

HEADQUARTERS 359TH INFANTRY
Camp Barkeley, Texas

GENERAL ORDER)

September 9, 1942

NO. 10)

The following instructions concerning conduct of personnel of this regiment in case of fire will be explained to all members of this command at once, and a copy of this order posted permanently and prominently, in the company or detachment day room. All officers and non-commissioned officers will be thoroughly familiar with the provisions of this order.

1. ALARMS:

- a. The fire alarm will be sounded by blasts on the fire siren repeated at intervals of thirty (30) seconds.
- b. The 359th Infantry is in fire zone #3. The alarm for that area is three long blasts on the siren.

2. REPORTING OF FIRES:

- a. Fires may be reported over any telephone by calling NUMBER 200, or by any of the telephones in red boxes on high line poles. When a fire alarm box is used, direct connection with the fire alarm operator at the station is made when the receiver is lifted. This is the fastest method of reporting a fire.
- b. No matter which method is used, TALK IN A SLOW EVEN TONE TO THE OPERATOR. (GIVE THE LOCATION BY ORGANIZATION, ZONE AND STREET. WHEN A FIRE HAS BEEN REPORTED THE PERSON REPORTING SAME WILL REMAIN IN THE AREA, WATCH FOR FIRE APPARATUS AND DIRECT IT TO THE FIRE.)
- c. Each organization commander will at once instruct all members of his command as to the location of the nearest fire alarm box to his company area.

3. GUARD AND SALVAGE COMPANIES:

Companies will be designated for this detail for periods of approximately one month. During the period that a company is so designated they will keep at least twenty-five men in camp at all times outside of duty hours. In the event of fire in the area these companies will be formed, marched at double time to within a safe distance of the scene of the fire, and reported to the Regimental Officer of the Day, or if such officer is not present, to the fire marshal or fire chief and await orders. The company designated as guard company will carry the following equipment:

- 3 Axes, fire,
- 6 Buckets, fire,
- 6 Extinguishers, 2½ gallon.

This equipment will be kept on hand and easily accessible at all times. In the event of an emergency during duty hours, or when the company is in the field, the senior officer or non-commissioned officer present in both the guard and salvage companies will round up sufficient personnel from their own and adjacent companies to use as guard and salvage details.

4. REGIMENTAL OFFICER OF THE DAY:

In the event of a fire in the Regimental area, the Regimental Officer of the Day will take a detail of the guard to the scene of the fire, maintain order and protect life and property insofar as possible. In the absence of the assistant fire marshal, he will execute his duties under the direction of the fire chief.

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5. FIRE PRECAUTIONS: Organizations and individuals are responsible for the removal of fire hazards from buildings or tents under their control. The following instructions will be complied with:

- a. Inflammable liquids will not be stored in buildings or tents for any purpose unless approved by the Camp Commander.
- b. Oily waste and rags will not be kept in buildings or tents unless stored in tightly covered metal containers.
- c. Loose straw, paper, and other combustible materials will not be allowed to accumulate in and around buildings.
- d. When electrical appliances such as irons, radios, and film projectors are not in use, the plugs will be detached.
- e. No extensions will be made to the electrical system without the approval of the Camp Commander. Extension cords are authorized provided the wiring does not contact metal.
- f. Electrical fuses blown out will not be replaced by anyone except the Camp Electrician.
- g. Trash will not be burned in the regimental area.
- h. Cigarettes will be carefully extinguished before disposal, both in and out-of-doors.

6. FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTORS:

- a. Each company and detachment occupying barracks and every officer responsible for any structure will detail an officer as Fire Prevention Inspector.
- b. These Inspectors will be constantly on the lookout for fire hazard will take immediate action in any and all cases where fire hazards are discovered and will be responsible that such hazards are eliminated.
- c. Fire prevention Inspectors will make at least one complete weekly inspection of the buildings for which they are responsible.

7. This order rescinds all previous fire orders and instructions issued by this Headquarters.

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