

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
23 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Progress Report of Fire Branch for period
January 12 - January 17, 1948.

1. Conferences:

a. A conference was held with representatives of the Tokyo fire and police departments regarding safety regulations for places of public assembly. As a result of the conference, it was decided that the police department will apply temporary safety measures pending the drafting of new regulations by the Fire Branch. A proposed safety code for places of public assembly was drawn up and completed by the Fire Branch, and given to the fire department for presentation to the Tokyo-To assembly for enactment.

Mr. Angell, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Brooks of the Fire Branch, and Lt. Col. Battey of PSD participated in the conference.

b. Mr. Angell, Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Brooks of Fire Branch, and Lt. Col. Battey of PSD, held a conference with the director general of Domestic Affairs, from the Prime Minister's office and two representatives from the Home Bureau regarding the temporary appointment of administrative personnel to the proposed fire defense board and fire research institute.

The candidates proposed by Japanese officials will be investigated and studied by Fire Branch with reference to their qualifications for the positions concerned.

c. Mr. Angell attended a conference at the MPB with representatives from 10 out of 13 prefectures having a Kansetsu form of fire organization. Lt. Col. Battey of PSD and Mr. Nolan of GS also participated. Various details of the new fire reorganization law were discussed and interpreted.

1. Inspections:

a. None

3. Active Projects:

- a. Mr. Matthews continued preparation of an arson investigation course.
- b. Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr continued preparation of a revised city grading schedule for application to Japanese cities.
- c. Mr. Martin continued the firemen's training course at 4 Tokyo fire stations.
- d. Mr. McKibbin continued the study of fire department reorganization problems.
- e. Mr. Telford continued with the installation of a triangulation system in the Tokyo fire department.
- f. Mr. Telford continued working with the Tokyo-Eiga motion picture company on production of a documentary film on Japanese fire losses.
- g. Mr. Ankrom continued the preparation of material for use in a firemen's training film.
- h. Mr. Starr began preparation of a standard code for storage and handling of combustible fibres.
- i. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Telford began preparation of, and completed, a safety code for places of public assembly.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Mr. Angell discussed possibility of reduction of insurance rates for properties protected by fire alarm systems with Mr. Nohmi, of the Nippon Fire Alarm Company. Mr. Nohmi was further referred to the Nippon Fire and Marine Insurance Company.
- b. Mr. Angell discussed standardization of stand-pipe fire hose connections with Mr. Johnson, of Hqs. and Sv. Grp.
- c. Mr. Starr talked to officials of the Economic Stabilization Board and the Civilian Rationing Bureau regarding the release of 5,000 pairs of rubber boots to the Tokyo fire department. Arrangements were made to accomplish this early in February.

d. Mr. Brooks studied imperial ordinance 185 with respect to its relationship to Shobodan organizations.

e. Mr. Ankrom completed arrangements with the Signal Corp for the filming of fire department drill procedures and school drills.

f. Mr. Ankrom witnessed a fire drill at a Tokyo primary school and observed a fire prevention play presented by the school children.

g. Mr. Martin discussed the firemen's training program with fire chiefs at the MPB.

h. Mr. Telford visited the manufacturing branch of ESS and discussed the manufacture of sprinkler equipment in Japan.

i. Mr. Angell, Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Matthews interviewed proposed candidates for appointment to the proposed fire defense board. Representatives from the Tokyo fire department also were consulted.

j. Mr. Angell discussed the preparation of various charts showing Japanese fire losses, area, value, lives lost, etc., with Dr. Pierce of S&A. S&A will prepare the charts.

k. All members of the Fire Branch attended the annual firemen's review at the plaza ground. Mr. Angell addressed the assemblage.

l. Mr. Angell discussed specifications for fire hose with Mr. Ito, of the Teikoku Seini Company.

m. Mr. Angell reviewed details of the fire defense law with Mr. Nolan of G.S. A program for a conference on this subject was discussed with a representative from the Tokyo fire department.

n. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Ankrom attended a fire drill at a Tokyo grade school. Mr. Matthews spoke to about 1,000 students.

o. Mr. Matthews attended a meeting of insurance officials at the Nippon Marine & Fire Insurance Ass'n. and spoke to about 200 attending. An educational fire film was shown and explained.

p. Mr. Brooks visited the Ministry of Home Affairs for investigation of personnel records of candidates for appointment to the proposed fire defense board.

q. Mr. Telford prepared all daily and weekly progress reports.

r. Mr. Brooks made preliminary studies leading to a simplification of the firemen's training manual.

s. Mr. Telford visited the Tokyo-Figa Company and witnessed the first prints of the documentary film on Japanese fire losses.

