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TO THE
OFFICERS OF THE
MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED
STATES THIS WORK IS CORDIALLY DEDI-
CATED; NOT WITH THE EXPECTATION OF ADDING
TO THEIR WELL-EARNED FAME; BUT WITH A DESIRE THAT
THE SERVICES OF THE CORPS MAY BE MORE WIDELY APPRECIATED,
AND THAT THE NATION MAY RECOGNIZE THE DEBT
IT OWES TO THE MEN, WHO, IN ALL
THE TRYING TIMES IN OUR COUN-
TRY'S HISTORY, HAVE NOBLY
DONE THEIR
DUTY,

"Per Mare et Terram."

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“FROM the establishment of the Marine Corps to the present time, it has constituted an integral part of the Navy, has been identified with it in all its achievements, ashore and afloat, and has continued to receive from its most distinguished commanders the expression of their appreciation of its effectiveness as a part of the Navy.”—*Report of House Committee on Naval Affairs; 39th Congress, 2d Session.*

PREFACE.

IN writing a History of the Marine Corps, two objects have been kept in view: To faithfully complete a heretofore unwritten chapter in our national record, and to bring more prominently to the attention of the country a history of services whose importance has failed to meet with that general recognition which it merits. While there has been no lack of historians to record the deeds of the Regular Army and Navy, the Marine Corps, as a distinctive branch of the national service, has been forced heretofore to depend mainly for its history on the casual, and oftentimes incomplete, mention contained in naval reports and other official documents. Much of the information on which the present work is based, is, of course, obtained from these sources; but, in order to make the record complete, it has been necessary to spend many months in the examination of the national archives, and in the gathering of stray items of information from widely separated sources. The aid of government officials, and of the officers of the Corps, as well as of other friends, has proved of the utmost importance in obtaining many facts, without which the work would be lacking in that completeness which it has been the effort of the author to secure. Every available source of information has been made to contribute to the work, and valuable aid has been derived from Cooper's and other naval histories. Whenever it has been possible, the accounts of battles, etc.,