

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

**Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Forces
in the Mediterranean Theatre**

Final victory is near. The German Forces are now very groggy and only need one mighty punch to knock them out for good. The moment has now come for us to take the field for the last battle which will end the war in Europe. You know what our comrades in the West and in the East are doing on the battlefields. It is now our turn to play our decisive part. It will not be a walk-over; a mortally wounded beast can still be very dangerous. You must be prepared for a hard and bitter fight; but the end is quite certain — there is not the slightest shadow of doubt about that. You, who have won every battle you have fought, are going to win this last one.

Forward then into battle with confidence, faith and determination to see it through to the end. Godspeed and good luck to you all.

H.R. Alexander

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.