

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTIETH DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, 11th November 1918

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 80th DIVISION:

THE 80th Division only moves FORWARD.

It not only moves forward against the Enemy, but it moves forward in the estimation of all who are capable of judging its courage, its fighting and its qualities.

In the operations for the period November 1st - 5th the Division moved forward fifteen and five eighths miles in an air line.

It always led.

It captured two Huns for every man wounded.

It captured one machine gun for every man wounded.

It captured one cannon for every ten men wounded, besides large quantities of munitions and other stores.

It accomplished these results, of vast importance to the success of the general operation, with a far smaller percentage of casualties than any other Division engaged.

It has learned by hard training and experience.

The appreciation of the Corps and Army Commanders is expressed in the following:

Telegram from the Commanding General, First Army:

"The Army Commander desires that you inform the Commander of the 80th Division of the Army Commander's appreciation of his excellent work during the battle of today. He desires that you have this information sent to all organizations of that Division as far as may be practicable this night. He fully realizes the striking blow your Division has delivered to the enemy this date."

Telegram from the Commanding General, First Army Corps:

"The Corps Commander is particularly pleased with the persistent, intelligent work accomplished by your Division today. He further desires that his congratulations and appreciation reach General Lloyd M. Brett, commanding your Brigade, which has borne the brunt of the burden."

Letter from the Commanding General, First Army Corps:

"1. The Corps Commander desires that you be informed and that those under your command be informed that in addition to other well deserved commendations received from the Army Commander and Corps Commander, he wishes to express his particular gratification and appreciation of the work of your division from the time it has entered under his command."

It is necessarily a great honor to be allowed to command an organization which earns such commendation.

It is likewise a great honor to belong to such an organization.

I do not know what the future has in store for us.

If it be war, we must and shall maintain our honor and our reputation by giving our best to complete the salvation of our country.

If it be peace, we must and shall maintain our reputation and the honor of our Division and the Army, as soldiers of the greatest country on earth, and as right-minded, self respecting men.

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A. A. CRONKHITE.
Major General.