

5TH ARMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

*To the Officers and Men of the Antiaircraft Artillery Units,
Fifth Army :*

You have made history in more ways than one. You were part of those brave Allied troops of all branches who smashed their way up the Italian peninsula to take Rome from the south—a task the mighty Hannibal failed to accomplish. Together with the Allied air arm, you stopped the Luftwaffe from blasting the valorous Anzio force from existence.

Everywhere in Italy you have stopped the German Air Force consistently whenever the opportunity arose. You have stepped into new and responsible roles, accomplishing your mission each time with distinction. You have gained the admiration and respect of all the Allied troops.

In short, you have proved—and brilliantly so—the great value of Antiaircraft Artillery. I am proud of your achievements. You, too, should be proud of them. Your country is grateful.

This is your book—your record of the history which you made.



Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Antiaircraft Commander.