

was ordered to the frigate United States.⁶⁶ His assignments on ships must have been of rather short duration, for March 22, 1799 found him a recruiting officer in Baltimore, with a force of thirty new marines already sent to Philadelphia.⁶⁷ At first, his recruiting efforts were highly successful; he established a "rendezvous" at Gray's Gardens, in the section of the city known as Chatsworth,⁶⁸ later moving it to Fell's Point.⁶⁹ His efforts received notice in the columns of the Telegraphe:

The character of this young officer is so well known that it is almost needless to say, everything will be done to give encouragement to such patriotic young men as may have an inclination to try their fortunes in this way.⁷⁰

He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, March 13, 1800.⁷¹

Methods of recruiting in that day would undoubtedly not be countenanced now. Edwards probably had a quota to enlist, and took the best (or only) means he could find for enlisting them - not always to the satisfaction of the authorities, for he was rebuked

66 Information from Office of naval records and library, U. S. Navy Department.

67 Telegraphe. March 22, 1799.

68 *Ibid.* April 15, 1799.

69 *Ibid.* June 10, 1799.

70 *Ibid.* April 15, 1799.

71 U. S. Veterans administration. Pension records. Ann Edwards, widow of Philip Edwards.