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KYUSHU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

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APC 24 Unit 5
19 November 1949

SUBJECT: Report on Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government

TO : Commanding General, Hq Eighth Army, APC 343
(ATTN: Civil Affairs Section)

1. Reference: Operational Directive No. 38, Hq Eighth Army, subject: "Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government", dated 23 July 1949.

2. In compliance with the above reference, the following report covering Fukuoka, Kagoshima, Oita and Nagasaki prefectures is submitted:

a. Fukuoka: Civil Affairs representatives have frequently inspected the Moji Customs Office and the immigration service since the service was inaugurated. Newly appointed officials of the immigration service appear enthusiastic, well grounded in the laws and duties of their section, eager and capable of independently carrying out their tasks in the future.

Work during the past month has been routine inspections. No visas were issued.

b. Kagoshima: Customs services are operating efficiently and effectively. There is no immigration service since the port is open for cargo in SCAJAP vessels only.

c. Oita: There is no immigration service in Oita prefecture.

d. Nagasaki: The performance of Japanese customs and immigration officials in Nagasaki prefecture is satisfactory.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HENRY E. RAINBOLT, JR
1st Lt., FA
Adjutant

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OITA CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
APO 24 UNIT 2

AEW/rs

8 September 1949

040

SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Civ Affairs Region, APO 24 Unit 5

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Operational Directive 38, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 23 July 1949, the following report is submitted:

- a. Negative report on port of entry for personnel.
- b. The port of Tsukumi Toge is open for cargo only after being cleared for entry through the port at Moji.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Albert E. Wakefield
ALBERT E. WAKEFIELD
1st Lt, INF
Acting Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
United States Army
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE)

NUMBER

38)

23 July 1949

ESTABLISHMENT OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE
BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

1. Reference.

a. Circular 19, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 23 June 1948, subject: "Control of Entry and Exit of Individuals, Aircraft and Surface Vessels into and from Japan."

b. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 091.1 (28 May 49)GA, SCAPIN 2019, 22 June 1949, subject: "Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government."

c. Operational Directive No. 33, this headquarters, 28 June 1949, subject: "Control of Entry and Exit of Property, Cargo and Individuals into and from Japan."

2. Effective 1 November 1949, the Japanese Government, subject to the supervision of the Commanding General, Eighth Army, will be responsible for the immigration surveillance of individuals authorized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to enter into and depart from Japan except Occupation Force personnel traveling under official orders.

3. Civil Affairs Teams, having ports of entry within areas under their control, will:

a. Ensure that the Japanese Government assigns sufficient immigration officials to the Customs Detachment at each port of entry into Japan as prescribed in reference 1b.

b. Directly supervise immigration officials in executing the duties outlined in reference 1c.

c. Supervise the training of Japanese Government immigration officials to ensure that by 1 November 1949, they will be able to discharge the responsibilities described in paragraph 2 above.

Operational Directive No. 38, Hq Eighth Army, 23 July 1949, subject: Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government, Cont'd.

d. Report to this headquarters by 15 September 1949 with respect to Japanese immigration officials:

(1) Adequacy of the number assigned to each port of entry. *5 Sept 1949 #Copies*

(2) Progress of the training, indicating whether they will be competent to function independently on 1 November 1949 as directed herein. *20 Nov 1949 #Copies*

e. Report to this headquarters 1 December 1949 on performance of Japanese immigration officials during the preceding month.

4. An office of record located in Tokyo, known as the "Central Locator Files," will inform immigration officials of the Japanese Government direct of clearances granted by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for entry and exit from Japan.

5. This directive is effective until 1 December 1949.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

WILLIAM F. DEAN
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

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KYUSHU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

APO 24 Unit 5

8 September 1949

040

SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government

THRU : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
(ATTN: Civil Affairs Section)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
(ATTN: Civil Affairs Section)

1. Reference: *Par 3 (a) (1) (2), OP 30, HQ 8th Army, dtd 23 July 49*
2. Enclosed are the subject report for the following period and area:
 - a. Period: *SPECIAL*
 - b. Area : *KCAR*

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HENRY E. RAINBOLT, JR.
1st Lt, FA
Adjutant

3 Incls:
1. Nagasaki CAT
2. Nagoshima CAT
3. Fukuoka CAT

HEADQUARTERS
NAGASAKI CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

RGM/tr

APC 24-5
1 September 1949

SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region, APC 24 Unit 5

1. In compliance with letter your headquarters, dtd 28 July 1949, subject: same as above, the following report is submitted.
 - a. The Nagasaki City Port Customs has a total of 57 persons in its employ. The immigration service being under control of the Inspection Section, has a total of 15 employees. 10 new members will be added to this section upon completion of training now in progress. These ten persons are being trained especially for immigration service. These people are all experienced in other phases of customs work.
 - b. The school consists of classes in English under a very competent instructor. Also there will be classes in customs law and methods of making custom inspections and the handling of immigrating personnel. A large part of this technical training will be conducted at Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
 - c. Indications at this time are that the customs officials will be ready to take over the duties of immigration by the scheduled date 1 November 1949.
 - d. The Nagasaki Customs officials indicate they will need an increase of 8 employees in order to carry out all of their functions efficiently.
 - e. In Sasebo City, the Port Customs there have stated they will need an additional 5 employees to remain efficient.
 - f. At present they are conducting a school along the same pattern as followed by the Nagasaki Customs Office with technical training to be conducted at Moji, Kobe, and Yokohama. They have 8 people in school undergoing this training. The Sasebo officials state that the personnel will be sufficiently trained to take over the additional duties of immigration by 1 November 1949 as directed:

