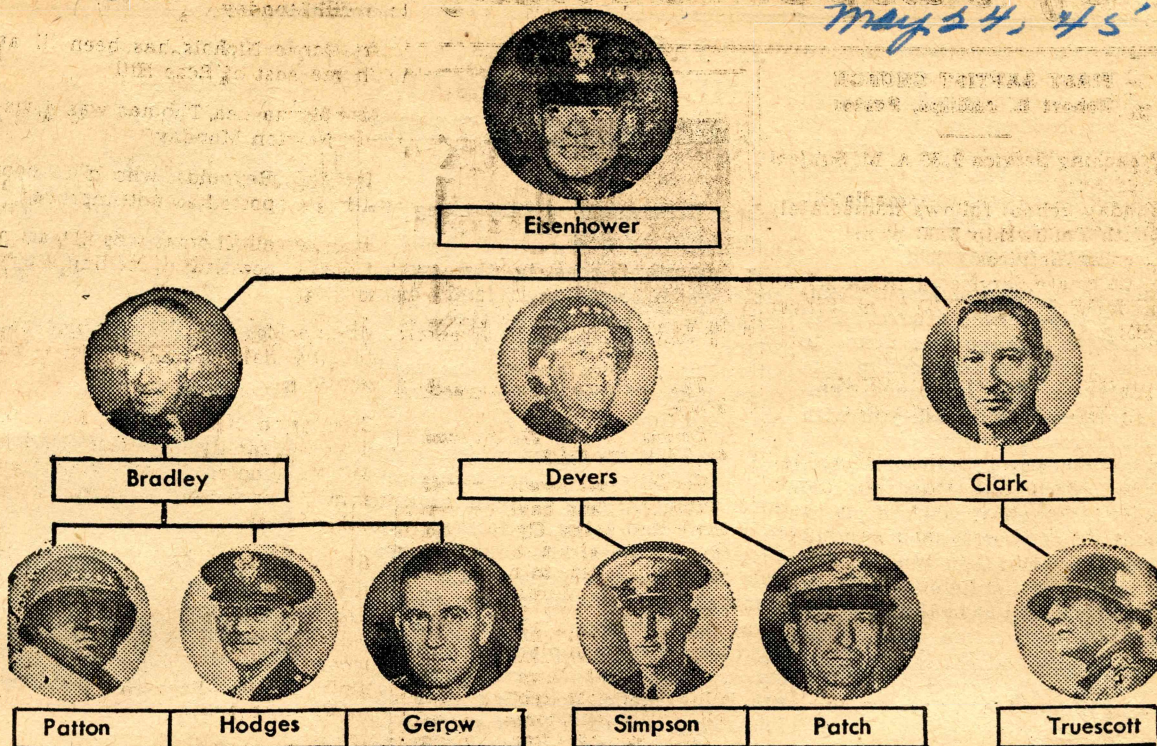


Nation's Hats Off to Hard Task Well Done

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The organization of the American forces in Europe which brought about the complete collapse and unconditional surrender of the once-unbeatable German forces which set out to rule the world. To Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, his army group commanders, Bradley, Devers and Clark, we render thanks. To General Patton, General Hodges and General Gerow, under Bradley; General Simpson and General Patch under Devers and to General Truescott, under Clark in Italy, the credit of directing the world's finest army is due. A job well done, by the finest staff ever assembled in the history of any war.