

## Commendation to 8th AF Crews

### **Commendation to 8th AF crews flying the first 10 days of October 1943 from Winston Churchill.**

10 Downing Street

Whitehall.

#### PRIME MINISTER TO GENERAL DEVERS:

I shall be obliged if you will convey to General Eaker and his Command the thanks of the British War Cabinet for the magnificent achievements of the 8th Air Force in the Battle of Germany in recent days culminating in their remarkable successes of last week.

In broad daylight the crews of your bombers have fought their way through the strongest defence which the enemy could bring against them and have ranged over the length and breadth of Germany, striking with deadly accuracy many of the most important hostile industrial installations and ports.

Your bombers and the fighters which support them in these fierce engagements have inflicted serious losses on the German Air Force, and by forcing the enemy to weaken other fronts have contributed notably to the successes of the Allied arms everywhere.

I am confident that with the ever-growing power of the 8th Air Force, striking alternate blows with the Royal Air Force Bomber Command, we shall together inexorably beat the life out of the industrial Germany and thus hasten the day of final victory.

Initials - W.C.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE

IN REPLY CITE: A 105 DATED: 11 OCTOBER 1943

FROM: AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL

TO: AWW

Personal for General Eaker from C A S

I should be grateful if you would pass to your squadrons an expression of my deep admiration for their splendid achievements over Germany during the last few days.

I know I am speaking for the whole of The Royal Air Force in offering you our heartiest congratulations and expressing our full confidence in overgrowing success for your command in the future.