

Rules on Local Tradesmen within the Security Area of Takamori Unit

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This document presents regulations on the businesses ran by local tradesmen within the guarded district of the Takamori unit.

Among the prescribed regulations, Article 3 “The types and scope of the businesses ran by local tradesmen shall be approved according to the following standards” contains regulations pertinent to “comfort stations.” Specifically, it states that one “comfort woman” shall be allotted for every 100 Japanese soldiers; there shall be three operators in the “comfort station”; the “comfort women” shall receive check-ups and VD tests run by a medical officer at 8am on the 1st, 10th, and 20th of every month. Additional provisions in this document include a permit to use the “comfort stations,” food and drinks available in the “comfort station,” rules on violence against the owners of “comfort stations”, business hours, service hours for private soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and warrant officers, and rates for the service.

Attached materials include 1) Supervisor of local tradesmen; 2) Regulations on the security of local tradesmen’s residential areas and the control of military discipline; 3) Weekly service schedule for the unit; 4) Names of the operators; 5) “Comfort stations” sales report; 6) Map of the business district (i.e., map of the “comfort station”), and daily orders.

Details:

Regulations regarding the special “comfort” business within the guarded district of the Takamori unit

- Map of the business district
- Daily orders (October 12)
- Daily orders (October 13)
- Daily orders (October 15)
- Daily orders (October 16)
- Daily orders (October 18)
- Daily orders (October 19)
- Daily orders (October 20)

Sources:

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Notes:

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