5. Proposed Projects:

a. Establishment of a fire research institute and related activities.

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13 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Progress report of Fire Branch for period
December 1 - December 6, 1947.

1. Conferences:

a. Mr. Angell and other members of the Fire Branch, Lt. Col. Battey of PSD, and representatives of the Japanese Diet conferred about proposed revisions in the new fire service law.

b. Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Brooks conferred with Commissioner Numata and other officials of the Tokyo fire department regarding reorganization of the fire service.

2. Inspections:

a. Mr. Brooks inspected the Washington Heights theatre sprinkler system and conducted water flow tests of the area in that vicinity.

3. Active Projects:

a. Mr. Matthews continued preparation of arson investigation training course.

b. Mr. Martin continued firemen's training program at 5 Tokyo fire stations.

c. Mr. Ankrom continued with his orientation with Mr. Brooks.

d. Mr. Telford continued his work with the Tokyo-Eiga film company in the production of a documentary film about Japanese fire losses.

e. Mr. McKibbin continued his studies of the reorganization of the Tokyo fire department.

f. Mr. Telford continued the development of a triangulation system for the Tokyo fire department

4. Miscellaneous:

a. Mr. Angell and Mr. Brooks attended MPB ceremonies for presentation of prizes to school children who were winners in a fire prevention poster and essay contest.

b. Mr. Angell visited Mr. Reed, of CI&E, regarding story of school fire drills for possible publication.

c. Mr. Starr visited the Ministry of Commerce and Industry regarding the procurement of electric power priorities for fire truck manufacturers.

d. Mr. McKibbin visited the laboratory of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry regarding sprinkler head specifications.

e. Mr. Telford visited the 10 Chemical Depots to obtain smoke pots for use in fire demonstration.

f. Mr. Angell discussed city grading procedures with 2 representatives from the Fire and Marine Insurance Co.

g. Mr. Angell discussed the new fire prevention laws with 4 members of the Diet.

h. Mr. Angell received report of appreciation from 2 representatives of the Teikoku Seini Co. for our assistance in obtaining power priorities for plant operations.

i. Mr. McKibbin discussed the proposed fire service law and public safety legislation with 3 members of the Diet.

j. Mr. McKibbin discussed arrangements of working hours and reorganization problems with officials of the fire department.

k. Mr. Angell discussed reports of 3 recent fires with 2 representatives from the fire department.

l. Mr. Angell discussed proposed fire prevention laws with Mr. Lkawa of MPB, and 1 member of Diet. A meeting was arranged for the following day. Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Brooks also participated.

m. Mr. Telford prepared and completed report of visit to 6 Japanese cities (TDY).

n. Mr. Brooks prepared material for inclusion in firemen's training course.

o. Mr. Starr visited the Home Ministry regarding materials needed for improving the water purification system at Fukushima City.

p. Mr. Starr discussed the use of fire shut-off nozzles with the Nippon Fire Alarm Co.

q. Mr. Brooks visited CI&E regarding a shipment of fire insurance publications.

r. Mr. Starr worked on test reports received from the Stowa Pump Co.

s. Mr. Telford prepared all daily and weekly progress reports.

5. Proposed Projects:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Progress report of Fire Branch for period
January 5 to January 10, 1948.

1. Conferences:

a. Two meetings were held for the purpose of discussing the interpretation of the new fire reorganization laws and municipal regulations governing theatre safety problems. Members of the Fire Branch, Mr. Eaton from the Police Branch, Commissioner Numata and other officials of the Tokyo fire department, and a representative from the MPB participated. Questions regarding the extent and application of the reorganization laws were clarified, and theatre safety problems were temporarily handled by recommending that laws covering this subject expiring in 1947 be extended to 1948 until new safety ordinances can be enacted.

2. Inspections:

a. None.

