

ARMED FORCES DUTY ASSIGNMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED

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Brasilia -- Yesterday, the President of the Republic signed various decrees ordering changes in command and in duty assignments in various sectors of the Armed Forces. Owing to service requirements, Maj Gen Abdon Sena was appointed to the post of vice chief of the Army General Staff. Consequently, he was relieved of command of the 1st Military Region.

The present head of the General Services Department, Gen [source garbled] and Brig Gen Heitor Furtado Armizaut de Matos were reverted to their respective corps. The same decree reverted Brig Gen Raul Lopes Munhoz and Brig Gen Samuel Augusto Alves Correia to their corps.

Air Force

In the Air Force, President Medici signed decrees ordering Gen Jose Tavares Bordeaux Rego transferred to the retired list with pay. He was relieved as director general of the Civil Aviation Department. In another decree, Gen Gabriel Grun Moss, who had been relieved recently of his post as justice of the Higher Military Tribunal, was retired.

Those decisions confirm the opening of two vacancies in the high command of the Air Force to be filled at the time of the next promotions, on 31 March.

In other decrees, Maj Gen Joleo da Veiga Cabral, commander of the Air Transport Command, under which is the 1st Air Defense Wing of the Mirage Base, in Anapolis, was relieved.

The present president of the ARSA [expansion unknown], Brig Gen Jose Vicente Cabral Checchia, was relieved of his post because of service requirements and was reverted to the Air Force Corps of Engineers.