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**Chief of Staff, 2nd Bulgarian Army, Order Regarding  
Raising Army Air Defense Combat Readiness**

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**Summary:**

The commander of the Bulgarian 2nd Army, Colonel Alexiev, issued the order to prepare the Army's air defense for combat. Alexiev cites order N 00190/25.10.1962 issued four days prior to justify the heightened defense alert. The order includes six commands related to combat preparation and instructions for anti-aircraft units.

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OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF 2ND BULGARIAN ARMY  
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Ref. Raising the combat readiness of air defense in the army

With regard to order N 00190/25.10.1962 [25 October 1962] aiming to raise air defense combat readiness in the army, the Commander of the 2nd army

ORDERS:

□□ The air defense command post of the army, the air defense posts in the formations, anti-aircraft regiments and divisions shall organize and maintain continuous combat duty.

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The air defense command post shall maintain continuous contacts with the command post of 2nd anti-aircraft brigade.

□□ The combat ready battery shall be formed in each anti-aircraft division in the formations and in 32nd anti-aircraft regiment, and they will be deployed in the vicinity of the barracks and will stay on combat duty.

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□□ Sections P-10 from air defense of the army and 32nd anti-aircraft regiment shall be deployed close to the garrison and shall be ready to act by additional order.

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□□ The army commander shall give permission to the anti-aircraft batteries to open fire after permission is granted by the General Staff.

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□□ All important information from the Instruction for fire interaction between air defense and air force and air defense in the troops shall be provided to the commanders of anti-aircraft units.

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□□ Each anti-aircraft battery shall be supplied with 0.5 set of shells.

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