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This document is a report prepared by the General Headquarters of the China Expeditionary Army in 1942. The key thrust of the document is that the number of the “comfort” facilities in Shanghai area is relatively small so that it is desired to increase the number of the facilities in the region. It highlights the particular needs of the corps that dominantly consist of young civilian employees for wholesome entertainment facilities.

Existing recreation facilities in Shanghai referred to in this report are as follows: 1) 16 military-exclusive “comfort stations” with 140 prostitutes; 2) 7 rest and recreation facilities such as rest areas and restaurants for exclusively military use. Included in these facilities are: 4 billiard tables, 3 table tennis tables, 2 tennis courts, 1 archery field, 1 sumo field, 10 go boards and 10 Asian chess boards, 1 auditorium, 6 radio-phonographs.

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Sources:

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