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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION'S R-1556-A

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND PRIDE THAT I FORWARD TO YOU THIS COMMUNICATIONS FROM OUR COMMANDING GENERAL.

"I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN COMMENDING YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR SPLENDID COMMAND FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS OPERATIONAL EFFORT AND RESULTS ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS. YESTERDAY YOUR OUTSTANDING OPERATIONS MADE POSSIBLE A RECORD DAY FOR SORTIES COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY BY THE NINTH AIR FORCE. OF 2693 INITIATED A TOTAL OF 2655OR OVER 98.5 PERCENT ATTACKED OR ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSIONS. CONTINUED SUCCESSES BY YOU SUCH AS THESE CAN ONLY HASTEN THE FINAL VICTORIOUS OUTCOME OF THE WAR."

FROM VANDENBERG SIGNED ANDERSON

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