



**Allied High Command  
(Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force)**

**General Eisenhower  
Instructions to German Wehrmacht**

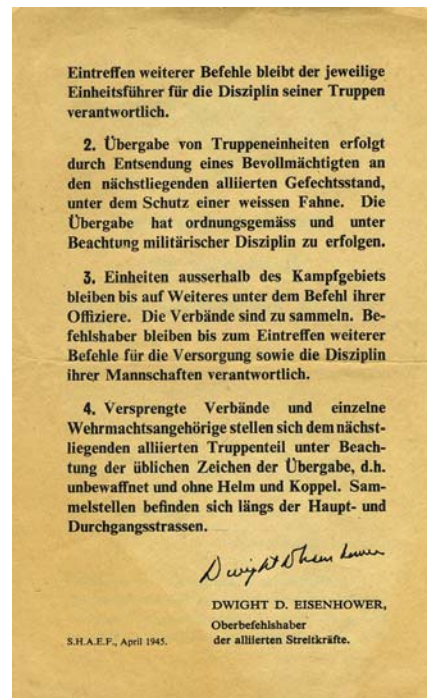
The allied armies have crossed the Rhine and penetrate deeper and deeper into the heart of Germany.

The national government is no longer carriers of the actual violence in many areas. The High Command of the Wehrmacht lost on many large and small units of the German Wehrmacht in command.

Under these circumstances, in order to avoid useless bloodshed, the Allied supreme commander issues the following instructions to German Wehrmacht.

Soldiers of the Wehrmacht! To spare you further useless sacrifice and loss of life, it is time to act as follows:

1. Units in the combat zone, not receiving more orders from higher command positions have to cease all hostilities. The associations are to be collected. Until the



arrival of further instructions the respective unit commander will remain responsible for the discipline of his troops.

2. Transfer of military units is done by sending an agent to the nearest Allied command post, under the protection of a white flag. The transfer has to be done properly and in compliance with military discipline.

3. Units outside the combat zone remain until further under the command of their officers. The associations are to be collected. Commanders remain responsible until the arrival of additional instructions for the care and discipline of their team.

4. Scattered groups and individual members of the Wehrmacht face the nearest Allied military unit in accordance with the usual sign of surrender, ie unarmed and without a helmet and paddock. Collection points are located along the main and thoroughfares.

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