

MOBILIZATION OF THE COAST GUARD WHEN REQUIRED TO OPERATE AS A PART OF THE NAVY.

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The law provides that the Coast Guard shall operate as a part of the Navy, subject to the orders of the Secretary of the Navy—

- (a) In time of war,
- (b) By Executive order, in time of peace.

The transfer of the Coast Guard from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department in time of war will be accomplished by *Mobilization Plan No. 1*. The transfer of the Coast Guard, or any part of it, from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department in time of peace will be accomplished by *Mobilization Plan No. 2*.

NAVAL DISTRICTS.

The coasts of the United States and its possessions have been divided for military purposes into certain numbered naval districts, each under the command of an officer with title "Commandant ——— Naval District." The naval districts are divided into sections, each under the immediate command of an officer with title "Commander ———, Section ——— Naval District." The section commander is responsible for the operations of his section, under the direction of the commandant of the naval district in which the section is located. Ships and stations of the Coast Guard are grouped in naval districts as indicated in the schedule at the end of this pamphlet.

MOBILIZATION PLAN NO. 1.

1. The following plan, known as *Mobilization Plan No. 1*, for combining the entire forces of the Coast Guard with the Navy in time of war is made official by promulgation of this order.

Under *Mobilization Plan No. 1* the personnel of the Coast Guard is subject to the laws prescribed for the government of the Navy and all punishments inflicted by commanding officers will be in accordance with such laws (see articles for the Government of the Navy, art. 24); all regulations regarding Coast Guard courts are suspended and all matters which necessitate court proceedings shall be dealt with by naval courts.

2. *Mobilization Plan No. 1* will be put into effect and operation by means of a telegraphic order from Coast Guard Headquarters worded as follows, either in code or plain language: "*Plan one acknowledge.*" Immediately upon receipt of the order each member of the Coast Guard shall proceed to carry out the provisions of the plan herein set forth in so far as his responsibility extends.

3. The order for *Mobilization Plan No. 1* will be sent out—

(a) As an "Alcut message," supplemented by the necessary individual messages to complete the notification, or it will be sent out—

(b) In individual messages to division commanders, district superintendents, and unattached units.

In the event of the first-named method (a) being used, division commanders shall repeat the order for mobilization to those units only of their divisions which are without radio communication; in the event the second-named method (b) is used, division commanders shall repeat the order to all units in their divisions. With either method used, district superintendents shall repeat the order to the keeper of each station in their respective districts, using the telegraph, telephone, or visual signals. Before acknowledging receipt of the mobilization order to headquarters, division commanders and district superintendents shall obtain from all the units they are required to notify, acknowledgment that the mobilization order has been received by such units, and headquarters will assume that this has been done when it receives the acknowledgments of division commanders and district superintendents.

4. *Coast Guard cutters assigned to naval districts.*—Shall report by code telegram to the commandant of the naval district to which assigned, giving vessel's position, and then await orders from him for movements, if those have not previously been arranged for in connection with mobilization. The telegram should be in the following form: "Report Coast Guard cutter (name), position (latitude and longitude or port)."

5. *Coast Guard cutters assigned to sections of naval districts.*—Shall report by the most expeditious means to the commander of the section to which assigned and await his orders.

6. *Coast Guard stations.*—Shall continue to perform wreck and rescue duty as before mobilization, unless instructions are received from proper authority to suspend such operations in specific instances.

Each station except 276 and 305 becomes immediately assigned to a section of a naval district and subject to the authority of the section commander in matters affecting operations

ADMINISTRATION.

7. *Coast Guard cutters assigned to naval districts or sections thereof.*—Connection with Coast Guard divisions is severed.

Operations will be directed by the commandant of the naval district or commander of the section to which the cutter is assigned. The responsibility for the proper performance of duty of the forces assigned to naval districts is placed normally in the commandant of the district. The diversion of any part of the force from an assigned duty shall not, therefore, be ordered by a senior officer present, except under the restrictions prescribed for such cases by the Navy Regulations (Art. 1904, Regulations of 1913).

Fuel, oil, and all supplies other than rations will be furnished by the naval supply officers of the district.

Ration supplies shall be procured in the same manner as before mobilization.

Repairs will be effected under the direction of the commandant of the district in accordance with naval regulations.

Pay shall be obtained from collectors of customs, special disbursing agents, at the most convenient ports of the various naval districts in the same manner as before mobilization.

All other matters, including enlistment, reenlistment, ratings, disratings, discharges, and such infractions of discipline as may be adequately dealt with under article 2033 and not in conflict with Navy Regulations, shall be handled in the same manner as before mobilization, except that matters in connection therewith which require the administrative action of Coast Guard Headquarters, shall be forwarded through the commandant of the naval district.

