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Gentlemen,

This past week has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

The sense of brotherhood and professionalism shown by the Officers and men of the National Regiment was a joy to behold.

In fairness, I should list the names of each and every one of you because everyone worked so very hard to insure the Gettysburg Living History would be the most remarkable event we've ever been involved with.

Every single one of you is, in my opinion, a true hero and a credit to the hobby we so passionately embrace.

As was evidenced by the fact that everything went so smoothly, as well as the weather, as well as that incredible rainbow on Tuesday evening, I have to believe "The Old Boys" approved of our efforts.

Each of you is to be congratulated, but I have to make special mention of some individuals who went above and beyond the call of duty to make this event go so well.

Space constricts me from mentioning their individual contributions, but just know that without their efforts, this past week would not have been nearly as special as it was.

In no particular order of importance, because they are ALL equally important, they are,

From Gettysburg National Park:

John Heiser

Tom Holbrook

From the Artillery:

Chris Sedlak

Greg Cocco

Combat Caterers:  
Pat Callahan and Crew  
James Owens

The Christian Commission:  
The Mcgrane Family

and of course, my incomparable staff:

Lt. Col.: Steve Hanson  
Major: Butch Diamond  
Adjutant: Lt. Bill Podszus  
Quartermaster/Ordinance: Lt. Jim Mcelhinney  
Commissary: Lt. Tim Viezer  
ADC: Lt. Mark Adler  
ADC: Lt. Jack Foley  
ADC: Lt. Will Hutchison  
ADC: Lt. Guy Smith  
Sgt. Maj.: Chip Smith  
Principle Musician: Tim Ertel

If I've left anyone out, please believe it is not from lack of appreciation, but there are just too many people to thank individually; but know your efforts are appreciated by all involved with the Living History and the National Regiment.

God Bless you all, and God Bless the National Regiment.

Tom Downes,  
Colonel, National Regiment