

HEADQUARTERS 511TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

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MEMORANDUM: To all officers and men of the 511th Parachute Infantry.

A letter was received from a Parachute Officer overseas in a theater of operations, undergoing intensive training. This officer was, of course, a graduate of the Parachute School. He had taken long hard rigorous marches and had undergone the so called hardships of field services here in the United States. Yet he says:

"Boy you better enjoy that soft life (and it is soft no matter what you are doing) while you can, because it is too good to last long. Whoever joins us had better be in shape for this place has licked plenty of good men."

This is not defeatist propoganda. This is a challenge to every man in this Regiment to meet the tests and so called hardships you will undergo here in preparing yourselves for combat. When the bullets start flying you will know that you are physically tough and mentally prepared for the shocks and real hardships of War.

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