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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFG 794, US Army

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2 January 1945

Asst. Dir.	MP
Chief Clerk	MP

Memorandum:

To : See Distribution.

The following letter was received from Allied Force Headquarters and is reproduced for the interest of all concerned. Coming from such a high level it reflects great credit upon this command and is a source of pride to the Commanding General:

" ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/6412/G-1(B)
23 Dec 44.

"Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command

"SUBJECT:-Criminal Activities in Rome.

"Reference your letter TRB/jg dated 16 Dec 44.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has noted with satisfaction the efficient and courageous manner in which the various police agencies involved in these cases have done their work.
2. He wishes you to convey his appreciation to the officers and men concerned, and also his approval of the manner in which the efforts of all concerned in this most successful investigation have been coordinated.

"/s/ W.W. MacLeod
Major General, D.G.
G-1 (B)"

this command and is a source of pride to the Commanding General:

" ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CP/6412/G-1(B)
28 Dec 44.

"Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command

"SUBJECT:-Criminal Activities in Rome.

"Reference your letter TKB/JG dated 16 Dec 44.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has noted with satisfaction the efficient and courageous manner in which the various police agencies involved in these cases have done their work.
2. He wishes you to convey his appreciation to the officers and men concerned, and also his approval of the manner in which the efforts of all concerned in this most successful investigation have been coordinated."

"/s/ W.W.V. MacLeod
Major General, DAG.,
G-1 (B)"

By command of Brigadier General BROWN: 3747

I. E. Cheek
I. E. CHEEK
Captain AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Asst. Dir.	1 January 1945
Asst. Dir.	
Chief Clerk	

Never before has the vital importance of the Italian Front been so obvious as in this crisis of the great counter-offensive which the Germans have launched against our forces in Luxembourg and Belgium.

The great number of men and vast amount of supply needed by the Germans to pursue the Italian Campaign is costing him dearly now in his all-out, desperate counter-attack on the Western Front.

Anything short of a superhuman effort on our part, any slackening in our effort, means a longer and more difficult war. It is not enough for us merely to hold and engage the enemy force. We must carry the fight to him and destroy him. We must force him to pour more and more men and supplies into Italy.

As we enter the New Year I call on every one of you, in every branch of the Service, to drive yourselves to the utmost, to give your last ounce of courage and determination, and to destroy the enemy ruthlessly wherever you find him. Only by putting all that we have into this final battle for victory can we be assured that the New Year will bring us the peace and the reunion with our own that we all so much desire. May good fortune attend your efforts.

Joseph T. McNarney
JOSEPH T. McNARNEY
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding.

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Date 1 JAN, 1945

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HEADQUARTER,
24 DEC 1944

ROYAL ARMY, ALLIED COMMAND
APO 784, US ARMY

A. C.

23 December 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Officers, Soldiers, and
Employees, Rome Area Allied Command.

YOUR loyalty and efficiency in the conduct of
this command come to my mind as I take
this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

The cooperative spirit of all ranks and all
nationalities which compose the staff sets a new
standard for the operation of an integrated head-
quarters.

My thanks are added to my salutations. May
the New Year bring us victory and to each of you
success.

W. H. T. MILLER

" I AM THE UNITED STATES, SOLDIER TO THE
CIVILIAN AND THE ALLIED ARMY."

" In the spirit of efficiency and cooperation in the
work of the United States Army, I am adding my
sincere thanks to my salutations. May the New Year
bring us victory and to each of you success."

" The spirit of cooperation in the work of the
United States Army is the foundation of the
success of the United States Army. May the New Year
bring us victory and to each of you success."

" I am the United States, Soldier to the
Civilians and the Allied Army."

this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The cooperative spirit of all ranks and all divisions which compose the staff sets a new standard for the operation of an integrated headquarters.

I thank you for the added to my relations. May the New Year bring us victory and to each of you success.

ITALIAN RELATION

" A TUTTI GLI UFFICIALI, SOLDATI ED ITALIANI CIVILI DEL COMANDO MILITARE DI ROMA.

" La lealtà ed efficienza nell'eseguire il vostro lavoro presso questo Comando tornano alla mia memoria. Colgo quest'occasione per fare, a voi tutti, gli auguri di Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

" Lo spirito di collaborazione da parte delle varie categorie di tutte le nazionalità componenti il personale, dà un nuovo carattere al funzionamento di un Comando Generale integrato.

