HEADQUARTERS 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 230, U. S. ARMY

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TO: Each Member of the Regiment:

ORGANIZATIONAL MESSAGE

On October 20, 1942, a small cadre of officers and enlisted men arrived at Camp Blanding, Florida, to activate the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Today, two years later, we find ourselves in our second campaign on the battlefield of Eastern Holland, doing that job which is our only reason for existence --defeating the Axis powers.

The past two years have been full years in the life of the regiment and its history is filled with accomplishments that every member may review with pride. The highlights in this history are, of course, the regiment's participation in the "D" day invasion of France and the more recent landing and fighting with our British allies here in Holland.

In garrison and in the battlefield this regiment has always acquitted itself in an outstanding manner. Every member now has the unstinted admiration of both the British and our own American comrades in arms with whom we have fought. No greater satisfaction can a soldier desire than the knowledge that he has the respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers. To quote Lt. Gen. Dempsey, Commanding General of the 2nd British Army with whom we are now fighting, "the 82d Airborne Division is the finest fighting division in the world". The 508th has never failed to contribute its share in reflecting such credit on the division.

What lies in store for the regiment in the future none of us know. Our past history and accomplishments, however, are a criterion of what may be expected of us in the future. When the war finally comes to an end and we return to our homeland every page of history written on the 508th will reflect your contribution to its accomplishments.

To every member of the regiment I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your cooperation, my admiration for your fighting ability and accomplishments, and my very sincere wishes for your continued successes, good luck, and happy landings.

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Commanding