3. Active Projects:

a. Mr. Matthews continued preparation of the arson investigation course.

b. Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr continued preparation of the revised city grading schedule for application to Japanese communities.

c. Mr. Martin continued the firemen's training course at 2 Tokyo fire stations.

d. Mr. McKibbin continued the study of fire department reorganization problems.

e. Mr. Telford continued with the installation of a fire detection triangulation system in the Tokyo fire department.

f. Mr. Telford continued working with the Tokyo-Eiga motion picture company on production of documentary film on Japanese fire losses.

g. Preparation of material and schedule for fire training film - Mr. Ankrom.

h. Fire prevention movie by Dentsu Eigasha Co. - Mr. Telford.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. Mr. Angell reviewed and amended completed sections of the revised city grading schedule for Japanese communities.

b. Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Telford visited Ichikawa and investigated the fire defense organization. Mr. Telford prepared a report of the investigation.

c. Mr. Starr and Mr. Brooks visited Urawa and Omiya and investigated the fire defense organizations. Mr. Starr prepared a report of the investigation.

d. Mr. Angell, Mr. Starr and Mr. Brooks attended a Tokyo fire department Kiyari demonstration at the palace grounds.

e. Mr. Angell discussed the drafting of a new fire prevention law for presentation to the Diet with Commissioner Numata and Chief Shigero of the Tokyo fire department. A later meeting on this subject will be held at which time Lt. Col. Battey of PSD and Mr. Nagano of the Home Bureau will attend.

f. Mr. Ankrom arranged for a fire drill at a Japanese primary school. The drill is scheduled for January 13, 1948.

g. Mr. Angell arranged for and held a meeting with officials of the Omi Textile Co. for the establishing of standards in the manufacture of fire hose. Specifications were prepared by the Fire Branch. Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Starr and Mr. Brooks also participated in the discussion.

h. Mr. Telford prepared all daily and weekly progress reports.

5. Proposed Projects: Establishment of a fire research institute and related activities.

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APO 500
7 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Progress Report of Fire Branch for period
December 29, 1947 to January 3, 1948.

1. Conferences:

a. Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin held a conference with Commissioner Numata and Chief Tamura of the Tokyo Fire Department regarding reorganization of Tokyo department.

About what?

2. Inspections:

a. Mr. Brooks made a fire prevention inspection of the Taisho Bldg. and submitted report.

3. Active Projects:

a. Mr. Angell continued preparation of, and completed, hazardous chemical section of arson investigation training course.

b. Mr. Starr and Mr. Ankrom continued revision of city grading schedule for application to Japanese communities.

what progress?

c. Mr. McKibbin continued study of reorganization plans for Tokyo fire department.

d. Mr. Martin continued firemen's training course at 2 Tokyo fire stations and prepared additional instruction material for use in the course.

e. Tokyo fire department triangulation - Mr. Telford.

f. Preparation of material and schedule for fire training film - Mr. Ankrom.

g. Fire prevention movie by Dentsu Eigasha Co. - Mr. Telford.

h. Documentary film on Japanese fire losses by Tokyo Eiga Co. - Mr. Telford.

1. Arson investigation training course - Mr. Matthews.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. Mr. Angell reviewed and amended the revised city grading schedule for Japanese communities.

b. Mr. Ankrom made arrangements with the Signal Corp for use of pictures of Japanese fire departments, and made corresponding arrangements with the Tokyo-Eiga film company.

c. Mr. Ankrom discussed fire prevention hazards with Chief Shigeno of MPB.

d. Mr. Brooks discussed legal aspects of fire prevention and safety law enforcement with Mr. Moeller of PSD, and made arrangements for a conference on this subject with the Police Branch, PSD, and Japanese fire and police officials.

e. Mr. Brooks discussed Tokyo fire department statistical data with Chiefs Numata and Tamura of MPB.

f. Mr. Angell discussed importation of sprinkler equipment with representatives of the Sankyo Co.

g. Mr. Angell received and studied report of 1947 fire losses in Tokyo.

h. Mr. Matthews visited Hachioji for investigation of fire department conditions.

i. Mr. Starr visited Tachikawa fire station for discussion of fire service reorganization problems with fire chief. A similar visit was made to Mushashino for the same purpose.

j. Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Starr reviewed fire department data for Tokyo-To area, and prepared preliminary recommendations regarding same.

k. Mr. Angell discussed procurement of equipment for fire research institute with Mr. Edmonds of CPC.

l. Mr. Angell reviewed information for monthly report with Capt. Newton, PSD.

m. Mr. Matthews examined fire protection plans for the American embassy.

n. Mr. Matthews reviewed present status of proposed fire research institute with Mr. Edmonds of CPC.

o. Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin prepared questionnaire for use in obtaining fire department data at Ichikawa, Urawa and Omiya.

p. Mr. Angell reviewed and corrected job discription for chief fire administrator for OCP.

q. Mr. Telford prepared all daily and weekly progress reports.

