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To : Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.
5 Corps.

1. Attached herewith is a redraft of original letter 66/G(Ops) of 13 December subject 'Instructions for the occupation of ROME'.
2. No major changes have been made, but attention is drawn to new paragraphs numbers 9, 10, 11, 18 and 21.
3. An increased distribution to this letter has also been made.
4. All addressees will please see that the instructions contained in para 9 are made known to all troops under their command.

3 Jun '44.
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H. M. Lambert
Lt. General,
C.G.S.

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2. ROME is the first great capital city to be occupied by the Allied Forces. Their behaviour in it and the efficiency of their civil and military administration will attract attention from all quarters of the world.
3. It may well be the wish of the Allied Governments that the Italian Government, with the Allied Control Commission, should be set up in ROME with a minimum of delay. In this case provision of facilities necessary to achieve this and to enable the Italian Government to function quickly and smoothly will be a prime responsibility of the Allied Forces.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.

4. ROME is unrivalled in the world in its possession of ancient buildings, museums, art galleries, etc. These treasures may almost be regarded as an international possession. It is in the interests of all civilised peoples that they are preserved.
5. Firm steps will be taken to ensure that these treasures are not despoiled either by the Allied troops or by civilians.
6. The Commander of the forces occupying ROME will ensure that guards are posted on all such places. A.C.C. will provide copies of an order signed by the Commander-in-Chief, to be posted on these places, putting them out of bounds until such time as controlled visits may be allowed.

VATICAN TERRITORY.

7. The Vatican City is neutral territory. It will be placed out of bounds to all ranks of the Allied Forces, and sufficient guards will be provided to ensure that this order is obeyed. Later it may be possible to arrange controlled visits for worship, etc.

THE IMMEDIATE OCCUPATION.

8. Immediately ROME falls to our arms, C.C., FIFTH ARMY will assume control of it and will take such immediate steps as are necessary in military interests and for the control of the civil population. Such steps will include preservation of law and order, control of traffic, provision of guards, disposal of mines, restoration of water supply, power and other public utilities.
9. While C.C., FIFTH ARMY is commanding ROME area he will issue such instructions as are necessary to restrict entry into the city. These instructions will ensure that individuals or bodies of troops who have no official duty to perform in ROME area are excluded from entering the city. Further he will ensure that only the minimum number of troops necessary to carry out the tasks outlined

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When ROME passes to the control of H.Q., A.A.I. (see para 11) Area Commander ROME will be responsible for issuing similar instructions, subject to any modification submitted to him by H.Q., A.A.I. Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, will be responsible for controlling entry of civilians, cooperating

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in this regard with Area Commander ROME to ensure that security and other military factors receive due consideration.

10. The organization which is to administer ROME, when C.G., FIFTH ARMY considers that the city need no longer come under his direct control, has been formed under the direction of C.G., FIFTH ARMY and has made plans for the occupation and administration of the city.

11. The commander of this organization will act as Area Commander ROME, and will be the controlling agency within the area allotted to him as defined in A.F.H.Q. Administration Memorandum No. 11 (revised).

Area Commander ROME will operate initially under C.G., FIFTH ARMY but the Supreme Allied Commander has decided that, at a time to be decided by Commander in Chief, A.A.I., when control of the city of ROME will pass from C.G., FIFTH ARMY, it will be assumed by H.Q., A.A.I. and the organization set up under Area Commander ROME will pass to under command H.Q., A.A.I.

12. A.F.H.Q. have issued instructions that H.Q., A.A.I. is to be the channel through which administrative matters affecting ROME are to be co-ordinated. C.G., FIFTH ARMY will therefore correspond with CAC, A.A.I. on these matters, including provision of the personnel necessary for the organization referred to in para 10 above.

13. H.Q. 59 Area (Br) will be located in ROME to carry out the functions of British local administration and such other functions as are laid down for a Cooperating Allied unit in A.F.H.Q. Administrative Memorandum No. 11 (Revised). 59 Area will be under H.Q. No. 3 District for matters of British administration.

14. The number of troops in ROME is at all times to be kept to a minimum. It is not the intention that Advanced Base installations should be established within the city. In general, installations in ROME will be limited to hospitals, transit camps, leave hostels on a strictly limited scale, and similar institutions for the welfare of the troops.

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17. Guards for the Embassies of the Allied Powers will be provided by the forces of the ally concerned, if available. If not available, they will be provided by the U.S. Forces. Guards for embassies not belonging to the Allied Powers should be provided by Italian troops or police. Guards for ancient monuments, museums, etc., should preferably be provided by Italian troops or police, but sufficient American or British personnel should work with them, to ensure that offences by Allied troops can be prevented.

18. All troops set up for the initial organization and provided in the most part by FIFTH ARMY will not necessarily be required permanently for the ROME area. Area Commander ROME will review his requirements in this respect as soon as he is in a position to do so, and will report to H.Q., A.A.I. what troops can be handed back to FIFTH ARMY and what additional troops, if any, are required for the permanent garrison.

ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION.

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20. In allocating accommodation, Area Commander ROME, will be guided by the considerations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 5 of this instruction. In particular, he will ensure that Italian Government buildings are not taken over for military use, if by so doing the functioning efficiently of the Italian Government will be impaired or the safety of valuable archives will be imperilled. Area Commander ROME will take advice on such matters from the senior representative of AHC/ACC. This does not imply that all Italian Government buildings are absorbed from requisition.

There will be certain buildings which can legitimately be taken over, particularly those of the Fascist Party. There may be other buildings, in which, under the present circumstances, the Italian Government will not require all the accommodation available to them.

21. Services etc who require accommodation in ROME will make written application to Area Commander, ROME (if they have not already done so). They will not send reconnaissance parties into ROME to take over this accommodation until Area Commander, ROME, has announced, through the usual channels, that he is prepared to receive such parties into the city.

PLANNING.

22. When the officer designated by C.G., FIFTH ARMY is drawing up plans for the military administration of the city he will consult the AMF officials designated for appointment to ROME, Commander 59 Area (Br), and such other officials as may have important interests in the city.

23. It will be part of the plan that Area Commander ROME, Commander 59 Area (Br), and representatives of AMF shall enter the city immediately it is occupied. Although responsibility for the administration at this stage will rest with C.G., FIFTH ARMY, it is essential that those officers who are going to take over its administration in the next stage should obtain an immediate grasp of the situation, and should establish their HQ so that they can function forthwith when the order for them to do so is issued.

Attendant Ref
for
Lieut-General,
Chief of General Staff.

3 Jun '44.

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