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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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APO 140, U. S. Army,
5 April 1945.SUBJECT: Letters of Commendation from Lieutenant General Bradley and
Major General Vandenberg.TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140.
Commanding General, 98th Combat Wing, APO 140.
Commanding General, 99th Combat Wing, APO 140.

1. General Bradley's recognition of the indomitable spirit of the combat crews and ground personnel of 9th Bombardment Division (M) and his written statement that the work of 9th Bombardment Division (M) has had and will continue to have an inestimable effect on the enemy's ability to continue the fight is a source of great gratification to me.

2. It is with great pleasure that I forward to you a copy of General Bradley's commendation and that of General Vandenberg. To their commendations I add my own. I also thank each of you for your magnificent efforts in the past and express to you my great pride over the efficiency of your operations. This efficiency, coupled with your fighting spirit, has made the Ground Forces' task easier and has made it impossible for the German army and the German nation to impose their will upon the world or even to retain a particle of the territory which they wrested from their weaker neighbors. You have a right to a just pride in this record, and I am sure you will uphold it until the end.

/s/t/ SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Major General, USA
Commanding

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HQ 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L), APO 140, U.S. Army, 7 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, US Arm

1. It is a pleasure to forward these commendations on to you from Generals Bradley, Vandenberg and Anderson. As an important member of the Allied Forces, you have fought for and maintained a combat record, of which I think we can all be justly proud. I am indeed grateful for the excellent results you have obtained in the past, and feel certain they will continue to the end.

2. It is my desire that a copy of this correspondence be distributed to all personnel of your command.

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/s/t/ EDWARD N. BACKUS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH ARMY GROUP
APO 655, U. S. Army
Office of the Commanding General

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27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Recent Records Established by Units of Ninth Air Force.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, APO 696.

1. I have noted the recent reports of the record number of sorties by both IX Bombardment Division and the Tactical Air Commands of the Ninth Air Force and take this opportunity to forward my heartiest congratulations to you, your unit commanders, and most particularly to your combat crews. On behalf of the fighting men on the ground I would like to convey to all your men fighting in the air our personal admiration for their large part in our jointly sustained attack against the enemy.

2. I feel that the bombardment of bridges, marshalling yards, communications centers and supply installations by the IX Bombardment Division has had and will continue to have an inestimable effect on the enemy's ability to continue the fight. I also feel that the close cooperation existing between your tactical air commands and my Armies has been a principal feature in driving the forces of our foe back and across the Rhine.

3. Too much credit cannot be given to these men of the 12th Army Group-Ninth Air Force tactical team who are relentlessly battering our foe on the ground and from the air. They beat him on the beachhead, drove him from the occupied nations, crushed him in his own Rhineland, and next will destroy him in the heart of his Fatherland. It is these fighting men who are responsible for our past successes, and it is their indomitable spirit which assures a speedy and crushing victory for our cooperating arms.

/s/t/ O. N. BRADLEY
Lieutenant General, U. S. A.
Commanding.

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NINTH AIR FORCE, ADVANCED

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APC 696, U. S. Army,
30 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation from Lieutenant General Bradley.

TO : Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, APC 595.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APC 141.
Commanding General, XXIX Tactical Air Command, APC 151.
Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APC 140.

It affords me extreme pleasure to forward a copy of the inclosed letter from Lieutenant General Bradley in which he so enthusiastically endorses the close cooperation and all out efforts of your command in hastening the conclusion of this war. To this, I add my own appreciation for your splendid operations. It is my desire that the contents of General Bradley's letter be brought to the attention of all personnel of your command.

/s/t/ HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Major General, USA
Commanding.

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