Official documents, reports, and correspondence shall be prepared as before mobilization and forwarded direct to Coast Guard Headquarters, except as follows:

- (a) Matters concerning operations and movements directed by the district or section commander, repairs, fuel, oil, and supplies other than rations.
- (b) Matters that require administrative action of Coast Guard Headquarters, which matters shall be forwarded through the commandant of the district.

8. *Coast Guard cutters not assigned to naval districts or sections thereof.*—Shall continue to be operated as before mobilization.

9. *Coast Guard stations assigned to sections of naval districts.*—Reports and correspondence concerning operations specifically directed by the section commander shall be addressed to that officer.

The district superintendent's authority to impose punishment passes to the commandant of the naval district upon mobilization. Correspondence concerning those matters shall be addressed to the commandant of the district and forwarded through the section commander.

When *Mobilized under Plan 1*, no person shall be employed as substitute or as temporary surfman.

All other matters, reports, and correspondence relating thereto shall be handled in the same manner as before mobilization and under the direction of the district superintendent.

10. *Coast Guard stations not assigned to sections of naval districts (276 and 305).*—Shall continue under the immediate direction of the district superintendent as before mobilization.

11. *Coast Guard Academy—Coast Guard depot.*—Shall continue under the immediate direction of Coast Guard Headquarters.

12. *Coast Guard general stores.*—Shall continue to supply stations under the immediate direction of Coast Guard Headquarters.

13. *Coast Guard divisions.*—Authority and responsibility of the division commander ceases in connection with those units which are assigned to naval districts or sections.

All other duties shall continue as before mobilization under the immediate direction of Coast Guard Headquarters.

14. *Supervisor of lifeboats.*—Shall continue under the immediate direction of Coast Guard Headquarters.

15. *Assistant inspectors.*—Shall continue their duties under the immediate direction of the inspector as before mobilization unless they have had previous instructions from headquarters in connection with mobilization.

16. *Coast Guard district superintendents.*—Each superintendent shall continue to supervise the affairs of all stations that were under his charge prior to mobilization in all matters except punishment and such operations as may be directed in connection with naval districts.

Except for the purpose indicated in the next sentence, superintendents are not attached to naval districts, and in consequence shall correspond direct with Coast Guard Headquarters and stations concerning those matters with which they are charged hereunder. Superintendents shall disburse such naval funds as may be placed to their credit under the immediate direction of the naval district disbursing officer.

As stations are assigned to sections of naval districts to facilitate their utilization in naval operations, superintendents shall be particular to issue no instructions to stations that will in any way interfere with this purpose.

17. *Field assistants, supervisor and assistant supervisors of telephone lines.*—Shall remain under the immediate direction of Coast Guard headquarters.

MOBILIZATION PLAN NO. 2.

1. The following plan, known as *Mobilization Plan No. 2*, is for the purpose of combining the entire forces of the Coast Guard, or any portion thereof, with the Navy in time of peace, and is made official by the promulgation of this order. Under *Mobilization Plan No. 2* the personnel of the Coast Guard shall continue to be subject to the regulations of the Coast Guard, except in so far as relates to military requirements which have solely to do with the operations of ships and stations, concerning which the ships and stations involved shall be subject to the orders of the section commander or the commandant of the naval district.

2. *Mobilization Plan No. 2* will be put into effect and operation by means of a telegraphic order from Headquarters, worded as follows, either in code or plain language:

(a) "PLAN TWO ACKNOWLEDGE."

Under this order the entire forces of the Coast Guard will be mobilized in accordance with the groupings under naval districts, paragraph 1, et seq.

(b) "PLAN TWO DISTRICT ——— ACKNOWLEDGE."

Under this order the numeral which follows the word "district" indicates the naval district that is to be mobilized, and only those units of the Coast Guard which are assigned to the naval district or districts indicated in the mobilization order will be affected.

3. The order for *complete mobilization* under *Plan 2* will be transmitted in the same manner as the order to mobilize under *Plan 1*. (See paragraph 3, *Mobilization Plan 1*.)

4. The order for *partial mobilization* under *Plan 2* will be sent out by headquarters in individual messages to division commanders, district superintendents, and unattached units. Division commanders and district superintendents shall notify only those units of the Coast Guard which are assigned to the particular naval district or districts named in the partial mobilization order, and in notifying those units they shall use only the words "*plan two acknowledge*."

