indoctrination Course:

You will be given your basic training at one of the major women's colleges—officer candidates at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., or at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.; enlisted personnel at Hunter College, New York City.



You will live and work on the college campus. This is called your period of indoctrination—of intensified training in which you will be thoroughly grounded in the history and traditions of the Marine Corps, military customs and courtesy, military terms. You will receive physical training to put you in excellent condition. You will learn the precision of close order-drill for which all Marines, in all branches of the Corps, are famous. You will develop an understanding of the incomparable team work and esprit de corps that have made your Corps the world's superlative fighting force.



**AT THE END OF YOUR FIRST SIX
WEEKS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MARINE**



You will be trained

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

If you are already experienced in a field of value to the Corps you may be assigned to active duty immediately after your indoctrination period, or you may be given further training. Below is a partial list of duties for which women are especially required:

Accountants
Aerographers
Bakers
Bookkeepers
Clerks
Cooks
Cryptographers
Draftsmen
Electricians
Hairdressers
Hostess House
Attendants
Laundry Workers

Librarians
Link Trainers
Mechanics—Aircraft
Messengers
Messwomen
Motion Picture
Operators
Motor Mechanics
Office Machine
Operators
Painters—Spray Gun
Parachute Riggers
Passenger car and
light truck drivers

Personnel
Photographers
Post Exchange Clerks
Radio Operators
Radio Repairmen
Stenographers
Typists
Stock Clerks
Storekeepers—
Aviation
Telegraphers
Telephone Operators
Teletype Operators
Theatre Ushers

For final technical training in certain fields, you will be transferred to one of the big Marine or Naval training stations or schools where men receive the same special training. Approximately 9000 women will be assigned to aviation ground force. The entire training period varies from 2 to 6 months, depending on the type of work you do as a Marine. When you have mastered your special subject—you are ready to free another Marine for combat.



In as little as two months after your enlistment another Marine may be on the firing line because YOU took over

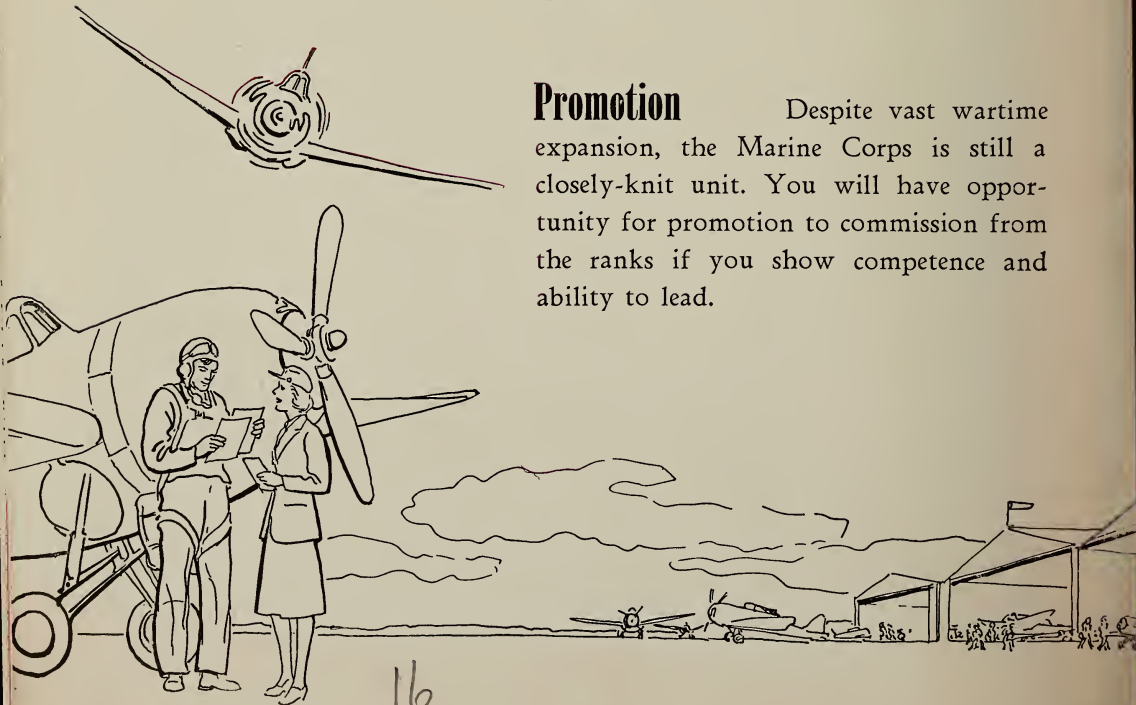


How and where you will serve

How As soon as you receive your training you will be assigned to active duty in an essential post in the Corps. You will take over a man's job and will work *with* men. You will be subject to the same discipline and working hours. The same high standard of efficiency and cooperation will be expected of you.

