

b. Drunkenness will **not** be tolerated. Penalties will be severe.

6. **Never to associate with Germans.**

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.


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You and other American and Allied soldiers are steadily forcing the Germans back into 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 issues 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.

The Germans have a lesson to learn. They must learn it well. Each of us must teach them. We can do that only by rigid adherence to these "Special Orders".



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