

I hope you will express the thanks of the Allied Naval Command to the officers and men of all ships now departing from the United Kingdom for the great part they have played in the Liberation of Europe. We are indeed sorry to say good-bye to them.

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

To: Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force.

Thank you for your message of farewell to the officers and men of our amphibious forces

soon due to leave the United Kingdom. It is with real pleasure that I pass it along to COMPHIBCRAFT 12th to be made known to all hands. The close and happy relationships that have grown up between A.N.C.X.F. and the Amphibious Forces of our two nations have been a source of great satisfaction.

There will be many regrets at saying good-bye but there will also be the realisation that the friendships made will be lasting and the hope that in years to come they will often be revived.

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