

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
Office of the Supreme Commander

26 March 1945

Dear General Simpson:

While I have sent out from time to time congratulatory messages covering particular phases of recent operations, this seems to be an especially appropriate time to send you a personal message, just as your leading divisions have established themselves firmly upon the Eastern banks of the Rhine.

Since you have taken command of the Ninth Army you have been called upon to serve alternately in the Twenty-first and the Twelfth Army Groups. In both commands your Army has performed magnificently and your leadership has been outstanding. I have been particularly gratified to note that your relationships with our British friends, including your seniors, your associates, and your subordinates, have been based on mutual respect and friendly cooperation.

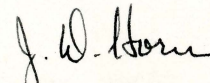
I am truly delighted with the combat record you have made.

Sincerely,

(S) DWIGHT EISENHOWER

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Commanding General,  
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