

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FIRST ARMY**  
**GOVERNORS ISLAND, N. Y.**

**PUBLIC PROCLAMATION NO. 1**

TO: THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE STATES OF MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, PART OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WHEREAS, by virtue of orders issued by the War Department on December 20, 1941, and March 18, 1942, that portion of the continental United States east of the following line: The OHIO-PENNSYLVANIA boundary, the WEST VIRGINIA-PENNSYLVANIA boundary, the WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND boundary, the WEST VIRGINIA-VIRGINIA boundary, the KENTUCKY-VIRGINIA boundary, the TENNESSEE-VIRGINIA boundary, the TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA boundary, the TENNESSEE-GEORGIA boundary, the ALABAMA-GEORGIA boundary to its junction with FLORIDA thence south along the APALACHICOLA RIVER, has been established as the Eastern Defense Command under my command; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 9066, dated February 19, 1942, the President of the United States authorized and directed the Secretary of War and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any such designated commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, with authority over such military areas as in such Executive Order prescribed; and

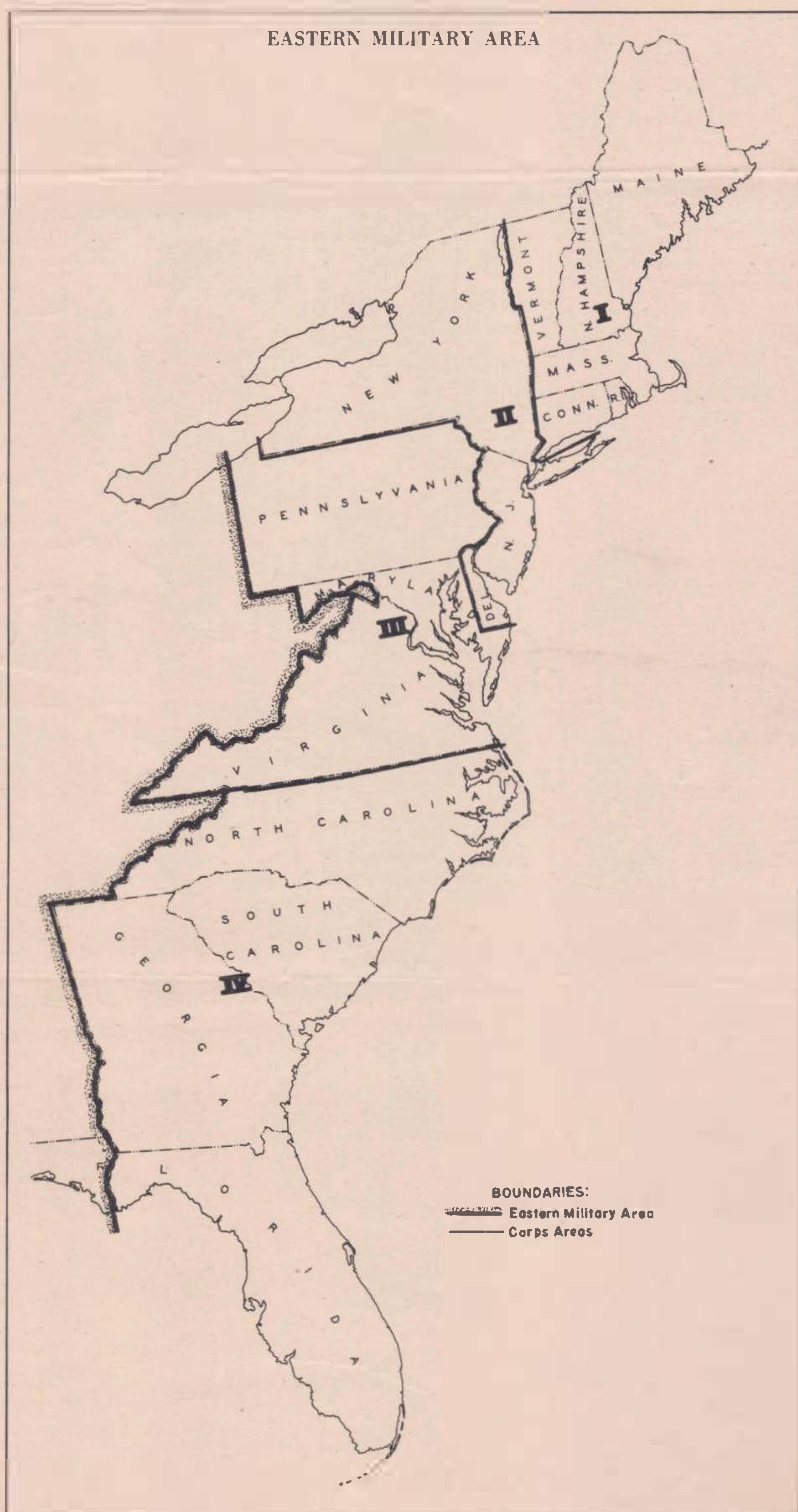
WHEREAS, the Secretary of War on April 22, 1942, designated the undersigned as Military Commander to carry out the duties and responsibilities imposed by said Executive Order for that portion of the United States embraced in the Eastern Defense Command; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Defense Command embraces fifteen States, part of another State, and the District of Columbia, inhabited by millions of loyal citizens of the United States and hundreds of thousands of persons not yet citizens of the United States, but equally loyal; and

