Table of personnel (on 10 Oct. 1946) of the
Chubu Demobilization Liaison Bureau,
Hiroshima Branch Office.

Classification	Hiroshima Branch - Office		Sn. Army Remaining Affairs Adjustment Office		Hiroshima Landing Point Reception Bureau	
	Full Number	Present Number	Full Number	Present Number	Full Number	Present Number
2nd class offidial	14	19 (6)	41	27	65	44
2nd class part-time official	4	5	120	89	0	0
3rd class official	19	14	54	31	96	73
3rd class part-time offidial	0	1	161	48	0	0
Employee	98	58	382	120	240	168
Part-time employee	0	5		5	0	8
TOTAL	135	102	758	320	401	293

Note: 1) Six out of the present 19 second-class officials listed under the Chubu Demobilization Liaison Bureau, Hiroshima Branch Office actually belong to the Hiroshima Landing Point Reception Bureau but are working at the Hiroshima Branch Office.

2. The Hiroshima Landing Point Reception Bureau has, besides the above, 60 members assigned to duty on board repatriation ships.

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Outline of the duties of the Southern Army
Remaining Affairs Adjustment Officer

I. GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous affairs concerning the entire Office, personnel, billeting, supplies and health. It is divided into sections, as follows:

A) MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS SECTION

Drafts and transmits orders and bulletins, correspondence, assigns duties, superintends the watch-service, billeting, custody and disbursement of supplies, etc.

B) PERSONNEL SECTION

Matters concerning the Office personnel and the adjusting of remaining affairs concerning the personnel of demobilized units.

C) MEDICAL SECTION

Medical examination and treatment and epidemic-prevention; also, compiles health data, and prepares sick-bed records and pension diagnosis.

II. DEMOBILIZATION DEPARTMENT

Plans, controls and conducts investigation regarding the work of adjusting remaining affairs, collects demobilization data, contacts the different demobilization offices and branches, takes charge of filing, receiving and dispatching of documents relating to the adjustment of remaining affairs, and handles inquiries concerning unrepatriated servicemen.

A) DEMOBILIZATION SECTION

Supervises and guides the demobilization business of all subordinate units of the Southern Army (excluding the 2nd and 37th armies), contacts the different demobilization offices, and takes charge of the filing, receiving and dispatching of documents relating to adjustment of remaining affairs.

B) INVESTIGATION SECTION

Collects data regarding the present situation of subordinate units of the Southern Army, conditions surrounding their demobilization, and deals with other matters requiring investigation.

C) ADJUSTMENT SECTION

Matters concerning the demobilization and adjustment of remaining affairs of the air, shipppng and railway units, units under the immediate control of the General Army, and the 55th Division.

D) AID SECTION

Answers inquiries concerning unrepatriated servicemen.

Besides supervising the above duties, the department head assists the chief in planning and controlling the work of the entire Office.

III. ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Deals with all budgetary matters, settlement of accounts, procurement, monetary disbursements, settlement of the Southern Army's special military expenditure, It is divided into sections, as follows:

A) MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS SECTION

Receives and dispatches documents, has custody of office supplies, manages all miscellaneous affairs, and looks after procurement of supplies.

B) ACCOUNTS SECTION

Budget matters, settlement of accounts, monetary disbursements and other financial matters.

C) SUPPLIES SECTION

Welfare matters, meals, bath, etc., of those boarding within the Office compound, running a co-operative store, and looking after repairs.

D) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SECTION

Matters concerning the settling of special military expenditures and the adjusting of remaining affairs of subordinate units of the Southern Army.

IV/ OKA DEPARTMENT

Matters concerning the adjustment of remaining affairs of units under the command of the 7th Area Army (excluding the air, shipping and railway units, as well as units under the immediate control of the General Army). It is divided into sections, as follows:-

A) GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION

Controls and arranges the settling of remaining affairs, makes investigations, and contacts, handles negotiations with outside parties, deals with inquiries and other miscellaneous affairs.

B) SHONAN SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the 7th Area Army Hqs. and its subordinate units.

C) JAVA SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the 16th Army Hqs. and its subordinate units.

D) SUMATRA SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the 25th

Army Hqs. and its subordinate units.

E) MALAY SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of an answers inquiries regarding the 29th Army Hqs. and its subordinate units.

V. BURMA DEPARTMENT

Matters concerning the settlement of remaining affairs of units under the command of the Burma Area Army (excluding the air, shipping and railway units, as well as units under the immediate control of the General Army). It is divided into sections, as follows:

A) GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION

Controls and arranges the settling of remaining affairs, contacts and gathers information concerning the units in Burma, handles negotiations with outside parties, deals with inquiries regarding unrepatriated servicemen, and other miscellaneous affairs.

B) BURMA AREA ARMY SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the Burma Area Army Hqs. and its subordinate units (excluding divisional units).

C) 28TH ARMY SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the 28th Army Hqs. and its subordinate units, and the 54th Division.

D) 33RD ARMY SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs of and answers inquiries regarding the 33rd Army Hqs. and its subordinate units, and the 18th Division.

E) DIRECTLY-COMMANDED CORPS SECTION

Adjusts the remaining affairs and answers inquiries regarding the 31st, 49th and 53rd Divisions.

VI. SIAM DEPARTMENT

Matters concerning the settling of remaining affairs of units under the command of the 18th Area Army (excluding the air, shipping and railway units, as well as units under the immediate control of the General Army).

Supplementary Report No.3

Regarding the work of the Southern Army
Remaining Affairs Adjustment Office

Adjustment is first of all carried out in regard to each separate unit by responsible members of those units, and is gradually unified to cover divisions, corps, army, etc. Upon concluding the settling of their units' affairs, these men are sent home after their work is inspected, following which, this Office's staff takes over and continues the work, ultimately forwarding all completed records to the Chiba Home Depot Affairs Bureau.

Adjustment can roughly be divided into three categories:: repatriates, non-repatriates (missing, deserters and left-behinders) and the dead. At present the main emphasis is placed in investigating non-repatriates.

I. Repatriates

The names of repatriates are checked with the home depot register to ensure accuracy, and wounded and sick persons are supplied with the necessary papers for obtaining aid hereafter. Also, individuals are questioned regarding their personal history and the results are notified to the organs concerned.

The above matters could be undertaken and completed at the landing point in cases where the units return as a whole, but cannot be dealt with other than at this Office for troops repatriated from the Southern regions because these generally return in scattered remnants without preserving their unity.

Incidentally, this Office is planning to prepare an index (of all persons concerned, including survivors) of the home depot register in order to facilitate investigation of the missing.

II. Non-Repatriates

A) Unknown as to whether alive or dead

A list of these persons will be drawn up and cards will be prepared containing data (protocol of missing persons) necessary to guide investigation. This protocol of missing persons will contain a description of the circumstances wherein the individual became missing, means and method employed to search for him, the unit commander's considered opinion, etc. This Office will then continue to collect information regarding these missing persons and will try, as for as is possible, to officially recognize all deaths by the time total demobilization is concluded.

In cases where the missing are found alive, their names will be stricken from the list; while acknowledged dead will be treated with as explained under Item III.

B) Persons whose whereabouts are unknown. (Those who are considered pretty certain to be alive but whose whereabouts after some particular time could not be accounted for by their units; for instance, one may be hospitalized in a certain hospital and later transferred elsewhere, losing all contact with his unit.)

This group are treated similar to missing persons. However, there is much probability of their being alive, and therefore, through the medium of the card system and index of home depot register, those found to have been incorporated in other units will be concelled from this list. On the other hand, those who cannot be accounted for will be treated with as explained above in (A).

C. Deserters

A list and protocol of deserters will be prepared in which are given their names and the circumstances surrounding each case of desertion.

D. Those left behind

Making clear the reasons why those were left behind, and preparing a list of such persons and adjusting the home depot register so as to be able to respond to inquiries from their families.

III. The Dead

A list of the dead (from 1937 onwards and excluding those definitely reported in this country) containing data revealing their service particulars and describing the circumstances under which they died are being prepared. Also the following papers are prepared for dealing with matters such as deleting the deceased's name from the census register, sending of formal notice to the bereaved family, etc.

Death certificate
Actual witness certificate
Payment notice

It is necessary that data concerning the dead be forwarded to all organs concerned as soon as possible. The official notice to bereaved families is transmitted by the local Aid Bureau.

Note: Lists of non-repatriates and the dead, and evidential documents concerning the dead, are forwarded as soon as they are compiled to the organs concerned, namely, the Home Depot Affairs Bureau and the Various Local Aid Bureau.

IV. Besides the above, it is necessary to conduct investigations regarding those missing owing to their transport ships having been sunk by planes, submarines, etc., while enroute from Japan to the Southern regions, and others whose names happened to be omitted due to the inadequate adjustment by their respective units.

However, much difficulty attends the investigation of these cases due

to incompleteness of data, and since many phases of the work cannot be solved with only the data available at this Office, close touch must be maintained with other organs concerned so as to speed up the progress of this work.

V. State of Work Progress (Please refer to Supplementary Table No. 1)

In short, due to diverse reasons during the war, such as frequent shifting of personnel, disrupting of traffic and communications, heavy damages, loss of name-lists, etc. by burning, scattering and separation of personnel from their own units, etc., there are many who cannot be located or accounted for by their unit commands. In spite of these difficulties, however, utmost efforts are being exerted to complete the liquidation of all remaining affairs in the shortest time possible upon termination of the repatriation of the whole Southern Army.

Particularly in regard to the dead and missing, and in consideration of the feelings of the bereaved and other non-repatriates families, we wish to make clear as soon as possible the facts concerning them and thereby discharge, in some measure, the obligation we owe them as former "brothers". In this connection, there were many who, on being repatriated, deferred returning to their homes, family businesses or search for jobs, and gave their unstinted services to this work first of all.

Table showing former occupation of the Southern Army Remaining Affairs Adjustment Office (20/9/46)

	2nd-class official	3rd-class official	Part-time Staff 2nd Class	Part-time Staff 3rd Class	Part-time Staff Employee	Employee	TOTAL
Present Personnel	27	31	89	48	5	120	320
Active list	22 (15)	16 (1)	60 (57)	25 (3)		14	137 (43%) (76)
Reserve list	5	11	25	19	5	10	75 (24%)
Civil Service		4	3	4		2	13 (4%)
Civilians			1			94	95 (29%)
Colonel	4		11				15
Lt. Colonel	2		9				11
Major	12		25				37
Captain	9		32				41
1st Lieutenant		3	7	5			15
2nd Lieutenant		4	1	7			12
Warrant Officer		14		19		1	34
Sergeant-Major		6		11		2	19
Sergeant				1	4	7	12
Corporal				1		6	7
Male	27	31	89	48	5	69	269
Female						51	51

Note: Figures in parenthesis denote graduates of the Military Officers Academy.

Outline of the duties of the Hiroshima Landing Point Reception Bureau

I. GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Planning and control of matters within the Bureau, miscellaneous affairs, accounting, personnel, correspondence, motorcars. It is divided into sections, as follows:

1) Miscellaneous Affairs Section

Correspondence, custody of office supplies, supervision of the motorcar squad, and other miscellaneous business.

2) Accounts Section

Bureau budget and settlement of accounts, supervision of financial matters, salary and other payments to Bureau personnel, supervision of the printing-shop, etc.

3) Personnel Section

All matters pertaining to Bureau personnel.

4) Motorcar Squad

Repair of motorcars, transportation of people and goods, custody of fuels and oil.

Besides being responsible for the above matters, the Department head assists the director and deals with the planning and control of the Bureau's business.

5) Printing-shop

Handles all printing matter. (Also serves the Repatriation Aid Bureau with its printing business.)

II. FIRST DEMOBILIZATION DIVISION

1) Miscellaneous Affairs Department

Investigation of and assistance to the disembarking units, and other miscellaneous business.

a) Miscellaneous Affairs Section

Compilation of information concerning incoming ships, matters concerning the observance of demobilization ceremony, liaison with the other departments

regarding the performance of various functions following the landing of repatriated units, receptions, and miscellaneous matters of the Division.

b) Consultation Office

Investigation of the current situation concerning overseas units, compilation of "home news" for the edification of repatriates, aiding and acting as consultants to repatriates and other callers.

2) Demobilization Department

Various procedures regarding demobilization, personnel matters and exterior relations.

a) Demobilization Section

Liaison with disembarking units, investigation of their personnel, billets, guidance in preparing forms concerning demobilization, preparation of various reports, issuing of demobilization certificates.

b) Personnel Section

Personnel of disembarking units, as well as matters concerning the preparation of reports ordered by the Allied Forces.

3) Home Depot Affairs Department

Investigation and adjustment of matters pertaining to home depot, custody and forwarding of ashes and belongings of the dead.

a) Home Depot Section

Guiding and assisting the settlement of home depot affairs (placing of servicemen and civilian military employees attached to overseas units, relief affairs in connection with the dead and missing, payments to families of unrepatriated servicemen), receiving, inspecting and dispatching documents and the preparation of various statistics in regard to demobilized units.

b) Ashes Section

Receiving, arranging and forwarding of ashes and belongings of the dead.

4) Pay Department

Guiding and assisting the settling of accounts of, and making various payment to the demobilized units.

a) Investigation Section

Budget matters and settlement of accounts of the First Demobilization Division.

b) Cash Section

Custody, receiving and disbursing of cash.

c) Internal Pay Section

Payments to the Bureau staff and to such members of demobilized units staying on to liquidate remaining business.

d) Repatriates Pay Section

Payments to demobilized units and matters concerning money exchange, guiding and assisting the work at the Local Aid Bureau of adjusting payments to demobilized units.

e) Settlement of accounts Section

Guiding and assisting the financial settlement of accounts business of the demobilized units.

5) Workers-assigned-to-ships Section

Guide the boarding-and disembarking plans as well as the duties of those assigned to work on board ships.

Table showing former occupation of the staff of the Hiroshima Landing Point Reception Bureau (20/9/46)

	2nd class official	3rd class official	Part-time Employee	Employee	TOTAL
Present personnel	44 ((25))	73 ((2))	8 ((5))	168	293
Active service	39	26	6	-	71 (24%)
Reserve list	4	27	2	6	39 (14%)
Civilservice	1	3	-	-	4 (1%)
Civilians	-	17	-	162	179 (61%)
Major-General	1	-	-	-	1
Colonel	5	-	-	-	5
Lt. Colonel	3	-	-	-	3
Major	16	-	-	-	16
Captain	14	-	5	-	19
1st Lieutenant	4	2	-	-	6
2nd Lieutenant	-	8	2	-	10
Warrant Officer	-	9	1	-	10
Sergeant-Major	-	14	-	-	14
Sergeant	-	15	-	-	15
Corporal	-	5	-	6	11
Male					213
Female					80

Note: 1) Note included in this list are 6 2nd -class officials who, although attached to the Reception Bureau, are on duty at the Hiroshima Branch Office.
2) The figures in double parenthesis denote graduates of the Military Officers Academy.

OKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM EOW-JEH-mo
APO 317

14 October 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau

THRU : Commanding Officer, Chugoku Military Government Region, APO 317

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. In compliance with Operational Directive Number 80, Headquarters Eighth Army, 26 September 1946, an investigation has been made of the Local Assistance Bureau, Okayama, Honshu, Japan. The following report of the investigation is submitted:

a. In order to insure the continued, orderly repatriation and demobilization of the Japanese Army, it is believed that the present staffing and functions are essential.

(1) Classification of personnel assigned to each function, with particular attention to the number of former commissioned personnel, enlisted personnel, and civilians is inclosed.

