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TO : Commanding Officer, Allied Control Commission, APO 650.

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- References: Section II, Circular #68, Hq PBS, dtd 1 Jan 45;
 Operations Instructions #2, Hq 15th Army Group, dtd 28 Jan 45;
 Letter, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 25 Jan 45, subject: "Employment of Replacement Depot Troops in Case of Civil Disturbances";
 Operations Order #4, Hq PBS, 14 Feb 45.

A. INFORMATION

1. Map References:

- a. Map of Italy 1:200,000 Sheets 15 & 17
- b. Overlay Annex A attached.

2. Boundaries of Sector M:

a. Fr pt on coast F390740 - all excl RJ F410760 - Rd to RJ F490880 - 88th Northing to F650880 - No 2 to Vetrella A390160 to excl Viterbo A440260 - excl Montefiascone A380390 to RJ A280520 - straight line to pt on Rd (No 74) A250540 - excl No 74 to excl RJ No 1 E710360 - excl No 1 to RJ E780270 excl Rd to coast E770260 - thence along coast to F390740.

3. Sector M, Command Group:

- a. Commanding Officer.....Col. L. C. Howell
- b. Deputy Commander.....Lt.Col. J. A. Broom, Jr.
- c. S-2.....Capt. D. C. Martin
- d. S-3.....Maj. C. Healy
- e. S-4.....Capt. B. L. Forkner
- f. Ordnance Officer.....Maj. G. B. Simpson
- g. Chemical Officer.....Capt. W. C. Hodgkins
- h. Medical Officer.....Maj. R. Wexelblatt
- i. Communications Officer.....Capt. F. J. Neugebauer

4. Location of Sector CP:

- a. One (1) mile north of Tarquinia, Route #1, 41st Air Service Group Headquarters in Dynamite Factory.

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5. Enemy Capabilities:

- a. Enemy forces may be capable of affecting surprise actions in Sector M by one or more of the following means:
- (1) Seaborne landings.
 - (2) Airborne landings or dropping of parachutists.
 - (3) Sabotage.
 - (4) An organized civilian uprising.

6. Friendly Capabilities:

- a. The following troops, or portions thereof, are now known to be located within Sector M:
- (1) 15th Army Group
 - (2) U. S. Air Forces
 - (3) Royal Navy
 - (4) Miscellaneous Allied Ground Troops

7. Casualty Evacuation:

- a. The sector aid station is located at the 41st Air Service Group Headquarters.

B. GENERAL DEFENSE1. General

- a. All allied troops in the sector will be inculcated into an integrated organization for the purpose of the overall defense of the area. In the event of an emergency and immediately on the receipt of an alert from the sector CP, normal operations will cease and all troops will revert to the control of the zone and sector commanders.

2. Zones

- a. Defense of sector M will be affected by a subdivision into Zones 1, 2 and 3 as shown on Annex A.

3. Commanders

- a. Zone Commanders are appointed as follows:

- (1) Major George F. Gales.....(Zone 1)
- (2) Colonel Gordon L. Edris.....(Zone 2)
- (3) Major W. Phillips,.....(Zone 3)

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C. TACTICAL DEFENSE PLAN1. General

- a. Each zone will be organized for defense without delay. Zone commanders will make a complete reconnaissance of the areas assigned to them and will prepare a defense plan based on available resources and installations. All vital installations will be given particular consideration and special measures taken to insure a maximum defense thereof. Where required, slit trenches, barricades, road blocks, or other obstacles will be constructed.

2. Installations

- a. Zone plans will provide that the following are specifically guarded during all alerts and emergencies:

- (1) Depots and dumps
- (2) Bridges, both railroad and highway
- (3) Power installations
- (4) Pumping Stations
- (5) Ports and adjacent installations
- (6) Airfields
- (7) Pipelines

3. Coastal Patrol

- a. During all alerts and emergencies an air coastal patrol will be operated by air units located at Tarquinia Airfield. In addition, zone commanders will operate ground coastal patrols in the vicinity of all vital installations readily accessible from the sea.

4. Reserves

- a. Each zone commander will designate certain units as reserves whenever troop strength permits. In an emergency the sector commander will be contacted for additional reserves and for the shifting of reserves between zones.

D. ADMINISTRATION & SUPPLY1. Defense Plans

- a. Zone commanders will submit to this headquarters not later than 24 March 1945 detailed defense plans of their respective zones.

2. Dissemination of Information

- a. Zone commanders will, in so far as possible, acquaint all troops under their command with the defense plans.

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3. Ammunition

- a. Zone commanders will be responsible for maintaining a stock of ammunition sufficient for the immediate defense of their area at all times.

4. Evacuation and Demolition

- a. Instructions regarding evacuation and demolition will be issued at a later date.

5. Traffic Control

- a. During any emergency the use of all roads in the sector will be exclusively for military traffic.

6. Communications

- a. Sector CP exchange is "Goldust".
- b. Zone commanders are responsible for setting up adequate communication within their zones.
- c. Only operational calls will be made during an alert and will be preceded by the words "alert call".
- d. Communications will be by telephone whenever possible.

7. Artillery or Air Support

- a. Requests for artillery or air support will be made to the sector commander.

8. Alerts

- a. Zone commanders will notify the sector CP by the most expeditious means immediately on the threat of an emergency.
- b. The sector commander will immediately alert all other zones in Sector M and will inform PBS Headquarters.
- c. Alert warnings will include all possible information concerning the emergency with particular emphasis on geographical location, strength of attacking force, extent of damage, and action being taken.

9. Liaison

- a. Constant liaison will be maintained with sector CP during all alerts. Upon notification of an alert, one (1) officer and two (2) enlisted men from each zone will report to sector headquarters and remain on call for the duration of the alert.

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E. TRAINING

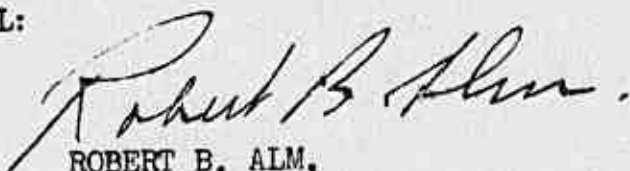
1. Practice alerts will be conducted by sector and higher headquarters from time to time. Zone commanders will take adequate inspection measures to insure the efficient operation of defense plans and will hold discussions of the alert within 24 hours after its finish to take up deficiencies and their remedy.

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1 Incl: Overlay Annex A.

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