

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF PORTO RICO
SAN JUAN

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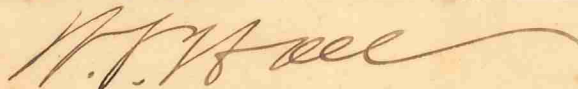
Commanding General,

District of San Juan, San Juan, P. R.

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The Department Commander desires you to inform your Post Commanders to keep their men well in hand, to observe and report upon any assemblages of people and to ascertain for what purposes held, and any action or word indicating a probable source of irritation by them. Men should as far as possible be kept by themselves and not mix with the natives, with whom they are already thrown too much in contact. Troops are here to enforce order, to be available at any moment for the suppression of disorder or violation of law; to be in condition for service at a moment's notice, day and night, and this cannot be done by the present indiscriminate association with natives whom we are supposed to control and keep respectful towards the military forces, and on our part dignity and kindness is also required.

Very respectfully,



Adjutant General.

San Juan 3/10/99
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