BASIC: Ltr Hq Nagasaki Civil Affairs Team, APO 24 Unit 5, 1 Sept 49,
subj: "Establishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Govt"

2. Close surveillance will be maintained in regards to these schools
to see that maximum training is carried out.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ORVILLE L STAGGS
Captain Inf
Actg Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
KAGOSHIMA CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APO 970
3 September 1949

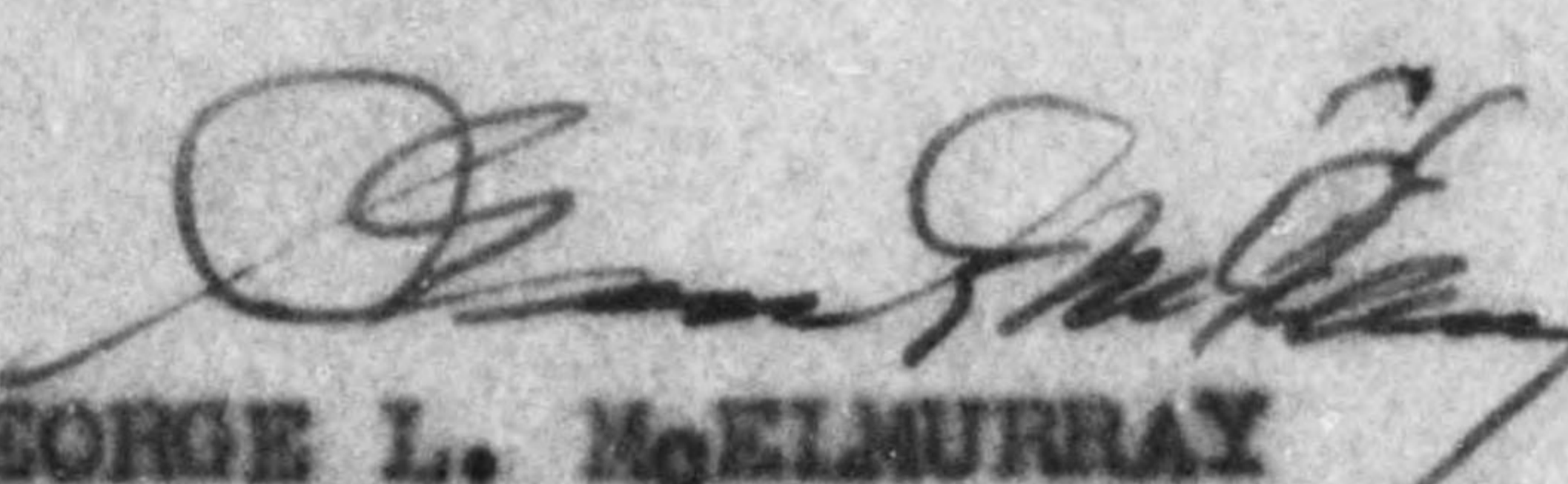
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SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service

THRU: Commanding Officer
Kyushu Civil Affairs Region
APO 24-5

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with 8th Army OD 38, dtd 23 July 1949, subject as above, the following information is submitted.
2. Kagoshima is an open port only for cargo.
3. Kagoshima is not a port of entry for passengers.
4. No immigration officials have been assigned to the customs detachment and none are expected.


GEORGE L. McELMURRAY
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Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
FUKUOKA CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
Fukuoka, Kyushu

LHM/mms

APO 24-5
7 September 1949

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service by
Japanese Government

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region, APO 24-5
ATTN: Economics Section

1. References:

a. Operational Directive 38, Headquarters Eighth Army,
dated 23 July 1949.

b. Letter, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region, subject: "Es-
tablishment of Immigration Service by the Japanese Government"
dated 28 July 1949.

2. In compliance with paragraph 3d, reference 1a and para-
graph 2, reference 1b, required report is herewith submitted.

3. Ports of entry under jurisdiction of this team include
Moji (Wakamatsu, Yawata and Tobata) and Miike. Head office for
Kyushu is at Moji. No efforts had been made by the Moji head
office to establish immigration service when inquiries were ini-
tiated by this team as required by Operational Directive 38.
Only seven(7) men including the chief were assigned to the vice
section of the Moji Custom House and three(3) to the port of Miike.
No plans had been made, or were contemplated, for the training of
these men in immigration service.

4. The chief of Customs at Moji was directed to draw up a
training schedule under which sufficient personnel could be
trained to handle immigration work at Moji and Miike. This was
submitted and is attached as Inclosure #1. This plan was rejected
by this team as being vague and ambiguous and it was directed
that a new plan, specific in subject matter, dates and hours of
instruction and allowing for the training of more personnel, be
submitted. This second plan is attached as Inclosure #2.

5. A list of the various SCAPIS and directives applicable
to Immigration Service, was prepared by this office and copies
forwarded to the custom house for inclusion in the training
schedule under classes marked "Duties and Laws", and the chief
was directed to start training immediately, rather than waiting
for instructions from the central custom office as he wished to
do. As thus modified, the training schedule was approved and is
now in operation.

BASIC: Ltr, Fukuoka Civil Affairs Team, File 091, subj: "Establishment of Emigration Service by Japanese Government, dated 7 Sept 49.

6. This office inspects classes at irregular intervals and training is now progressing smoothly. The officials, now cognizant of occupation interest in the subject, are applying themselves diligently and show definite promise of being able to function independently as of 1 November 1949.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:
As indicated.

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