

HEADQUARTERS 359TH INFANTRY
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GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 9)

AIR RAID PRECAUTION MEASURES

1. General Order Number 5, this headquarters, covering air raid dispersion plan, is hereby revoked. The provisions of this order will govern air raid dispersion measures to be observed by all units of the 359th Infantry Regiment.

2. In the event of an air raid the signals to be given are as indicated below.

a. Air Raid Warning:

(1) Signals:

(a) Sounding by whistles and fire sirens of three cycles of fifteen seconds duration, each starting at a low pitch, rising to a high pitch and dropping again to a low.

(b) Signal will be repeated three (3) times at two (2) minute intervals.

(c) At night in addition to the above, street lights will be blinked three times and then will be extinguished.

(2) If the signal is given at night all lights in the 359th Infantry area will be extinguished. It will be the duty of the N.C.O. in charge of quarters in each organization to see that this is done promptly.

b. All Clear:

(1) Signal:

(a) Sounding by whistles and fire sirens of one long blast, repeated at five (5) minute intervals.

(b) At night, street lights will be turned on.

(2) After sounding of the "All Clear" signal, troops and vehicles will remain dispersed until their return to camp is ordered. Units will return via same route used to disperse.

3. Upon sounding of the air raid warning signal the following actions will be taken:

a. All organizations will be formed under arms in their company or detachment streets. All officers will report to their organizations at once.

b. All drivers of motor vehicles will report to their vehicles at the motor pool at once and stand by for orders.

c. Headquarters Company will immediately establish a Regimental Message Center at Avenue I and West 6th Street. (See Annex # 2)

(1) Each battalion, company, and detachment will send one runner to the above message center. Runners will report to the message center chief upon arrival.

(2) Battalion Message Center will be established as shown on Annex #2.

(3) 1st Battalion will send one Radio SCR 536-A and operator to Regimental Message Center.

(4) 2nd Battalion will send one Radio SCR 536-A and operator to Regimental Motor Officer at the Motor Pool to be used by him for maintaining contact with Regimental Headquarters.

(5) In addition to the above each Battalion Headquarters and Anti-Tank Company will have one radio SCR 536-A set up at its C.P.

d. Outpost # 5 (See Annex #3) will be established immediately.

(1) Commander: Platoon leader, 1st platoon, Company "K".

(2) Troops: 1st platoon, Company "K" with 2nd Sec. 1st platoon

Company "M" attached.

(3) Equipment: All organic equipment of units.

(4) Transportation: Regimental Motor Officer will furnish two (2) 2½-ton trucks, two (2) ½-ton weapons carriers ("M" Co.) and one (1) ¼-ton (Jeep) truck ("K" Co.) which will report to the platoon leader of rifle platoon of "K" Company on East 6th Street headed North.

e. Fire Detail:

(1) Each Battalion will detail a platoon, specially trained in fire fighting.

(2) Headquarters Company will detail its Int. & Ren. Platoon (less chauffeurs and radio operators) as a fire fighting detail. It will be responsible for that portion of the Regimental Area between "F" and "G" Avenues.