

RG 331, National Archives and Records Service

Allied Operational and Occupation  
Headquarters, World War II

SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

Civil Affairs Section  
Kyushu Civil Affairs Team  
Misc Subject File  
1945-50

Civil Prisoners 1948 to Misc 1949

Box No. 3154

(Compiled by *National Diet Library*)

K. H

**GHQ/SCAP Records (RG 331, National Archives and Records Service)**

**Description of contents**

- (1) Box no. **3154**
- (2) Folder title/number: **(1)**  
**333: Inspections & Investigations**

(3) Date: **Jan. 1948 - Feb. 1948**

(4) Subject:

Classification	Type of record
<b>9033.1</b>	<b>e</b>

(5) Item description and comment:  
**Fukuoka**

(6) Reproduction:  Yes  No

(7) Film no.

Sheet no.

(Compiled by *National Diet Library*)

HEADQUARTERS  
118th Station Hospital  
APO 929 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

**FILE**

31 January 1948

**SUBJECT:** Request for Line of Duty Investigation.

**TO :** Commanding Officer, Headquarters, Fukuoka, Mil. Gov't Team.

1. Under the provisions of par 9, AR 345-415, dated 14 August 1945, request that an investigating officer be appointed to determine the line of duty and circumstances surrounding the injury of Sgt. Leonard J. Pratt, RA 45 046 880, Fukuoka Military Government Team, APO 929.

2. Subject soldier was admitted to this hospital 1000 hours, 10 January 1948 by direct admission. The diagnosis is established as; fracture, simple, head of first metacarpal, right, allegedly sustained when he fell about 1900 hours, 6 January 1948 at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan.

3. This injury in the opinion of the surgeon may result in a partial physical disability, and may eventually be made the basis of a claim against the government.

4. Certificate of Medical Officer is transmitted herewith.

5. In accordance with par 10, AR 345-415, request that the third carbon copy of MD AGO Form 51 (Report of Investigation) with documentary evidence be forwarded to this office on completion in order that necessary records at this hospital can be completed and for inclusion in his clinical record.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*P. E. Kinnon*  
P. E. KINNON  
CWO, USA  
Registrar

1 Incl: 1-1  
1-Certificate of Medical Officer  
(quintuplicate)

*118*

333

1st Ind

VYJ/bah

HEADQUARTERS FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM, APO 929, 10 February 1948

TO: CO, 118th Station Hospital, APO 929

WD AGO Form 51 (Report of Investigation) of subject EM is forwarded in compliance with par 5 of basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

W. H. HINCH

1 Incl:

WD AGO Form 51 & Exhibits

VIRLYN Y. JONES  
Capt. CMC  
Asst Adjutant

THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE 118TH STATION HOSPITAL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM. THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT IS A MEMBER OF THE 118TH STATION HOSPITAL. THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL, 118TH STATION HOSPITAL, AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT IS A MEMBER OF THE 118TH STATION HOSPITAL. THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL, 118TH STATION HOSPITAL, AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT IS A MEMBER OF THE 118TH STATION HOSPITAL. THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL, 118TH STATION HOSPITAL, AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT IS A MEMBER OF THE 118TH STATION HOSPITAL. THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL, 118TH STATION HOSPITAL, AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

CO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 118TH STATION HOSPITAL, APO 929

REMARKS: NONE

FILE

10 FEB 1948

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
W. H. HINCH  
Asst Adjutant

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
(Under provisions of par. 9c, AR 345-415 or par. 18, AR 600-550)

1. STATION OR COMMAND **Fukuoka Military Government Team, Fukuoka Kyushu, Japan, APO 929** 2. DATE **6 Feb 48**

3. PERSON:  INJURED  DECEASED 4. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL **Pratt, Leonard J.,** 5. ARMY SERIAL No. **RA45046880** 6. GRADE **Sgt**

7. ORGANIZATION **Fukuoka Military Government Team, Fukuoka Kyushu Japan, APO 929**

8. MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS OF NATURE OF INJURIES OR CAUSE OF DEATH:  
**Fracture simple, 1st metacarpal, right, accidentally incurred when patient fell 1900 hours, 6 January 1948, at Fukuoka Kyushu, Japan.**

