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TO THE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OF CASUALTIES OF THE 83D INFANTRY DIVISION:

This Division was engaged in action against the enemy almost continuously from June 27, 1944 to May 8, 1945. During that period, the Division achieved an outstanding combat record. In carrying the fight to the enemy in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany the men of the 83d exhibited unfailing loyalty, great courage and high devotion to their country.

The story of their mighty accomplishments is one of sacrifice made, of hardships endured and of victories won. It is a story of men who responded to their country's highest call in a manner consistent with her most splendid traditions.

The enclosed map delineates in an unpretentious way the ground gained and the victories won by the Division. I sincerely hope this little booklet will convey to you, in some measure, the magnitude of the men's accomplishments. It is respectfully and humbly dedicated to those of our comrades in arms who gave their lives, and to those who were wounded in battle.

Their courage, loyalty and unselfish devotion to duty shall never cease to stir our hearts with solemn pride and our minds with cherished memories of their deeds and sacrifices. They have been true comrades and we deeply mourn their passing from our midst. Their great sacrifices and yours, have been laid upon the alter of justice and freedom. In no small measure this has made possible the victory of our Nation and the peace of the world.

We are indebted to our unsung heroes who have given their all that others might enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. We add our deep admiration and lasting gratitude, to that of our country, for your great sacrifice; and our prayers that God will assuage the anguish of your bereavement.

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