(2) Although former commissioned officers have special knowledge and experience in this type of work, it is felt that civilians, after proper training, could perform the work efficiently.

(3) It is recommended that the functions be retained in the Local Assistance Bureau, rather than be transfered to another governmental agency.

b. Investigation of possible irregularities disclosed the following facts:

(1) The amount of funds received monthly averages between two million five hundred thousand yen (¥ 2,500,000) and three million yen(¥ 3,000,000), varying according to the number of personnel to be demobilized. This fund is allocated by the First Demobilization Bureau in Tokyo. The purpose and mature of expenditures are as following:

a. Wages - Employed personnel.
b. Expenses - Office and traveling.
c. Allowances for dependents of employed personnel
d. Banquets - Visitors

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e. Wages for soldiers, mobilized and demobilized.
f. Ashes fund - For payments to the families of deceased military personnel, and for funeral expenses.

It is recommended that expenditures for banquets be abolished, although the sum expended is very small.

A proper system of accounting of funds is used, in which receipts are held for all expenditures. A report of all monthly expenditures is forwarded to the First Demobilization Bureau, Finance Section, Tokyo.

At the end of September, a surplus of three million, three hundred twenty thousand yen(¥ 3,320,000) was held by the Local Bureau. It was reported that the demobilization program did not proceed as expected. The surplus will be absorbed by the allocation of funds for the month of October,

The wages of the officials are set by the First Demobilization Bureau. The wages of the employees must not exceed ninety five yen(¥ 95) per month, varying according to their ability. Allowances are granted to dependents, the amounts varying according to the number of dependents.

(2) There is no evidence of preferential treatment accorded employees, based upon former military rank. Attention is invited to Inclosure 4, which shows that all 2nd Class Officials are former commissioned officers. It is believed that this is because of their ability, and not because of their past rank.

(3) There is no evidence of militarism. It is recommended that all former military personnel wear civilian clothes, as soon as conditions permit it.

(4) There is no evidence of any subversive activities.

(5) Attention is invited to Inclosure 5, which shows the number of personnel allowed by the First Demobilization Bureau, as compared to the number of personnel employed. There is no evidence of unnecessary personnel.

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Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

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Incl. 1 - Schedule of Business
" 2 - Personnel Assigned to Various Functions
3 - Classification of Personnal Assigned to each Function
4 - Personnel Classification
5 - Allotted Personnel-Employed Personnel.

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SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS O.L.A.B.

DIVISION of Dept. & Sec.		Function of Dept. & Section
Head of O.L.A.B.		Supervision on whole affairs of O.L.A.B.
Document Dept.	Head of Dept.	Supervision on personal affairs of staffs. Adjustment of affairs of document, Liaison and Welfare Sections.
	Chief of General Affairs Section	Reconciliation of sectional functions. Receiving and sending out documents. To dispose of personal and liaison affairs.
	Chief of Welfare Section	To look after the bereaved families. Liaison with other sections which deal with welfare of the returned soldiers.
	Chief of Financial Section	To deal with wages of staffs and employees. To take care of stationeries and other articles.
The 1st Demobilization Dept.	Head of Dept.	Supervision over whole affairs concerned with Army demobilization.
	Chief of General Affairs Section	To reconcile sectional affairs and to take care of Documents.
	Chief of Official Report Section	To deal with reports of the dead and missing soldiers.
	Chief of Demobilization Section	To take care of Name List. Investigation of unreturned soldiers. To register returned soldiers. To get and give information of demobilization.
	Chief of Help Sec.	Disposal of Honor and Decoration affairs, pension for the wounded and civilians and allowance in aid for employee.
	Chief of Financial Section	To pay wages of soldiers to their families and also to pay wages to the returned soldiers who have not got wages.
The 2nd Demobilization Dept.	Head of Dept.	Supervision over business concerned with Naval Demobilization.
	Chief of General Affairs Section	Disposal of documents. Investigation of the unreturned, dead and missing soldiers. Receipts and disbursement. To take charge of articles.
	Chief of Task Sec.	To hand over ashes of the dead and articles left behind by the dead, to their families. To get and give information of demobilization.

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Inclosure 1

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS FUNCTIONS

O. L. A. B.

Items			
Head of O. L. A. B.		1	
Document Dept.	Chief of D. Dept.	1	
	General Affairs Sec.	14	
	Personal Affairs Sec.	K 3	
	Welfare Section	7	
	Financial Section	5	
	Total		31
The First Demobilization Dept.	Chief of 1. D. Dept	1	
	General Affairs Sec.	14	Family Sec. 6
	Official Report Sec.	19	
	Dead Soldiers Section	18	
	Help Section	16	
	Demobilization Sec.	38	
	Treasurer Section	K 33	
	Total		145
The Second Demobilization Dept.	Chief of 2. D. Dept.	1	
	General Affairs Sec.	8	
	Task Section	9	
	Total		18

Remarks: 1. Family Section 6 employees are temporarily detached to Family Section from General Affairs Section.

2. K shows that business of Treasurer Section is managed by Financial Section of Document Dept.

Inclosure 2

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Classification of Personnel Assigned to each Function

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Items			Former Commissioned	Former Enlisted	Civilians	
Head of O.L.A.B.			1			
Document Dept.	Chief of D. Dept.		1			
	General Affairs Sec.		2	7	5	
	Personal Affairs Sec.	K	1	1		
	Welfare Section		3	3	1	
	Financial Section		2	1	2	
The First Demobilization Dept.	Chief of L.D. Dept.		1			
	General Affairs Sec.		4	8	8	
	Official Report Sec.		3	11	5	
	Dead Soldiers Section		1	13	4	
	Help Section		2	6	8	
	Demobilization Sec.		11	13	14	
	Treasurer Section	K	5	16	11	
The Second Demobilization Dept.	Chief of 2.D. Dept.		1			
	General Affairs Sec.		3	2	4	
	Task Section		3	4	2	
	Totals		45	85	64	194

Remarks: 1. K 1 shows that business of Treasurer Section is managed by Financial Section of Document Dept.

Enclosure 3

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PERSONNEL

ITEMS		Major General	Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Major	Captain	Lst Lieut.
Army	2nd Class Officials	1		2	10		
	3rd Class Officials					4	1
	Employees				2	8	6

Navy		Rear Admiral	Captain	Commander	Lieut. Commander	First Lieut.	Sub. Lieut.
	2nd Class Officials		1		(1) 2	2	
	3rd Class Officials						2
	Employee						
	Total	1	1	2	15	14	9

Remarks: A Major branched is a man on the non official staff who works in this Bureau and is included among the full number of the 2nd Demobilization Department.

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CLASSIFICATION

O. L. A. B.

2nd Lieut.	Warrant Officer	Sergeant Major	Sergeant	Corporal	Private	Civilian	Total
							13
2	7	5	1	1			20
1	8	9	16	11	22	58	141
2nd Sub Lieut.							
							6
	1	2					5
		2			1	6	9
3	16	18	16	12	23	64	194

Allotted Personnel-Employed Personnel

Items		2nd C lass Officials	3rd Class Officials	Employees
Persons concerned with Army Demobilization	Number Allotted	15	24	143
	Number Employed	13	20	141
Persons concerned with Naval Demobilization	Number Allotted	5 (1)	5	10
	Number Employed	5	5	9

Remarks: The 2nd class branched is a man on the non official staff who works in this bureau and is included among the full number of the 2nd Demobilization Department.

Inclosure 5

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

14 October 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau of Shimane Prefecture

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Chugoku Mil Govt Region Hq & Hq Det, APO 317

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. In accordance with instructions contained in O/D No. 80 dated 26 September 1946, Headquarters Eighth Army, the attached report is submitted.

2. This report was complied with the help of local CIC detachment and the recommendations were made from interviews and from observation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

John W. Ferris
JOHN W. FERRIS
2nd Lt., Inf
Adjutant

Incl 12 (3)

A. GENERAL AFFAIRS BRANCH

1. General Affairs
2. Personal Affairs
3. General External Affairs
4. Sending Letters
5. Receiving and Distribution of Letters
6. Drafting and Distributing Letters
7. Schedule of Duties
8. Sanitation
9. Communication

B. 1ST DEMOBILIZATION BRANCH

1. Left Home Business Section
2. Keeping and Correcting the Military Register
3. Investigation of War Dead and Wounded
4. Issue of the Official Reports of the War Dead
5. Receiving and Delivery of Remains and Remained Articles
6. Delivery Ceremonies of Dead Ashes
7. Consolation Ceremonies
8. Monuments

--2. Aiding Section

a. Pensions
b. Rewards
c. Investigation of Merits
d. Conferring of Court Rank
e. Reward money and Decoration
f. Enshrinement of the War Dead Ashes to Yasukuni-byo Shrine
g. Charges of Religious Service
h. Relief for sick, Wounded Soldiers and Bereaved Soldiers Families
i. Badges for Sick or Wounded Soldiers
j. Badges for Bereaved Families
k. Information of Changes of Left Home Addresses

--3. Accountant Section:

a. Left Home Payment of Those Overseas
b. Settling & Balancing Salaries of Repatriated Men
c. Payments for Officers & Employees
d. Expenditures & Receipts & Kepping of Fixtures and other goods
e. Payment for Bereaved Families
f. Other Concernings of Accountancy

4. Investigation Section:

a. Investigation of those Demobilized or Overseas or Missed (From Every Village)
b. Transaction of Individually Repartriated Men
c. Giving News of Repatriation

5. HAMADA-CITY BRANCH OFFICE

a. Repatriation News
b. One Part of Settlement & Balancing Salaries of Repatriated Men
c. Connection with "Iwami" Distpict

PERSONNEL OF THE LOCAL ASS'T BUREAU

	Rank Division	Field Off.	Other Off.	N.C.O.	Civilians
	GEN. AFF. DIV.	3	2	6	12
	Left Home Bus. Sect.	2	2	15	21
1st	Aiding Sect.	1	5	9	10
DIV	Acct. Sect.	2	8	11	13
	Invest. Sect	1	5	5	7
	Hamada Branch	1	1	3	2
	Total	10	23	49	65

Total number of ex-service men --- 82

Warrant Officers are considered NCO.

Chief of Local Asst. Bureau is included in the Gen. Aff. Sect.

ROLL OF EMPLOYEES: with recommendations as to their status

General Affairs Division:

ENDO, Fusatomi Chief Col. Should be retained, because the head of this bureau should have infinite knowledge of military matters so that intelligent decisions can be made. A civilian in this position would impede the repatriation and demobilization of the Jap. Army.

HARA, Kazuo Chief of Gen. Lt. Aff. Sect. Col. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

3.	KAWAKAMI, Susumu	Asst. Ch. Major		Assitant to HARA so by same token should be retained
4.	NONOMURA, Chuji		Capt.	This man could be replaced by a civilian but since he plays an important part in this sect. he should be retained because of his knowledge of military matters.
5.	MURAKAMI, Tamotsu	Doctor	1st Lt.	This man is not really a reg. member of the staff. He makes ocassional visits to check conditions. He is regularly employed a physician on the staff of a local hospital.
6.	SUDA, Shozo	Charge of Personal Affairs	W.O.	Since this man is in charge of Personal Section, he should be retained not only for his military knowledge but also for his experience in this section. Has a good knowledge of not only past but present regul. concerning L.A.B. personnel.
7.	NISHIHARA, Shiro		Sgt. Maj.	These men 7,8,9,10,11, can all be replaced without hurting the Bureau. They have very simple jobs.
8.	AKACHI, Yoshitaka		Sgt.	"
9.	OMORI, Mankichi		Sgt. Maj.	"
10.	INOUE, Osamu	driver	Sgt. Maj.	
11.	SHINGU, Masao	"	Sgt.	"

1st DEMOBILIZATION BRANCH:

Left Home Business Section

1.	NAGAI, Giemon	Ch. of Sect.	Lt. Col.	This Section is deemed the most important section of the Bureau, and so men who have a knowledge of both the job to do and how to do it are direly needed.
2.	TAKAHASHI, Hakuzo	Asst.	Maj.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
3.	IZUMI, Masaharu		Capt.	In charge of making Public reports on war dead. This requires considerable knowledge of battle field conditions, outfits, stations, field situation and demobilization statistics. Should be retained.
4.	FUJIYE, Akizo		Capt.	This man is in charge of the Military Record. Battle history is very confused and many things are not known. Until this history is completed, someone with knowledge of outfits and battles, zones and geographical names, he should be kept. After that a civilian could do the job.

5. SOTA, Yasukichi — W.O. — This man is assistant to IZUMI and is incharge of the Remains Section. This work must be particularly accurate so that no family is insulted with the wrong ashes, belongings, etc. This requires a man who has a fund of knowledge so that correct relationships can be drawn as to outfits, stations, battles etc.

6. KATO, Takao — Sgt. Maj. — In charge of Public Reports. This is a particular job which should be filled by someone who has a good deal of knowledge about military affairs.

7. GOTO, Tomio — Sgt. — This man is in charge of the Military Record. This position even more than that of the public record should be filled by a former military man.

8. HORIYE, Ryoichi — Sgt. Maj. — In charge of the Demobilization business. Concerns gathering information from repatriated soldiers etc., about battles, people, conditions overseas, etc. Should be a man with considerable knowledge of foreign areas, conditions over there etc. so that he can make the most from what he is told by returning soldiers.

9. SUYAMA, Gisaburo — W.O.
10. ONDA, Tomio — Sgt.
11. SATO, Nobuo — Sgt.
12. NAKAMURA, Terumasa — Cpl.
13. FURUKAWA, Kiyoshi — "
14. HONJO, Shinichiro — "

All of these men have routine duties and could be replaced by civilians.

15. TAKEDA, Shin — 3rd Class Petty Officer (Navy)
16. KOYAMA, Erabu — " " " " "
17. KOBAYASHI, Shizu — W.O.
18. YAMAGUCHI, Yoshe — Cpl.
19. KANAMORI, Shigeo — 2nd Class Petty Officer

AIDING SECTION:

1. ASACHI, Kamazo — Chief of Sect. — No civilian could do this job because agood deal of knowledge is needed about military matters. This section is concerned witth pensions and reward money, as well as military merit. These matters can only be successfully carried out by a man who has a good deal of knowledge about the Army.

2. WAKATSUKI, Kozo — Capt. — This man who is filling this position at the present time is to resign. He is to be replaced by a man who is all ready working in this bureau and he will do both jobs when WAKATSUKI resigns. This job could be filled by a civilian.

3.	USHIYAMA, Takashi	1st Lt.	Cannot be replaced because of the nature of his work.
4.	KAWAKAMI, Yoshi	Capt.	
5.	NISHIYAMA, Kan	2nd Lt.	
6.	MASUDA, Ko	Capt.	Just employees and can be replaced by civilians.
7.	KIROYE, Chozo	W.O.	
8.	ITAGAKE, Makoto	W.O.	
9.	ISHIBASHI, Sonosuki	W.O.	
10.	MISHIMA, Takeyoshi	Sgt.	
11.	KUROTANI, Mei	Sgt. Maj.	These men could all be replaced by civilians.
12.	YAMAMOTO, Shinkichi	Sgt. Maj.	Their jobs are just routine.
13.	FUKUMA, Shinichi	W.O.	
14.	MORII, Shigeru	Corp.	
15.	MATSUURA, Toshiharu	Sgt.	

