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HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
A P O No. 3

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION COMMANDER
ON MEMORIAL DAY

On this Memorial Day of 1945, the 3d Division remembers you for the contribution you have made to America and all it stands for in the loss of your loved one.

These things are hard to understand, but in a war such as this one where the gain to be had was so great and the destruction of the evil force so necessary, great sacrifice was inevitable.

We who are living know that the success of the Division, and our own very existence is due mainly to those who unselfishly gave their lives in battle. This realization will be with us always.

Now that the German Army is destroyed, you can well feel proud that through your great contribution, our nation may live as was intended: in freedom and goodness.

As Division Commander of the 3d Division, I speak from the bottom of my heart for all of us when I say be of good cheer and be ever proud that his sacrifice makes it possible for our country to be great and free forever.

JOHN W. O'DANIEL
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding