

Notification from the Director of the Prisoner of
War Custody Division of the Ministry of War, to
Army Units Concerned

Subject: Labor Imposed upon Prisoner of War Officers and
Non-Commissioned Officers (FOW No. 4-2, June 3, 1942)

Although the imposition of labor upon prisoner of war officers and non-commissioned officers is prohibited under Article 1 of the Prisoner of War Labor Regulations (Army Note No. 139, September 10, 1904), it is the policy of the Central Authorities, in view of the present condition of this country which does not allow anyone to lie idle and eat freely, and also with a view to maintaining the health of prisoners of war, to make such officers and non-commissioned officers volunteer to work in accordance with their respective status, intelligence, physical strength, etc. You are, therefore, desired to take proper steps accordingly. The following, it may be added, will be presumably fit lines of labor for such purposes:

1. Various kinds of work in which one's technical skill, learning, etc. may be employed to advantage.
2. Agricultural work.
3. The raising of domestic animals and fowls.
4. The directing of prisoners of war in general labor.
5. Assistance in the collection and compilation of war history materials.
6. Publicity affairs.
7. Miscellaneous, considered fit for the above-mentioned purposes.

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I, Nakanishi, Sadayoshi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 3 June, 1942, and described as follows: Notification from the Director of the Prisoners of War Custody Division of the Ministry of War to Army Units concerned, POW No. 4-2, June 3, 1942.

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Signed at Tokyo on this
4th day of September, 1946.

/s/ Nakanishi Sadayoshi
Signature of Official
SEAL

Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Acting Director
Official Capacity

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I, John Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
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/s/ J. A. Curtis, 2nd Lt. M.I.
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Witness: /s/ Richard H. Larsh

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