

## Rules on Special “Comfort” Services in Morikawa Unit

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Annotation:

This document, originally included in the Frontlines Daily Log dated November 14, 1939, provides 16 rules for the “comfort stations.”

The excerpt of the document is as follows: The purpose of installing “comfort stations” is to relieve and control soldiers’ combative spirits and boost their morale. A committee of officers shall be appointed to divide duties pertinent to “comfort stations” within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of the Independent Mountain Artillery under the supervision of the Captain of the Guard. All expenses for running the “comfort stations” exclusively serving the military shall be covered by the operators; if an operator violates this rule, his business may be subject to suspension or eviction.

The document also specifies the eight rules to be observed by noncommissioned officers and soldiers when they use a “comfort station.” It also prescribes different lengths of stay and fees depending on one’s rank. The “comfort stations” were located in Gedian [葛店] and Ge Rongzhen [革容鎮], near Wuchang, Hebei Province, China.

This document gives a concrete look into how the Japanese military operated the “comfort stations.”

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