

On the Sending of the “comfort station” regulations

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This document outlines regulations on the “comfort stations.” The main points are as follows: The Military Administration Department shall be in charge of supervision and guidance of the “comfort stations”; medical officers of the guards unit shall be in charge of supervision and guidance of hygiene; medical exams of the prostitutes shall be conducted every Tuesday starting from 3pm; the eligibility to use “comfort stations” shall be limited to military personnel and civilian employees in their uniforms; matters to be strictly observed by the operators of the “comfort stations” (eight items including declining services to those who refuse to use condoms, supervising rigidly the “comfort women” when they go out; and making daily reports on business status to the military government); strict rules for the customers of the “comfort stations” (five rules including strict protection of counter-intelligence; prohibition of the use of violence or threat; pre-payment with the military currency). The attached map marks walkways as a measure to restrict strolls of the “comfort women,” business hours and the rates for each rank.

This document proves that the military managed and supervised the “comfort stations,” and the “comfort women” were put under coercive conditions.

Details:

- Regulations on the “comfort stations” (“comfort station” no. 1, Asia Hall)
- Attached table 2, Business hours and rates

Sources:

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