5. Proposed Projects:

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APO 500
2 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Progress report of Fire Branch for period
December 22 to December 27, 1947.

1. Conferences:

a. None

2. Inspections:

a. Mr. Brooks made fire prevention inspection of 2
Tokyo theatres.

3. Active Projects:

a. Mr. Angell started preparation of list of hazardous
chemicals for inclusion in arson investigation training course.

b. Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr continued work on revision
of city grading schedule for application to Japanese communities.

c. Mr. Martin continued firemen's training program at
4 Tokyo fire stations.

d. Mr. Telford continued work on triangulation for
Tokyo fire department.

e. Mr. McKibbin continued study of reorganization for
Tokyo fire department.

f. Preparation of material and schedule for fire
training film - Mr. Ankrom.

g. Fire prevention movie to be made by Dentsu Eigasha
Co. - Mr. Telford.

h. Documentary film on Japanese fire losses produced
by Tokyo Eiga Co. - Mr. Telford.

i. Arson investigation training course - Mr. Matthews.

j. Study and revision of hours of work and reorganiza-
tion of Tokyo Fire Department - Mr. McKibbin.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. Mr. Angell discussed building codes for proposed Ministry of Construction (Japanese government) with Mr. Class, of ESS.

b. Mr. Angell examined plans for a proposed 2-truck resene net for use by Japanese fire departments.

c. Mr. Matthews and Mr. McKibbin attended a large scale fire department demonstration on the Ginza.

d. Mr. Brooks completed preparation of report forms to be used in making fire prevention inspections of Japanese theatres.

e. Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Telford participated in a discussion with Chief Tamura of MPB regarding interpretation of new Japanese fire law.

f. Mr. Starr was notified that part of the cement supply needed for constructing water system filter bed at Fukushima had been received. Priorities for this material were procured from the Home Ministry through assistance of Fire Branch.

g. Mr. Angell discussed the procurement of educational fire pamphlets from the U. S. with Mr. Muriyama, of the Okada Extinguisher Co.

h. Mr. Angell discussed sprinkler head requirements with Mr. Carrigan, American representative from the Sankyo Co., Tokyo.

i. Mr. Angell discussed fire hose specifications with Mr. Okada and Mr. Ito of Teikoku Seimi Co. and a meeting was arranged for January 8, 1948.

j. Mr. Ankrom reviewed fire alarm responses of 30 companies of Tokyo fire department.

k. Mr. Matthews prepared and completed his report on TDY to 7 Japanese cities.

l. Mr. Brooks studied material and equipment need for use at proposed fire research institute.

m. Mr. Starr attended large scale fire department demonstration in Nakano Ward.

n. Mr. Matthews discussed procurement of cement for water supply system of Iida with mayor of that city.

o. Mr. Starr discussed plans for manufacture of shut-off nozzles with Mr. Nohmi, of Nohmi Brass Co.

p. Mr. Brooks inspected buildings and equipment of proposed fire research institute with Col. Allen of ESS, and Mr. Edmonds and Miss Goodwin of reparations section.

q. Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin attended large scale fire department demonstration at Setagaya Ward.

r. Mr. Brooks visited Ministry of Commerce and Industry regarding priorities for cement for Iida water system.

s. Mr. Telford made arrangements with MPB for their assistance in production of fire loss film by Dentsu Eigosha Co.

t. Mr. Telford prepared all daily and weekly reports.

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5 Jan. '48.

Lt. Col. Bentons:

Mr. Class called at our office to tell us about a group of fire-proof apartments which his Branch designed, and invited us to inspect them. During the conversation he told me of their continued work on building codes and of the probability of a Ministry of Construction being set up. This was merely a discussion rather than a formal conference.

Some of the equipment assigned by Genl. Harrison, of Reparations, to the Fire Research Institute, had been removed by T. I. D. Mr. Edmunds called at our office to ask if someone could go out with him and Lt. Col. Allen so they could see at first hand what the buildings were like and what general type of equipment was involved. We regarded this as orientation rather than a formal conference.

G.W.A.

