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Fellow South Carolinians at Fort Jackson:

Whenever the Nation has been in peril, South Carolinians have always been in the vanguard of those who have taken up arms in her defense.

You who are still in uniform are rendering a great service to our country. You are writing your part of the history of the United States.

During this season of Christmas, I want to express to you, on behalf of the State of South Carolina, our sincere appreciation for your splendid and patriotic service.

I wish for all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very truly,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor