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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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Men of the 80th Division,

According to custom the usual greeting on this day of the year is "Happy New Year". Under present conditions this greeting may appear rather inappropriate. However, we do have much cause for rejoicing.

In all quarters of the globe our allied armies have seized the initiative and are waging successful battles. Our homes and families are spared the devastation of war. We know with certainty that the new year will bring us final victory or well within sight of the war's end.

The year 1944 will find our Division adding its courage, ability, and strength to the evergrowing power of the Allied Forces in defeating our common enemies. As we progress through our final weeks of training and approach the day of entry into combat, I ask and urge of each and every member of the Division the maximum possible effort to prepare for the crucial test of battle. When we go into combat let there be no cause for regrets for wasted time or lost opportunities during our final training period.

For your efforts, progress, and spirit during the past year, I am proud and deeply grateful; We can view the future with confidence and courage.

May success and good fortune reward your every effort during the coming year.

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Major General, United States Army,
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