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OFFICER OF THE DAY

CONVOY OFFICER

12 May 1945	1ST LT ELMER S. JONES	1ST LT HOWARD H. KLEINER
13 May 1945	1ST LT JOHN MACCARNANO	2ND LT ROBERT TRIPLETT
14 May 1945	1ST LT JOSEPH KAY	1ST LT JEROME E. SCHLANSER
15 May 1945	CWO JEROME L. SEYLER	1ST LT FRANK J. HRIBAR
16 May 1945	WOJG NORMAN R. DESROSIERS	1ST LT PAUL W. HOWARD

1. MESSAGE FROM GENERAL KEPNER: The following teletype, no. M-527-A, dated 9 May 1945, from 2d Air Division, is quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

Following message is to be brought to the attention of all personnel:

Upon the occasion of my departure from Hq 2d Air Division I desire to express my appreciation and a commendation for all personnel of 2d Air Division for the splendid team work, loyalty, intelligence and long hours of work performed so cheerfully. You have shown a devotion to duty and patriotism that should bring pride to us all. We have each and every man and woman contributed to making the 2d Air Division outstanding among all such units in the world. In the time to come let us remember it with justifiable pride and do likewise wherever we find ourselves, in war or peace. My congratulations on a job well done indeed.

W. E. KEPNER  
Maj Gen, USA  
Commanding.

2. VICTORY MESSAGES

The following messages have been received at this headquarters and are quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO GENERAL SPAATZ: (TWK UAX 68816, 8th AF, dtd 10 May 1945).

I have received the following message from the Secretary of War  
Quote In this hour of victory I want to congratulate you and every soldier

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of your command for your share in the defeat of Germany. Your mission was completed when no more strategic targets remained for your planes to attack. Your accomplishment is written in the wreckage of the enemy's means of waging war against the liberty loving peoples of the earth. Unquote. To this generous tribute to the united efforts of all those who have made these accomplishments possible I add my heartiest congratulations. SPAATZ

THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO GENERAL DOOLITTLE:

I congratulate you and your soldiers of the Eighth Air Force for your part in achieving this memorable day. I commend the valor and devotion with which you accomplished in full measure your mission of reducing Germany's war potential. You have added new honors to the military traditions of America.

CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO GENERAL SPAATZ: (TMX UAX 66839, Hq USSTAF, dtd 9 May 1945).

I have received the following message from the Chief of Staff, United States Army. Quote. For yourself, your commanders, and the officers and men of the Eighth Air Force please accept my congratulations on the magnificent work of the Air Forces from the day the strategical daylight bombing of Germany was initiated until the final hour of the German collapse. You have made a great and historic contribution to the victory. I can only regret that those men who lost their lives in bearing the heaviest burden of the fight in the early days of the operations cannot be with us to enjoy the triumph of this day. To you and your staff and principal commanders for the splendid manner in which the air campaign has been conducted go my personal thanks. Unquote. In passing on this fine tribute to the work of all those who helped to make the victory possible I am happy to add my own congratulations and thanks. SPAATZ.

VICTORY ORDER OF THE DAY ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER: (TMX FWD 20956, Hq USSTAF, dtd 8 May 1945).

The following victory order of the day issued by the Supreme Commander is to be delivered to every member of all headquarters and units under your command: (From SHAEP forward signed EISENHOWER) Book Message Quote Men and women of the Allied Expeditionary Force: The crusade on which we embarked in the early summer of nineteen forty four has reached its glorious conclusion. It is my especial privilege, in the name of all nations represented in this theater of war, to commend each of you for valiant performance of duty. Though these words are feeble they come from the bottom of a heart overflowing with pride in your loyal service and admiration for you as warriors. Your accomplishments at sea, in the air, on the ground, and in the field of supply, have astonished the world. Even before the final week of the conflict, you had put five million of the enemy permanently out of the war. You have taken in stride military tasks so difficult as to be classed by many doubters as impossible.

