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OFFICER OF THE DAY

2 Feb 1945 1ST LT ROY B TORCASO  
 3 Feb 1945 1ST LT MERLE H BROWN  
 4 Feb 1945 2ND LT WILLARD H SCHULTZ  
 5 Feb 1945 1ST LT REX W. FLOYD

CONVOY OFFICER

2ND LT ROBERT H DAVIS  
 1ST LT ROY B TORCASO  
 2ND LT JAMES G GABLE  
 1ST LT JOSEPH KAY

1. 8TH AIR FORCE 3RD ANNIVERSARY: The following teletype, 2AD, J-1195-B, dated 29 Jan 1945, is quoted for the information of all concerned, this command: The following message received from LT GENERAL CARL SPAATZ  
 "TO OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE. TODAY IS THE THIRD BIRTHDAY OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE. THE PAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN EPOCH AND HISTORY MAKING TIMES. DURING THIS PERIOD YOU HAVE FOUGHT WELL TO ACCOMPLISH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE'S WILL AND ABILITY TO MAKE WAR. THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF YOUR BOMBER CREWS HAS CARRIED THEM ON TO THEIR OBJECTIVES. THEY HAVE NOT TURNED BACK WHEN THE OPPOSITION WAS INTENSE FROM THE GROUND AND FROM THE AIR. THE GROUND CREWS AND MEMBERS OF THE SERVICES HAVE WORKED WELL AND HARD TO "KEEP THEM FLYING." YOUR FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN COURAGEOUS, AGGRESSIVE AND UNDAUNTED BY OFTEN TIMES SUPERIOR NUMBERS. WHEN THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THIS THREE YEARS IS WRITTEN, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE BOLDLY EMBLEMED ACROSS ITS PAGES IN WORDS OF PRAISE WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE AIR FORCE. MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS."

---KEPNER---

2. 8TH AIR FORCE 3RD ANNIVERSARY: The following teletype, 2AD, J-1174-B, dated 28 Jan 1945, is quoted for the information of all concerned, this command: The following message received from the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:  
 "SINCE ITS BIRTH AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, THREE YEARS AGO THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE HAS GROWN TO THE STATURE OF THE LARGEST SINGLE POWER IN THE AIR FORCE. THE EFFORTS PUT FORTH AND THE RESULTS OBTAINED ARE AN INSPIRATION AND A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE TO US ALL. PLEASE EXTEND TO ALL ECHELONS AND RANKS MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS ANNIVERSARY AND MILESTONE OF ACHIEVEMENT. SIGNED ARNOLD."

---KEPNER---

3. CENSORSHIP: All personnel are cautioned to refrain from corresponding or discussing the latest recruitment of ground personnel from the Air Forces or any other unit to the Infantry. This also applies to any future operation of a similar nature. Failure to comply with these instructions will result in strict disciplinary action against the violators.

By order of Colonel SHOWER:

G. W. DARNELL  
 Major, Air Corps  
 Adjutant

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Any member of this command who can speak or write Russian is requested to see CAPT GRIGGS, Personnel Officer, Base Headquarters, immediately.