ACCOUNTANT SECTION

1.	HASEGAWA, Katsuji	Chief of Sect.	Lt. Col.	This business is nearly all military accounting so military men should be retained.
2.	SHIBATA, Kiyoshi	Asst	Acct. Maj.	Because of his past training this man should be retained to carry out the work efficiently.
3.	FUJIHARA, Shigeyoshi	Capt. Inf.		These men are all good men in this line and have the right combination of military knowledge, with knowledge of military accountancy to carry out the job efficiently. So they all should be retained.
4.	OZASA, Taira	Capt Acct.		
5.	MOCHIDA, Motoyoshi	Capt Acct.		
6.	HIROSHIGE, Koichi	2nd Lt. Acct.		
7.	IMAOKA, Tadao	1st Lt. Inf.		
8.	TAMAI, Akio	2nd Lt. Inf.		
9.	IIZUKA, Tadashi	2nd Lt. Inf.		
10.	MESHIKO, Kenji	1st Lt. Inf.		
	KOBAYASHI, Hitoshi	W.O. Acct.		
	HIRAI, Tatsuro	Maj. Sgt. Acct.		
	ITO, Hiroshi	Cpl. Acct.		
	OKADA, Akira	Sgt. Maj. Acct.		These men do only routine accountancy business and so they could be replaced by civilians.
	IMAOKA, Tatuo	Corp. Advisor		
	SOTA, Minoru	1st Petty Officer		
	IIJIMA, Fusao	Corp. Acct.		
	YAMASAKI, Minoru	Sgt. Maj.		
	HINO, Kunio	Sgt. Maj.		
	IDO, Yoshiyuki	Sgt. Acct.		
	NAKAJIMA, Tatsuo	W.O. Acct.		

INVESTIGATION SECTION:

1.	SHOJI, Minoru	Chief	Major
2.	KAWASHIMA, Makoto	Liaison	1st Lt.
3.	YAMAMOTO, Mitsuhiko		1st Lt.
4.	KAGAWA, Shigeo		2nd Lt.
5.	NAKAGAWA, Motoichi		1st Lt.
6.	MORIYAMA, Takayoshi		Capt.
7.	ISHIKURA, Yasumasa		Copr.
8.	ITO, Soji		W.O.
9.	YAMASAKI, Kuro		Sgt Maj.
10.	OBARA, Hiroshi		Sgt. Maj.
11.	UEDA, Minoru		Corp.

This section requires particular knowledge of overseas battle fields and conditions there and so it would be very difficult for a civilian who doesn't know geographical names etc. to do this job. They should all be retained.

HAMADA-CITY BRANCH

1.	NOBARA, Yoshiye	Chief	Maj.
2.	KUSHIRO, Kazunori		2nd Lt.
3.	KAJITANI, Rinosuke		Sgt. Maj. Acct.
4.	KONO, Shizuka		W.O. Acct.
5.	TAMURA, Eiji		Sgt.

The Main Branch of the Local Asst, Bureau is in Matsue but Matsue is badly placed in regards to the rest of the Prefecture. Therefore a branch office is necessary. This office tries to carry out about the same business as the main branch and so they should have someone there who knows a little about the Army and The War. Therefore the chief should remain there. The others could be civilians.

Therefore of the total number of ex-servicemen 82: 10 of field grade, 23 of the grade of Capt. or lower, and 49 NCOs, it is recommended that all of the officers of field grade be retained, that 19 of the 23 other officers be retained (dismissing 4), and that 39 of the NCOs be dismissed and only 10 retained.

There does not seem to be any possibility that some of the functions could be more appropriately by civilians of other agencies. They do not understand the general situation and so it would take them a long time to become accustomed to this type of work.

The Shimane Local Assistance Bureau does not seem to be employing too many people. There does not seem to be any maintenance of unity of former military groups. There is no difference between the officers and men except the former officers that are in higher positions and they get more pay, and don't have to do night work. Other than that they work harmoniously together andare all equals in the office. Absolutely no military discipline. There does not seem to be organization or tradition in any guise whatever.

There seems to be a great feeling of cooperation and team work in the Shimane Local Assistance Bureau to do the job and to do it right. No militaristic drills, ceremonies, and awards are indulged in.

The local CIC has suspected OGAWA, Zencho of subversive activity in the southern part of the Prefecture, but several months of investigation has revealed no conclusive information. Other that this does not seem to be any subversive activity on the part of the Shimane Local A.B. OGAWA, Z. is the former head of this bureau.

FINANCES OF THE BUREAU:

Money is drawn for this office from the Hiroshima Branch of the Chubu Demobilization Connecting Office every month.

Expenditure:
a. 1st Demobilization Board.

Used for following purposes:
Demobilization pay for repatriated soldiers
Left home pay of soldiers still overseas
Pay for employees
Pay for bereaved families

From, April, the beginning of the financial year it amounted to 1,590,000 yen, per month on the average.

Pay salaries for Employees:

a. 1st Demobilization Branch:

Salaries and recompences paid in Sept 1946 are:

	Highest Pay	Lowest Pay	On the Average
2nd Grade Off.	25 yrs. or more	6 yrs. & 5 months	
	1,239.00 yen	856.00	1,073.33 yen
3rd Grade Off.	23 yrs. & 10 months	10 mos.	
	927.00	382.00	700.58 yen
Employee	8 yrs. & 3 months	5 mos.	
	699.00	275.00	345.68 yen

All finances are handled by the Accountant Section. Still using a military system of accounting.

Statement by the Local Assistance Bureau about the need for retaining ex-servicemen' in their present positions in the L.A.B.

Military knowledge especially about demobilizing corps is needed as a matter of course to deal with demobilization business rapidly and exactly. Those engaging in this business should be experts. Formerly in both the Japanese Army and Navy the most part of this business was carried on by servicemen, little was done by civilians. So no civilians have the necessary military knowledge. Under these circumstances our office must be mainly organized by ex-servicemen. But simple business can be done by civilians, so all employees are not always ex-servicemen. It is supposed that at least 60% should be ex-servicemen. Of our employees 36 officials were adopted on condition that they were ex-servicemen, and the others if possible.

During the war of all the male population in Shimane Prefecture about 400,000 about 170,000 were in military service. It is supposed that this percentage has brought the consequence that so many ex-servicemen have been adopted in the local Sewabu (Local Asst. Bureau). It is natural that ex-servicemen should be convenient for our business, as stated above.

ENDO the present head of the Bureau feels that some of the minor positions could be taken over by civilians but nearly all the higher officials should be retained because of their knowledge of the business in general.

OGAWA former head of the Bureau thinks that except for perhaps about 10 old hands in the business and about 10 members of the Investigation Branch that they could all be replaced by civilians. He said that the members of the Investigation section should have special skills in this line. They investigate people who are still abroad. To do this they should have connections overseas so that they can trace people. Must know outfits, battles, areas, etc. They know soldiers already repatriated and can call them in to find out things about other soldiers. Civilians couldn't do this because they are generally ignorant of geographical names, outfits, etc. Whereas soldiers are well acquainted with situations. Would take a civilian 6 months to learn system. Soldiers can make good decisions on such circumstances and usually has good judgement because of his acquaintance with the situation. This would make about 10 from this section.

OGAWA doesn't think that any of the work done by the Bureau could be done by the Kencho. (Kencho) thinks that ofter next April about all the men will be back from overseas except from Manchuria and Russia and that many sections and jobs could be done away with at that time. Especially The Accountant Section. See letter from OGAWA which was received before he was interviewed.

Letter received by CIC from OGAWA, Zensho former head of Shimane local Assistance Bureau. Submitted in English by OGAWA on his own initiative without being confronted by CIC.

FIRST DEMOBILIZATION BOARD

1. There were two parties in our army. One was a warlike party and the other that forced to obey the orders of Tenno, would be perhaps always against the past war. Warlike party was always conspicuously influencial in the army. Major part of these warlike men remain in the First Demobilization Goard, all Demobilization connective Boards and these Branches at present. Their thoughts are not yet moderate and not obedient, as for instance, of Japanese sentence. It is wrong that they are on duty now.

2. Some of the people think that the First Demobilization Board is nothing but the extension of the past military clique and Military Department. The influence of such thoughts on the people is more little. We must pay much attention to this noteworthy point. On this view this Board should be abolished for the future peace of Japan as fast as possible.

3. Almost all the businesses regarding demobilization at present are being transacted in the Board of Managing Remaining Business (Ru sugyo mu kyoku) in Chiba City (about 15 miles from Tokyo). Therefore most of the business transacted in First Demobilization Board is to collect the data for pleading suspects of A class and B class, to examine how the protection of ex-soldiers' families are and in a little part to inform the people on demobilizing ships to connect with all connective board and these branches, I think. Already First Demobilization Board is not necessary for demobilization. This is becoming past remains. And so, First Demobilization Board now is not only not necessary but harmful for future peace of Japan and democracy.

4. They are trying to prolong the existense of the Board for two or more years by making plausible theoretical reasons, but on the other hand they speak the truth that the office will not be necessary next April.

5. In future all affairs of demobilization should be transacted specially in Managing Remaining Business Board in Chiba. All affair are going successfully at present. It is sufficient to transact all affairs of demobilization in only one office. But there should be given sufficient food for the man and much paper and necessary things.

6. Intendance and human affairs should be controlled in the Department of Home Affairs after being withdrawn from the First Demobilization Board. 2nd Demobilization Board must be investigated in the same way.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU

1. All businesses in local assistance bureaus are entirely readjusted. All businesses have become very easy. All ex-officers are youth and when they came to the office at first, they did not know business at all. This condition all the same to ex-officers and true civil officials. These ex-officers study the business like the student of the primary school for a month or two with difficulty. So they are able to barely manage office work.

2. Among the second class officials (ex-officers) in all the Assistance Bureaus of our country, there are many past warlike men. They werethe members of warlike party. The influence of them, given to the people is not alittle and will be harmful for democracy and peace of Japan. Therefore all second class officials should be replaced with the true civil officials until next April at least. Third class officials are all skillful at their businesses at present. Thereby the second officials have become unnecessary recently.

3. By adopting the true civil officials, all businesses in bureau will be carried out smoothly. Eliminating the second class officials (ex-officers) and adopting the true civil officials are the investigating porblem. But if you investigate the problem a littleyou will find out its necessity at once, for it is easy a matter of fact.

4. If you examine the documents concerning intendance and cash in all offices of assistance bureau in all prefedtures in the country you may find out some striking data.

5. The other, I think Minister Shidehara is the Tennoism (he is a strong principle of Tenno.) It is very bad that he is the Chief of Demobilization Office at present. There are many ex-officers who have strong principles of Tenno (Emperor). Therefore Shidehara should be withdrawn from the post of the chief.

ADDITION

1. Why were there low parties in ex-army in the past war? The opposite party had known that the past war was the war of the military clique. Therefore the thought of the opposite party was always against the past war.

2. Why is Shidehara of the Tenno Principle? It is clear from his words and attitude every day, especially by the speech that he spoke about the travel of Tenno around Chiba Prefecture and his attitude and words in Cabinet.

3. The chiefs of First Demobilization and Demobilization Connective Board and these Branches should be replaced with the men who are strongly amicable to U.S.A. Instead of Kozuki, the dhief of First Demobilization Board, Ishiguro, Teizo ex-Lieutenant General is very good for chief if he was not subject of war crime. He is very amicable to U.S.A. Koauki is of a strong Tenno principle too.

Opinion of KAWASHIMA, Makoto Liaison Officer on this subject.

In Shimane ken 400,000 male population, 140,000 were in the Army or Navy. Therefore 40% of the male population was in the Armed Forces. If only men who are able to work are considered the percentage would be greater. Also if change to a civilian staff must hire all boys of less than 19 years of age or all old men. Because the others were in the Army. Such a move would delay demobilization. There are still men overseas and the families are worried. It is up to the Investigation Section to do this work. So they must be men well qualified to find the find the men or to determine if they are dead or still alive. Civilians in this position would greatly impede the successful carrying out of the demobilization and repatriation. And that is one of SCAPS biggest directives.

Note: All people seem to be sonsistent on one point. That is that the members of the Investigation Section should be ex-servicemen.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SHIMANE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

1. General View

(a) For the purpose of transacting accountant business speedily some officers were dispatched at several places in the Shimane Prefecture and paid left home salaries directly. (paid to oversea soldiers' families and those salaries have been paid by mail before)

(b) Made efforts especially to deliver as many War Deads' Ashes as possible and to be in time for the Buddhist All Souls' Day which was taken place at the beginning part of August.

(c) Set about preparation for the investigation of soldiers still overseas, above all, of soldiers missing.

2. Chiefs Personal Direction

Made a two-days' tour down to Hamada City at the middle part of July and a three days to Kishiki Town and Nima Town at the last part of July to oversee the actual pay of Left Home Pay (salaries) and to diredt the Relief business for Bereaved families. On the last part of the July, made an official tour to Saigon Town to hold a delivery ceremonies of War Deads' Ashes.

3. General Affairs' Section

(a) On the 4th and 17th, branch and Section directors consultation took place.

(b) Legal Consultation

In the interest of Demobilized Soldiers and Bereaved Families this has taken place every Saturday at "Tonomachi Branch Office." But this was removed to the main office from June 20th and at Hamada Branch Office also had this business served by a lawyer freeof charge.

(c) Managers of sport, culture and amusement were appointed. Girls employee took each short course in flower arrangement and tea ceremonies.

(d) Sanitation
July 6 Monthly weighing of employee
July 30 Anti-cholera inoculation and monthly physical examination
Scattered DDT in and about office buildigg, redeiving it from Prefectural Govt.

4. Investigation Section

(a) July 10 Iizuka (employee) and other three were dispatched to the left Home Gusiness Bureau in Dhiba City for the sake of investigation about missing soldiers.

(b) To every city, town and village in the Shimane Pref. distributed Lists of Prison Workers in Philippine, Okinawa and other Pacific districts sent from Demobilization Board at three times. And a copy was provided for visitors to inspect.

5. Accountant Business Section

Dispatched three teams of employee to deal with the liquidation for Demobilized Soldiers' Salaries and direct pay of left Home Salaries of April, May and June.

6. Left Home Business Section

Deliveries of the Remains by following schedule:

Date	Place	Number
July 10	Matsue City	245
July 12	Hamada City	74
July 13	Kakeai Village	18
July 16	Oda Town	38
July 17	Izumo City	88
July 20	Kawamoto Town	32
July 26	Masuda Town	36
July 26	Tsuwano Town	18
July 29	Saigo Town	48
July 31	Urago Village	35
	Total	732

Business Program for August

DIVISION	Chubu demobilization Dept. Hiroshima Branch Office	Sewabu at large concern and General Affairs' Branch
DATE		
Aug 1		Make a report of number of employees to home ministry
2		
3	Metting concerning missed soldiers	
7		anti-cholera inoculation

Aug 8	Meeting of managers of relief	
10		make a report of number of employes to Hiroshima
12		meeting of branch and section directors
15	regular meeting of branch directors	make a report of number of employee to Home Ministry
16 20	conference between Okaya-ma and Shimane Sewabu concerning accountant business	
25		make a report of number of employee to Hiroshima

The 1st Demobilization Branch (Left Home Business Section) made delivery ceremonies of dead ashes in Oda, Izumo, Kawamoto and Matsue between the 1st and 3rd of Aug. Delivered ashes of dead on the 5th and 6th in Masuda and Hamada. The (Aiding Section) had a meeting of Aiding Section Directors in Hiroshima. The (Accountant Section) had and inspections of cash and it books on the 8th.

The 2nd Demobilization Branch delivered ashes of the dead in Matsue on the 1st, Hamada on the 3rd, Saigo on the 5th, Urago on the 7th and had house cleaning on the 31st.

