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We hereby give Our sanction to the present Ordinance relating to the organization of the Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau, and order it promulgated.

His Imperial Majesty's Sign-Manual on this 19th day of September, 1914.

Count Ōkuma Shigonori, Premier
Oka Ichinosuke, Minister of War

Imperial Ordinance No. 192

Organization

of

The Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau

Article 1.

The Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau shall be under the control of the Minister of War and shall have charge of the following affairs:

1. Investigation concerning the state of detention, movement, release on parole, exchange, escape, hospitalization and death of prisoners of war, and matters concerning the making and amending of their individual records.
2. Matters concerning the communication of conditions of prisoners of war.
3. Matters concerning the custody of articles and wills left by prisoners of war who have been released on parole or exchanged or have escaped or died at hospitals or dressing stations, and the forwarding of these articles to the bereaved families or other relatives.
4. Matters concerning the handling of money and articles presented to or sent by prisoners of war.
5. Matters concerning information obtained by the Army and the Navy with regard to the enemy war dead and the handling, after the example of the handling of prisoners of war and articles left by them, of articles and wills left by such persons and articles found on the battlefield, if there are such.
6. Investigation into conditions of persons who have been taken prisoner in an enemy country and matters concerning the facilitation of communication between such persons and their families and other relatives in Japan.

Article 2.

The Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau shall be located in Tokyo.

Article 3.

There shall be instituted one Director and two Secretaries (Jimukan) in the Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau. The Director shall be appointed from among Generals or Colonels, and the Secretaries from among Army and Navy commissioned officers below Major General or Rear Admiral or civil officials of "Sōnin" rank.

There shall be provided five clerks (Shoki) in the Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau, who shall be of "Hannin" rank. The number of Secretaries and clerks may be increased as may be needed.

Article 4.

The Director shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the Minister of War, superintend all the affairs of the Bureau.

Article 5.

The Director may request the Army and the Navy authorities and hospitals or dressing stations to furnish him with necessary information in connection with the affairs under his jurisdiction.

Article 6.

Each Secretary (Jimukan) shall be in charge of such affairs as may be ordered by the Director.

Article 7.

The Clerks (Shoki) shall be engaged in general affairs by order of their superiors.

Supplementary Provision

The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from the date of its promulgation.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Ikawa Katsuichi, who occupy the post of Commissioner to the Cabinet, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 2 pages and entitled "Organization of the Prisoners-of-War Information Bureau, Imperial Ordinance No. 192, promulgated on 19 September 1914", is an exact and true copy of an official document in the custody of the Cabinet Secretariat of the Japanese Government

Certified at Tokyo,
On this 5th day of December, 1947

Ikawa Katsuichi (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

At the same place,
on the same date

Witness: Yamada Keiichi (seal)