



Dear **Barnes,**

Now that you are leaving the Army Commandos I would like to add to the many messages of farewell which you will be receiving from your contemporaries and friends my own personal thanks to you for the part which you have played in this war.

In all theatres, wherever they have been sent, the Commandos have made their name synonymous with bravery, efficiency and good discipline, and have invariably earned the praise and admiration of those alongside whom they have fought.

Every individual in the Commandos has contributed to that good name, and it is, therefore, to you personally, who volunteered for arduous and dangerous duties, who did not count the cost and who were prepared on all occasions to do your utmost to live up to the highest standards of the British Army, that I am now addressing this letter as a tribute to your loyal and splendid service.

Your Country is proud of you, and I, as Chief of Combined Operations, am deeply honoured to have been associated with you.

I trust that we shall keep in touch in the years to come through the Old Comrades Association (which I hope you will join if you have not done so already), and I also hope that you will not hesitate to apply for advice or help, if you need them, to the Women's Committee of the Commandos Benevolent Fund whose desire it is to serve you to the best of their ability.

May your gallant service to your King and Country be rewarded in the future by peace, prosperity and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

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CHIEF OF COMBINED OPERATIONS.

