

Regulations on the Use of Facilities outside the Camp

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Annotation:

This document presents regulations on the establishment, management and use of facilities outside the military camp, in compliance with the Army's guidelines on the expansion of facilities outside camps. This indicates that the Commander of a unit in occupied areas had the authority to manage, operate and supervise facilities outside camps, even though the facilities were owned by local notables or organizations.

The external facilities that were governed by these regulations included recreation facilities for the military (e.g., restaurants, game rooms) operated by the association of veterans or local organizations as well as special "comfort stations" where "comfort women" served exclusively for military personnel. According to the regulations, the military unit was supposed to outsource the management of special "comfort stations" instead of running the facilities directly.

However, the fact that the military unit was supposed to lease "comfort stations" for free, and to supply necessary items and food from the military field commissaries to the "comfort station" indicates the military's involvement in the management of "comfort stations," even though it made it appear on the paper that the military consigned the "comfort stations" to civilians, in order to avoid the liability.

Details:

General rules / Field commissaries outside camps / Exclusive "comfort stations" / Kaikosha (An Association for veterans) / Miscellaneous matters

Sources:

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Note:

This document had been omitted by the deliberation committee for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when the Kono Statement was released (1993). This document contains the regulations on the use of facilities outside the camp.