Where During your period of service you will see duty at one of the Marine Corps Posts or Stations within the continental United States including: Washington, D. C., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, or at one or more of the big training centers: San Diego, California; Quantico, Virginia; New River, North Carolina; Parris Island, South Carolina.

Promotion Despite vast wartime expansion, the Marine Corps is still a closely-knit unit. You will have opportunity for promotion to commission from the ranks if you show competence and ability to lead.



OFFICES OF NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS OFFICER PROCUREMENT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

DALLAS, TEXAS
DES MOINES, IOWA

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

WASHINGTON, D. C.

You may obtain information at the nearest Marine Corps Recruiting Station if there is no office of Naval and Marine Corps Officer Procurement in your neighborhood.

Healy Building,
150 Causeway Street

Board of Trade Bldg.,
141 W. Jackson Blvd.

Marshall Building,
11 Public Square

1530 Allen Building,
421 Old Federal Bldg.,
Fifth and Court Streets

1319 Book Building,
1249 Washington Blvd.

202 Finance Building,
1009 Baltimore Avenue

Please consult Marine
Recruiting Station for
new address.

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4th Fl., Roanoke Bldg.,
109 S. Seventh Street

Louisiana Building,
217-227 Camp Street
33 Pine Street

17 Fl., Widener Bldg.,
Juniper & Chestnut Sts.

Keystone Hotel Bldg.,
Third and Wood Sts.

703 Market Street
117 Marion Street

6th Fl., Missouri Pacific
Bldg., 210 N. 13th St.

1320 "G" Street, N.W.

Questions most

For how long do I enlist?

For the duration. You will be discharged within six months after the end of the war.

What if I should want a discharge before the war is over?

You will be accepted in the Marine Corps on a basis of absolute equality with men. It will not be possible for you to resign any more than a man at the front can resign.

Where do I get an application blank?

At any Office of Naval and Marine Corps Officer Procurement—Call or write. See list on page 17.

Must I pass a physical examination?

Yes, by regular Navy Medical Officers.

Any other tests?

One. To determine your aptitude for service. No preparation necessary.

Can mothers and sisters of Marines enlist?

Yes, they will be welcomed.

If I am under 20, can I enlist with the consent of my parents?

No. By law the minimum age is 20.

Do I begin training immediately?

Upon being sworn in you will be directed either to return home on inactive duty or to proceed to training school immediately. In either event, it is probable you will be given not less than 15 days to get ready to leave home.

When should I leave my civilian position?

Do not give it up until you are ordered to training school.

Must I already have special training?

Not necessarily. The Marines are famous for their thorough educational and training facilities.

Must I start as a private?

Yes. Ranks depend on individual records during the initial training period. If you are an Officer Candidate, you will receive a private's pay during the first indoctrination period. During the remainder of your school training you will receive cadet's pay of \$65.00 a month. Your pay as an officer in accordance with your rank will begin on your being commissioned and assigned to active duty.

What will my status be during training?

Officer Candidates will be privates until completion of their preliminary course. They will then be known as Cadets until commissioned. Enlisted personnel will be privates, until promoted to higher rank. All are *Marines*—members of the United States Marine Corps, Women's Reserve.

Could I ever become an officer without a college degree?

Yes, there will be promotion from the ranks. All promotions depend entirely on individual ability and leadership.

Do I pay my own fare to training school?

No. You travel at Marine Corps expense.

often asked

Do I get paid during training?

Yes. Your pay begins on the date you are assigned to active duty, (that is the date you are ordered to start for school).

When do I get my uniform?

At indoctrination school, but you should bring sufficient civilian clothing to see you through for at least a month.

How long does training last?

From 2 to 6 months, depending on the field.

May I choose my field?

You will be assigned to the field in which you seem most likely to succeed and in which you will be most useful in the Corps. Past training and experience will naturally affect this decision.

Will I receive physical training, military drill?

Yes, both. The Marines are renowned for their proficiency in drill. There will be a physical director at each school and an athletic program will be keyed to the type of work you do.

What about my free time during training?

Your free time is your own. You will be expected, as the men are, to conduct yourself at all times in such a manner as to be an honor and a credit to the Corps.

What happens to an Officer Candidate who fails to complete the training course successfully?

