ORDER OF THE DAY:

It is my high honor to cite to the Order of the Day, for extraordinary courage, marked efficiency and precise execution of operation during the Papuan Campaign, the following officers:

General Sir Thomas Blamey
Lieutenant General Kenney
Lieutenant General Herring
Lieutenant General Michelberger
Major General Sutherland
Major General Vasey
Brigadier General Willoughby
Brigadier General Whitehead
Brigadier General Walker
Brigadier Wootton
Brigadier Esther
Group Captain Carling

The victory which has been achieved would have been impossible of accomplishment without the invincible leadership which they have provided. I have directed that each be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States, the highest decoration at my disposal, with appropriate individual citation. This award will serve for all time and for all eyes as the outward symbol of the devotion and gallantry with which they have performed their dangerous and difficult duty.

The magnificent conduct of the troops and elements of this command, operating under difficulties rarely, if ever, surpassed in campaign, has earned my highest praise and commendation. In spite of inadequate means in many categories, their resourcefulness, their ingenuity, their adaptability, have produced a self-reliance that has overcome all handicaps and deficiencies. Through skill and courage and an indomitable will for victory they have defeated a bold and aggressive enemy possessing a marked superiority of
resources and potentialities in the areas of campaign and combat. While all
ground troops have performed admirably, elements of the 6th and 7th Australian
Divisions, of the 32d and 41st U.S. Divisions, the 6th Independent Comando
Unit, Mountain Artillery batteries of the 1st Australian Corps, Squadrons of
the Armoured Division, and the native Papuan Carriers have been especially
prominent. To the American 5th Air Force and to the Royal Australian Air
Force no commendation could be too great. Their outstanding efforts in combat,
in supply, and in transportation over both land and sea, constituted the key-
stone upon which the whole arch of the campaign was erected. They have set
new horizons for the air conduct of war.

To ALMIGHTY GOD I give thanks for that guidance which has brought us to
this success in our great Crusade. HIS is the honor, the power and the glory
forever, Amen.

DOUGLAS MacARThUR,
General, U.S. Army
Commander-in-Chief