5 Jan 48

Mr. Angell

Conferences with other staff sections appear not to have been reported pursuant to instructions on this subject.

Request your comment.

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the answer

"What can ROA do for me?" Some Reserve Officers counter with that question when asked to join.

ROA provides a convincing answer through past and present accomplishments for civilian component officers, as well as by the many services National Headquarters renders daily to individual members of the Association. Listed among these "services" are such items as helping an officer to obtain money due for back pay, refund for moving of household articles, overdue promotion, the opportunity to go to an Army hospital for observation and determination of right to appear before an Army Retiring Board and active duty assignments.

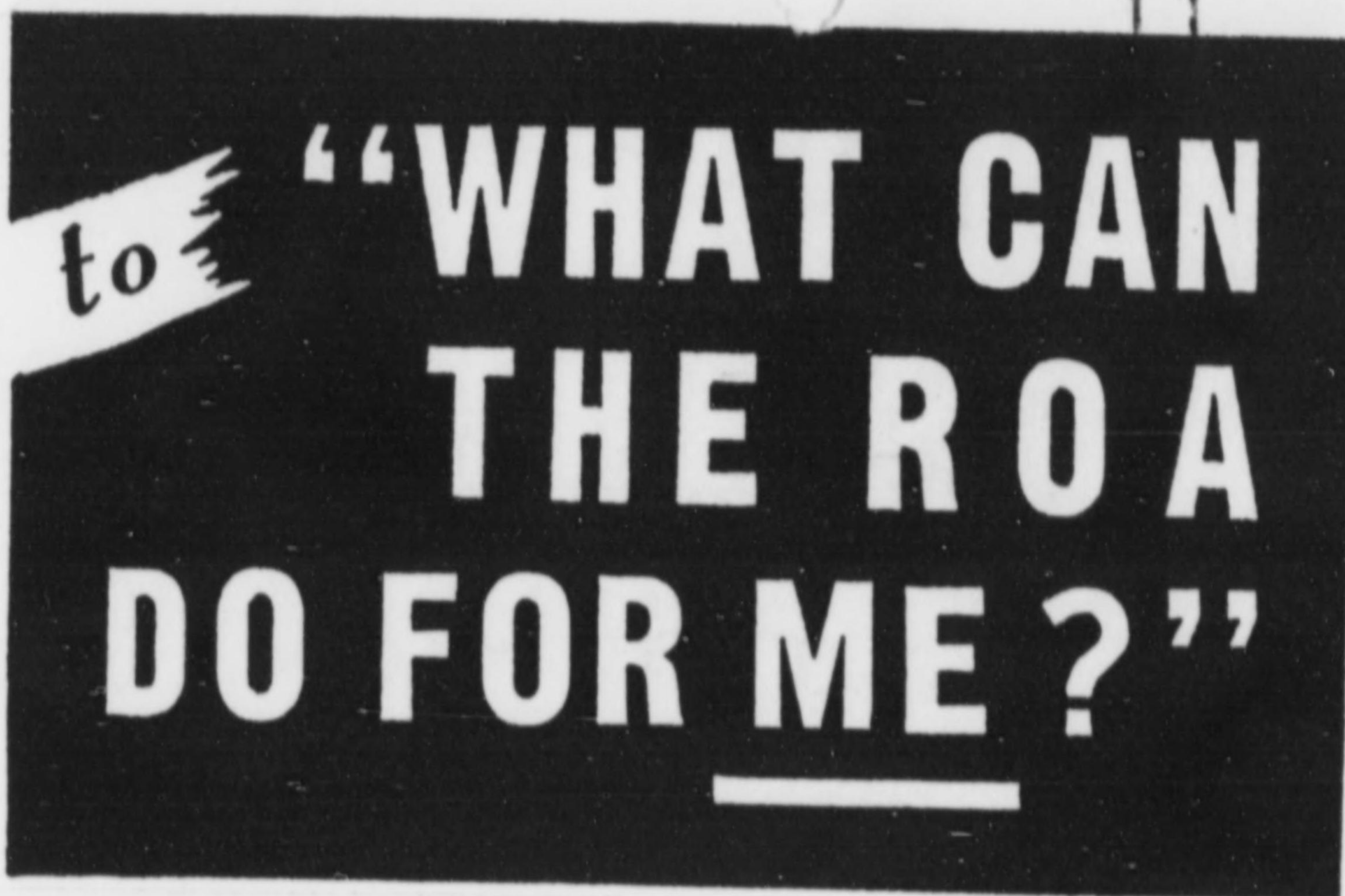
The story of these services by National Headquarters is not in the cold figures. It is a human story made of all the elements that make up life. While many officers are presently free from the entanglement of military problems, the experiences of the others less fortunate serve as an example of what can happen during the military career of a Reservist—and how ROA may be of assistance when the occasion presents itself. Take the case of Having received a superficial physical examination at the Separation Center which found he was qualified for general military duty, he discovered after he was relieved from active duty that his physical condition was such that he was unable to work at his civilian occupation. Through the efforts of National Headquarters, his case was presented to the War Department. He was ordered to report to an Army hospital for observation and determination of his right to go before an Army Retiring Board. He eventually appeared before a Board and was retired as an officer with three-quarters of his base and longevity pay.

