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APO 24 Unit 5
3 May 1949

MEMO TO: Public Health Officer, Saga Mil Govt Team, APO 24-5

SUBJECT: Report of Visit of Veterinary Officer, 28-29 April

1. On 28 April 1949 a conference was held at Oita Mil Govt office. In attendance were Dr. Matsuo, Chief of Veterinary affairs, Dr. Ishii, in charge of fish, Dr. Kobata, Chief of animal disease control, livestock section, and Mr. Kahara, Chief of livestock breeding section.

a. At this time no horses had been immunized for Equine Encephalomyelitis. It was suggested that immediate action be taken on this matter, and that a full report be submitted to Military Government in 15 days. The livestock disease control officials expect to finish this program by 24 May 1949. If vaccine is available, it is recommended that all horses four years of age and under (instead of three) be vaccinated.

b. Testing for bovine tuberculosis is being done according to schedule, and some work cattle, in addition to dairy cattle, are being tested. The inclusion of more work cattle in their program of testing should be advocated.

c. No vaccinations for rabies have been completed.

2. On 29 April 1949 an inspection trip was made with the Ken veterinarian and Saga Health Center veterinarian. The large fish distribution centers were inspected and found to be in fair condition.

Several small fish shops and fish cake processing plants were inspected. They were in a very bad sanitary condition, and it was recommended that they be given a warning to improve, and failing to do so should be closed.

3. It was brought out at the meeting that Saga receives much of its fish from Karatsu. In order to get good fish they

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must take a certain amount of spoiled fish with the shipment.
If they refuse, no fish is allotted at all, and instead goes
on to Fukuoka or Tobata. Until this economic problem is
solved, the food sanitation inspector cannot be efficient in
carrying out his duties.

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3 May 1949

MEMO TO: Public Health Officer, Oita Mil Govt Team, APC 24-2

SUBJECT: Report of Visit of Veterinary Officer, 5-9 April 1949

1. On 8 April 1949 a conference was held at Oita. In attendance were Dr. Naruo Sasaki, Chief of Animal Disease Control, Livestock Section, and Dr. Teyehiko One, Ken Public Health Section Veterinarian.

a. The vaccination program for Equine Encephalomyelitis was under way but lagging. It was expected that the program would be completed by 15 April 1949. It is suggested that a full report be obtained on the status of this program, and in the event it has not been completed, every effort put forth to bring it to a successful close.

b. The testing of cattle for tuberculosis had been completed. It was recommended that in planning the program for next year, that work cattle as well as dairy animals be included. Heretofore this has not been the procedure.

c. In a discussion with Dr. Teyehiko One concerning the enforcement of the Feed Sanitation Law, it was evident that he had done little or nothing to bring the provision of the law to the attention of shop owners, stores, feed handlers, etc. At this conference he was strongly urged to initiate a program of education, first, among the Health Center feed inspectors, and second, with the members of the various feed associations.

2. An inspection trip with Lt Nichols was made to the Oita slaughterhouse, milk plant, fish market, several fish cake manufacturing shops, and a large central feed market. A similar trip was made in Beppu.

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MEMO TO: Public Health Officer, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team,
APC 24 Unit 5

SUBJECT: Report of Visit of Veterinary Officer, 25-27 April
1949

1. On 26 April 1949 an inspection was made of the fish market, cold storage plant, milk plant, slaughter house, fish canning factory, dairy farm, large central market, and several smaller food shops in Nagasaki.

2. A conference relative to the inspection was held in the Military Government office. In attendance were Captain Yancey, Dr. Taguchi, representing Dr. Ito from the Ken Public Health Section, Dr. Taniguchi and Dr. Fukahori from the livestock disease control section.

a. Sanitation in the majority of shops was substandard, and in many instances was due to the laxity or indifference on the part of the inspectors in performing their duties.

b. Methods of improving food sanitation were discussed. It was recommended first, that the inspector's familiarize themselves with the food sanitation law, and second, that they organize a program to educate the shop owners and food handlers as to the requirements of the law.

c. A plan for improved sanitation of the fish market was discussed. This market is operated by 34 association and the Nishi Nippon Express Company. Representatives of these companies promised that their part of the bad situation would be corrected immediately, and Nishi Nippon requested 30 days to submit their answer.

d. It was pointed out that there is much traffic in "black-market" peddling of food. This traffic is food, especially in perishables as fish and milk, creates a sanitation problem over which the food inspector has little

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or no jurisdiction. According to figures received, the farmer is required to sell only 45% of his milk on the legitimate market, and the rest is usually sold thru illegal channels, and receives no pasteurization or treatment to render it safe for human use. It is suggested that the economic's section be informed of these conditions and an investigation made.

3. Especially important at this time in regards to animal disease control, is completion of the vaccination of horses for Equine Encephalomyelitis and the vaccination of dogs for rabies. It is desirable that these two programs be completed as soon as possible.

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