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BY

LIEUT-GENERAL H.D.G. CRERAR, D.S.O.  
COMMANDER 1 CANADIAN CORPS

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1. The following cables have been received from Canada:

To Lieut-General McNaughton,  
From W. R. Simmons, President, Army & Navy Veterans  
Association, 5896 Fraser St., Vancouver, B.C.

" On behalf of members of South Vancouver Unit 26 Army and Navy Veterans Association in Canada, 5896 Fraser Street, Vancouver, B.C., in general meeting assembled August 21st 1942, resolution unanimously passed appreciating wonderful achievement and congratulating all officers, men of Canadian Army who took part in the Dieppe raid in our opinion the greatest raid ever pulled off. Would appreciate if this message could be put in general orders of the day."

From William Morrison, Mayor, City Council of Hamilton.

" Sir, The City Council of Hamilton in session tonight August 25th records with deep pride the heroic part played by the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry in the epic assault upon Dieppe by units of the Canadian Overseas Forces under your supreme command. In the midst of its sorrow our City adds in exaltation of spirit this historic chapter to the valorous annals of its regiment the markedly high losses among the officers and the long casualty lists in all ranks of the R.H.L.I. alike tell their story of courageous leadership and dauntless devotion to duty. Many homes in our city and the surrounding district are bereaved and to these sorrowing families our profound and heartfelt sympathy is extended. Through you, Sir, this Council desires to convey its congratulations to all Canadian units which participated in this magnificent action, and in particular its pride and gratitude to the officers and men of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry together with its solicitous enquiries for the wounded. With this message go our prayers for the Allied cause, our unflinching confidence in Canadian arms and our determination here at home to serve and sacrifice for victory."

From C.T. Sawnders, President, Dock & Shipyard Workers Union, Vancouver, B.C.

" Please convey to Canadian officers and men participating in Dieppe raid the admiration for their courage and resource expressed by this representative war production conference of Vancouver Union Officials and shop stewards meeting to urge opening of second front. We assure you Vancouver war workers will not fail you in providing tools of war for second front and victory."

2. A suitable reply has been forwarded in each case by the G.O.C.-in-C., First Cdn Army.

Adv. H.Q.,  
1 Cdn Corps,  
Canadian Army,  
England.

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Brigadier,  
for General Officer Commanding.

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24 Aug 42.

1. The following additional messages, covering the operation against Dieppe, are published for the information of all ranks of 1 Cdn Corps. Acknowledgment has been made by the G.O.C.-in-C., First Cdn Army.

From General Sir Alan F. Brooke, K.C.B., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff:

" On behalf of the C.I.G.S., I wish to convey to you the admiration of all ranks in the British Army for the gallant and resolute manner in which the Officers and men of the Canadian Army under Major-General J.H. Roberts carried through the hazardous operation at Dieppe."

Forwarded by:

Lieut-General A.E. Nye, M.C.  
Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

From General Sir Bernard C.T. Paget, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C., Home Forces:

" I have now received sufficient details of operation 'DIEPPE' to enable me to appreciate the fine fighting spirit shown by your troops.

" I sympathize with you all in the losses you have suffered but against this is set the gallantry of all ranks and the splendid example shown by their leaders. Such stubborn fighting against heavy odds is an inspiration to us all.

" The experience you have gained will be of the greatest value not only to the Canadian Army but to the whole Expeditionary Force for the invasion of the continent on the road to final victory."

From Major-General Victor W. Odum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Canadian High Commissioner to Australia, Canberra:

" Please convey my hearty congratulations to Second Division units engaged in Dieppe raid and say I am grieved I was not with them. I sorrow with them in their losses. Kind regards."

From Mayor Fred J. Conboy, Toronto:

" Will you please convey to all Toronto citizens participating in recent raid on Dieppe hearty congratulations and good wishes from the people of Toronto. Exploit was most commendably carried out and we want to express our highest admiration to all taking part."

From Mayor J.W. Cornett, Vancouver:

" Please convey to Major-General J.H. Roberts, Brigadier Sherwood Lett, Colonel Cecil Merritt, Squadron Leader Roy F. Begg and other Vancouver heroes in Dieppe raid grateful appreciation of Vancouver citizens for their magnificent performance. They carry on glorious traditions of Vancouver fighters of first World War."

2. The following is an extract from the report by G.O.C., 1 Cdn Corps, to G.O.C.-in-C., First Cdn Army:

" The behaviour of Senior and Junior Leaders throughout the bitter fighting proved all and more than could ever have been expected of them. The men showed in an inspiring degree that determination and gallantry which has always been associated with Canadian troops. The reputation gained by Canada in the many battles of the last war has been raised to new heights."

Adv H.Q.,  
1 Cdn Corps  
Canadian Army,  
England  
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Brigadier  
for General Officer Commanding.