

HEADQUARTERS  
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To each officer and soldier of the 2671st Special  
Reconnaissance Battalion:

1. The war is won. Our job is done. Each of you can be proud of your individual contribution to a unique achievement. The Operational Groups of this battalion were a wholly new idea in the U. S. Army, and their success has far exceeded expectations.

2. The potentialities of resistance and partisan groups in supplementing the operations of the armies was developed further in each successive campaign in the Mediterranean Theater. The experience of and new techniques used by this battalion are an important development in military tactics. Our work has received commendation from the highest army headquarters.

3. As your Commanding Officer, I am proud of the record of achievement of the battalion. I wish to express to each of you my great appreciation of your service, your devotion to duty, and your fine spirit in undertaking these unusual and hazardous operations. Each man, no matter what his task has been, has contributed to the successful termination of the war.

4. It gives me pleasure to send you herewith the enclosed letter of commendation.

5. The Director of Office of Strategic Services, Major General William J. Donovan, has requested me to express to you his thanks and appreciation for the outstanding contribution you have made to the fine record of this organization.

Good bye and best wishes for the future.

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