5. Under *Mobilization Plan 2*, either complete or partial, the operations only of vessels and stations are affected; in these matters the authority and control passes to the section commander or the naval district commandant, as the case may be. In all other matters the regulations of the Coast Guard govern, as before mobilization. Division commanders and district superintendents will be particular to issue no instructions to the units included in the mobilization order which would in any way affect the operations of those units under naval districts.

6. When *mobilized under Plan 2* (either complete or partial) no person shall be employed as substitute or as temporary surfman.

DEMobilIZATION.

Upon receipt of the order to demobilize, the entire Coast Guard will resume its former status under the Treasury Department.

SCHEDULE OF NAVAL DISTRICTS AS AFFECTING THE COAST GUARD.

Cruising cutters are accredited to headquarters of naval districts, and report to the commandant of the naval districts to which assigned. (See paragraph 4, *Mobilization*.)

Harbor cutters and launches, and Coast Guard stations, are accredited to sections of naval districts; specific assignment of these units to sections will be made in separate communications.

FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Eastport, Me., to Chatham, Mass.

Headquarters: Navy yard, Boston, Mass.

Address of commandant: Commandant First Naval District, navy yard, Boston, Mass.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Portland, Me., and Boston, Mass.

All harbor cutters and launches which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Boston, Mass.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41.

SECOND NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Chatham, Mass., to New London, Conn.

Headquarters: Naval station, Narragansett Bay, R. I.

Address of commandant: Commandant Second Naval District, naval station, Narragansett Bay, R. I.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

The cruising cutter which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Woods Hole, Mass.

Coast Guard stations, Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62.

THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: New London, Conn., to Barnegat, N. J.

Headquarters: Navy yard, New York, N. Y.

Address of commandant: Commandant Third Naval District, navy yard, New York, N. Y.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at New York, N. Y., and San Juan, P. R.

Harbor cutters and launches which prior to mobilization were stationed at New York, except those on anchorage duty.

Coast Guard stations, Nos. 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92.

94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, and 113.

FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Barnegat Inlet to Assateague Inlet.

Headquarters: Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Address of commandant: Commandant Fourth Naval District, navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

Cruising cutters which, prior to mobilization, had headquarters at Norfolk.

Harbor cutters and launches which, prior to mobilization, had headquarters at Philadelphia.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, and 151.

FIFTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Assateague Inlet, Va., to New River Inlet, N. C.

Headquarters: Navy yard, Norfolk, Va.

Address of commandant: Commandant fifth naval district, navy yard, Norfolk, Va.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Baltimore, Md., and Newbern, N. C.

Harbor cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Baltimore, Md.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, and 192.

SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: New River Inlet, N. C., to St. Johns River, Fla.

Headquarters: Navy yard, Charleston, S. C.

Address of commandant: Commandant Sixth Naval District, navy yard, Charleston, S. C.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Wilmington, N. C., and Savannah, Ga.

Harbor cutters and launches which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Savannah.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 193, 194, and 196.

SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: St. Johns River to Tampa, Fla.

Headquarters: Key West, Fla.

Address of commandant: Commandant Seventh Naval District, naval station, Key West, Fla.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Key West, Fla., and Mobile, Ala.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, and 209.

EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Tampa, Fla., to Rio Grande, Tex.

Headquarters: Naval station, New Orleans, La.

Address of commandant: Commandant Eighth Naval District, naval station, New Orleans, La.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Galveston, Tex.

Harbor cutters and launches which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Pensacola, Mobile, and New Orleans.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 212, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, and 222.

NINTH, TENTH, AND ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICTS.

Limits: Great Lakes.

Headquarters: Great Lakes, Ill.

Address of commandant: Commandant ninth, tenth, eleventh naval districts, Great Lakes, Ill.

These districts will include the following Coast Guard units:

The cruising cutter which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Milwaukee.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 299, 300, 304, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, and 290.

TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: Southern boundary of the United States, Pacific coast, to latitude 42° N.

Headquarters: Naval station, San Francisco.

Address of commandant: Commandant Twelfth Naval District, naval station, San Francisco, Cal.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at San Francisco and San Diego, Cal.

Harbor cutters and launches which prior to mobilization had headquarters at San Francisco.

Coast Guard stations, Nos. 318, 319, 320, 322, 323, 324, and 325.

THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Limits: From latitude 42° N., to northern boundary, Pacific coast.

Headquarters: Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Address of commandant: Commandant Thirteenth Naval District, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Wash.

This district will include the following Coast Guard units:

All cruising cutters which prior to mobilization had headquarters at Astoria, Neah Bay, Port Townsend, Seattle, and Juneau.

Harbor cutters and launches stationed at Seattle, Port Townsend, and Friday Harbor.

Coast Guard stations Nos. 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 315, 316, and 317.