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“CARLSON’S RAIDERS” HAVE BATTLE-CRY

The fighting Marines who compose “Carlson’s Raiders,” the commando-like battalions which carried out the daring raid on the Japanese base on Makin Island in the Gilbert groups on August 17, have evolved a battle-cry, inspired by the Chinese industrial cooperatives’ slogan, “Gung Ho,” which means “Work Together.”

Lieutenant Colonel Evans F. Carlson, USMC, leader of the Raiders, adopted the slogan for his own men after he had made a tour recently of China’s cooperatives. The Raiders also have adopted a battle song, words of which were made public a few days ago.

The battle-cry, shouted by the men as they go into action, is known as “The Doctrine of the Raiders.” It follows:

We are Raiders of the Land and Sea.
We work together for Democracy.
Gung Ho! Gung Ho! Gung Ho! Ho!

We are tough; we are just;
we fight when e’er we must
for the right to be free.

We want to do our duty -
because it’s right;
and our duty will give those Japs a fright.

We execute all orders with a promptitude
that will shatter the Mikado’s latitude.

We are unbeatable - because we are right;
Those Japs can’t lick us - for we’ve got might.

We’re Raiders - for Democracy.

We work together; that’s why we’re free.
Gung Ho! Gung Ho! Gung Ho! Ho!

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