" Ai miei subordinati auguro il mio saluto. Possa il Nuovo Anno darvi la Vittoria, ed accordare ad ognuno di voi pieno successo.

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Frederick V. Brown
FREDERICK V. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 750

Office of the Commanding General

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SUBJECT: Salerno Day

TO : Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 750

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Adjutant	
Asst. Asst.	<i>JP</i>
Asst. Asst.	
Chief Clerk	

9 September 1944

The following cable was received at this Headquarters from General CLARK on 9 September 1944.

"Today we of the FIFTH ARMY are celebrating SALERNO DAY on the first anniversary of our landings on the mainland of ITALY. I want to take this occasion to express my deep gratitude to you and the members of the Services of Supply who have supported the operations of FIFTH ARMY in such a superior manner throughout this long and arduous campaign. Much of the credit for our progress is directly attributable to the superb manner in which we have been supplied under what were often most trying difficulties."

I wish to add that the major portion of credit for the direct support of the FIFTH ARMY which General CLARK describes as superb even under most trying difficulties goes to PEN BASE.

/s/ T. E. Larkin
T. E. LARKIN
Major General, U. S. A.,
Commanding

AG 330.13 RFPCC (9 Sept 44) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 750, 13 September 1944.

TO: See Distribution.

It is a pleasure to transmit the above commendatory message from General Larkin and to add my personal appreciation for the loyal support of all elements of the Peninsular Base Section.

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FRANCIS H. ORX
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commanding

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MESSAGE FROM H.M. THE KING

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM H.M. THE KING HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE

"I have greatly appreciated the opportunity you have afforded me of seeing so many of my Armed Forces and of those of the Allies in the Italian Theatre of War.

During the past few days I have traversed the ground from CASSINO to the present front line a distance of some 250 miles, through which, since the middle of May, the Eighth and Fifth Armies have driven a powerful and highly experienced German Force. It is true to say that the enemy has been out-generalled and out-fought. This brilliant campaign has added much to the glories of the British, the Dominions and the Allied Armies. Such success could never have been achieved without the full cooperation and powerful support of the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and their Allied Brothers-in-Arms.

I am very pleased to have been able to see for myself some of the splendid work they are doing. Please convey to all under your command my best wishes and my confident belief that final victory will be theirs. I pray that the day is not too far distant when I shall be able to welcome you home again."

THE FOLLOWING REPLY WAS SENT TO H.M. THE KING BY THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

"On behalf of all ranks of the British, Dominion and Allied Services it is my humble duty to convey their thanks for Your Majesty's message which they appreciated greatly. The visit of Your Majesty to ITALY has given encouragement and inspiration to everyone to complete the task which lies ahead of them."

(To be Repeated in All Orders)

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

20 May 1944

AG 006/534 -0

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Services

TO : All Concerned

1. As a standard memorial service, the following commemorative program will be conducted throughout this theater between 1115 and 1200 hours, 30 May 1944 (Memorial Day) at major cemeteries in which United States personnel are interred. Appropriate commanders may exercise discretionary judgment where facilities, circumstances, or operational necessity preclude the holding of these services at each cemetery.

2. Where the order of service as prescribed herein is impracticable, appropriate modifications may be made at the discretion of the commanders concerned.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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|---|---|
| 1. Music (Patriotic) | Band or Field Music |
| 2. Memorial prayers | (Jewish, Roman Catholic, Protestant) |
| 3. Band and/or choral music | (Religious) |
| 4. Scripture - Psalm 130 | By Chaplain |
| 5. Address: | Suitable officers to be designated by commanders of geographical areas in which cemeteries are located. |
| 6. Band music - | (Placing of wreaths at flag staff by Army, Navy, and Army Air Forces and such other organizations and Allied representatives as may be authorized by local commanders.) |
| 7. Benediction | |
| 8. Firing of volleys | |
| 9. Taps (Echo) | |
| 10. One minute of silence | |
| 11. Raising of flag to full staff to the music of the United States National Anthem | |
| 12. Recessional | Band or Field Music |

3. Insofar as practicable, all graves of United States personnel in the theater will be decorated with flowers or wreaths. Decoration of Allied graves is optional.