## PART TWO

You have confused, defeated and destroyed your savagely fighting foe. On the road to victory you have endured every discomfort and privation and have surmounted every obstacle ingenuity and desperation could throw in your

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path. You did not pause until our front was firmly joined up with the great Red Army coming from the east, and other Allied Forces coming from the south. Full victory in Europe has been attained. Working and fighting together in a single and indestructible partnership you have achieved a perfection in unification of air, ground and naval power that will stand as a model in our time. The route you have travelled through hundreds of miles is marked by the graves of former comrades. From them has been exacted the ultimate sacrifice; blood of many nations -- American, British, Canadian, French, Polish, and others -- has helped to gain the victory. Each of the fallen died as a member of the team to which you belong, bound together by a common love of liberty and a refusal to submit to enslavement.

## PART THREE

No monument of stone, no memorial of whatever magnitude could so well express our respect and veneration for their sacrifice as would perpetuation of the spirit of comradeship in which they died. As we celebrate victory in Europe let us remind ourselves that our common problems of the immediate and distant future can be best solved in the same conceptions of cooperation and devotion to the cause of human freedom as have made this Expeditionary Force such a mighty engine of righteous destruction. Let us have no part in the profitless quarrels in which other men will inevitably engage as to what country, what service, won the European War. Every man, every woman, of every nation here represented, has served according to his or her ability, and the efforts of each have contributed to the outcome. This we shall remember -- and in doing so we shall be revering each honored grave, and be sending comfort to the loved ones of comrades who could not live to see this day. Signed DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. Unquote.

COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, TO GENERAL SPATZ: (TMK UAX 68838, Hq USSTAF, dtd 9 May 1945).

I have received this message from the Commanding General, AAF. Quote. Today the might of the German Army collapsed when its leaders agreed to Allied terms of unconditional surrender. I am happy now to be able to send my congratulations to the Army Air Forces for pressing our attack to a smashing climax. We stand now at the peak of our offense power. As this is written, plans already are in motion to divert an avalanche of military might against our only remaining enemy - Japan. The weapon that strikes home modern warfare is the airplane. In our growing offensive against the Japanese, the Army Air Forces will play a vital role. At the same time they must supply the punch to occupation forces through the world. Finally, they must maintain a network of supply and transport lines to all corners of the earth. A gigantic job remains to be done, and until it is done, no large-scale demobilization can take place in the AAF. Those few men who can be spared will be returned to civilian life as rapidly as possible. They will be released from the AAF under the same standards that govern release from the Army Ground Forces and the Army Service Forces. Our rotation system will be accelerated. But for most of us, let me make it plain: we are fighting men in a fighting organization, and just as long as a single Jap ship, submarine, air squadron, or company of infantry remains to challenge us, our job is not done. We are in the fight to the finish.

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Unquote. It gives me great pleasure to forward this message of congratulations with its reminder of the task that still lies before us.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL ARNOLD TO GENERAL DOOLITTLE: (TMX D-66834, 8AF, dtd 10 May 1945).

The proud record of the Eighth Air Force is brought to a fitting climax by the defeat of Germany. For your great contribution to the Allied drive, all USAAF join me in heartiest congratulations to you and your command.

ORDER OF THE DAY FROM GENERAL SPAATZ: (TMX UAF 68847, Hq USSTAF, dtd 10 May 1945)

Order of the Day IRR 3. The war in Europe is over. The combined efforts of our American Air Forces together with our teammates on the ground and on the seas have joined with those of your Allies to annihilate a powerful foe. All of you have played a great part in this victory. The courage and determination of our combat crews has been matched by the tireless devotion of ground crews and staffs. To those brave men whose lives have been a part of the price we have paid, will go the everlasting gratitude of their fellow countrymen. It is a matter of the deepest pride to me I have been privileged to be your commander.

GENERAL DOOLITTLE TO GENERAL PECK: (TMX M-342-G, 2d AD, dtd 10 May 1945).

The following message received from Hq Eighth Air Force is quoted for your information. Quote. "I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done. Each of you may be proud of your part in the defeat of Germany. The United Nations are proud of you. Doolittle." Unquote. Peck.