9. HOW INCURRED: (Give complete details as to how, when and where injury or death was incurred, including hour and date)  
**On 6th January 1948, at about 1900 hours, on the way from the NCO club (located in the Fukuoka Military Team Compound) to his quarters in hut number 2(two), Sgt Pratt was walking in an area between the club and the shower room. This area was a former rock garden. Sgt Pratt tripped on the stones in the area and fell.**

10. INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS  INJURY  DEATH HAS BEEN MADE. ALL WITNESSES REASONABLY AVAILABLE WERE SWORN AND INTERROGATED BY THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER. THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT FACTS WERE FOUND TO BE CORRECT:

- A. PRESENT FOR DUTY  YES  NO
- WAS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS. THE USE OF INTOXICANTS  WAS NOT THE PROXIMATE CAUSE
- WAS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS. THE USE OF DRUGS  WAS NOT THE PROXIMATE CAUSE
- WAS NOT VIOLATING A  CIVIL LAW  MORAL LAW  MILITARY LAW.
- WAS NOT VIOLATING ARMY REGULATIONS OR MILITARY ORDERS OR INSTRUCTIONS, WRITTEN OR VERBAL.
- WAS NOT GUILTY OF GROSS CARELESSNESS OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE. GROSS CARELESSNESS OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE  WAS NOT THE PROXIMATE CAUSE.
- I.  WAS  MENTALLY SOUND.
- J.  WAS NOT OPERATING OR USING A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE FOR PRIVATE USE  WITHOUT AUTHORITY

11. REMARKS:  
**On the 10th of January 1948, Sgt Pratt reported on sick call because his began to hurt him severely. He was admitted to the 118th Station Hospital, at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. He was discharged on the 1st of Feb 48, and reported to his organization for duty.**

FINDINGS (See par. 68, AR 40-1025)  
 IN LINE OF DUTY  NOT DUE TO HIS OWN MISCONDUCT

SIGNATURE, GRADE, AND ARMY SERIAL NUMBER OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER:  
**Ernest R. Knirsch, 1st Lt FA, O-1177494**  
*Ernest R. Knirsch*

APPROVED  DISAPPROVED (If disapproved, attach statement of reasons)  
**CHARLES R. MUNSKE**  
Lt Colonel, CAC  
Commanding  
*Charles R. Munske*  
(Signature, grade, and Army serial number of commanding officer)

833

FILE

ERL THUMB

HEADQUARTERS  
118th Station Hospital  
APO 929 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

31 January 1948

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL OFFICER**

I certify that Sgt. Leonard J. Pratt, RA 45 046 880, Fukuoka Military Government Team, APO 929 was admitted to the 118th Station Hospital, APO 929 (Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan) by direct admission at 1000 hours, 10 January 1948 with the following diagnosis: Fracture, simple, head of first metacarpel, right.

(a) That the injury was allegedly sustained when patient fell about 1900 hours, 6 January 1948 at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan.

(b) That the patient may have a partial physical disability.

(c) That when the patient was first examined by me he was not under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

(d) That the patient was not under the influence of drugs.

(e) That the patient showed no evidence of mental incompetency.

*James J. Norton*  
JAMES J. NORTON  
1st Lt., M. C.  
Ward Officer  
118th Station Hospital

MILITARY GOVERNMENT COMPOUND  
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan  
APO 929

6 February 1948

-C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E-


This is to certify that Sergeant Leonard J. Pratt,  
45046880, Fukuoka Military Government Team, APO 929 was  
present for duty on the morning of 6 February 1948.

