

Papua, New Guinea,  
January ,1943.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

It is my high honor to cite to the Order of the Day, for extraordinary courage, marked efficiency and precise execution of operation during the Papuan Campaign, the following officers:

General Sir Thomas Blamey  
Lieutenant General Kenney  
Lieutenant General Herring  
Lieutenant General Eichelberger  
Major General Sutherland  
Major General Vasey  
Brigadier General Willoughby  
Brigadier General Whitehead  
Brigadier General Walker  
Brigadier Wootton  
Brigadier Eather  
Group Captain Garing

The victory which has been achieved would have been impossible of accomplishment without the invincible leadership which they have provided. I have directed that each be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States, the highest decoration at my disposal, with appropriate individual citation. This award will serve for all time and for all eyes as the outward symbol of the devotion and gallantry with which they have performed their dangerous and difficult duty.

The magnificent conduct of the troops and elements of this command, operating under difficulties rarely, if ever, surpassed in campaign, has earned my highest praise and commendation. In spite of inadequate means in many categories, their resourcefulness, their ingenuity, their adaptability, have produced a self-reliance that has overcome all handicaps and deficiencies. Through skill and courage and an indomitable will for victory they have defeated a bold and aggressive enemy possessing a marked superiority of





resources and potentialities in the areas of campaign and combat. While all ground troops have performed admirably, elements of the 6th and 7th Australian Divisions, of the 32d and 41st U.S. Divisions, the 6th Independent Commando Unit, Mountain Artillery batteries of the 1st Australian Corps, Squadrons of the Armoured Division, and the native Papuan Carriers have been especially prominent. To the American 5th Air Force and to the Royal Australian Air Force no commendation could be too great. Their outstanding efforts in combat, in supply, and in transportation over both land and sea, constituted the key-stone upon which the whole arch of the campaign was erected. They have set new horizons for the air conduct of war.

To ALMIGHTY GOD I give thanks for that guidance which has brought us to this success in our great Crusade. HIS is the honor, the power and the glory forever, Amen.



DOUGLAS MacARTHUR,  
General, U.S. Army  
Commander-in-Chief