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 "A GREAT CRUSADE"

Quotations of a Fateful Week

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

(In a D-Day Invasion Prayer)

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. * * * These men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good-will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

(Report to the House of Commons)

The battle which has now begun will grow constantly in scale and in intensity for many weeks to come, and I shall not attempt to speculate on its course, but this I may say, that complete unity prevails. Throughout the Allied armies there is a brotherhood in arms between us and our friends in other states. * * * The ardor and spirit of the troops, as I saw for myself when they were embarking in the last few days, were splendid to witness. Nothing in the way of equipment, science or forethought has been neglected, and the whole process of opening this great new front will be pushed by the commanders and by the United States and British Governments whom they serve. * * * Everything is proceeding according to plan.

KING GEORGE

(In an Empire-wide Broadcast)

After nearly five years of toil and suffering, we must renew that crusading impulse on which we entered the war and met its darkest hour. We and our Allies are sure that our fight is against evil and for a world in which godliness and honor may be the foundation of the life of man in every land. * * * We are not unmindful of our own shortcomings, past and present. We shall ask not that God may do our will, but that we may be enabled to do the will of God. And we dare to believe that God has used our nation and empire as an instrument for fulfilling His high purpose.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

(In an address to the NEW YORK TIMES)

Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces: You are about to embark upon a great crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers in arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

GENERAL SIR BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY

(Message to the Allied Armies)

On the eve of this great adventure, I send my best wishes to every soldier in the Allied team. To us is given the honor of striking a blow for freedom which will live in history, and in the better days that lie ahead men will speak with pride of our doings. * * * With stout heart and with enthusiasm for the contest, let us go forward to victory, and, as we enter the battle, let us recall the words of a famous soldier [James Graham, Marquis of Montrose] spoken many years ago:

*He either fears his fate too much,
 Or his deserts are small,
 That dares not put it to the touch
 To gain or lose it all.*

GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE

(Broadcast to France)

The Battle of France has begun. * * * For a nation which fights bound hand and foot against a fully-armed oppressor, discipline in battle imposes several conditions. The first is perfect obedience to instructions given by the French Government. * * * The second condition is that the action which we are undertaking in the rear of the enemy should be coordinated as closely as possible with the frontal attacks of the Allied and French armies. * * * The third condition is that all who are able to play an active part by taking up arms, by demolition, by giving information or by refusing to do work of use to the enemy should not allow themselves to be taken prisoner. * * * France will fight this battle with passion, but she will fight it with discipline.

SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL

(In a Statement on D-Day)

Our brave Allied Armies today waging the most pivotal battle of all time never more truly represented the cause of liberty and of mankind. The forces of savagery desperately endeavoring to destroy the human race are making their last stand. While we fight and pray, and while we know that the fighting will be hard we confidently look forward to a great historic Allied victory. We must then pledge our all that never again shall the forces of human destruction be let loose on the world.



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