*Max W. Medley*  
MAX W. MEDLEY  
Captain, INF  
Detachment Commander

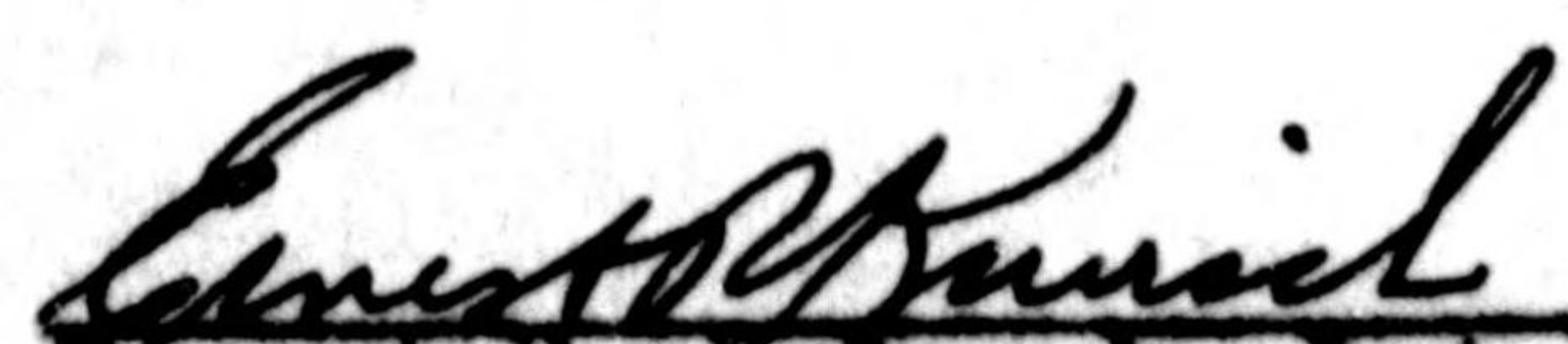
5 February 1948

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority for administering oaths of this character, Leonard J. Pratt, Sgt., RA 45046880, Fukuoka Military Government Team, Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan, APO 929, / PM, SF, California, who having been warned of his rights and A.W. 24 explained to him and having been sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows:

On the 6th of January 1948 about 1900 hours I left the NCO Club in the Fukuoka Military Team Compound. On the way to my Quarters in Quonset Hut number two(2), I tripped on the stones that are between the club and the shower room, falling so that the weight of my body forced my thumb under the palm of my hand. When I got up I went to my hut. After a while I noticed a swelling of the thumb. I thought it was a sprain. On the 10th of January it began to hurt very much so I reported on sick call and went to the 118th Station Hospital. Further the deponent sayeth not.

  
Leonard J. Pratt, Sgt

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of February 1948

  
Ernest R. Knirsch, 1st Lt FA  
O-1177494  
Investigating Officer  
Fukuoka Military Government Team  
Fukuoka Kyushu, Japan  
APO 929



5 February 1948

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority for administering oaths of this character, Vernon A. Eggenburg, Pfc, RA 37684398, Fukuoka Military Government Team, Fukuoka Kyushu, Japan, APO 929, / PM, SF, California, who having been warned of his rights and A.W.24 explained to him and having been sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows:

On the 6th of January 1948, Sgt Pratt and I were on our way to our quarters in Quonset number two(2). We had just left the NCO club. Between the club and the shower room Sgt Pratt tripped on the rocks in that area. Further the deponent sayeth not.

*Vernon A. Eggenburg*  
Vernon A. Eggenburg, PFC

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of February 1948

*Ernest R. Knirsch*  
Ernest R. Knirsch, 1st Lt FA  
O-1177484  
Investigating Officer  
Fukuoka Military Government Team  
Fukuoka Kyushu, Japan  
APO 929

HEADQUARTERS  
FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Fukuoka, Kyushu  
APO 929

3 February 1948

SPECIAL ORDER

NUMBER .....9

VOCO aptg 1st Lt. Ernest R. KNIRSCH, FA, O-1177494 Investigating Officer under the provisions of par 9 AR 345-415, for the purpose of investigating the facts and circumstances leading up to and surrounding the injury received by Sergeant Leonard J. Pratt, RA 45046880, this orgn, o/a 6 Jan 48 and to determine the LD status of soldier at the time of the accident is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. Rpt of Investigating O together with all exhibits will be submitted without delay. Above O atzd to administer oaths under provisions of AW 114.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MUNSKE:

DAVID H. BARLOW  
Capt. Inf  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

*David H. Barlow*  
DAVID H. BARLOW  
Capt. Inf  
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - CO, FMGT
- 1 - 201 O Concerned
- 10 - O Concerned
- 1 - 201 EM Concerned
- 1 - EM
- 2 - File