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TO: All Volunteers of the Aircraft Warning Service.

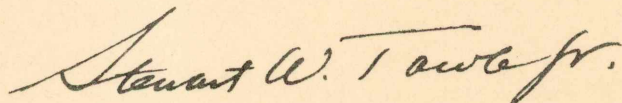
With the announcement by the War Department of the discontinuance of the Ground Observer Corps and the Aircraft Warning Corps, I want to express my personal appreciation and that of all the officers and men of this command to the volunteers who have served so loyally and efficiently with us in the defense of the eastern seaboard.

It has been almost two and one-half years since that Sunday in 1941 when thousands of patriotic Americans sprang to the defense of their country by manning round-the-clock watches at Observation Posts, Filter Centers, and Information Centers. It is my conviction that there never existed a more sincere and loyal group of Americans than those who volunteered for this work.

You have done a splendid job and have successfully accomplished your particular mission which must now be terminated because of the developments of our strategic situation. Now with the war almost entirely in its offensive phase, I hope and believe that you will turn your patriotic efforts into other forms of work which will help to support the attack and bring the day of victory nearer.

As an indication of the appreciation of this command, and in recognition of your faithful performance of duty as a member of the Aircraft Warning Service, you will receive in the near future the I Fighter Command Certificate of Honorable Service.

I want to thank each of you for all you have done. Your country, the Army Air Forces, and your fellow Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Aircraft Warning Service.



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