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G-1 NARRATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY

OCCUPATION OF JAPAN-PERIOD 15 AUGUST - 31 OCTOBER 1945

SECTION I RECOVERY OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

1. The G-1 activities in connection with the Blacklist Operation were augumented by a new one - the recovery of allied prisoners of war and civilian internees. For this purpose, Recovery Team No. 8 from GHQ AFPAC, consisting of one officer and three enlisted men were attached and joined on 20 August 1945. The following day, one officer and one non-commissioned officer of the Australian Imperial Forces, and one enlisted Nisei interpreter joined to augment the team. The interpreter was appointed a temporary Second Lieutenant, Army of the United States, while attached. A study of possible camp locations was made for the initial area in Japan to be occupied by this division in the Kanagawa Prefecture, with the division command post at Hiratsuka. Available information indicated prisoner of war and civilian internment camps were located at Atami, Furashi(Fuji), Hakone, and Yamakita. An investigation made by personnel of the Recovery Team immediately upon arrival in the area indicated they had either been abandoned or were non-existent. From information received from various sources, nine civilians were located in their homes in Sengoku - Kogow and Myanoshita, both Hokane Province. Two were Americans, one of whom was married to an Italian subject; one was British; five were Canadians; and one was an Italian. They had never been interned. Five of them were evacuated, three Canadians, one British, and one American.

2. The division commenced its move to occupy the Niigata and Fukushima Prefectures on 23 September 1945. The division command post was established in the city of Niigata. Available information indicated camps were located as follows: In the Niigata Prefecture - City of Niigata (2 camps), Nacotsu, Tsugawa, Arita - mura, Nagaoka, Omi-machi. In the Fukushima Prefecture - Aya-Kodate, in Kami-Yoshima, in Yoshima Village, and Aya-Kameo in Oayamiyimaya, in Yuroto-cho, both in Ishiki County; and Notre Dame Convent, Honayona-cho. An investigation of these camp locations by personnel of the Recovery Team indicated all had been abandoned and the prisoners of war and civilian internees evacuated between the time of the surrender and the arrival of the division in the area. No other prisoners of war or civilian internees were recovered. Neither were any civilians recovered who had not been interned.

3. The Australian personnel of the Recovery Team left the division on 23 September 1945 and returned to Manila. The United States Army personnel left on 4 October 1945 and went to Tokyo.

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SECTION II PERSONNEL.

1. The movement of the 27th Infantry Division into Japan, less a rear detachment left on Okinawa, was accomplished by air. The first elements arrived at Atsugi Airfield on 7 September and the last elements on 14 September. 485 plane loads brought in 10,082 officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men without fatality or injury to any personnel. Two planes sustained damages, one during a take-off from Kadena Airfield, Okinawa, and the other in making a "belly" landing at Atsugi Airfield.

2. Shortly after arrival in Japan, instructions were received to recompute all Adjusted Service Rating Scores as of 2 September 1945. New critical scores were announced as of the same date - 100 for officers of field grade, 85 for officers of company grade, and 80 for warrant officers, chief and junior grade, and enlisted men. On 1 October, the score dropped to 75 for all officers, except Medical Department officers for whom special scores were announced, and 70 for enlisted men. No Regular Army officers were included in the score announcements.

3. The first readjustees, after arrival in Japan, were moved to the 4th Replacement Depot at Zama on 21-22 September 1945. 90 officers and 585 enlisted men were involved in the movement. No further movements of readjustees were made until after the movement of the division to the Niigata and Fukushima Prefectures. Thereafter, the movements were resumed and 67 officers and 876 enlisted men were readjusted to 31 October 1945. In addition, 139 enlisted men 38 and 35 years of age were sent to the 4th Replacement Depot to be returned to the United States for discharge. There was also an exchange of personnel between this division and the Americal Division which is scheduled for return to the United States in November for inactivation. 285 officers and enlisted men of this division, with scores equal to or above the critical score, were transferred to the Americal Division, and 1608 officers and enlisted men, with scores below the critical score, received in return. 7080 officer and enlisted replacements were received between 15 August and 31 October 1945. On 24 and 25 August, while still on Okinawa, 2996 enlisted men were sent to the 25th Replacement Depot for readjustment.

4. The health of the division has continued to be excellent despite the sudden move from a warm climate into what has proven to be a cold one. The arrival of woolen clothing, the procurement of stoves for the quarters, and the vigilance of the Medical Department have all contributed to maintaining a very low sick rate.

5. The importance of morale activities increased with the occupation. The Special Service officers and Red Cross Field Directors worked together to secure books, games, athletic equipment and other articles, and in the establishment of Service Clubs in the cities where troops of the division are located. The distribution of motion picture films has been carefully worked to provide nightly shows. In addition, the Special Service program has, where outdoor activities were involved during day-light hours, been integrated with the training program. This has all resulted in a high state of morale within the division.

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