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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
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SUBJECT: Conduct on Cessation of Hostilities

TO : All Unit Commanders.

1. The time has come when it is necessary to consider as a possibility the situation which will be created by a cessation of hostilities in Europe. Such a situation might arise as a result of a formal armistice with Germany, or on the other hand, hostilities may drift gradually to an end. Two different sets of conditions may thus arise which will require somewhat different treatment.

2. It is the intention of the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, whatever the circumstances, to prevent any riotous behavior or undue disturbance, and, while allowing scope for legitimate rejoicing, to preserve normality in the conduct of the area. Discipline will not be relaxed.

3. It is particularly the intention that undue crowds of troops will not be allowed into the city of Rome. Passes will be strictly limited to normal numbers.

4. This applies to officers equally with enlisted men and other ranks. Units quartered in the Rome area will allow no more than the usual quota of officers into Rome and others will be reminded that it is their duty to be present in their unit lines.

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6. It is therefore important that officers commanding units organize entertainment and diversion within unit lines with a view to keeping men amused and preventing them, so far as possible, from drifting into Rome. In addition, special efforts will be made from area resources to provide as much entertainment as possible to keep men in Rome out of the streets.

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7. When the situation arises it will be necessary for all units to keep a particularly tight control over transport vehicles to prevent unauthorized "joyriding" and all officers commanding units will prepare plans with this in view.
8. Personnel on pass will not be permitted to carry firearms and unit commanders will take the necessary steps to ensure that this order is carried out.
9. All incidents, potential incidents and matters affecting the maintenance of law and order will be immediately reported to the Provost Marshal by telephone:

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