4. The following check list of points to be considered is furnished for information and guidance:

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- a. Provide a diagram of cemetery showing stations for attending groups and representatives, band, firing detail and other military participants, and routes of approach and departure.
 - b. Arrange for erection of speakers' stand, if required.
 - c. Arrange for traffic control and guard detail by Military Police.
 - d. Procure and set up public address system, if available.
 - e. Provide for national colors and color guard.
 - f. Obtain flags and bunting, including Allied flags if appropriate. Ascertain proper display and use of latter.
 - g. Arrange through local PRO appropriate publicity in local newspapers, United States Forces publications, and radio broadcasts of main ceremony.
 - h. Arrange for official photographs as authorized by proper authority.
 - i. Arrange for services of a band, massed bands or field music. Allied bands may be used, if available.
 - j. Arrange for firing detail, and token representation by Allied troops, if practicable.
 - k. Contact local United States consular officials for assistance in protocol matters and liaison with local civil and religious authorities.
 - l. Arrange for representation by all interested organizations (Army, Navy, Army Air Forces, Red Cross, Merchant Marine, etc.)
5. It is the Theater Commander's desire that the ceremonies be conducted simultaneously throughout the theater and be so designed that the same reverent commemoration evidenced at Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, on Memorial Day is reflected.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

1 January, 1944

Subject: Farewell Message

To: All men and women serving in or with Allied Forces in the
Mediterranean Theater

Soon I leave this theater to assume other duties assigned me by the Allied Governments.

I take my leave of you with feelings of personal regret that are equalled only by my pride in your brilliant accomplishments of the year just past. Although tempted to review again the many advantages that have accrued to the Allied cause through your bravery and fortitude, I believe all these will come home to you if you will merely compare your present position and prospects in this great conflict with your position and outlook in the late Fall of 1942. Then the Eighth Army was making its final preparations to attack the enemy, who was standing only a short distance west of Cairo. Vast Allied armadas were approaching North-west Africa in complete ignorance as to whether good fortune or complete disaster awaited them. Battered Malta was being defended only by the bravery of her almost entirely isolated garrison. No Allied ship could transit the length of the Mediterranean. Our fortunes appeared at a low ebb.

All this is changed—changed by your skill, your determination and your devotion to duty. Enemy action against our convoys in the Mediterranean is limited to harassing and submarine efforts. You have established yourselves on the mainland of Europe. You are still advancing.

You, along with the other Allied Forces fighting on many fronts, have already achieved the certainty that, provided every soldier, sailor and airman, and every citizen in our homelands continues incessantly to do his full duty, victory will be ours.

Altogether you comprise a mighty fighting machine, which, under your new Commander, will continue, as a completely unified instrument of war, to make further inroads into the enemy's defenses and assist in bringing about his final collapse.

Until we meet again in the heart of the enemy's continental stronghold, I send Godspeed and good luck to each of you, along with the assurance of my lasting gratitude and admiration.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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A
Personal Message
from
General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

November 8, 1943

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

To:
Admiral Sir John J. D. Cunningham, K.C.B., C.V.O.
General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I.,
D.S.O., M.C.
Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder, G.C.B.

As the Commander of American Forces in this theater I am sending, on the anniversary of the initial landings in North Africa, a written message to every American soldier, sailor and airman. Since this message includes mention of purposes and aspirations in this war, it is scarcely appropriate for it to be addressed directly to any but my own countrymen. Yet British and American Forces of all services have here so closely and effectively associated themselves together in a common cause that I feel impelled, whenever there is occasion for reviewing accomplishments of American Forces, to assure you and all those under your respective commands that my thanks and my pride as Allied Commander-in-Chief, go out to them in equal measure. Consequently, if you deem it proper, I will be grateful if a copy of this message could be sent also to each member of all British Forces in the theater. I know that your officers and all other ranks will clearly understand my hope that they will merely substitute the name of their own country wherever mine is mentioned, and accept my best wishes and gratitude for their splendid services, in the spirit they are meant.

Very sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

Personal from General Eisenhower to all men and women of the American Military and Civil Forces in the North African Theater:

We have reached the first anniversary of initial British-American landings in this theater.

You came here to take part in a crusade to eliminate ruthless aggression from the earth and to guarantee to yourselves and to your children security against the threat of domination by arrogant despotism.

