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SUBJECT: Military Shifts in Northeast

REF :

The press has reported the following shifts of Army officers in the Northeast:

1. General Antônio Carlos da Silva MURICY has been named Commander of the 7th Military Region, replacing General Altair Franco FERREIRA who has been posted to command the Remount and Veterinary Directorate. General Ferreira left April 30 and the command of the 7th Region is being temporarily filled by Colonel João Dutra de CASTILHO.

2. Colonel Castilho, in turn, has been named Commander of the 7th Infantry Division, replacing General Omar Emir CHAVES who has not yet received a new assignment. The position is normally combined with command of the Federal Garrison in Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, but because Col. Castilho is temporarily heading the 7th Military Region in Recife, that command has fallen to Colonel Mendonça LIMA of the 16th Infantry Regiment. The 7th Infantry Division includes the 14th (Pernambuco), 15th (Paraíba) and 16th (Rio Grande do Norte) Infantry Regiments.

3. Colonel Antonio BANDEIRA, former chief of the 2nd Section of the IVth Army General Staff, has been named Commander of the 14th Infantry Regiment (Pernambuco), replacing Colonel Castilho.

4. Colonel Arthur Duarte CANDAL FONSECA was recently (the beginning of April) named Commander of the 1st Engineering Group and of the Federal Garrison of João Pessoa, Paraíba. Col. Candal's name has frequently been mentioned as a possible new head of SUDENE.

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