MONTH OF AUGUST

1. General View

(a) Set about the investigation of missing soldiers, after reple- its organization.

(b) Dispatch a group to the Left Home Business Board in Chiba City were taken places by four men, heading Shoji, director of Investigation Section.

2. General Affairs' Section & "Sewabu" at large concerning

(a) Director of General Affairs Section went to Hiroshima to attend the conference of General Affairs Section Directors.

(b) On Aug. 3rd & 22nd held a conference of Branch and Section Directors.

(c) Made a list of Demobilized Officers, above majors within Shimane Prefecture in compliance with the request of the Indian Troops.

(d) Performed anti-cholera injection on Aug 7 & 14

(e) On Aug 31 carried out general cleaning at office building.

3. Left Home Business Section

(a) Dispatched to Hiroshima, Moji, Ogoori and Nagasaki City to receive Remains and Remained Articles.

(b) Hold Ceremonies of Delivery of War Deads' Ashes under following Schedule:

Date	Place	Number
Aug 1	Oda Town	83
Aug 2	Izumo City	190
Aug 3	Matsue City	250
Aug 3	Kawamoto Town	72
Aug 5	Masuda Town	85
Aug 6	Hamada City	120
	Total	800

4. Aiding Section

(a) General investigation of merits of War Dead was done concerning their domiciles & other items under the whole jurisdiction of "Sewabu."

(b) Made the officer in charge of pension attend the pension for disabled ex-soldiers among the hospitals concerned, which was held at the national Shimane Sanatorium.

5. Accountant Section

(a) Sectional Organizational was changed in some parts and Controlling Group & Returning Group were increased on Aug 17.

(b) Civil Official, Sato, Director of Accountant Section of Hiroshima Branch of Chubu Demobilization Connecting Office came to inspect our account and business.

6. Investigation Section

(a) Established Branch Room, increasing new personnel to deal with the businesses concerning 1st Demobilization Departmental Ordinance No. 7.

(b) Made Missing Soldiers' Cards checking out of Non-Demobilized Soldiers' List. Are recording in the cards from the Non-Demobilized Soldiers' Reports.

(c) Officials were dispatched to two villages to make an experiment of investigating directly from Missing Soldiers' families . From this trying it was led to conclusion that it was the most effective method to go down to every city, town, and village under our jurisdiction to collect all the traces which could be submitted by those families, for the purposes of detecting Missing Soldiers. Therefore, this judgement was presented to the superior directors concerned.

(d) Visitors who came to inquire about soldiers overseas amounted to 1,032 (38.2 per day) and inquiry letters 451 (16 per day).
Of visitors and letters:

80% Philippine
15% Other Southern District
5% Manchuria

7. Number of Businesses dealt with:

(a)	Demobilized Soldiers	About 82,000	
(b)	Non-Demobilized Soldiers	About 19,600	
(c)	Percentage of Demobilized Soldiers in Aug.		0.039%
(d)	Demobilized Soldiers in Aug	400	
(e)	Delivered War Deads' Ashes	728	
	Total from the end of the war	4296	
(f)	Issued Official Report of War Dead	506	
	Total from end of War	5536	

8. Percentages of Attendances

General Affairs' Section	92.5%
Left Home Business Section	96.1%
Aiding Section	84.0%
Accountant Section	92.0%
Investigation Section	99.6%
Hamada Branch	-----

9. There are still 15,766 Non-demobilized Soldiers, who have theri permanent addresses within the Shimane Prefecture as of Aug 1, 1946.

BUSINESS PROGRAM FOR SEPT. 46

DIVISION	Chugoku Demobilization Dept Hiroshima Branch Office	"Sewabu" at large concerning general Affairs Section
DATE'		
Sept 1		Make a report of No. of employee to Home Ministry
Sept 2		Meeting of Directors of Section
Sept 3		Business education for employee
Sept 4		Confernece of Officers Consolation ceremonies
Sept 5		
6		
7		
8	meeting of confering business	cleaning week
9		
10		make a report of No. employees to Hiroshima
Sept 13	meeting of branch & Section Directors	
Sept 15		make report of No. of employees to Home Ministry
Sept 16	Meeting of Officers. Remains & Consolation Ceremony	Meeting of Dept. & Sect. Directors within Pref Govt.
Sept 19		Monthly physical exam.
Sept 20	meeting of Officers, General Affairs Section	
Sept 25	meeting of Section & Dept Directors	make a report of no. employees to Hiroshima

1st Branch

Date	LEFT HOME BUSINESS SECTION	AIDING SECTION	INVESTIGATION SECTION	ACCOUNTANT BRANCH
1			1 thru 10	
2			Adjusting the	
3			roll and Reports	
4			of non-demobili-	
5			zed soldiers	
6				
7				
8				
9	Delivery of Dead		Receiving list	
10	ashes in Kawamoto	10 thru	of non-demobili-	
11	Delivery of Dead	30	zed soldiers	
12	ashes in Hamada.	Consola-	from every city;	
13	Delivery of Dead	tion to	town & village.	13 thru 30
14	ashes in Masuda.	bereaved	Report of all	Delivery of Left Home Pay
15	Delivery of Dead	families	non-demobilized	
16	ashes in Matsue.		soldiers to the	13 thru 16 Hamada city & Naka District
17	In Izumo City.		Left Home Bus.	Nogi District
18	In Saigo Town.		Board in "Chiba"	
19				18-Izumo-shi, Hikawa, Mino & Ochi
20	Attending meeting		12 to 23	Districts
21	of officers in charge of		adjusting list	19- Hikawa, Mino, & Ochi Districts
22	War Dead.		of demobilized	20- Hikawa District.
23			soldiers.	21 Hikawa District.
24	21- Delivery of			23- Anno District
25	Dead Ashes in		Submit a report	25- Iishi District
26	Urago Town.		of non-demobili-	26- Nima District
27			zed soldiers.	27- Daito Town, Kanoashi District
28			26 thru 28-	29- Nima District.
29			Attending the	
30			meeting of off-	
			icers in charge	
			of missing soldiers	

*Note- 16 to 30 Delivery of Left Home Pay in Matsue & Yatsuka District.

ENDO FUSATOSHI: 48
PRES. ADDRESS: Matsue-shi, Saika-machi, 1368

Chief of the Shimane Local Assistance Bureau

Education: primary School; 6 yrs.
Hamada Middle School 5 yrs.
Tokyo Military School 4 yrs. 1917-1920

ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE SURRENDER: None

PRESENT ORGS. None

Military Service:

1920-1927 63rd Reg. Matsue entered as 2nd Lt., became 1st Lt. in 1923.

1927-1930 Toyohashi-shi, became instructor at the NCO Military School there.

1930-1937 became capt. in the 63rd Inf. Regt.

1937-1937 Matsue Military Regt. Hdqs. Major

1937-1941 Karugan, Mongolia, Major (fighting between communists and Chinese there)

1941-1941 130th Inf. Regt. Matsumoto-shi, Nagano-ken Lt. Col.

1941-1944 Adjutant in the 51st Division at Utsunomiya. Immediately sent overseas with this divisions. Lt. Col.

1944-1945 Regt. Co. of 66th Inf. Regt. in New Guinea Lt. Col.
Mar. 1945 Promoted to Colonel

26 January 1946 Repatriated from New Guinea.

Foreign Travels:

Canton,
Kargan, New Guinea, for 1 yr. as adj. of the 51st.

Interview with OGAWA, Zencho by CIC agent on 13 Sept., 1946

In reference to the various Demobilization Centers, OGAWA gave the following information:

The men at the Nagoya Demobilization Center who are screening the repatriated servicemen are telling them that the war wasn't the fault of the militarists, but rather of the people themselves.

TANAKA, RYUKUICHI, former Major General in the Japanese Army, is a witness for the Allies at the War Crimes Trial in Tokyo. Ogawa was asked to investigate TANAKA'S background in an attempt to learn all the deragatory information about TANAKA which was available in an attempt to discredit his and to contradict his statements. This request came to Ogawa from SAITO, FNU, Ass't Chief of the Hiroshima Demobilization Office, Members of the Central Demobilization Office in Tokyo are attempting to aid the War Criminals by gathering facts and this request came down thru channels from them. It was not a direct order, but a request. This request came down to SAITO and he forwarded it to Ogawa. This investigation of TANAKA doesn't come under the work of the Demobilization Office and Ogawa refused by saying that he knew nothing about him.

The tendency at present is to remove pre-American personnel from the Demobilization Office.

Ogawa claimed that the following men were still militaristic in mind and should be removed from their present office in the Demobilization Office:

KAWAMURA, Sanro - Chief of the Hiroshima Demob. Office
KOZUKI, Yoshio - Chief of the 1st Demob. Board, Tokyo
TERAKURA, Koshiro - Chief of the Branches Demob. Office, Zentsugi, Shikoku
NASU, Yoshio - Chief of Branches Demob. Office, Sendai

It is interesting to note that Ogawa resigned from his position as head of the Shimane Demobilization Office on 13 September, 1946, although he made no mention of his intention to this agent at that time.

According to OGAWA the purpose of the above mentioned Enlightment Corps was to make better the wicked soldiers, No physical punishment was given them. They were given lectures on how to behave themselves. They were made to work as farmers in rice fields etc.

Has never had an occupation in civilian life.

" " been associated with the Special Higher police

" " been in the Kempei Tai

" " been a member of any organization.

" " been a member of an Army organization.

No present organizations.

PHS ON OGAWA, ZENCHO — President of Shimane Local Ass't Bureau until 13 Sept. 1946.

Born June 1889

Marital Status: Married - one child of 19

Name of Wife: OGAWA, Fusano 47 Japanese

Ancestral Address: Tottori-ken, Tottori-shi, Higashi-machi, #201
Permanent Address: Same as above
Present Address: Matsue-shi, Asahi-machi #467

Education:
Tottori primary School 1896-1903
Tottori Middle School 1904-1909
Jap. Mil. College, Tokyo
Chiba-shi 1910-1912
Inf. College, Chiba-ken 1927 ½ year
While in Inf. Reg.
of Tottori, trained for 1909-1910 one year

He can read, write, speak, understand English fair.

Foreign Travels:
Manchuria 1932 spring - 1934 spring adjutant, 40th Inf. Regiment, Commander of 1st Battalion of same regiment.
North China 1939 winter & summer 1941 Commander of 140th Inf. Reg.
Middle China 1944 winter (1 mo.) travelling for Army, Rank: Colonel

Military Service:
Dec. 1909 entered Army 40th Inf. Reg., Tottori-shi, to Dec. 1910.
Dec. 1910-1912 Japanese Mil. College in Tokyo.
Dec. 1912-1932 40th Inf. Reg. Tottori-shi, 2nd Lt. to Major.
Major, CO of 1st Bn. of 40th Inf Reg. from 1932-1933.
Aug. 1933-Aug. 1935 Brig. Adjutant of 8th Inf. Brigade, Himeji, Hyogo-ken.
Aug. 1933 - May 1938 Lt. Colonel, chief of Enlightment Corps, Himeji, Hyogo-ken.
May 1938-March 1939 CO Guard Bn. Manchuria
March 1939-March 1940 Col. Akita Reg. Dist. Hdq. Akita-ken, Akita-shi.
March 1940-Sept. 1941 CO 140th Inf. Reg. in North China
Summer 1941-Autumn 1942 Hosp. at Himeji and rest
Autumn 1942-Dec. 1944 Col. CO. Regimental Hdq. Matsue-shi.
Dec. 1944-April 1945 Hosp. in Hankow, Peiping, Tokyo.
April 1945-end of Aug. 1945 Major General, CO. MATSUE Reg. Hdq.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
Tottori Mil Govt Team
APO 317

12 October 1946

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal, Investigation of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau

THRU: Commanding Officer
Chugoku Mil Govt Region
APO 317

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

1. Forwarded herewith, is the investigation report of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau in compliance with OD 80, Hq, 8th Army, dated 26 September 1946.

2. Concurrence is expressed with inclosed report, and the follwwing conclusions are given in compliance with par 4, OD 80.

a. The actual need for the special skill and knowledge of former officers is necessary only in the fields of pay, benefits and information. The total number required would be 9. However, for the continuous, uninterrupted operation of the organization approximately all officers present employed are needed.

b. If the policy of benefits, pay, and allotments of demobilized personnel are to remain the same, all functions except Welfare, are justified from a point of necessity and of humanity to the public who still have friends and relatives abroad.

c. The Welfare work could be done by the Prefectural Welfare Section.

d. No irregular or illegal disbursements are being made.

e. No evidence was found indicating the maintenance of unity of former military groups.

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f. Continuation of military discipline was evidenced only by the small buttons worn by higher officials, the work of the Welfare Section in putting pressure on civilian agencies to take care of widows, and those dependents in need, and in a military-like organization of the sections.

g. Funds are allocated from the central office of the Demobilization Bureau to the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau. Your attention is invited to par 1b (12), inclosed investigating officer's memorandum report for methods of accounting. Your attention is invited to Inclosure number 2, for the projects to which funds are allocated.

h. Preferential treatment is given former ranking officers in that they have received the more lucrative jobs, however, policy concerning appointments are set from above.

i. Only military awards such as various court ranks and the enshrinement at the Yasukumi Shrine of the deceased are carried on by this office.

j. There is no evidence of subversive activity.

WILLIS NOLAN
Maj., Inf.
Commanding

2 Incls:

Incl #1 - Investigating Officer's Memo Rept (w 1 incl)
Incl #2 - List of funds & expenditures.

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Tottori Mil Govt Team
APO 317

12 October 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commanding Officer

SUBJECT: Investigation of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau

1. Investigation was made of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau, including the inspection of each type of document, interview of every section head, examination of work done by each section or sub-section, and inspection of the personal documents, and environment of the higher officers of the bureau.

a. Personnel - There is one former Major General, two Colonels, four Lt Colonels, six Majors, ten Captains, three 1st Lieutenants, nine 2nd Lieutenants, and fifteen Warrant Officers, or the equivalent rank in the navy. Fortytwo Enlisted men are employed.

(1) All higher positions are occupied by field grade officers and even sub-sections are headed by former commissioned personnel. These are classified as "Officials" and receive fixed salaries, generally according to their rank. All other employees work on a wage basis. "Officials" have a similated rank of "Second Rank" or "Third Rank" - the second rank being reserved for former field grade officers and the third rank for company grade officers. Most former field grade officers wear a small gold button on the collar to signify the rank. All questioned state that the requirements and qualifications for higher ranks are set at higher headquarters. Applications for positions are presented to the local governor and then forwarded to the Home Ministry for approval and appointment. The pay rate is set by higher headquarter and varies generally according to former rank held in the military service. Advancements are being made within the organization. No recent efforts have been made to find high ranking officers to fill higher positions.

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(2) As mere administrative heads, most of the former officers are not required to have any special military skill or knowledge. Because of the many ex-military personnel employed and the general organization amd operation of the office, the use of these former officers is convenient, efficient, and almost necessary, but not for their special skill or knowledge. Due to the amount and type of work presently being indulged in, there is no excess personnel, however, there is an excess of high ranking officers, with high rates of pay in jobs which would not call for such renumerations.

(3) It is believed that the Financial and Accounting Section, the Awards Section, and the Demobilization Investigation Section should have both commissioned and enlisted personnel for the type of work being done.

(4) See inclosure number one for distribution of personnel and quanititative estimates.

b. Functions and Organization - In general, the organization of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau is very similar to an administrative army headquarters, such as former Japanese Army Regional Headquarters or the Headquarters of a Regimental district. See inclosure number one for details of organization. The function are as follows.

