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- Title: Battle of Lake Erie
- Related Names:
Moran, Percy, 1862-1935, artist
- Date Created/Published: c1911.
- Medium: 1 photomechanical print : halftone, color.
- Summary: Oliver Hazard Perry standing on front of small boat as he and his remaining crew transfer his flag to the *Niagara* after abandoning his flagship, the *Lawrence* which was heavily damaged in battle.

The deathless motto on this simple flag originated in the War of 1812. The words themselves were reputedly spoken by Captain James Lawrence as he lay dying after a naval engagement with the British off the coast of New England. Its inspirational message was copied by Commodore Perry, commander of a fleet of American ships improvised for use in the Battle of Lake Erie. On 2 September 1813 he flew this on his flagship, *Lawrence*, later transferring it to the *Niagara*.

He defeated the British and sent back the famous victory message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY FLAG, 1813

White motto on a dark blue field.