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Reiterating that he does not give interviews, Gen Antonio Bandeira denied any possibility that his appointment to the Third Army was dictated by regional criteria, in accordance with which the president of the republic would follow the principle of not appointing officers from the North (Bandeira comes from Paraiba) or the South to command posts, in their native regions.

Gen Samuel Augusto Alves Correa announced last night that the transfer of command of the Third Army to his replacement, Gen Antonio Bandeira, who has already been appointed, will take place about 15 January. The present commander said he was "greatly honored" by the confidence in him indicated by the president with his appointment to the army general staff.

Army Gen Samuel Augusto Alves Correa

Army Gen Samuel Augusto Alves Correa was born on 30 March 1917, the son of Virgilio Alves Correa Filho. He enlisted on 27 March 1934, graduating as an officer three years later. He studied engineering under the 1929 regulation at the Officers Advanced Training School, the General Staff School, the Superior War College (Armed Forces Command and General Staff) and in the United States. He became an officer candidate on 11 January 1937 in the engineering branch, and was promoted that same year to second lieutenant. He advanced to first lieutenant in 1939, captain in 1942, major in 1947 and lieutenant colonel on merit in 1957. Also on merit, he was promoted to colonel in 1962. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1968, division general in 1974, and full general in November of last year. He has served in the following posts, among others: commander of the Second Highway Battalion from 1964 to 1967, chief of staff of the General Engineering and Communications Directorate in 1967 and 1968, chief of the general staff of the Fourth Army in 1968 and 1969, commander of the First Engineering Group in 1969 and 1970, director of roads and transportation in 1970 and 1971, assistant chief of the army general staff in 1971 and 1972, military attache at the Brazilian embassy to the United States from 1972 to 1974, commander of the Fifth Military Region and the Fifth Army Division, assistant head of the Training and Research Division and commander of the Third Army.

Army Gen Antonio Bandeira

Army Gen Antonio Bandeira is a native of Guarabira, in Paraiba, where he was born on 3 November 1916, the son of Pedro Bandeira Cavalcanti and Dona Antonia Bandeira Cavalcanti. He attended the military college in Ceara, transferring later to the Realengo military school in Rio de Janeiro, where he trained as an officer. After advanced officers training courses, he studied at the Army Command and General Staff School, and also took special training courses at the Ft Benning Infantry School in the United States.

He enlisted on 4 March 1934, became an officer candidate in the infantry branch on 11 January 1937, and was promoted that same year to second lieutenant. In 1939 he was promoted to first lieutenant, in 1944 to captain, in 1951 to major, and in 1958 to lieutenant colonel, on merit. Also on

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