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This letter is to commend you for the excellent presentation this past weekend of D-Day fifty years later. On behalf of all World War II Veterans, and especially those of us who participated in the landing on that fateful day in 1944, we thank you.

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as well as the other events which occurred from the off loading onto landing craft to the run in to the beach, the sea sickness for most, although I did not personally get sick, to the heroic Naval people who fought so hard to bring the landing craft through the waves and obstacles in the water to get as near the beach as possible, and for the bombardment by Warships of targets on shore when we had little artillery ashore.

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The division has gone back to France so far as I know every year since the war, and especially at Christmas time to some of the first villages we liberated in the beach area to give Christmas parties for the children. This year we have four trips going to Normandy and to other battle areas we participated in up to the Rhine River crossing in Germany. One group is over there now, another goes the last of May and two more go in September. We are avoiding the June 6 period because there will be too much congestion.

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If you have other programs planned and would desire information or addresses for some call ins The First Division Society is located at 5 Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19118, Arthur L. Chaitt is Executive Director of the Society and leads all tours. He is out of the country at present, but I am sure someone can be of assistance to you. I did not hear what outfit Perry Bonner from Shreveport was with but feel sure it may very well have been the First Division having been in North Africa and Sicily before Normandy altho other units were also there of course.

Senators Dole and Mitchell were outstanding and humble, which is out of character for members of Congress or other branches of Government. Until you have heard incoming artillery fire or seen the devastation caused by war, or seen the killed and wounded first hand it is hard to imagine the horror. [REDACTED] it makes even a young person become humble in a great hurry. This is our one gripe against young people and others who do not show any respect for the flag, the National Anthem etc. today. I do not think you will find many Veterans of World War II especially, who do not stand at attention to the passing of the flag or to the National Anthem. Certainly the two gentlemen know what it means.

Sorry, I did not intend to get on my Soap Box, but did want to write and tell you how much I enjoyed your programming. I found it out by accident, but it was extremely touching to see the beautiful Cemetery at Omaha beach and to look out over the water and know that it is calm and without conflict as we knew it on June 6, 1944.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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