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COMMANDANT'S ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE TO
U. S. MARINE CORPS

November 10, 1942, marks the 167th Anniversary of the Marine Corps. We have every reason to be proud of our long and illustrious past. Since the Revolution, Marines have performed their duty to the Nation with utmost devotion, displaying fighting spirit and heroism which have become a national tradition.

As in the past, on this Anniversary Day, we shall pay tribute to our valorous predecessors. Their valiant deeds in the face of overwhelming odds will never cease to give us confidence and inspire us to meet the tasks ahead.

Such inspiration has enabled the present Corps to add new names, such as Wake, Midway and Solomon Islands, to the shining scroll on which are emblazoned such immortal battlefields as Tripoli and Belleau Wood.

We advance into the new year fighting a war which presents the greatest challenge of all time to the Nation and to the Corps. Let each of us determine that our Nation and our Corps not only will survive, but will add new and lasting chapters of glory to the history of a free America and the men who perpetuate that freedom.