(1) Administrative Section - Supervises the Internal Affairs sub-sections. May be compared to an adjutants' office.

(2) Internal Affairs - Publishes and authenticates orders and correspondence. Operates message center. Distatches messengers and vehicles.

(3) Personnel and General Affairs - All personnel matters and records of officials and employees. Administrative matters not elsewhere covered.

(4) Welfare Section - Endeavors to help, within their power, war sufferers, widows and disabled veterans who come to them for aid - work consists primarily of listening to cases, making case studies, and makes recomendations, or refers cases to proper government bureau.

(5) First Demobilization Section - May be compared to the office of the Chief of Staff in an Army headquarters. Supervises work of the Business Section, Financial Section, and their subordinate sections.

(6) Business Section - This may be compared to a General Staff Section of an Army Administration headquarters inasmuch as all actual operations of the office are done under supervision of this section. It supervises the Investigation Sub-Section, Benefits Sub-Section, Official Gazette Sub-Section, and Deceased Personnel Sub-Section.

(7) Investigation Sub-Section - Collects, registers, evaluates, and diseminates to other sections, information concerning demobilization, the states of individuals awaiting repatriation, and attempts to locate the missing. This section also handles matters pertaining to the enshrinement of the deceased at the Yasukuni-Shrine.

(8) Public Relations Sub-Section - Keeps posted on information of all sorts pertaining to demobilization and operates 3 offices, Tottori City, Yonago City, and Kurayoshi Town, open to the public in general. They answer correspondence requests for information pertaining to individuals, and receive all persons who come for information.

(9) Benefits Sub-Section - Performs matters necessary for the posthumous bestowal of honors to deceased servicemen and especially the bestowal of various court ranks to ex-servicemen.

(10) Official Gazette Sub-Section -,Writes, edits and publishes three times a month, an official gazette for the information of families of servicemen. These Gazettes give the unit histories of various units into which people of this regimental area were assigned, schedules of repatriation, addresses and names of those recently repatriated, the conditions of those awaiting repatriation, etc. Other official notices.

(11) Deceased Personnel Sub-Section - Arranges funerals, consoles the bereaved, and delivers the ashes of the deceased.

(12) Financial Section - Supervises banking, disbursement, and accounting of the funds. All funds are deposited to the credit of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau in the Tottori Post Office. Disbursements are in the form of Postal Money Orders. A ledger book is kept showing status of all projects. Journals are kept to explain the ledgers. Sections and sub-section maintain the necessary books to show their expenditures and receipts for the same. No illegal or excessive disbursements were noted. Grants of money were formerly given according to rank but now a lump sum has been set for the beneficiary of the deceased at 580Yen, regardless of rank. This section supervises the following sub-sections: Pay of Demobilized Soldiers Sub-Section, Allotments Sub-Section, and Welfare Sub-Section.

(13) Pay of Demobilized Soldiers Sub-Section - Receives and processes pay accounts of demobilized military and naval personnel. Settlement of pay accounts of deceased.

(14) Allotments Sub-Section - Receives, maintains, continues, processes allotments to dependents of military personnel still in foreign lands. Most of the records are a continuation of the allotment section of the former regimental district headquarters.

(15) Welfare Sub-Section - Purchases goods and commodities for the employees of the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau in the Japanese paternal system of business management.

c. Militaristic Activities - Generally, there is no evidence other than the facts mentioned above, which would lead to a continuation of military activities by the Tottori Local Assistance Bureau. The organization is quite militaristic, but only so because there are so many former military officers employed who would naturally organize any enterprise in the most familiar pattern know to them. The relationship between officials and subordinates is not as heavily colored with discipline as other governmental offices in Japan. There is no evidence of subversive activity nor the preservation of unity of former military groups.

2. General conclusions of the inspecting officer are:

a. The organization is efficient and performing a great load of work.

b. Policy of employment and preferential treatment of former officers is not a matter to be settled at a lower level.

c. There are functions which the organization need not do, as there are officers and enlisted men who are not necessarily indispensable.

d. The functions performed are necessary if the responsibilities of the Local Assistance Bureaus and the policies on the treatment of deceased or returned soldiers remains unchanged.

e. Although most of the military personnel could be dispensed with, a re-organization would have to be necessary with a resulting loss of efficiency.

James K. Arima

JAMES K. ARIMA
1st Lt., CMP
Investigating Officer

1 Incl:
Organization & Personnel Chart.

ORGANIZATION CHART OF TOTTORI LOCAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU

1	2	3	4	5*	6	7	8
Admn Sect	Internal Affairs		2	2	8	12	0
	Personnel & General Affairs		2	2	0	4	0
1st Demobilization Section	Business Sect	Internal Affairs	2	1	1	4	0
		Investigations	4	6	8	18	4
		Public Relations	7	3	3	13	0
		Benefits	1	7	5	13	1
		Official Gazette	2	4	4	10	0
		Deceased Pers	2	3	4	9	0
	Finance & Accounting	General Finance	2	4	2	8	2
		Pay of Demobilized	1	7	2	10	0
		Allotments	1	5	3	9	0
		Welfare	1	2	1	4	0
Welfare			3	2	1	6	0
2d Demobilization Sect**	Allotments & General Affairs		2	2	3	7	0
	Investigations & Public Relations		1	3	1	5	0
	Deceased Pers, Official Gazette and Benefits		1	2	0	3	1
	General Finance and Pay of demobilized		1	1	0	1	0
		TOTALS:	34	56	46	136	9

* Warrant Officers included in figures for enlisted men
**Functions of 2d Demobilization Section pertain to Navy Personnel and are identical with those of the 1st Demobilization Section

Key:
Column One: Major Sections
Column Two: Sections
Column Three: Sub-sections
Column Four: Former Officers
Column Five: Former EM & WO
Column Six: Civilians
Column Seven: Total personnel
Column Eight: Officers required

Incl #1 to Officers Investigation Rept, Tottori Local Assistance Bureau

PROJECTS AND EXPENDITURES OF TOTTORI LOCAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1946

PROJECT	AMOUNT EXPENDED
Salary	4,155,387.45 Yen
Bonus for Senior Employees	9,090.00
Travelling Expenses	90,692.32
Wages	932,635.34
Various Allowances	318,919.92
Stationary	87,424.20
Disposition of Arms	3,040.00
Transportation	43,315.66
Constructing Expenses	71,048.61
Reception	2,822.00
Miscellaneous	194,237.28
Grant of Lump Sum (Dead fund(	327,537.75
Travelling Expenses for Demobilized Persons	2,828.50
Exchange for Foreign Currencies Brought Back	90,368.48
Bonus for Junior Employees	14,319.00
Remittance Charge	7,531.30
Memorial Service for Dead	1,196,287.90
Expenses to Overseas Units	5,492,831.03
Office Expenses	3,866.68
Clothing	135.60
Miscellaneous Personnel Expenditures	1,198.50
TOTAL:	13,063,417.53

Incl No 2 to Ltr Transmittal, Investigation of Tottori Local Assistance Bureau, dtd 12 Oct 46.

HEADQUARTERS
YAMAGUCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
YAMAGUCHI, HONSHU, JAPAN
APO 317

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Yamaguchi, Honshu
14 October 1946

Serial No. 279

SUBJECT: Investigation of the Demobilization Bureau

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Chugoku Military Government Region, APO 317, Kure, Honshu

1. Reference: Operational Directive No. 80, Hq Eighth Army, 26 September 1946.

2. The operation of the First Demobilization Bureau in Yamaguchi Prefecture is confined to three locations and two agencies: the Yamaguchi Demobilization Office at Yamaguchi City and the Senzaki Landing Branch Bureau at Senzaki port with a small liaison detachment at Shimonoseki City. The Yamaguchi Demobilization Office is now engaged principally in functions of the local assistance bureaus and goes under the name of the Yamaguchi Chiho Sewabu. The functions of the various departments and the persnnel staffing them are outlined below. The wording is from the Japanese chart submitted, with explanations as deemed necessary.

a. Departments:

(1) Matters concerning general affairs and personnel affairs. O-2 (1 ex-1t col, 1 ex-maj), NCO-4, Civ-4. Handles the general administration of the bureau; receives and routes correspondence; handles outgoing correspondence; hires and discharges personnel.

(2) Matters concerning foreign affairs. O-2 (1 ex-capt, 1 ex-2d lt), Pvt-4, Civ-4. Handles relations with OF, CIC, Mil Govt, and Japanese agencies.

(3) Matters concerning official announcements concerning the deceased. O-2 (1 ex-1t col. 1 ex-capt), NCO-3 Pvt-6, Civ-7. Reports to families of those who died, and sends death certificate. From October 1945 to present time some 6000 notification have been sent. Branch Head extimates some 10,000 remain to be done. Announcements go out at the rate of about 100 a day.

(4) Matters concerning the management of remains and articles left behind.

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(4) Matters concerning the management of remains and articles left behind. O-2 (1 ex-maj, 1 ex-capt), NCO-4, Pvt-7, Civ-5. receives ashes of the war dead and sends them to the families. Since last October 31,000 have been handled. About 1,000 are now left at the bureau. Branch Chief estimates about 2000 more will be coming back.

(5) Matters concerning consolidation of non-allowed allowance to demobilized soldiers. O-3 (1 ex-lt col, 1 ex-maj, 1 ex-1st lt), NCO-2, Pvt-2, Civ-8. Pays the demobilized soldier his pay. Some 26,000 remain to be paid.

(6) Matters concerning receipts and disbursements. O-1 (ex-1st lt), NCO-3, Pvt-1. Treasury section, accounting and book-keeping.

(7) Matters concerning investigation whether non-demobilized soldiers survived or died. O-4 (2 ex-lt cols, 1 ex-Capt. 1ex 1st lt), NCO-5, Pvt-4, Civ-3. Conducts investigations to determine status of soldiers whose fate is not known. Bereaved families make requests through the local city office who forwards the requests to the bureau. This section questions personnel being demobilized for news of the missing, and makes researches among the records of the unit to which the man belonged.

(8) Matters concerning consultation with family of demobilized soldier about his safety. O-1 (ex-2d lt), WO-1, NCO-3, Pvt-2, Civ-4. Work is the same as section above except that this section receives persons who come to the office with inquiries about the missing. Receives about 30 calls a day.

(9) Matters concerning payment of allowances to family of non-demobilized soldier. O-4 (1 ex-maj, 1 ex-capt, 2 ex-2d lts), NCO-5, Pvt-12, Civ-7. Engaged in making payments by mail to families of soldiers still overseas. Disburses about ₱ 700,000 per month.

(10) Matters concerning grace. O-2 (ex-maj, ex-2d lt), NCO-4, Pvt-4, Civ-3. Pays "regard pay" to ex-civil service employees of Army. Pays disability payments to veterans of all wars. However, greater part of work is concerned with payment of Civil service employees.

(11) Matters concerning business and goods for business use. O-1 (ex 2d lt), Pvt-2, Civ-2. Provides equipment, furniture, transportation, and stationery. Purchasing agent.

(12) Matters concerning keeping contact with other offices for peoples needing to be supported. O-2 (ex-maj, ex-capt), NCO-5, Civ-5. Contacts city offices for information of dead and families of demobilized persons needing help. Helps those persons who are entitled to payments to get them.

b. Total personnel classified by former rank:

Former officers	- 27
Former NCO's	- 38
Former pvts	- 44
Civilians	- 53

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c. Comments re Par 4, OD No. 80, Hq Eighth Army, 26 September 1946.

(1) The Branch Chief, ex-Lt. Col. Fukui, states that the entire staff is needed until the job of repatriation and demobilization is complete, at which time the bureau can be done away with completely. He insists that the ex-officers are essential as heads and chief men in the sections because of their technical knowledge. The undersigned believes that the number of ex-officers in directive posts could be cut by a half. In most of the sections only one-ex-officer is actually needed to supply the technical knowledge. The branch assistants could just as well be NCO's or civilians. As a matter of policy it is believed that the number of NCO's employed should be cut by a third. As for the total number of employees, it is believed to be too large by a third even in event of renewed repatriation.

(2) The budget for the Yamaguchi Demobilization Office is attached as Inclosure I. Since April 1946 budgets have been on a monthly basis, though usually delayed. The budget for September 1946 has not been received. Budgets are received down from the Home Ministry through the Hiroshima Branch Department of Central Demobilization Liaison Bureau. Expenditures are audited by the Board of Audit in Tokyo. The budget seems not to be excessive. Dividing all funds expended for personal services by the number of employees, the cost per head was only ¥ 488 for the month of September. Dividing the total operating cost for the month of September by the number of employees, the operating cost per head was only ¥ 633

(3) All section heads and most assistants are ex-officers. Former soldiers form the bulk of the common employees. More than half of the ex-officers were formerly of the Yamaguchi Regimental Headquarters for managment of the registration and draft for this prefecture. The atmosphere of the bureau is not noticeably militaristic, not is there any evedence of subversive activities.

3. The status of the Senzaki Landing Branch Bureau as to justification of personnel is complicated by the fact that the port of Senzaki is closed as a repatriation center subject to reopening on ten (10) days notice from SCAP. There is need there now for only a skeleton force. In event of the reopening for the port, it would need only a major fraction of the personnel it now has. The functions of the various departments and the personnel staffing them are outlined below. The wording is from the Japanese chart submitted, with explanations as deemed necessary.

a. Branch Office

(1) Head of the Branch Office. O-1 (ex-col)

(2) Assistants to the head of the Branch Office. O-5 (1 ex-col, 2 ex-lt cols, 2 ex-majs).

(3) Chief of Demobilization Depsrtment. O-1 (ex-lt col)

(4) Chief of General Affsirs Section. O-1 (ex-lt col)

(5) In charge of Personal Affairs. O-1 (ex-capt), NCO-2,

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Pvt-1, Civ-1.

(6) In charge of General Affairs. O-3 (2 ex-majs, 1 ex-2d lt), NCO-2, Pvt-1, Civ-2. This section is principally a personnel section for handling bureau employees.

(7) In charge of correspondence. O-1 (one of the ex-majs in 6 above)

(8) In charge of liaison affairs. O-3 (1 ex-maj, 2 o-thers), NCO-4, Pvt-2, Civ-4. Handles contacts with OF; CIC, and Mil Govt.

(9) Chief of the Demobilization Section. O-1 (ex-maj)

(10) In charge of general affairs of Demobilization Section. O-3 (3 ex-majs), NCO-1, Civ-2. Principally an em-ployees' personnel section.

(11) In charge of port-entering warships and merchant marine ships. O-2 (ex-capt, ex-2d lt), NCO-2, Pvt-2, Civ-1. Parties who board the repatriation ships as they enter the harbor and orient the repatriates on the routine to be foll-owed after they land.

(12) In charge of guide of landing demobilized soldiers. O-2 (ex-1st lt, ex-2d lt), Act as guides for the repatriates on landing, conducting them through the necessary routine.

(13) In charge of consutation of general affairs in a-ssiting demobilized soldiers. O-2 (ex-2d lts), Civ-1. Counsel demobilized soldiers seeking advice on pay, family affairs, etc.

(14) In charge of instructing write-up on personal re-ports. O-3 (1 ex-capt, 2 ex-2d lts), Pvt-1, Civ-1. Interviews demobilized soldiers as to their army careers for the records. Seeks news of individuals and outfits.

(15) In charge of examining personal reports. O-2 (ex-2d lts), NCO-1. Reviews reports of interviews written by sec-tion (14).