An officer who had been relieved from active duty for more than 18 months and had not received his Air Corps bonus wrote he was in need of money to meet expenses. Through the intervention of ROA the payment was expedited by the War Department.

WHAT RESERVISTS SAY

There are many hundreds of letters on file at National Headquarters praising the work of ROA in behalf of its members. Here's a sampling.

NEW YORK: "I've been attempting to write you for some time to say that I finally received my Air Corps bonus of \$1800. I sincerely want to thank you for everything you have done in helping with my payment. I can only thank you which



seems small but I'm greatly indebted to you in every way. It goes without saying that I'm for the ROA 100%."

MARYLAND: "Thanks to ROA I was recommended for retirement by the Retiring Board at Walter Reed and retired May 2. Words can't express my appreciation for all you did in getting me recalled to active duty thus making it possible for my case to be reviewed. I'll never forget your interest in my case and your untiring efforts in getting me a square deal."

WISCONSIN: "I am very pleased to inform you that my application for reinstatement in the Reserve has been favorably acted upon. Also, I wish to thank you for your personal efforts in my behalf. I had known in the past that the ROA was doing much to improve the status of the Reserve in the interest of national defense, but I was not aware of the help that the Association could give, as in my case, to an individual's problems. You can be sure that I will be among the Association's strongest supporters."

NEW YORK: "May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind interest in my behalf. I received my promotion to major some time ago. The personal interest shown me by your office is greatly appreciated."

Thus, through the efforts of ROA, payments due officers have been processed, bonds have been secured, promotions have been effected and reserve commissions have been obtained. These are just a few of the many problems solved for individual members. Hundreds of answering letters are written daily to members of ROA concerning assignments to ORC units, transfers between sections of the Organized Reserve, inactive duty status, active duty assignments, etc.

ROA'S SERVICE PROGRAM

There is really nothing new about ROA's service department at National Headquarters. It has just been broadened and improved, as the necessity arose. World War II made thousands eligible for membership and assistance, and ROA service has been expanded to make "a service second to none."

Respect for ROA's service program has spread far beyond the organization. Staff officers at the War Department have communicated with National Headquarters for a "briefing" on rules and regulations stifled by red tape. They too became satisfied customers! A review of the accomplishments of ROA affecting the Organized Reserve as a whole and the Reserve Officer as an individual is:

1. Increase in appropriations for ORC from \$250,000 for the year 1922 to \$67,000,000 for 1948.

2. Increase in the number of Reserve Officers receiving active duty training from 1000 in 1922 to 34,000 in 1940.

3. Passage of the Thomason Act authorizing the integration of selected ROTC honor graduates into the ranks of the Regular Army.

4. Increase in ROTC units.

5. Uniform allowance for Reserves.

6. Mileage allowance of 8c per mile for Reserve Officers ordered to active duty (formerly 4c per mile).

7. Disability retirement pay for civilian component officers.

8. Inclusion of inactive duty time in computing longevity pay.

9. Granting of attained rank in the ORC to officers separated from the service.

10. Establishment of a separation promotion policy.

11. Frequent appearances before appropriate committees of Congress on matters of interest to national security and on subjects vital to the military welfare of Reservists.

ROA's service program is well summed up by Col. C. M. Boyer, assistant to the Executive Director, who supervises the service and welfare department at National Headquarters. He says: "Ours is not merely a lip service. It is a service of action. More important is the fact that the service is free. We are proud, and we have a right to be proud of a welfare and service program that is unequalled or unsurpassed by any other civilian component organization."