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With the war in Europe progressing towards a satisfactory conclusion, it is opportune that I should briefly outline the further service which may be required from our Canadian sea, land and air forces under the circumstances which will exist when victory in Europe has been achieved, and in particular that I should indicate the part which it is proposed Canada thereafter will undertake in the war against Japan.

In Europe it is necessary not only to secure complete Victory but that achievement must be confirmed and the continued maintenance of Peace assured. Where needed, after the cessation of military operations, the Inter-Allied Army will continue in occupation of Germany. The size of this Force has been set to give continuing assurance that Germany will not be able to resist or evade the settlement which will be imposed on her.

The burden of maintaining this force will be shared among the Allies and all will be appropriately represented.

From time to time, as progress is made, and as considerations of safety and security permit, reductions will be made in the size of this Army of occupation.