(16) In charge of investigation of death of the un-demobilized. NCO-1, Pvt-1, Civ-1. Tries to establish by inter-view with repatriated soldiers whether certain others are living or dead.

(17) In charge of investigation of living un-demobilized. NCO-2. Seeks news of unrepatriated soldiers known to be living.

(18) In charge of management of undemobilized. O-1 (ex-maj), NCO-1, Pvt-1, Civ-1. Attempts to instruct and orient new-ly demobilized soldier and give him guidance for facing the future.

(19) In charge of taking care of the patients. O-1 (same major named above), NCO-2. Looks after the welfare of the sick and hospitalized. Not a medical officer.

(20) In charge of ashes and the things left behind. O-2 (ex-1st lt, ex-2d lt), Civ-2. Receives ashes and remains from repatriation ships, catalogs them, and sends them once a month to the district demobilization bureaus.

(21) In charge of arrangement and management of documents pertaining to demobilization. O-3 (1 ex-lt col, 2 ex-2d lts), NCO-3, Civ-1. General paper work connected with demobilization.

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Prepares and distributes certificates of demobilization.

(22) In charge of collecting materials of the demobilized. O-2 (ex-capts), NCO-1, Pvt-2. Collecting information on persons still remaining in foreign countries principally Manchuria and North China.

(23) In charge of statistics of the demobilized, O-1 (ex-capt), NCO-1, Civ-1

(24) Chief of Pay Section. O-1 (ex-1t col).

(25) In charge of intendence and paying cash for the demobilized and the Branch staff members. O-4 (2 ex-capts, 1 ex-1st 1t, 1 ex-2d 1t), NCO-5, Pvt-5, Civ-10. Pays demobilization allowance to soldiers, pays employees salaries, and makes all disbursements for expenses.

(26) Crew of warships and merchant marine ships and men in charge of affairs. O-35 (7 ex-cols, 4 ex-1t cols, 3 ex-majs, 11 ex-capts, 3 ex-1st lts, 6 ex-2d lts, 2 ex-WO's), NCO-7, Pvt-1, Civ-1. These men go nack and forth with the repatriation ships. They act as welfare and orientation officers among the repatriates; check passengers for civilians trying to be repatriated in guise of ex-soldiers. While the port at Senzaki is closed these men are not idle but are traveling with their ships out of other repatriation ports.

b. Aid Bureau.

(1) In charge of administration. NCO-2, Civ-1.

(2) In charge of accounting. O-1 (ex-2d 1t), Civ-2.

(3) In charge of supply and keeping of materials. O-2 (ex-capt, ex-2d 1t), NCO-1, Pvt-1.

(4) Repair and management of various establishments. O-1 (ex-2d 1t), Pvt-3.

(5) In charge of supply and upkeep of foodstuffs. NCO-2, Pvt-1.

(6) In charge of guide and assistant of the landed. O-4 (4 ex-2d lts)

(7) In charge of accommodation of Koreans. O-1 (ex-1st 1t), NCO-2, Pvt-1, Civ-2. The only activity of Senzaki repatriation port at present is deportation of illegal Korean entrants to Japan. They are collected here and sent on to regular deportation ports.

(8) In charge of automobiles and management of transportation. O-3 (1 ex-maj, 2 ex-1st lts), NCO-9, Pvt-21, Civ-5.

c. Others Activities;

(1) In charge of welfare affairs of the landed. O-1 (ex-capt), Pvt-5, Civ-3.

(2) Staff of transportation consultation office in Shimonoseki. O-3 (1 ex-maj, 1 ex-capt, 1 ex-1st 1t), NCO-11, Civ-2. Gives advice and guidance on transportation to the demobilized and repatriated passing through Shimonoseki on their way home.

d. Total personnel of the Senzaki Branch classified by former rank:

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Former officers	- 97
Former NCO's	- 67
Former pvt's	- 51
Civilians	- 50
Total	265

e. Comments re Par 4, OD No. 80, Hq Eighth Army, 26 September 1946:

(1) The Branch Chief, ex-Colonel Okuyama, states that it would be possible to replace all the ex-officers in the Aid Bureau by civilians, and to reduce the number of ex-officers in his Branch by nine (9), but that it is essential ex-officers bebe retained in directive posts on account of the technical knowledge of army organization and procedure which only ex-officers have.

(2) With the Senzaki port closed for repatriation most of the sections listed above are idle and simply marking time. In event repatriation through this port should be resumed, it is believed that the departments could be telescoped and the personnel cut by a third, and the ex-military personnel by a half.

(3) The budget for the Senzaki Landing Branch Bureau is attached as Inclosure 2. The budget was formerly allotted for a 3-month period. Of late it has been allotted by the month, though no budget has yet been received for September. It is handed down from the Finance Ministry through the Intendance Department, 1st Demobilization Bureau, Tokyo, and the Western Demobilization Liaison Bureau, Hakata. The budget expenditures seem not to be excessive. Dividing the amount expended for personal services in September by the total number of exployees, the cost perhead is only ¥ 470 a month. Dividing the total operating cost for September by the number of employees, the cost per head is only ¥ 616. The travel expenditures (¥ 17,967) seems to be the only item which might excite comment.

(4) All section heads are ex-officers, and former EM form the greater part of the employees. No ex-officers seem to be employed except in a directive capacity. There seems to be no grouping of ex-officers from the same wartime units. However, the Branch Chief, former Chief of Staff of the 86th Infantry Division, does have two of his former staff with him. The atmosphere of the office is essentially military. The staff members defer to the Branch Chief as though he were still their colonel. The formalities are stiff and punctillious. There is no evidence apparent of any subversive activities.

3. Recommendations - Believing that it is unwise to retain so many of the former officers corps in directive positions, it is recommended

a. That the demobilization agencies in this prefecture be reorganized and reduced in keeping with the comparatively small number of men yet to be repatriated.

b. That the number of former officer and and NCO personnel now in these agencies be reduced as suggested in Pars 2c and 3e above.

c. That civilian agencies be oriented in this work against the time when all repatriation will be complete and the work of the present bureaus will be entirely of a welfare character. Civilian agencies could even now perform the purely welfare funtions.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

FRANCIS T. JUSTICE
Major, CE
Executive Officer

Incls:
1. Budget, Yam Demob Off
2. Budget, Senzaki Land Bur.

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Budget - Yamaguchi Demobilization Office:

Item	Budget directed in the term, from 1 April till 31 Aug.	Amount paid until the end of Sept.	Amount paid during Sept.	Remarks
Salary	¥ 27,471.00	¥ 34,957.00	¥ 5,370.00	Salary paid for officials of the office
Travelling expences	¥ 23,184.00	¥ 24,718.17	¥ 7,541.50	Paid to staff-members travelling on official business, and to people coming on business to this office.
Payment for employee	¥ 56,452.00	¥ 61,459.19	¥ 12,755.04	Salary paid to staff-members, employees and non-official staff members
Allowances	¥ 285,342.00	¥ 311,389.52	¥ 61,129.14	Family-allowances, commodities allowances, & temporary allowances for officials, employees and non-official staff members of the office
Expense for stores	¥ 39,933.80	¥ 49,067.42	¥ 7,395.80	For purchasing furniture, articles of consumption & printing materials & postal fees

Inclosure 1

Item	Budget directed in the term, from 1 April till 31 Aug.	Amount paid until the end of Sept 30	Amount paid during Sept.	Remarks
Miscella-neous expenses	y 22,755.80	y 8,038.40	y 661.60	For rentals & allowances for staff-members on night-duty
Miscella-neous expenses for sending money	y 15,200.00	y 23,281.80	y 6,790.00	Expenditure for troops over seas and for services of the deceased and travelling expenses for transporting money necessary for the troops over seas.
Expenses for entertainment	y 1,500.00	y 807.00	---	Expense needed for quest reception
Expenses for institute	y 5,250.00	y 6,100.00	y 850.00	Rentals of office.
Expenses of service for the deceased	y1,321,570.12	y1,451,707.18	y142,719.15	For bereaved families of ex-service-men civilians employees, and service of the deceased
Miscella-neous expenses for troops being over sea	y12,991,000.00	y11,390,091.02	y2,171,203.28	Money paid to family of non-demobilized soldiers and payment to demobilized soldiers, not received payment when they were over sea

Item	Budget directed in the term, from 1 April till 31 Aug.	Amount paid until the end of Sept	Amount paid during Sept	Remarks
Payment	y 15,302.00	y 15,302.00	y	Bonus to staff-members, paid with payment for employees
Bonus	y 10,691.00	y 10,691.00		Bonus paid to officials, paid with salary
Total	y14,815,657.72	y13,387,357.90	y2,416,416,41	

Budget- Senzaki Landing Branch Bureau

Item	Ordered budget up to Sept.	Expenditure up to the end of Sept.	Expenditure during Sept.	Explanation on items
Salry	50,388.580	52,174.550	11,054.320	Salary of the Branch Bureau officials
Travel expense	39,060.310	75,984.190	17,967.700	Travel expense for official business by the members of the Branch Bureau
Wages	88,830.800	100,256.660	16,565.060	Wages paid to the hired and the non-regular members of the Branch Bureau
Various allowances	313,402.230	421,950.160	93,425.350	Family Allowances, price allowances, temporary allowances, for all the employees of the Branch Bureau
Expenses on goods	38;600.000	31,995.800	12,048.000	Expenses on equipments, articles of consumption, printing and postage
Miscellaneous expense	21,670.000	30,747.700	5,031.000	Rent and over-time wage
Reception expense	2,664.000	590.000	330.000	Money spent in reception
Equipment expense	15,000.000	12,300.000	300.000	Rent of the office
Expense on remittance	---	----	-----	
Expense on ashes	886.200	12,855.300	2,881.900	Ashe boxes, and expenses spent in sending ashes

Inclosure 2

Item	Ordered budget up to Sept.	Expenditure up to the end of Sept.	Expenditure during Sept.	Explanation on items
Expenses for the over-sea units	14,478,077.900	16,203,977.900	300.000	Expenses spent when the oversea soldiers returned
Bonus	21,538.000	25,018.500	3,480.000	For hired men
Bonus	14,922.000	14,922.000	---	For salaried men
Total	150,085,040.920	16,982,772.760	163,383.340	

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SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

HA/CHB/hs

APO 317
24 October 1946

AG 091.1

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference Operational Directive Number 80, your Headquarters, dated 26 September 1946.

2. Report required in subject Operational Directive is submitted herewith for the following Shikoku Military Government Teams:

a. Kagawa Military Government Team
b. Kochi Military Government Team
c. Ehime Military Government Team
d. Tokushima Military Government Team

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Charles H. Back
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Capt., AC
Adjutant

4 Incls:
(1) Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau from Kagawa Mil Govt Team
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HEADQUARTERS
KAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

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APO 317
23 October 1946

AG 091.1

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau.

TO : Commanding Officer, Shikoku Mil. Govt. Region,
Hq & Hq Det., APO 317.

1. In compliance with Operational Directive No. 80, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 26 September 1946, and letter your Headquarters, subject: "Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau", dated 5 October 1946, the following reports of Kagawa Precture Local Assistance Bureau and Zentsuji Branch Office of the Chubu Demobilization Office are submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

James L. Harcrow

JAMES L. HARCROW
Captain, AC
Adjutant

2 Incls:
1. Kagawa Prefecture Local Assistance Bureau Report. (4)
2. Zentsuji Branch Office of the Chubu Demobilization Office Report. (4)

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HEADQUARTERS
KAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

21 October 1946

Kagawa Prefecture Local Assistance Bureau

1. Location: Takamatsu, Kagawa Prefecture.

2. Staff: At present there are 169 people on the staff of the local Assistance Bureau. Of these 120 are former servicemen.

A. The Kagawa Prefecture Local Assistance Bureau is divided into three sections: Document Section, 1st Demobilization Section, 2nd Demobilization Section.

B. The 1st Demobilization Section has 138 people on its staff. Of these 102 are former army men.

C. The 1st Demobilization Section is divided into three departments: a business department, an investigation department, and a financial department.

(1) The business department consists of 34 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	6
Former Warrant Officers:	7
Former Enlisted Men:	14

(2) The investigation department consists of 47 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	7
Former Warrant Officers:	10
Former Enlisted Men:	14

(3) The financial department consists of 57 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	9
Former Warrant Officers:	4
Former Enlisted Men:	31

D. The respective functions of the above three departments of the 1st Demobilization Section are as follows:

(1) Business Department: Assistance and Advice to returned ex-servicemen and their families and to families of servicemen still overseas.

~~Incl. 1 to Incl. 1~~

(2) Investigation Department: Official notification to next of kin of death of ex-servicemen overseas. Delivery of ashes of deceased ex-servicemen to next of kin. Investigation into the whereabouts of ex-servicemen still overseas.

(3) Financial Department: Administration of salaries and allowances of members of the 1st Demobilization Section and administration of all expenses of the Section.

E. According to officials of the 1st Demobilization Section, the work of the Section actually goes beyond the above functions, extending into the field of welfare work which is done in close cooperation with the Welfare Section of the prefectural government.

3. Funds:

A. All funds of the 1st Demobilization Section come from the Tokyo Central Demobilization Office through the Chubu Demobilization Branch Office in Zentsuji (Kagawa Prefecture).

B. According to officials of the 1st Demobilization Section, funds are received in the above manner approximately every three months.

C. If the Section feels the funds being received are insufficient, a written request for more funds is forwarded through the Zentsuji Branch Office to the Tokyo Central Office. According to officials of the Section, these requests are usually met.

D. A breakdown of the budget for the month of September, submitted to this office by the Zentsuji Branch Office, is included with this report. (Incl. I, Sec. II-3).

4. Miscellaneous Findings:

A. Positions of officials within the 1st Demobilization Section follow very closely the order of their former rank in the army, and as a result, the salaries of the officials closely follow the order of their former rank.

B. A partial list of families of unreturned ex-servicemen in Kagawa Prefecture who are receiving financial aid from the 1st Demobilization Section was requested by this office. Upon receipt of the list from the Section a spot check was made of these families. The most important findings are as follows:

(1) Of the families checked by this office approximately 75 per cent are receiving financial aid from the 1st Demobilization Section.

(2) None of the families checked by this office have been visited by members of the 1st Demobilization Section.

(3) Two families in a rural village were found to be receiving financial aid both from the 1st Demobilization Section and from the Welfare Section of the prefectural government. When welfare workers in the village office were informed of this, they said they had no knowledge of the money being received by these families from the 1st Demobilization Section. (This takes exception to the statement in paragraph 2E).

C. Many prefectural government officials, when questioned about the 1st Demobilization Section, state that they believe the Section is performing its job well. The common people, however, seem to feel that the Section is not performing its job well, particularly that the functions of advice and aid other than financial are not being carried out. Numerous complaints have been heard to the effect that when people go to the 1st Demobilization Office seeking advice or information, they are greeted with a cold and indifferent reception. Also there have been many complaints that the investigations of the 1st Demobilization Section into the whereabouts of ex-servicemen still overseas have yielded no results.

D. Although the number of returning ex-army men has greatly decreased during the past two months, officials of the 1st Demobilization Section claim there is still sufficient work to keep the 138 members of the staff busy. The officials also state that investigation into the whereabouts of unreturned ex-servicemen is extremely difficult at present since a large number of them are in Manchuria and no news has been received from that area.

E As far as can be ascertained, the local Assistance Bureau does not engage in militaristic drills, ceremonies, or awards. One incident, however, is noted: On an occasion when members of this office were in the office of the chief of the 1st Demobilization Section, it was observed that an employee stood at rigid attention in the presence of former officers.

