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ORDER OF THE DAY

To be read to all combat crews at final briefing and to all officers and men, other than combat crews, after take-off of initial operation.

We are embarked upon the greatest military operation of all time. Two years of careful planning and preparation have gone into it. Everything we have done in all theatres of war since December 1941 has been done in preparation for this operation to destroy the Hun. His doom is sealed and we are honored by having the privilege and opportunity to play such an important role in his destruction.

To the IX Troop Carrier Command, of which we are an important part, comes the signal honor of spear-heading the invasion - of launching the first blow in the final destruction of the Hun. We are transporting the airborne infantry into battle and we are placing them in the position to do their most effective work in striking that first blow of final destruction.

We are fully prepared for our job. We are adequately equipped and fully trained. We have arrived at that state through long months of arduous work on the part of every individual connected with the preparation for this momentous and gigantic operation. To the combat crews goes the honor of actually accomplishing the job, but they could not do it without the complete cooperation and teamwork that has been given by every other individual at our bases, in our headquarters staffs, our ground personnel and our service units. To them is accorded an equal honor in the knowledge of a job well done.

I am honored with the responsibility of passing on to you a message from the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces. He is proud of you - proud of the manner in which you have prepared yourselves for this task - and confident of the results you will attain. This message and this pride and confidence are indorsed by all the intermediate higher commanders. For myself, it is the proudest moment of my life - to command an organization that has proven itself capable of meeting any and every emergency and has demonstrated its ability to launch this final destructive blow.

This is life's greatest moment for all of us. Our country has pledged itself to the world, with the help of its allies to annihilate the forces that were on the verge of destroying our way of life, our liberty and our pursuit of a peaceful existence. It has been given to us to launch the final blow. In

so doing we are preserving the lives of our parents, our wives and sweethearts and insuring the lives of our children. No American can ask for more than that - the opportunity and privilege of fighting for what he believes is right.

The hour has struck. We are on our way. Victory is certain, and, with God's help, its attainment will be swift.

/S/ H. L. CLARK
/T/ H. L. CLARK
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.