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a. We must bring home to the Germans that their support of Nazi leaders, their tolerance of racial hatreds and persecutions, and their unquestioning acceptance of the wanton aggressions on other nations, have earned for them the contempt and distrust of the civilized world. We must never forget that the German people support the Nazi principles.

b. Contacts with Germans will be made **only** on official business. Immediate compliance with all official orders and instructions and surrender terms will be demanded of them and will be firmly enforced.

c. American soldiers must not associate with Germans. Specifically, it is not permissible to shake hands with them, to visit their homes, to exchange gifts with them, to engage in games or sports with them, to attend their dances or social events, or to accompany them on the street or elsewhere. Particularly, avoid all discussion or argument with them. Give the Germans no chance to trick you into relaxing your guard.

**7. To be fair but firm with Germans.**

a. Experience has shown that Germans regard kindness as weakness. Every soldier must prove by his actions that the Americans are strong. This will be accomplished if every soldier treats the Germans with firmness and stern courtesy at all times.


b. Firmness must be tempered with strict justice. Americans do not resort to Nazi gangster methods in dealing with any people. Remember, your fair but firm treatment of the German people will command the proper respect due a member of a conquering nation.

You and other American and Allied soldiers are steadily forcing the Germans back to their country. As a member of the greatest combat force in history, you are destroying the visible products of Nazism. But we must do more. We must also destroy its very roots.

We Americans have a kindly feeling in our hearts for other people, for we, perhaps more than any other nation, believe in the inherent decency of man. Now you must be required to exclude a nation which once was a friend — Germany — and to bar, not just the soldier you have been fighting or the proven Nazi, but all Germans — men, women and children. That will be difficult, for it seems contrary to Allied Ideals of fair play. But you must do it, for greater loss are at stake — the future peace of the world. — Our object is not to persecute civilians or the conquered soldiers. Our attitude must always be fair and just. But, as we have defeated Nazi might, so now must we defeat Nazi ideas.

As an aid to you in overcoming all Nazi ideas — to cause them to be strangled as they deserve — I have issued these "Special Orders for American-German Relations". They are restrictive. They are definite. They are necessary. For we must prove positively to the German people, individually and collectively, that Nazism has led them to the brink of destruction and has earned them our distrust and that of the world. Until they have proved themselves entitled to respect as a people and as a nation, we cannot accord them comradeship, faith or honor.

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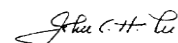
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b. The occupational forces are not on a glad-hand mission.

2. **Never to trust Germans, collectively or individually.**

a. For most of the past century, Germany has sought to attain world domination by conquest. This has been the third major attempt in the memory of men still living. To many Germans, this defeat will only be an interlude—a time to prepare for the next war.

b. The Germans have no regrets for the havoc they have wrought in the world, except for loss of life and property they themselves have suffered.

c. The German has been taught that the national goal of domination must be obtained regardless of the depths of treachery, murder and destruction necessary. He has been taught to sacrifice everything—ideals, honor, and even his wife and children for the State. Defeat will not erase that idea.

3. **To defeat German efforts to poison my thoughts or influence my attitude.**

a. The Nazis foully practice that the most powerful propaganda weapon is distortion of truth. They have made evil use of it and will re-double their

efforts immediately upon our occupation of Germany in order to poison our thinking. There will probably be deliberate, studied and continuous efforts to entice our sympathies and to escape the just consequences of their guilt.

b. You may expect all manner of approach—conversations to be overheard, underground publications to be found ; there will be appeals to generosity and fair play ; to pity for "victims of devastation;" to racial and cultural similarities ; and to sympathy for an allegedly oppressed people.

c. There will be attempts at sowing discord among Allied nations ; at undermining Allied determination to enforce the surrender ; at inducing a reduction in occupational forces ; at lowering morale and efficiency of the occupying forces ; at proving that Nazism was never wanted by the "gentle and cultured" German people.

4. **To avoid acts of violence, except when required by military necessity.**

For you are an American soldier, not a Nazi.

5. **To conduct myself at all times so as to command the respect of the German people for myself, for the United States, and for the Allied Cause.**

a. The Germans hold all things military in deep respect. That respect must be maintained habitually or the Allied Cause is hurt and the first steps are taken toward World War III. Each soldier must watch every action of himself and of his comrades. The German will be watching constantly, even though you may not see him. Let him see a good American Soldier.

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