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1. The East China Military District has issued orders to the Wusung Garrison Command and to the military districts of Fukien, Chekiang, Shantung and North Kiangsu to inspect and improve coastal defenses by the end of December. The order stated that over-reliance on naval patrols and failure to organize the populace has permitted guerrillas to infiltrate by sea and join guerrilla groups on the mainland. It further stated that coastal defense is the joint responsibility of the army and the people, and that continuous precautions must henceforth be taken.
2. The order directed that fishermen be organized into sea patrols, and civilians into land patrols so that from the beginning of 1951 the entire sea coast of the East China Military District will have one or two land patrols for every three kilometers of shore, and a sea patrol every 50 kilometers. Signals are to be arranged that will permit the sea patrols to warn the land forces.

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