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TO : 21 ARMY GROUP FOR FM MONTGOMERY, 12 ARMY GROUP FOR GENERAL BRADLEY, 6TH ARMY GROUP FOR GENERAL DEVERS, SECOND TACTICAL AIR FORCE FOR AIR MARSHALL CONINGHAM, NINTH AIR FORCE FOR GENERAL VANDENBURG, FIRST PROV TACTICAL AIR FORCE FOR GENERAL ROYCE, SHAEF MISSION BELGIUM, SHAEF MISSION NETHERLANDS, SHAEF MISSION DENMARK, ANCXF FOR ADMIRAL RAMSEY, COMNAVFORFRANCE FOR ADMIRAL KIRK, USSTAF FOR GENERAL SPAATZ, EIGHTH AIR FORCE FOR GENERAL DOOLITTLE, COM ZONE FOR GENERAL LEE, SOLOC FOR GENERAL LARKIN, FAA ARMY FOR GENERAL BRERETON

FOR INFO : FIRST CANADIAN ARMY, SECOND BRITISH ARMY, FIRST US ARMY, THIRD US ARMY, SEVENTH US ARMY, NINTH US ARMY, FIRST FRENCH ARMY, XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS, FIFTEENTH ARMY, SHAEF REAR

FROM : SHAEF MAIN, SIGNED EISENHOWER

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The following order of the day issued by the Supreme Commander is to be delivered to every member of all Headquarters and units under your command:

22 December 1944

"To Every Member of the A.E.F.

The enemy is making his supreme effort to break out of the desperate plight into which you forced him by your brilliant victories of the summer and fall. He is fighting savagely to take back all that you have won and is using every treacherous trick to deceive and kill you. He is gambling everything, but already, in this battle, your gallantry has done much to foil his plans. In the face of your proven bravery and fortitude, he will completely fail.

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But we can not be content with his mere repulse.

By rushing out from his fixed defenses the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. So I call upon every man, of all the Allies, to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let everyone hold before him a single thought -- to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere -- destroy him! United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight. We will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory.



/s/DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER."

Acknowledge.

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