She may have her choice of transfer to the enlisted ranks, or discharge.

Will I serve overseas?

The present law limits your service to the continental United States.

May I request a particular station?

Preference will be considered, but you will naturally be expected to serve wherever your services are most immediately required.

Will I be subject to military discipline after training?

Yes—the same as men, the extent depending on where you are assigned and the type of work.

Where will I live when I am on duty?

When you are stationed in centers of population where adequate housing accommodations are available, you will probably be placed on a commutation status and will find your own quarters. (See note at bottom of page 12.) At other places, where relatively large groups are assembled, such as training centers, barracks will be provided and you will live in barracks in organized military units.

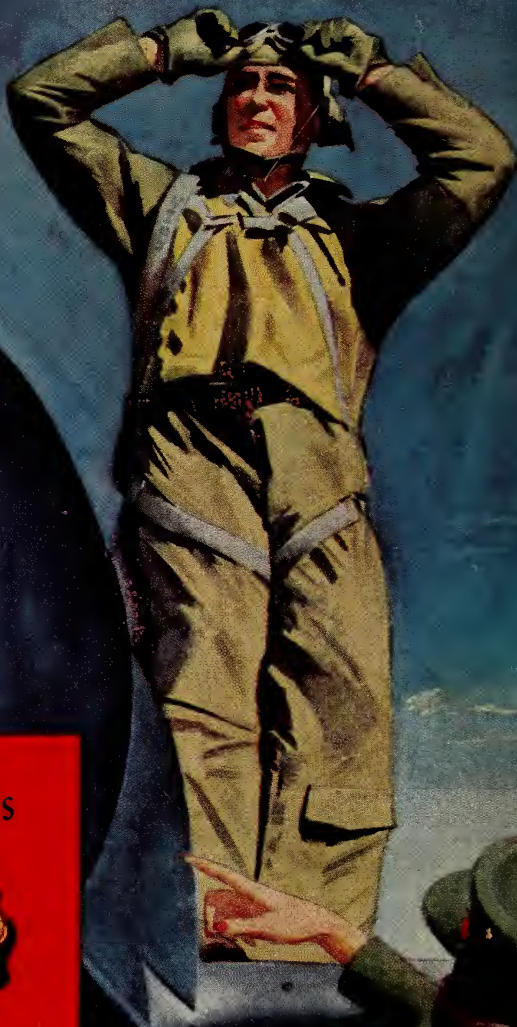
Will I work with men or women?

Both. You will be working with *other Marines*—filling the place left by a man assigned to combat duty. There will naturally be a small number of women in proportion to the men.

Will I travel?

Perhaps—Marine Corps Posts and Stations are located in many different parts of the continental United States. You are subject to orders to go to any one of them.

Many Women Reserves will be assigned to Ground Aviation



SEMPER FIDELIS



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*Always Faithful
On Land, At Sea,
In The Air*

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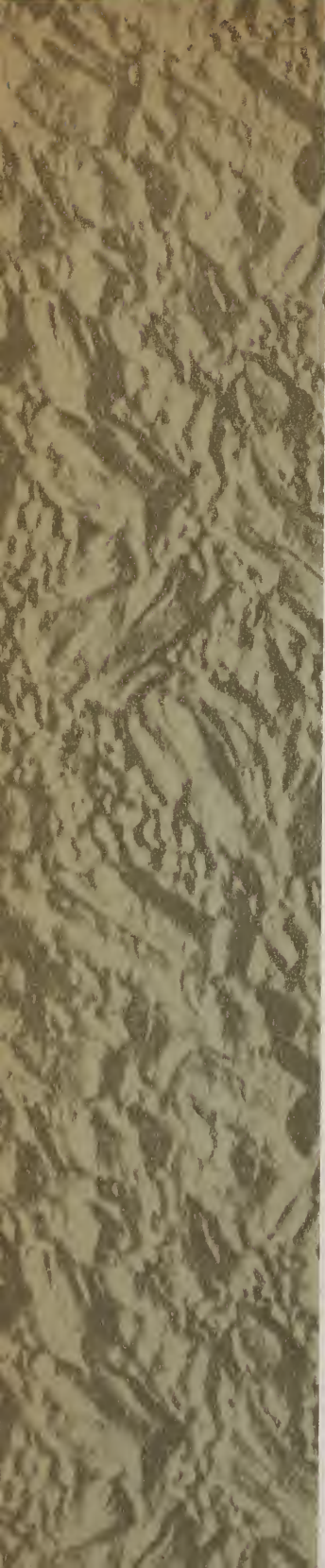
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