

## 1955: Changes to Special Regulation 10–5–1

**Study:** Changes to Special Regulation 10–5–1 (James E. Hewes, Jr., *From Root to McNamara: Army Organization and Administration, 1900-1963*. U.S. Army Center of Military History, 1975)

**Purpose:** As part of the Army's reorganization efforts after the passage of the National Security Act of 1947, the Secretary of the Army issued Special Regulation 10–5–1, Organization and Functions of the Department of the Army on 11 April 1950. The regulation initially laid out the three-deputy pattern for planning, programming, and reviewing departmental operations and restored the "G" system, replacing directors with assistant chiefs of staff. As a result of Presidential Reorganization Plan No. 6 (1953), the Davies Committee (1953–1954), and the Slezak Plan (1954), SR 10–5–1 required revisions to keep it in alignment with the Army's reorganizations.

**Outcome:** There were five major changes to SR 10–5–1 resulting from the reorganization efforts between 1953 and 1954. Change 4 (8 September 1954), later amended in Change 6 (17 January 1955), shifted command authority over the technical services from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G–4 to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. On 1 February 1955, Change 7 redesignated the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces as Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command, granting it command over six continental armies and the Military District of Washington. This was a reversion to the pattern of the Army Ground Forces during World War II. Change 11 (22 September 1955) created the Office of the Chief of Research and Development at the Deputy Chief of Staff level, removing the function from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. And on 27 December 1955, Change 13 abolished the three-deputy system in favor of designating Chiefs of General Staff divisions as Deputy Chiefs. This granted the Comptroller of the Army and the Chief of Research and Development the status of Deputy Chiefs of Staff, maintained the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and assigned staff coordinating functions to the Secretary of the General Staff in the Chief of Staff's office.

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