F. As far as can be ascertained, no subversive activities have been engaged in by the local Assistance Bureau. C.I.C. confirms this.

5. Recommendations:

A. In spite of the arguments of the 1st Demobilization Section that former army men are the most suitable personnel for the work of the Section because they are acquainted

B. It is the opinion of this office that while investigation into the whereabouts of unreturned ex-servicemen, notification of death and delivery of ashes to next of kin, and payment of funds to families of ex-servicemen who are still alive overseas may be legitimate functions of the 1st Demobilization Section, all other miscellaneous assistance, advice, and welfare work should be done by the prefectural government.

1 Inclosure:
Report from Zentsuji Branch Office
of the Chubu Demobilization Office
(Sec. II-3)

LIAISON SECTION
KAGAWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

Oct., 9,1946.

TO : Commanding officer of Kagawa M.G. Team.

FROM : Chief of Liaison Section of Kagawa Local Gov't.

On the research of affices about repatriation ( ) Concerning the subject, I submit the report as in the annexed sheets.

M. KAGAWA
Chief of Liaison Section,
Kagawa Local Gov't.

8 Oct.,1946.

Middle Demobilization Liaison
Office, Zentsuji Branch

EXPLANATORY NOTE
to
The Occupation Forces in Takamatsu

I. Demobilization offices in Shikoku and Businesses thereof.
As for offices in charge of demobilization in Shikoku, each prefecture has the local assistance branch of its own, and in Zentsuji.we have the Branch of the Middle Demobilization Liaison Office, which comes under the mentioned Liaison Office, controlting and managing over the demobilization business in the Shikoku area.
(Remarks: The Middle Demobilization Liaison Office, which is under The First Demobilization Bureau in Tokyo, is located in Osaka, controlling over, besides Zentsuji Branch, branches of Hiroshima and Nagoya.)

(1) Basic business managed by Zentsuji Branch is as follows:

(A) Guidance and control of businesses of each local assistance branch located in each prefecture (Kagawa, Ehime, Kochi, and Tokushima) in Shikoku.

(B) Conveyance and control over the sure realization of intentions or directives from Tokyo and Osaka re The disposition of demobilization business in Shikoku area and in cessant report of repatriation news from overseas.

(C) To speed up and insure the demobilization work, investigation and adjustment of the pertinent data re mobilization, replacement and transportation of the former army in the area concerned.

(D) Explanation of the present situation re demobilization in this area to the O.F. agencies in Shikoku and asking for proper leadership therefrom.

(E) Partial execution of inactivation business which is concerned with Zentsuji and its neighbouring areas (delivery of unpaid salaries and allowances to demobilized personnel or information of advices to the bereaved families of the war-dead) and copperation with prefecture, cities towns and villages re their relief, welfare programs for inactivated service-men and bereaved families.

(2) Basic work of each local assistance branch is the execution and disposition of demobilization business in each prefecture, the details thereof following.

(A) Sure investigation of the unreturnees, especially missing servicemen.

(B) Official information and disposition of the dead.

(C) Receipt, convoy and delivery of dead servicemen's bones and enshrining of them at the Yasukuni Shrine.

(D) Investigation and delivery of social bounties to the sick and wounded ex-servicemen,

(E) Delivery of unpaid salaries to the demobilized.

(F) ~~Explanatio~~ Remittance to the families with undemobilized persons.

(G) Explanation of present condition of demobilization work in the area concerned to the Occupation Forces stationed in each prefecture and execution of demand or directives therefrom if any.

(H) Proper and necessary explanation or advices given when consulted by bereaved families of war-dead, and cooperation offered to relief and welfare work for the demobilized needy and bereaved families sponsored by prefecture, cities, towns and villages.

(3) Such are our basic businesses, yet both the Branch Office and local assistance branches are now exerting themselves into the following businesses as important focuses.

(A) Investigation of the unreturnees, especially missing personnel.

(B) Disposal of relief and welfore business for the demobilized needy and bereaved families in cooperation with prefecture, cities, towns villages and civilians.

(4) Though such is the contents of business operated by the Branch Office and each local assistance branch, yet the basic frame of their work is, after all, backed with business of mobilization, replacement and enlistment disposal etc operated by the former army. And unless this complicated work be implemented by former military personnel versed therein hitherto, it will never be accomplished sure and enough in such a short time, which

accordingly will hinder the construction of peaceful new Japan. This is the reason why the Allied Council for Japan has recently admitted mentioned unavoidability and decided to make. demobilization offices continue functioning until the completion of demobilization, authorizing the exmilitary personnel to be posted there as staff-porsennel.

(5) Among demobilization businesses "Relief and welfare on the social phase" is essentially a part of matters under the administration of prefecture, cities, towns and villages, therefore to go through with this business it is naturol that administrative agencies concerned or civilians should play an important part As far as the Branch Office and Local assistance branches are concerned, we have been working to assist and cooperate with them.

Remarks: The particulars re above will be submitted to M.G. & C.I.C. so you are referred to the same titled "Outline of Demobilization in Shikoku."

II Expenditure necessitated in the Branch Office and local Assistance branches.

(1) The amount is as in a separate sheet, which is delivered as expenditure of 1st demobilization Bureau under the Finance Ministry.

(2) Contents of each expenditure

A. Remittance of salaries and allowances for personnel remaining overseas to their families in Japan.

B. Liquidation of unpaid salaries and allowances for demobilized personnel during the period of their stay overseas.

C. Expences for convoy and transmission of bones of war-dead, death grant, funeral charges, travelling fees for the bereived families etc.

D. Expenditure for investigation of the missing personnel.

E. Miscellanious expenses for accomplishment of other demobilization business.

F. Besides above mentioned, salaries and allowances for the personnel of the Branch Office and local assistance branches, maintenance cost of land and buildings, and other business expences.

(3) Accounting structure.

As to demobilization expenditure, the intendence chief of the Demobilization Bureau receives it, which is advanced to chief account official in charge of fund advance and is further delivered by him to fund advance official of the branches of the Demobilization Liaison Office. In this branch we have account official in charge of fund advance who receive mentioned money which is delivered to account official of each local assistance branch under our juridicture.

Account official of each local assistance delivers the same expense directly to the receivers thereof. It deemed necessary we may have assistant or temporary account official for its delivery. When such delivery is finished, settlement book is made and certificated. This settlement book is examined by each accounting official in charge of fund advance and further by chief fund advance official to inquire about doubtful and unsatisfactory matters and finally inspected by Auditing Bureau. Chief of each demobilization offices controls and supervises over the matters re intendance.

Specification	Branch	Kagawa	Kochi
First demobilization expenses			
Salaries	¥ 17,270	¥ 21,256	¥ 20,592
Travelling expenses	¥ 11,025	¥ 9,050	¥ 10,000
Employment	¥ 25,302	¥ 50,605	¥ 44,371
Expenses for Procurement	¥ 7,875	¥ 16,500	¥ 16,725
Misc. Expenses for Remittance	0	¥ 1,250	¥ 1,000
Miscellanious	¥ 2,000	¥ 2,625	¥ 2,625
Various allowances	¥ 9,390	¥ 20,672	¥ 18,696
Reception	¥ 300	¥ 300	¥ 300
Expenses for oversea troops (for A,B,D,E in separate report)	¥ 20,000	¥1,260,000	¥ 1,020,000
Memorial service for the dead (For C in the report)	¥ 2,000	¥ 400,000	¥ 340,000
Total	¥ 95,162	¥1,782,258	¥1,474,309

Remarks: This is the table of the expenses for September which shows a general standard.
Tokushima and Ehime had almost as much as Kagawa.

Investigation on the offices related to demobilization

Kagawa Local Assistance Branch

1. Structure

Prefecturul Governor-Director of Assistance Branch
- Documents Section
- 1st Demobilization Section
  - Aid Subsection
  - Absence Affairs Subsection
  - Accountants' Subsection
- 2nd Demobilization Section
  - General Affairs Subsection
  - Assistance of the Dead Subsection
  - Assistance of Survivor Subsection

Note: The number of the staff members and their military ranks are the same as those informed before.

2. Explanation of the functions to cary out.

a. Work of the Documents Section
general affairs, personnel, liaison, forwarding and receiving of documents, etc. of the Assistance at ~~large~~ branch, at large.

b. Work of the 1st Demobilization ~~the~~ Section
Demobilization affairs of the former army

●. Aid Subsection
business affairs of varius rewards
(recommendation of the dead's services, military employees' allowance, Procedure of the pension of the sick and wounded, etc.)
Assistance, consultation, etc of the bereaved family members, undemobilized, undemobilized persons' family, and demobilized.

●. Absence Affairs Subsection
Information of the dead, delivery of ashes, investigation of the missing, military register, adfustment of civil officials' list, etc.

●. Accountants' Subsection
Allowances within the branch, allowance of the dead, allowance of the demobilized, remittance of the undemobilized persons' salaries to their family, etc.

c. Work of the 2nd Demobilization Section
affairs of the former navy
a. General Affairs Subsection
general affairs, personnel affairs, forwarding and receiving of documents, etc, within the 2nd Demobilization Section
b. Assistance of the Dead Subsection
grant of the Ashes, Consultation and Assistance of the bereaved family members, etc.
c. Assistance of Survivors Subsection
Consultation and Assistance of undemobilized, demobilized, undemobilized persons' family,

On the necessity of the staff members experienced in particular as to the special knowledge and work's peculiarity.

The staff members experienced in almost all the affairs are required and especially so for the members of higher position.

The reasonsthereof.
(1) The various stipulations are complicated and altered many times. On top of it, they are in close connection with the regulations in wartime.
For these reasons, new appointees are apt not to be capable of the work.
For instance, there are the affairs of reward, information of the dead, adjustment of military register, etc.

(2) Because of the left-over affairs' adjustment of the former Army and Navy, no one can more fully understand the circumstances than the ex-servicemen and military employees.
Accordingly, otherstham them are unable to do such work as the investigations requested by the Occupation Forces, investigation of the missing, consultation of the bereaved family members, undemobilized persons' family, etc.

3. Probability of these functions if carried out by other agency of the government or Civilians.
It is impossible or extremely difficult.
The reasons thereof.
1. The demobilization affairs after the surrender are difficult beyond imagination. Especially the psychology of bereaved family members, undemobilized persons' family and demobilized, are so delicate that it is necessary to take really into consideration their feeling and to have the mind of devoting themselves to their protection.
Judging from the present conditions of the people, it is next to impossible to demand these to other agencies of the government especially civilians not relating to these people.

2. As the business thereof is the left-over affairs' regulatio
of the former army and navy, The line-up must be composed
of with the former soldiers experienced in the military
affairs as nucleus, without the members of which the work
does not go on smoothly.
Especially the investigations of the former military forces
requested by the occupation Forces are impossible to be
conducted by other agencies or civilians.

II.

1. Amount and source of the fund for each agency and branch of the headquarters.

(1) Amount of the fund
a. former army division (Documents Section and the 1st Demobilization Section. The rest is the same as the above)

monthly amount ----- about 2 million yen.
b. former navy division (The 2nd Demobilization Section The rest is the same as the above)

(2) Source
both alike are to be paid from the national treasury.

2. Purpose and nature of the expenditures including the payment to employees.

(1) former army divison
a. purpose of the expenditures.
salaries and travelling expenses of the staff members, expenses for purchase of business articles, expenses for maintenance of buildings, expenses required for the remittance of unrepatriates' salary to their families, adjustment of repatriates' salary, grant to the war dead's bereaved family, and performance of memorial service necessary for the completed demobilization of servicemen and civilian personnel.
b. Nature of the experditure
(1) salary, travelling expense and various allowances
payment of salary, travelling expense, extraordinary family allowance for the staff members.
(2) Business expense
purchase of articles required for executing the businesses
payment of postal and telegraph charges, commission etc.
(3) facilities expenses
payment necessary for maintenance of buildings.
(4) expenses for overseas military troops
remittance of unrepatriates' salaries to their families, adjustment of repatriates' salaries.
(5) memorial service expense
expenses for the delivery of ashes, expenses for the convoy and delivery of ashes.

(2) former navy division
a. purpose of the expenditures
salaries and travelling expense, purchase of business articles.

b. nature of the expenditures.

(1) salary ——— payment of salaries for secretaries.
(2) various allowances———
travelling expense, employees' travelling expenses, salary of employees.
(3) Business expense ——— purchase expense of fixtures, articles for consum-ption, expenses for communication and transportation
(4) Various allowances
extraordinary family allowances.

3. The channels that the funds are acquired through.

(1) former army division
national treasury ——— 1st demobilization Bureau,
Demobilization Board——— Central Demobilization
Liaison Bureau ——— Zentsuji Branch of the Central
Demobilization Liaison Bureau——— the 1st demobilization
Section, Kagawa Local Assistance Branch.

(2) former Navy division
national treasury——— the 2nd Demobilization Bureau,
Demobilization Board——— Saseho Local Demobilization
Liaison Bureau ——— the 2nd Demobilization Section,
Local Assistance Branch.

HEADQUARTERS
KAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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21 October 1946

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1. Location: Takamatsu, Kagawa Prefecture.

2. Staff: At present there are 169 people on the staff of the local Assistance Bureau. Of these 120 are former servicemen.

A. The Kagawa Prefecture Local Assistance Bureau is divided into three sections: Document Section, 1st Demobilization Section, 2nd Demobilization Section.

B. The 1st Demobilization Section has 138 people on its staff. Of these 102 are former army men.

C. The 1st Demobilization Section is divided into three departments: a business department, an investigation department, and a financial department.

(1) The business department consists of 34 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	6
Former Warrant Officers:	7
Former Enlisted Men:	14

(2) The investigation department consists of 47 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	7
Former Warrant Officers:	10
Former Enlisted Men:	14

(3) The financial department consists of 57 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	9
Former Warrant Officers:	4
Former Enlisted Men:	31

D. The respective functions of the above three departments of the 1st Demobilization Section are as follows:

(1) Business Department: Assistance and Advice to returned ex-servicemen and their families and to families of servicemen still overseas.

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(2) Investigation Department: Official notification to next of kin of death of ex-servicemen overseas. Delivery of ashes of deceased ex-servicemen to next of kin. Investigation into the whereabouts of ex-servicemen still overseas.

(3) Financial Department: Administration of salaries and allowances of members of the 1st Demobilization Section and administration of all expenses of the Section.

E. According to officials of the 1st Demobilization Section, the work of the Section actually goes beyond the above functions, extending into the field of welfare work which is done in close cooperation with the Welfare Section of the prefectural government.

3. Funds:

A. All funds of the 1st Demobilization Section come from the Tokyo Central Demobilization Office through the Chubu Demobilization Branch Office in Zentsuji (Kagawa Prefecture).

B. According to officials of the 1st Demobilization Section, funds are received in the above manner approximately once every three months.

C. If the Section feels the funds being received are insufficient, a written request for more funds is forwarded through the Zentsuji Branch Office to the Tokyo Central Office. According to officials of the Section, these requests are usually met.

D. A breakdown of the budget for the month of September, submitted to this office by the Zentsuji Branch Office, is included with this report. (Incl. I, Sec. II-3).

4. Miscellaneous Findings:

A. Positions of officials within the 1st Demobilization Section follow very closely the order of their former rank in the army, and as a result, the salaries of the officials closely follow the order of their former rank.

B. A partial list of families of unreturned ex-servicemen in Kagawa Prefecture who are receiving financial aid from the 1st Demobilization Section was requested by this office. Upon receipt of the list from the Section a spot check was made of these families. The most important findings are as follows:

(1) Of the families checked by this office approximately 75 per cent are receiving financial aid from the 1st Demobilization Section.

