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Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces! ^R You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. ~~By it, we shall bring about,~~ In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, ^{you will be bringing about} the destruction of the German war machine, the ~~overthrow~~ ^{downfall} of Nazi tyranny, ^{and the liberation of} ~~the~~ oppressed peoples of Europe, ^{and security for ourselves in a free world.}

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. ^{He will} ~~You may expect him to~~ fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since ~~the~~ ^{Nazi} triumphs of 1940-41. ^{The United Nations} ~~We and our Allies~~ have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. ~~We shall do it again.~~ Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Front ^{has} ~~has~~ given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching ^{together} to Victory!

The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere ^{will} ~~go~~ with you. ~~You will not fail them.~~

I have full confidence in your courage, ^{devotion to duty,} ~~hardihood~~ and skill in battle. ^{will accept nothing less than full victory!} ~~We can, and we will win.~~

Good Luck! ^{let us all beseech} ~~And may the blessing of Almighty God rest upon us~~ ⁱⁿ this great and noble undertaking.



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