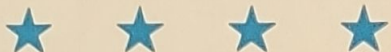


A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF!

Upon the occasion of the publication of the first issue of "The Aircraft Warning Volunteer," General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, has a pertinent message for the volunteers of the Aircraft Warning Service. Ground Observers and Information and Filter Center Workers alike will be interested in General Arnold's re-emphasis of the danger of enemy air raids and the necessity for continued alertness in our defense system.



GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD

“EVERY American who hopes and prays that enemy bombs may never strike American soil owes a debt of gratitude to those brave men and women who form our Aircraft Warning System.

“A half million volunteers, unselfish and brave, are devoting long hours to the task of scanning our skies against enemy raiders. Along our coastlines, on farms, on mountain tops these volunteer observers work at odd hours, in rain and storm, ever on the alert. Their work is tedious. No glory is theirs except that of self-satisfaction and a realization that they are playing a part along with our Air Force pilots, gunners, bombardiers and technical crews in the survival of our nation.

“More than ever, I want to caution the volunteers of our Aircraft Warning System to be on the alert. The Nazis would like to raid our cities for many reasons. There is the question of Nazi morale. A raid on our shores would aid Hitler's cause. Coming events might also lead Hitler to attack our shores in order to keep much of our aircraft for defensive measures on this side of the ocean instead of freeing our bombers for use over Berlin. You men and women are the eyes and ears of our vast protective air-raid net. Your obligation is great. As Americans, you are equal to that task.”

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "H. H. Arnold".