KING GEORGE VI TO GENERAL EISENHOWER:

The following personal message has been received by General Eisenhower from His Majesty the King: (From SHAEP Forward signed Eisenhower) Book Message. Quote. Eleven months ago, you led the Allied Expeditionary Force across the English Channel, carrying with you the hopes and prayers of millions of men and women of many nations. To it was entrusted the task of annihilating the German armies in western Europe, and of thus liberating the peoples whom they had enslaved. All the world knows that, after fierce and continuous warfare, this force has accomplished its mission with a finality achieved by no other such expedition in history. On behalf of all my peoples, I ask that you, its Supreme Commander, will tell its members how deeply grateful we are to them, and how unbounded is our admiration for the courage and determination which, under wise leadership, have brought them to their goal of complete and crushing victory. I would ask you also to convey a special message of congratulations to my own forces now under your command. Throughout the campaign, they have acquitted themselves, in all services, with a valour and distinction for which their fellow-countrymen will forever hold them in honor. Signed GEORGE VI, 7 May 1945. Unquote.

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3. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

The following congratulatory messages received by the Supreme Commander are quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

A. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY S. TRUMAN:

"In recognition of the unconditional and abject surrender of the Nazi barbarians please accept the fervent congratulations and appreciation of myself and of the American people for the heroic achievements of your Allied Army, Navy, and Air Forces by their sacrifice, skill, and courage. They have saved and exalted the cause of freedom throughout the world. All of us owe to you and your men of many nations a debt beyond appraisal for their high contribution to the conquest of Nazism.

"I send also my personal appreciation of the superb leadership shown by you and your commanders in directing the valiant legions of our own country and of our Allies to this historic victory.

"Please transmit this message to the appropriate officers of your command and publish it to all Allied Forces in your Theaters of Operation."

B. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

"In this first moment after one of the greatest military victories in all history, I find it most difficult to express to you in words the thankfulness which fills the hearts of millions of your countrymen for all that the victory means to them.

"In this great hour of victory I join with all peace loving peoples of the world in sending my most heartfelt thanks to you, your staff and commanders, and to every member of your Allied Armies."

C. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:

"The United States Navy send to you and your commanders its congratulations and admiration for the superb accomplishments of the American armies in achieving in conjunction with our Allies the destruction of Nazi Germany.

"To you personally goes my unbounded admiration for a great accomplishment in terms of military strategy, leadership, and above all those qualities of will, patience, and tact which have earned for you the unswerving support of our own forces and those of our Allies."

D. MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL KING:

"On behalf of the officers and men of the U. S. Navy, I extend hearty and sincere congratulations to you and all officers and men under your able command on the victory attained in Europe.

"The unselfish devotion to duty demonstrated by your forces will serve as an inspiration to renew our determination to hasten the day of victory over Japan."

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E. MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ:

"The smashing victory of American and Allied arms over Germany ends the reign of brute force and terror in Europe. Millions of the world's people are beholden to you and the superb forces under your command for the restoration of their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

"The victory confirms the wisdom of our world strategy which required the use of the bulk of our strength against Germany while holding Japan and driving them back when possible. Now the whole overwhelming weight of our force can be turned upon our treacherous enemy in the Pacific. Japan deserves and from now on will receive our united and undivided attention.

"My sincere congratulations to you, your staff, and all the men of your command on the completion of a formidable task supremely well done."

F. MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS:

"Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the great and decisive victories which caused the final downfall of a powerful and ruthless enemy. Together with me and my peoples, grateful thanks to you and all the armies under your supreme command, who, by their unflinching bravery and sacrifice, have brought about the triumph of our common cause and the liberation of the Netherlands."

G. MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA:

"I send to you and to the forces under your command the heartfelt congratulations of the Government and people of Canada upon the final defeat of the military might of Nazi Germany to which defeat the Allied Expeditionary Forces contributed so decisively. We are indeed proud that Canadians had so worthy a place in the great company of the forces of liberation which under your supreme command have achieved so complete a victory."

By order of Colonel SHOWER:

G. W. DARNELL,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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