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V.3 Excerpt from the War Prisoners' Information
Bureau's Monthly Report.

Improvement of PW Administration

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an official document in the custody of the War Prisoners' Information
Bureau.

On this 20th day of May, 1947

/s/ NAKANISHI, Sadayoshi
Acting-Chief of the War
Prisoners' Information
Bureau

Re Improvement of PW Administration
(March 3, 1944 ARMY_ASIA_SECRET No. 696)

Notice from the Vice-Minister of War
to the Units concerned.

In the PW administration the use of PWs for labor has been stressed heretofore. Although this has directly helped to increase our fighting strength and has produced other good results, the average PWs health condition is hardly satisfactory due to the inevitable shortage of materials, etc. Their high rate of death must be brought to our attention. In the light of the recent intensified enemy propaganda warfare, if the present condition continues to exist, it will needlessly ~~for the~~ add to the hostile feeling of the enemy and it will also be impossible for us to expect the world opinion to be what we wish it to be. Such will cause an obstacle to our prosecution of moral warfare. Not only that, it is absolutely necessary to improve the health condition of PWs from the standpoint of using them satisfactorily to increase our fighting strength. In view of these facts, you are requested at this time to deal, in accordance with the following, in regard to prompt improvement of the health conditions of PWs. I hereby give instructions.

It should be added that, although efforts must be exerted to utilize spaces on ships in transporting war prisoners, it is necessary that, the purport of the Despatch, ARMY_ASIA_SECRET No. 1504 of 1942, (Its copy hereto attached) thoroughly understood in handling war prisoners at this juncture.

1. Foods and clothings to be supplied to PW's should be given according to the degree of their labor as provided in various regulations.
2. Dispensaries for the PW camps (branch camps or detached camps should be equipped with proper facilities for medical treatment and the main camps should be equipped with attached medical wards of reasonable standard) should be immediately established to give satisfactory treatment for the patients among PW's. For this purpose, the necessary funds, materials and sanitary supplies should be procured or delivered upon each request.

3. Not only efforts should be made to fully facilitate the sanitary work by using the medical personnel among the enemy, but also, if particularly needed, such measures as requesting the War Minister to have Army hospital medical officers or medical officers attached to units serve concurrently at the PW camps should be taken. Thus the medical care for the PWs can be more solidly administered.
4. In order to increase the rate of labouring PWs statistically, to use sick PWs in need of rest or to assign heavy labor tasks to patient workers or to physically weak must be avoided. Thus, attention should be paid to the sanitary care of PWs. Moreover, consideration must be given to the physical condition of each individual PW in the light of local climate and if necessary individuals should be confined in different places alternately or transferred so as to increase substantially their efficiency in labor.
5. As to the domestic matters of PWs, their health, especially their relaxation, must be considered so long as the security and control permit from the standpoint of the administration of PWs. This will increase their efficiency in labour.
6. If the health condition of PW's gets worse due to an inadequate care on the part of their employer, an order of suspension or restriction of the employment of PWs will be issued, so it is requested that the situation be reported.