



To the Class of 1945 I extend congratulations upon the completion of an important job well done. Under the most trying circumstances you have met the challenge of a national crisis; you have held high the torch of education; you have served your country well.

Some, due to the urgent call for special training in camps, hospitals, and colleges, have accelerated to complete the requirements for graduation, have been awarded diplomas, and are already in the service of their country. Others who will graduate this June have also completed their school work, answered the call, and are now with the armed forces. They will receive their diplomas in absentia. Still others, in answering the call to duty, gave up their school work for the time being, but are carrying on their studies in the Armed Forces Institute. They will be awarded their diplomas as soon as this work is completed.

Meanwhile the great rank and file of the class, recognizing the appeal of the government to complete its education in order to be of greatest assistance in winning the peace as well as the war, has stuck to its books and remained in school. These pupils, too, have loyally served in the emergency.

Again, to the Class of 1945, I say congratulations. You have lived up to our hopes in your education; you have played well your part in the services of your country. May God bless you and guide you as you set sail upon the uncharted seas ahead!

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