

CONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS
9TH AIR DIVISIONAPO 140, U S Army
18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Farewell Message.

TO : All Personnel, 9th Air Division.

On the occasion of relinquishing command of 9th Air Division, I wish to thank each of you for the loyal and efficient support you have given me during the entire time I have been your commander. It has been a privilege and an honor to command this Division and to work with people who have cheerfully met and overcome every difficulty which has presented itself during the hard months of war. The defeat of our enemies in Europe was due to the unfailing courage, self-sacrifice and teamwork of the Allies as a whole. These characteristics have been predominant throughout the whole of 9th Air Division and are very largely responsible for the magnificent record the Division now has behind it. Each of you, no matter what your job has been, had a part in the making of this record and has a right to a just pride in your accomplishments.

A few of you will be required to serve in the Army of Occupation; others will go to other theatres; others will return to civilian life; and others of you will be required to serve longer in the Zone of the Interior. For all there is more hard work and sacrifice in store before final victory is attained. I leave you, firm in the conviction that whatever your future task may be you will discharge it in a manner which will do credit to yourself and to the record you leave behind in this theatre. Again I would say it has been a proud privilege and an honor to command you.

/s/ Samuel E. Anderson,
/t/ SAMUEL E. ANDERSON,
Major General, USA.

THIS IS A TRUE COPY:

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