

SONGS COMPOSED BY

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS
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PLACE: CPS Camps at Mancos, Colorado, and Lapine, Oregon.

CHRISTIANS AT WAR

Words: by J.F. Kendrick

Tune: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers,
duty's way is plain;
Slay your Christian neighbors,
or by them be slain,
Pulpiteers are spouting
effervescent swill,
God above is calling you
to rob and rape and kill,
All your acts are sanctified
by the Lamb on high;
If you love the Holy Ghost,
go murder, pray and die.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
rip and tear and smite;
Let the gentle Jesus
bless your dynamite.
Splinter skulls with shrapnel,
fertilize the sod;
Folks who do not speak your tongue
deserve the curse of God.
Smash the doors of every home,
pretty maidens seize;
Use your might and sacred right
to treat them as you please.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
eat and drink your fill;
Rob with bloody fingers,
Christ OKs the bill.
Steal the farmer's savings,
take their grain and meat,
Even though the children starve,
the Saviour's bums must eat;
Burn the peasant's cottages,
orphans leave bereft;
In Jehovah's holy name,
wreak ruin right and left.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
drench the land with gore,
Mercy is a weakness
all the Gods abhor;
Bayonet the babies,
jab the mothers, too;
Hoist the cross of Calvary
to hallow all you do.
File the bullets' noses flat,
poison every well,
God decrees your enemies
must all go plum to hell.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
blighting all you meet,
Trampling human freedom
under pious feet.
Praise the Lord whose dollar-sign,
dupes his favored race;
Make the foreign trash respect
your bullion brand of grace,
Trust in mock salvation,
serve as pirates' tools,
History will say of you,
"That pack of G...D fools."