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From: Major General F. A. M. Browning
Airborne Troops Commander.

Dear Yardley:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 29th May. I was very surprised to hear from Captain Alden that you were not aware that two months ago we asked Colonel Raff to let you know, when he passed through North Africa on his way home, that we had made your Battalion honorary members of the British Airborne Forces. However, I am delighted to confirm that you, your Officers and men are honorary members and we are privileged and happy to know that you accept and are pleased to do so.

We have always looked upon 2nd Bn 509th Parachute Regiment as part of us and General Hopkinson is issuing an order in the 1st Airborne Division telling the news.

With regards to Berets, I have to tell you that we are so short of them owing to fitting out our Middle East Brigade that you will have to wait temporarily till we can get some more, but we are making every effort to do so.

I shall be honoured to come and inspect your Battalion and, if you agree, I suggest the morning of Wednesday, 15th June. I shall much look forward to seeing you again and meeting you all. I shall be very interested to see your improved organization and I hope to obtain some hints for our mutual improvement.

Hoping to see you on the 15th June.

Yours Sincerely

s/ F. A. M. Browning
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