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GENERAL DOOLITTLE CONGRATULATES 9th AIR FORCE FIGHTER PILOTS

Major-Gen. James Doolittle, commanding the U.S. 8th Air Force, today wired his congratulations to Major-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commanding the U.S. 9th Air Force, for the "magnificent" work of 9th Air Force fighters in support of heavy bombers attacking targets in Germany.

Gen. Brereton sent the message on to the P-51 Mustangs and P-47 Thunderbolt pilots at groups throughout the stations of the 9th Air Force.

The telegram from Gen. Doolittle read as follows:-

"During the past five days your fighter units have escorted the heavy bombers of this Air Force in a series of penetrations into German territory. These heavy bomber attacks have been greatly increased in effectiveness and our losses greatly reduced by the magnificent support your fighters have rendered. Will you please convey to the pilots and to the ground crews of the units concerned my sincere appreciation for the splendid work which they have done in our behalf."

Gen. Brereton's own message to his fighter groups follows:-

"The Commanding General of the 9th Air Force joins in expressing his appreciation of the skill, devotion and hard work of the personnel of your command.

"He takes great pride in this recognition by the 8th Air Force of your unselfish efforts."
