

Confidential Letter to all Commanding officers
of Sub. Posts in Jurisdiction of Post of Arcibo.

Arcibo, P. R.

Dec. 16/98

The Commanding officer of this Post having learned of rumors that there is to be trouble about Christmas time from the 24th to the 28th of December and on the first of January and later (there being many holy days in the next twenty days wherein disturbances are likely to occur) and having received instructions from District Commander to dispose of his forces in such a manner as to put down every disturbance which may arise within the next 30 days you are hereby directed to furnish as many men to each commissario of your district as you can spare - not exceeding three (3) who will be given rations and who will be detailed on duty with the commissarios and will be under their command and control for periods not exceeding 10 days and who will patrol the barrios as hereinafter directed.

Each commissario will be required to make a list of the men who are deemed to be above suspicion in his own barrio and the names of these men will be put upon a list and a number of them - say 5 of each barrio will report in turn to the commissario to patrol ^{This to be done voluntarily & without compulsion} for one night. This patrol will be accompanied by one soldier who will be fully armed and equipped the others remaining with the commissario. This patrol will patrol the barrio say, 12 o'clock at night and will arrest and take before the commissario any person found in the road or elsewhere who can not fully explain his situation. The barrios will be patrolled during the day as much as circumstances will permit.

The Commanding officer does not desire to make this a hide bound order but wishes

it carried out as nearly as the number of men at the subposts will permit leaving in each case a few men in the towns to maintain order, but will hold each sub post commander responsible for the good order of his district. Most vigorous action is expected of all sub post commanders and prompt reports of everything should be at once sent to these Hdqrs.

The Commanding officer of this Post does not wish sub post commanders to be timid in the execution of their duties but wishes them to weigh well and use discretion in all matters and they can rely upon his support and assistance in all cases where they have exercised reasonable care.

Sub Post Commanders will send all reports and other communications to this post which they have been sending to San Juan, they must also give strict attention to sanitary condition of towns and the jails as well as their own company quarters.

Commanders of all detachments which are not designated as sub posts of Arecibo by Gen. Order # 25 Hdqrs Dept. Porto Rico, will make their reports promptly to their company commanders in order that no delay may take place in their reports to these Hdqrs.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

H. S. Adams

1st Lt. & Adjt Post Adjt.

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All Commanding Officers

of our Posts in District

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The Commanding Officer of this Post has
not only our post commanders to assist in the execution
of their duties but also them to report well and see
desirable in all matters they can help upon in support
and assistance in all cases where they have occasion
reasonably cases.

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which they have been sending to day long they must
also give strict attention to military condition of towns
and the fields as well as their own company quarters.
Commanders of all detachments which are not long
water, as the posts of vessels by Gen. Galt as they
Capt. Galt will make their reports promptly to
their company commanders in order that we may
keep the force in their posts to their Hqs.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Lt. Col. Galt