During the year just past, you have written a memorable chapter in the history of American arms, a chapter in which are recorded deeds of valor, of sacrifice, of endurance and of unswerving loyalty. You have worked effectively and in friendly cooperation with the Armies, Navies and Air Forces of our Allies and have established in a foreign land a reputation for decency and dignity in conduct. Hour by hour your efforts are contributing toward the ultimate defeat of mighty military machines that hoped to conquer the world. You are just as surely the protectors and supporters of American democracy as your forefathers were its founders.

From my heart I thank each of you for the services you have so well performed, in the air, on the sea, in the front lines and in our ports and bases.

All of us salute with reverence the memory of the comrades we have lost, as we earnestly pray that Almighty God will bring comfort to their loved ones.

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But we must now look forward, because for us there can be no thought of turning back until our task has been fully accomplished.

We are on the mainland of Europe, carrying the battle, daily, closer to the vitals of the enemy. More Americans and more of our Allies will continue to follow steadily into the fight. All of us will work together as one. With the gallant and powerful Russian Army pounding the European enemy on the East and with growing forces seeking out and penetrating weak spots in his defenses from all other directions, his utter defeat—even if not yet definitely in sight—is certain. Victory will likewise be ours in the far off Pacific, where Allied Forces are already on the offensive and where unconquerable China, awaiting the time when the full power of the Allies may come to her assistance, continues to defy one of the most powerful and vicious of our enemies.

The heart of America supports our every endeavour. Reports of sporadic troubles on the home front are occasioned by the ill-considered actions of a relatively few individuals. Let us always remember that our great nation of 130,000,000 people is ceaselessly working and sacrificing to provide us weapons, equipment and supplies, and to send us an increasing flow of reinforcements. Our Allies march forward with us. The God of Justice fights on our side.

Let us, then, strengthen ourselves for the tasks yet lying ahead. With high courage let us redouble our efforts and multiply the fury of our blows so that we may the more quickly re-cross the seas to our own homeland with the glorious word that the last enemy stronghold has fallen and with the proud knowledge of having done, in our time, our duty to our beloved country.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 001.1 AGM

5 November 1943

SUBJECT: Distribution of Commemorative Pamphlets.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Sufficient copies of a pamphlet containing messages from the Commander-in-Chief commemorating the first anniversary of the landing of allied troops in French North Africa are forwarded herewith for distribution immediately to all personnel of your command.

2. The Commander-in-Chief hopes that a copy of this pamphlet may reach each officer and enlisted man or other rank of your command.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. Davis
T. J. DAVIS, Jr.
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

Hq. A M. G. AG

AG 006 BPAGO (25 Dec 43)

25 December 1943

Subject: Christmas Message from General Eisenhower.

To : See Distribution.

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1. The following Christmas message has been received from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander in Chief of Allied Forces:

"Once again it is my proud privilege to extend Christmas greetings to the members of Allied Forces, and the North African Theater of Operations in the Mediterranean area. My admiration for your accomplishments during the past year is equalled only by my complete confidence that you will meet every test in the coming year with the same high courage, determination and fortitude that have so indelibly characterized your momentous achievements in the year now drawing rapidly to a close. My profound thanks and best wishes go to all ranks in the Ground Forces, the Navy and Air Forces, the Nursing Services, Women's organizations and to all personnel of Civilian Services serving with these commands. God bless each of you. May your Christmas be as cheerful as these trying days will permit.

(signed) DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER"

2. It is desired that this message be brought to the attention of all personnel of this command on Christmas Day, 25 December 1943.

By command of Brigadier General FENCE:

L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Christmas Message

TO : All Personnel of Allied Forces and the North African
Theater of Operations

1. The following message from the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces and Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S.A., is published:

"Once again it is my proud privilege to extend Christmas Greetings to the members of Allied Forces, and the North African Theater of Operations in the Mediterranean Area. My admiration for your accomplishments during the past year is equaled only by my complete confidence that you will meet every test in the coming year with the same high courage, determination and fortitude that have so indelibly characterized your momentous achievements in the year now drawing rapidly to a close. My profound thanks and best wishes go to all ranks in the Ground Forces, the Naval and Air Forces, the Nursing Services, Women's Organizations and to all Civilian Services serving with these commands. God bless each of you. May your Christmas be as cheerful as these trying days will permit."

(Signed) DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

2. The Commander-in-Chief desires that his message be brought to the attention of all personnel on Christmas Day.

W. B. Smith
W. B. SMITH,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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