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3. It is forbidden to make copies of this manual. Only extracts of such code groups as are necessary for the preparation of supplements (see par. 6) may be made.

4. No changes will be made in the contents of this manual except by authority of the Secretary of War or in the case of field forces by the commanding general of field forces.

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SECTION I

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Name, purpose, and distribution.—*a.* The Division Field Code is a means of tactical intercommunication among units within the division. Several different editions of the code may be effective simultaneously within field forces, but all units within one field army hold the same edition. This is the second training edition and is therefore designated as *Division Field Code, Training Edition No. 2*, abbreviated "DFCT2."

b. This code is distributed to the headquarters of the following: division, brigade, regiment, and battalion. Copies are furnished to headquarters superior to division solely for reference and not for communication purposes, except in emergency.

2. Indicator.—The indicator for this edition of the code is DFCT2, and when used it will precede the first and follow the last code group of the body of the message. The indicator may be omitted if there is no danger that decoding will be delayed because the code used has not been indicated.

3. Responsibility for safeguarding.—In wartime the Division Field Code is classified as "Confidential" and is safeguarded accordingly. This edition being intended for training purposes is classified as "Restricted," so that it may be given a wider distribution than would be possible with a confidential publication. Nevertheless, every precaution will be taken to keep copies of this training edition out of the hands of unauthorized persons without, however, hampering its use in training.

4. Who to handle and use.—The unit signal or communication officer may designate qualified enlisted personnel to perform the actual encoding and decoding of messages, but no person will be permitted to use a code or cipher unless and until he thoroughly understands the instructions governing its employment.

5. Reports.—No accounting reports are necessary for this code. However, for editions of the Division Field Code other than the training and maneuver editions, the following instructions are effective:

a. When destruction is authorized by the issuing office, the code will be destroyed by burning. When for any reason all copies of the code are destroyed, a report of that fact will be made to the signal officer, GHQ.

b. In case of loss or compromise of the code, a message will be prepared in another cryptographic system and will be sent by fastest possible means through channels to the signal officer, GHQ. If in danger of capture, the book will be destroyed by burning, and a report will be made to the issuing office.

6. Special instructions.—*a. Intermixture of code and plain text prohibited.*—The text of a message in this code will consist solely of code groups except as follows:

(1) The writer's serial number of message, if present, will be left in clear. It will appear as the very first group of the text of the message.

(2) The code indicator (DFCT2), if present, will be left in clear. It will immediately precede the first *code* group and will immediately follow the last *code* group of the body of the message.

(3) The time of signature of the message will be left in clear as the very last group of the body of the message.

b. Supplements.—Supplements to this code and instructions for their use may be prepared and distributed by unit signal or communication officers authorized to do so by local commanders. (See par. 10.)

c. Encipherment in case of emergency.—This code may be used with or without encipherment of the code groups. However, in case the code has been compromised and no copies of a replacement edition have been received or are available for immediate use, the encipherment system described in paragraph 13 will be employed and varied until the replacement edition has been distributed and placed into effect. When such encipherment becomes desirable or necessary, it will be authorized, and the keys will be prepared and distributed only by the senior commander of the group of correspondents concerned. Keys for such usage may be indicated in Signal Operation Instructions.

d. Regulations for preserving cryptographic security. The provisions of the current Army Regulations governing the procedure to be followed in the handling of restricted documents and the drafting, classifying, handling, and filing of restricted messages will be strictly observed.

e. Use of phonetic alphabet. Messages transmitted by voice (telephone or radiotelephone) will employ the letter-code groups, not the