

The Amendment of the Military Regulation on Field Commissaries (Sept 21, 1937)

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This document is included in Collection A (a collection of documents on the Army Ministry's enforcement regulations) of the Document Files of the Ministry of the Army (*Rikugunshou Dainikki*). On September 29, 1937, the Army Ministry issued Ordinance no. 48 to amend the Regulation on the Commissary in Field Battles which was enacted in 1904. The document outlines the purposes of the amendment and the main differences between the previous and the new provisions, followed by the text of the Regulation. The reasons for the amendment are as follows: 1) The name of the unit in charge of commissaries in field battles to be changed; 2) Supply agencies are required to replenish commissary supplies; 3) Military supplies are allowed to be used temporarily to replenish commissary supplies; 4) The volume of commissary supplies to be increased to some extent; and 5) The reorganization of the provisions is needed to clarify the relationship between the amended Regulation and other Regulations.

It is noted that in the Amendment, a new provision that "Comfort facilities are allowed to be created in field commissaries if necessary, in addition to what is previously provided" is added to the previous Article 1 to enable the installation of "comfort stations" in the commissaries. Further, Article 6 provides that contractors are considered as civilian personnel, allowing the private operators of "comfort stations" to have the status of civilian employees in the Army. In sum, this document verifies that the "comfort stations" were part of the military supply base, established by the Japanese Army.

Details:

Reasons for Amending the Military regulation on Field Commissaries

Explanations for the Amendment (including the purpose of the amendment and comparison between the original and new provisions)

Amended provisions

Attachments:

- Regimen's Approval Form, September 21: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → 3rd Division of the General Staff
- Regimen's Approval Form, September 18: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → Military Affairs Department
- Regimen's Approval Form, September 18: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → Security Department

- Regimen's Approval Form, September 18: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → Military Administration Department, Defense Department
- Regimen's Approval Form, September 18: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → Assistance Division
- Regimen's Approval Form, September 18: Ministry of the Army, Intendance Department, Clothing and Food Section → Medical Department

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