

## Mandalay Garrison Headquarters: “Regulations of Garrison Comfort Stations”

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Annotation:

This document is one of the rare sources that contain a complete set of rules and regulations for “comfort stations” located in a garrison. The gist of the document is as follows:

- Although the “comfort station” is exclusively used by Japanese military and civilian personnel in principle, Japanese civilians residing in Mandalay are permitted to visit the “comfort station” after 12:30am as an exception, insofar as their visits do not disrupt military and civilian personnel’s use of the facility (Non-military Japanese’ visits are strictly prohibited before 12:30am). Non-military Japanese are charged the same price as military officers.
- Noncommissioned officers and soldiers may visit the “comfort station” only during their off-duty hours.
- Noncommissioned officers and soldiers must carry a pass to be allowed to use the “comfort station.”
- In case military and civilian personnel were treated unfairly by the “comfort station” operators or “comfort women,” they should report it to their commander. Behaviors such as beating and assault are prohibited.
- Those who do not observe the “comfort station” regulations will be banned from using the faculty immediately.
- Service fees are paid only in military payment certificates as set by the military.
- “Comfort station” operators should have wooden nameplates at the entrance to each room and in a conspicuous place to display the nicknames of comfort women and their VD testing result.
- The operators are responsible for the cost of equipment and medical treatment.
- The operators should submit a monthly revenue report to the headquarters of the garrison by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month, following the form required by the authorities.
- A request for food supplies and any other necessities should be made to the garrison headquarters a month before the supplies are exhausted.
- The operators must install a disinfecting room within the “comfort station.”
- Those who refuse to use condoms or ointments for VDs treatment should not be served in the “comfort station.”
- Those who used the comfort station and women who served them should be disinfected in the disinfecting room after each service.
- Before business hours, “comfort women” are required to have both a regular physical and a genital examination performed by the military.

- “Comfort women” are required to have a physical examination once a week; They must carry an examination certificate and present it to the military or civilian personnel when requested.

Appendix 1. Tables of hours of operation and length of stay: hours of operation, length of stay, and fees vary between private soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers.

Appendix 2. The “comfort station” report revenue form: in the form, the number of clients, income, and summary are grouped under the categories of officers, noncommissioned officers, and private soldiers.

Appendix 3. Precautions for visitors including military and civilian personnel, and non-military civilians: visitors must be aware of one’s responsibility as military and civilian personnel, or a citizen of the Greater Japanese Empire so as not to bring disgrace to the empire; especially, visitors must be vigilant against spying activities; visitors must use condom and ointments for the treatment of venereal diseases; visitors must observe the time.

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