(2) None of the families checked by this office have been visited by members of the 1st Demobilization Section.

(3) Two families in a rural village were found to be receiving financial aid both from the 1st Demobilization Section and from the Welfare Section of the prefectural government. When welfare workers in the village office were informed of this, they said they had no knowledge of the money being received by these families from the 1st Demobilization Section. (This takes exception to the statement in paragraph 2E).

C. Many prefectural government officials, when questioned about the 1st Demobilization Section, state that they believe the Section is performing its job well. The common people, however, seem to feel that the Section is not performing its job well, particularly that the functions of advice and aid other than financial are not being carried out. Numerous complaints have been heard to the effect that when people go to the 1st Demobilization Office seeking advice or information, they are greeted with a cold and indifferent reception. Also there have been many complaints that the investigations of the 1st Demobilization Section into the whereabouts of ex-servicemen still overseas have yielded no results.

D. Although the number of returning ex-army men has greatly decreased during the past two months, officials of the 1st Demobilization Section claim there is still sufficient work to keep the 138 members of the staff busy. The officials also state that investigation into the whereabouts of unreturned ex-servicemen is extremely difficult at present since a large number of them are in Manchuria and no news has been received from that area.

E As far as can be ascertained, the local Assistance Bureau does not engage in militaristic drills, ceremonies, or awards. One incident, however, is noted: On an occasion when members of this office were in the office of the chief of the 1st Demobilization Section, it was observed that an employee stood at rigid attention in the presence of former officers.

F. As far as can be ascertained, no subversive activities have been engaged in by the local Assistance Bureau. C.I.C. confirms this.

5. Recommendations:

A. In spite of the arguments of the 1st Demobilization Section that former army men are the most suitable personnel for the work of the Section because they are acquainted

B. It is the opinion of this office that while investigation into the whereabouts of unreturned ex-servicemen, notification of death and delivery of ashes to next of kin, and payment of funds to families of ex-servicemen who are still alive overseas may be legitimate functions of the 1st Demobilization Section, all other miscellaneous assistance, advice, and welfare work should be done by the prefectural government.

1 Inclosure:
Report from Zentsuji Branch Office
of the Chubu Demobilization Office
(Sec. II-3)

HEADQUARTERS
KAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

21 October 1946

Zentsuji Branch Office of the Chubu Demobilization Office

1. Location: Zentsuji, Kagawa Prefecture.

2. At present there are 81 people on the staff of the Zentsuji Branch Office. Of these 31 are former soldiers.

3. The zentsuji Branch Office is divided into three sections: The administrative section, the business section, and the financial section.

   A. The administrative section consists of 44 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	9
Former Warrant Officers:	4
Former Enlisted Men:	5

   B. The business section consists of 17 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	6
Former Warrant Officers:	2
Former Enlisted Men:	0

   C. The financial section consists of 20 people who may be classified as follows:

Former Officers:	5
Former Warrant Officers:	0
Former Enlisted Men:	0

4. The respective functions of the above three departments of the Zentsuji Branch Office are as follows:

   Administration Section: General administrative section, controlling the Branch Office and the 1st Demobilization Sections of the four Regional Aid Offices on Shikoku.

   Business Section: Delivery of ashes to next of kin. Investigation into the whereabouts of unreturned ex-servicemen. Notification of death of ex-servicemen to next of kin.

   Financial Section: Delivers funds to the four Regional Aid Offices on Shikoku. Pays salaries and allowances of staff of Zentsuji Branch Office.

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5. All funds of the Zentsuji Branch Office come from the Tokyo Central Office.

6. Miscellaneous Findings:

A. With a few exceptions, positions and salaries of former army men on the staff of the Zentsuji Branch Office follow the order of the former rank of these men.

B. With the recent reduction in the number of returning ex-servicemen, the number of people on the staff of the Zentsuji Branch Office has been reduced slightly.

C. As far as can be ascertained, the Zentsuji Branch Office does not engage in militaristic drills, ceremonies, or awards.

D. There is no evidence that the Zentsuji Branch Office is engaging in subversive activities. C.I.C. confirms this.

7. Recommendations:

In view of the function of the Zentsuji Branch Office, particularly in view of the fact that its main function is that of supervising the affairs of the four Regional Aid Offices on Shikoku, it is the opinion of this office that there is no justification for the large number of army men now on the staff.

1 Inclosure:
Report from Zentsuji Branch Office
of the Chubu Demobilization Office

HEADQUARTERS
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Kochi, Shikoku
APO 317

16 October 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau, Kochi Branch

TO : Shikoku Military Government Region, Hq & Hq Det.

The Local Assistance Bureau is the only agency handling demobilization in the Prefecture. This Headquarters has made an investigation of the Bureau and the following general conclusions have been reached:

The organization is composed of 140 people, 62% of whom are former military personnel. While some special army knowledge should be of value it appears that this group has received favorable treatment.

The number of unrepatriated personnel is approximately 11,500 army and 1000 navy men. In view of the gradual manner in which repatriation is being accomplished it would seem that the large number of personnel in the office is unnecessary and could perhaps be reduced by 30%. A more efficient organization should correlate the work of the Bureau and eliminate many of the present office force. A specific example of this is the information office which has a total of four employees to direct applicants to proper sections.

The Chief of the Kochi Local Branch, a former Colonel, Toshima Sakamoto does not appear to be overly familiar with the office routines and was able to answer few questions without consulting his assistants.

Work of the Kochi Branch however has evidently been satisfactory to the people concerned and this Headquartershas received little or no complaints of inefficiency in that respect.

Routine of the office compares with that of other Prefectural offices visited and no evidence of a militaristic attitude was discovered.

Attached report and accompanying tables are the results of investigations made by Kochi Japanese Liaison Office.

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Oct. 14, 1946.

To: Senior Officer
Mil. Govt. Team, Kochi.

From: Liaison Office, Kochi Pref.

Subject: ~~On~~ Local Assistance Office, Kochi.

Sir,

In compliance with your inquiry. We respectfully beg to report to you on the above subject as attached sheets.

Yours faithfully,

Liaison Office
Kochi Pref.

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1. Extent of need for the special knowledge and skills of former officer personnel in the performance of functions essential to repatriation and demobilization with quantative estimates.

Principal personnels performing these functions will be required to be well qualified with the special knowledge of military affairs and regulations.

(1)

(a) Functions being performed by each headquarters and agency.
They handle the matters concerning the status of soldiers and military personnels, payment to their dependents and the remittance to families of mobilized soldiers.

(b) The number of personnel allocated to each function classified as former commissioned personnel, enlisted personnel and civilians.
Refer to the attached list No. 1

(2)

(a) Justification of functions being performed.
They manage the business according to the Ordinance no. 318 dated June 14, 1946.

(b) Number and classification of personnel being employed.
Refer to the attached list No. 1.

(3) Possibility of some of the functions being more appropriately performed by civilians or other governmental agencies.

(a) Some functions in the district seem to be more appropriately and effectively performed if the office of this type of work will totally be incorporated into the prefectural government system to manage the business on the same standing as that of the departments or the sections of the prefectural gov't.

(b) It seems that the functions of this nature will be more appropriately performed by the former military personnels making the best use of their knowledge and skills, if there is no trouble in this connection.

2. Amount and source of funds of each headquarters, agency, and branch; purpose and nature of expenditure, including that for pay of employees.

See attached lists, No. 2 & No. 3.

3. Preferential treatment, if any, accorded employees, based upon former military rank.

None.

4. Drills, ceremonies, and awards indulged in.

~~None.~~

Decorations are often awardeed to soldier- dead.- Mx

List No. 1

Classification / Section (Sub-section)	Position	Commissioned Personnel: Chief of the office	Chief of the Section	2nd class	3rd class	Clerk	Enlisted personnel: Employee	2nd class	3rd class	Clerk	Employee	Civilians: 2nd class	3rd class	Clerk	Employee	Total
Correspondente Section		1	1	1	1				3	10	1			6	5	29
The 1st Section (Business on the former Army)	Support Affairs Sub-sec.		1	2	2	4			5	14				3	4	35
	Bereaved Family's Affairs Sub-Sec.			3	1	2			2	13	1			3	4	29
	Accounts Sub-Sec.			2	2	1			2	10	1			5	10	33
Total		1	2	8	6	7			12	47	3			17	23	126
The 2nd Section (Business on the former Navy)			1	3 (Non-regular Staff 1)					5	4	1			4	1	19
Grand Total		1	3	11	6	7			17	51	4			21	24	145

List No.2

Amount and saurse of funds of each head quarters, agency, and branch: purpose and nuture of expenditures, including that for pay of employees: and system of accounting for funds.

1. Amount of funds, purpose and nature of expenditure.

Item of expenditure	Amount allotted from Apr to Sep't	Amount activally spent from Apr to Sep't	Balance	Purpose of expenditure
Expenses for the "First Demobilization"	¥11,922,266.35	¥8,791,883.26	¥3,130,383.09	
Salary	30,649.00	31,500.70	(¥851.70)	Salaries of civil officials.
Bonus	9,157.00	9,157.00	0.-	Bonus for civil official. Now it has been abolished.
Pay expense	91,304.38	91,321.57	- ¥17.19	Travelling expense for the staff. and these under ordinance No.50. Salary and bonus for the employee in the office. (It has been abolished to pay Bonus)
Business expense	52,290.00	54,343.72	- ¥2,053.72	Expense for purchasing the necessaries furnished in the office. Remittance charge and others.
Allowances	¥274,701,00	295,540.14	(¥20,839.14)	Family allowance, inflation allowance, temporal allowance. (Only family allowance is now paid.)
Equipment expense	2,500.00	1,125.50	¥1,374.50	Reparing expense

List No. 3.

System of accounting and source of funds.

System of office managing the business of estimate and settlement of accounts.	Function and Personnel				
		Personnel			
	Function	Chief of the Section	Secretary (Jimucan)	Employee	Total
Accounts Dep't, 1st Demobilization Bureau	Estimate, settlement of Accounts, receipts and disbursement.	1	3	4	7
Chubu Demobilization Liaison Bureau	Accounts of expense for the demobilized			3	3
Zentsuji Branch of the above Bureau	Accounts of grant for the dead			2	2
Local Assistance Branch	Payment to the family of the mobilized		1	12	13
	Accountancy		1	3	4
	General Affairs			3	3
	Total	1	5	27	33

Note: Estimate is made up from the general accounts of Finance Ministry. (Government fund.)

HEADQUARTERS
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Kochi, Shikoku
APO 317

16 October 1946

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BASIC: Ltr, Shikoku Military Govt Region, Hqs & Hqs Detachment, APO 317, subject: "Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau," dtd 5 October 1946.

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Ehime Military Government Team, APO 317, 17 October 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region, Hqs & Hqs Detachment, APO 317, U.S. Army

1. Basic communication has been complied with. Report of investigation, in triplicate, is inclosed.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that date was extended to 20 October 1946 on this report by verbal orders from your headquarters, dated 16 October 1946.

Curtis E. Healton

CURTIS E. HEALTON
Major, TC
Commanding

3 Incls:
1 - Eighth Army OD 80, dtd 26 Sept. 46
2 - List of Personnel
3 - Report of Investigation (in trip)

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SHIKOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
(Takamatsu, Shikoku)

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APO 317
5 October 1946

AG 091.1

SUBJECT: Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau.

TO : Kochi Mil Govt Team
Tokushima Mil Govt Team
Ehime Mil Govt Team
Kagawa Mil Govt Team

1. Desire immediate compliance with Operation Directive #80, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 26 September 1946. Attention is directed to paragraph 7. Reports should reach this Headquarters on or before 16 October as rechecking may be necessary.

2. Attached is a copy of the list of personnel report to be employed in the respective area concerned.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DARK:

Ivan L Bogert
IVAN L. BOGERT
1st Lt., Sec
Adjutant

2 Incls:
1. Eithth Army O/D 80 dtd 26 September 1946
2. List of Personnel

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In connection with investigation of First Demobilization Bureau (Operational Directive No.80) following is a list of ex-military personnel employed in Local Association Bureau with:

Ishikawa, Harumi	Colonel.	Ochi,Michihiro	Major
Shirai, Gizyuro	"	Tomioka, Minoru	"
Takemura, Shigeru	"	Takayama, Toshitake	"
Takahashi, Yonosuke	Lt.Col.	Kamenaga, Masuji	"
Nishibori, Toshiichi	"	Tanaka, Takeo	Intendant Captain
Aoki, Hideo	Major.	Inada, Kozo	"
Sugi, Kenya	"		

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EHIME MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317, U.S. ARMY

17 October 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of Local Assistance Bureau, Ehime Ken.

TO : Commanding Officer, Shikoku Military Government Region, APO 317.

1. In compliance with OD No. 80, Hq. Eighth Army, dated 26 September 1946 and letter, Shikoku Military Government Region, subject: "Investigation of First Demobilization Bureau", dated 5 October 1946, the following report of investigation is submitted:

a. It is believed that the present organization of the Local Assistance Bureau is top-heavy with former high ranking military personnel. Thirty-one (31) Secretaries (Second and Third Grade Officials) 136 employees and 32 temporary employees are now working at all branches of that bureau. (See Exhibit A)

Questions directed to chiefs of sections were in most cases referred to assistants for answers. Special military knowledge and technical skills of former officer personnel are not, as a general rule, utilized in performance of present duties. Length of service and experience in this work are considered principal personnel qualifications for the efficient operation of this Bureau. About 20 percent of former military personnel are assigned to duties requiring technical knowledge and special military qualifications necessary to carry out efficiently demobilization and repatriation of remaining Japanese forces.

(1) Functions being performed by Local Assistance Bureau, and the number allocated to each function, classified as former commissioned personnel, enlisted personnel and civilians are shown in Exhibit B.

(2) The functions of Local Assistance Bureau are considered essential and will continue to be until bulk of former Japanese troops are repatriated from Manchuria and other areas.

(3) It is believed that civilians can be trained to perform a majority of the duties in the Bureau during a period of six months; 30% to replace former military personnel after a period of sixty days, another 30% after ninety days; the remaining 40% to be

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closely screened and retained according to background, temperament and general efficiency. It is not believed advisable to transfer any of the functions of this bureau to other governmental agencies.

b. No specific instance of illegal disbursements, employment of unnecessary personnel, maintenance of unity of former military groups and continuation of military discipline, organization or tradition in any guise was observed or has been reported.

(1) Funds for this bureau are alloted by the Finance Ministry through the First Demobilization Office and Zentsuji Branch Office. These allotments are generally made by the month, in irregular amounts, and separately for different uses(base pay, allowances, supplies, disbursement of claims, etc.). An organized budget does not exist. Balance carried over from one fiscal year to the next is not shown, even in bank statements. No over all record of total funds allotted, and expenditures is available; as a result misuse of funds is difficult to determine. (Eight spot checks of discharged service men concerning amounts received from Local Assistance Bureau showed agreement with individual records of the Bureau). It is recommended that the Ministry of Finance be directed to audit the accounts with a view toward revising the book-keeping system.

(2) At the time this bureau was organized, grades and pay rates of employees were determined by former military status. While this is no longer the basis for assigning pay grades, the organization has remained largely unchanged in the past year, with the result that at this time classification from section heads down to lowest employee corresponds closely with former military rank.

(3) No evidence of militaristic drills, ceremonies or granting of military awards was noted or has been reported to this headquarters.

(4) No subversive activities have been observed or reported.