WHEREAS, the economic life of this large portion of the population of our country, dwelling within the Eastern Defense Command, should be disturbed as little as may be consistent with requirements of adequate National Defense and internal security; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Defense Command embraces the entire Atlantic Coast and a portion of the Gulf Coast of the United States and by its geographical location is particularly subject to attack, and, in connection therewith, is subject to espionage and acts of sabotage, thereby requiring the adoption of military measures necessary to establish safeguards against such hostile operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HUGH A. DRUM, LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. ARMY, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, charged with the defense of the Eastern seaboard, do hereby declare and proclaim that:



1. The present situation requires as a matter of military necessity the establishment, in the territory embraced in the Eastern Defense Command within the continental United States, of Military Areas, and for that purpose, I do hereby prescribe all of the territory in the several States of the United States lying east and northeast of the westerly boundary line of the Eastern Defense Command, including the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, part of the State of Florida, and the District of Columbia, to be a Military Area and to be designated as the Eastern Military Area, as the same is shown on the map.

2. The functional subdivisions of the Eastern Military Area for purposes of enforcement of restrictions and orders issued from this Headquarters are the existing Corps Areas, namely, the First Corps Area, with Headquarters at Boston, Massachusetts; the Second Corps Area, with Headquarters at Governors Island, New York; the Third Corps Area, with Headquarters at Baltimore, Maryland; and the Fourth Corps Area, with Headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia. The Commanders of said Corps Areas are charged with responsibility for the enforcement of the restrictions and orders pertaining to their respective Corps Areas.

3. The protection of American commerce and that of the United Nations from damage or destruction by enemy attack, and the prevention of enemy action against our shores, along the Atlantic and Gulf Seaboards, involve the effective control of artificial lighting along these coasts and for a reasonable distance in the rear thereof. For the purpose of such control, the existing restrictions and orders of the Commanding Generals of the four Corps Areas of the Eastern Military Area are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this Proclamation. Corps Area Commanders are designated as the authorities to promulgate the necessary restrictions and orders for control.

4. Wilful violation of any such restriction or order by an alien enemy, or repeated careless violations, even if not wilful, are cause for expulsion, internment or prosecution; similar violations by persons other than alien enemies are cause for expulsion or prosecution.

5. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting or modifying the duty and responsibility of the Department of Justice under the Proclamations of the President of December 7 and 8, 1941, insofar as the enforcement of rules and regulations for the conduct and control of alien enemies is concerned, or otherwise.

6. The Corps Areas in the Eastern Military Area, each within its respective sphere of activities, and such federal, state, municipal and local agencies, as the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, with the consent of such agencies, may from time to time deem advisable specifically to designate, are hereby designated as the agencies to enforce the provisions of these restrictions and orders and such restrictions and orders as may subsequently be issued by him; and these agencies, under the coordination of the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, have jurisdiction to conduct the investigations necessary to their respective enforcement thereof.

7. In accordance with representations made to the Governors of the States within the Eastern Military Area and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, it is specifically requested that state and municipal police, and other officials and civilians within the States affected by this Proclamation, assist the agencies charged with enforcing restrictions by reporting to them the names and addresses of all persons believed to have violated restrictions, and such other information as may be called for by these agencies.

8. A copy of this Proclamation shall be displayed for public inspection at every Selective Service Local Board; at every Post Office; at every Court House; and at every Town Hall within the Eastern Military Area. Additional proclamations, announcements, restrictions, and orders will be issued from this Headquarters as occasion demands. Copies of such additional proclamations, announcements, restrictions, and orders will be available for inspection at every Selective Service Local Board; at every Post Office; at every Court House; and at every Town Hall within the Eastern Military Area. It shall be the duty of every person found within the Eastern Military Area to familiarize himself with the terms of every proclamation, announcement, restriction, or order issued by this Headquarters.

The assistance of public-spirited and patriotic newspapers, periodicals, radio and other media of public information within the Eastern Military Area is earnestly solicited and it is confidently expected that they will publish in full in a prominent position this Proclamation and every proclamation, announcement, restriction, or order issued by this Headquarters pursuant to this Proclamation.

May 16, 1942

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Commanding.