

HEADQUARTERS 894TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY.

TO: The Officers and Enlisted Men of the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Upon the successful completion of the struggle against a fanatical enemy in Italy, and more recently in the whole of Europe, I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks and to extend my humble congratulations to each and every one of you. Words cannot express the great pride I experience in commanding such a splendid unit. Never have you failed to carry the fight to the enemy regardless of where he was to be found. You have surmounted difficulties that were thought to be insurmountable. Yours has been the good fortune of supporting all our Allies including the British, French, and the Brazilians. Your association and fine spirit of cooperation with units of different nationalities has rendered praise from all sources. This was accomplished only through good soldiering, true comradeship and perfect teamwork. You have definitely destroyed 46 enemy Tanks and Self Propelled Guns, 20 OP's, 38 Vehicles, 3 Mortars, 27 FA Pieces, 101 Machine Guns, 29 Pill-boxes, 17 Ammo Dumps, 5 Horse Carts and 2 Mule Trains, in Italy alone, in addition to killing 396, wounding 258 and capturing 3,288 of the enemy.

Full realization of all your splendid work comes with a comparison of our own Battalion strength to the numbers we have killed and wounded, as well as captured. You are the envy of all fighting units in the U. S. Army.

Let us not forget our valiant dead who gave their lives willingly for the cause that is both true and just. May their spirit remain with us always.

Whatever the future might hold in store for us, face it with the same spirit of aggressiveness as you have shown and ours will be complete victory.

May God bless everyone of you!

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