

THE WHITE STAR DIVISION

A few lines dedicated to the Freedom boys, Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. of the 154th. Regiment with the authors regards

J. P. Harris

The White Star Division the star of the west
The heroes of Sherman forever be blessed
May the badge of the Regiment Division and Corps
Be heralded abroad from mountain to shore.
For ever and ever the star of the west
And its deeds in a hallow of glory may rest
The star of the 20th., which wended its way
The restorer of peace to the States gone astray
The star that ascended in the hour of need
That crushed the rebellion in concert with Meade
Then Meade gave the brave, the gallant his praise
Who marched to Savannah in spite of the Gray
The white star ascended with its silvery ray
And under its guidance, our boys fought their way
In the heart of the nation it must ever shine
And gratitude calls us to bow at its shrine.
Its deeds are recorded on history's page
The battles and victories the Corps did engage.
Their records are written in the States to restore
Their endurances called for men and the Twentieth Corps.
We now welcome homeward the sturdy, the stout
Who planted our banner on Mountain Lookout.
Today they are knighted in honor and love
May the White Star forever emblazon above.

To Wm. Charles Esq. and others this 19th. day of December 1865

Sgt. William M. T. James

(Note: The poem is courtesy of Charles and Mildred Edmunds,
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