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Miyagi Military Government Team
APO 547

20 September 1948

SUBJECT: Flood Situation Report - Ichinoseki

TO: Commanding Officer, Tohoku Military Government Region, APO 309

1. a. At 2200, 18 September, two 2½ ton trucks were dispatched (with Sgt 1/c Wood in charge) for Ichinoseki with the following medical supplies:

2,000		Blankets
1,540	kg	Chloride of Lime
4	cases	Bandages
75	liters	Triple Typhoid Vaccine
25,000		Tablets Bismuth Diarrhea Medicine
2,500	grams	Cresol
3	liters	40% Formalin
2,500	grams	Mercuric Chloride
25,000		Sulfa tablets
1,000		Barbiturate Sedatives Tablets
1,250	cc	Diphtheria Anti Toxin
1,500	grams	Sulfa Ointment for Skin Lesions
500		Ampules Glucose Solution
18	kg	Lactose
4,000	doese	Tetanus Anti Toxin and Toxoid
1,000	cc	Iodine
24		Syringes
24		Needles

b. Mr. Day, ARC, GHQ, and party in jeep and a Japanese truck with 250 gallons gasoline and 3 Central Government Welfare Officials, Tokyo, accompanied this convoy.

c. At 1200, 19 September, the two army trucks and Mr. Day's party arrived in Ichinoseki with the medical supplies. The gasoline truck broke down but arrived at 1800.

2. Iwate Prefecture called Miyagi Prefecture and Maj. Rayner, Iwate Military Government Team, called upon Tohoku Military Government Region (passed to Miyagi Military Government Team) for 500 lbs. DDT powder and 500 gallons DDT in kerosene. Two Japanese trucks were dispatched from Sendai at 2300, 19 September, with the above DDT

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and with one drum of gasoline, rations, tire patches, and air compressor for the Miyagi Military Government Team personnel in the area. Another truck was dispatched at 2400 with 250 gallons gasoline which had been requested by telephone.

3. At 1800, 19 September, Major Rayner, Iwate Military Government Team, stated the following:

a. The road from Morioka will not be open before Tuesday, 21 September.

b. Arrangements may be made by Monday to bring food in from Morioka part way by rail and the remainder by the way of truck (thus the urgent need for gasoline).

c. Mr. Furuta (Japanese RC) states that the emergency medical situation is passed and there is no further need for Miyagi Medical Teams standing by.

4. Capt. Gray, Staff Duty Officer, IX Corps, delivered message to Iwate Military Government Team, Morioka, at 1930 that American ore boat was at the Iwate Port of Kamaishi. (Japanese at port had requested Morioka be notified to secure disposition.)

5. The Miyagi Military Government Team party will remain at Ichinoseki through Monday as the trucks are needed there. Party plans to return Tuesday, 21 September.

6. At 2200, 19 September, Maj. Rayner furnished the following information:

a. These figures are for Nishwai gun exclusive of Ichinoseki.

(1) Known dead: 13
(2) Houses washed away: 15 - 68 homeless persons
(3) Houses destroyed: 57 - 289 " "
(4) Houses flooded: 178 - 3248 " "
(5) Breaks in river bank: 67
(6) Breaks in road: 62
(7) Bridges out (all types): 130

b. Known dead in Ichinoseki: 53

c. No communicable diseases as yet.

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d. On 18 September the following food was on hand:

2 days supply of rice.
3 " " " flour

e. The following food is available on stalled freight trains in Ichinoseki:

1 day supply of wheat
1 " " " barley
1 " " " sweet potatoes

Maj. Rayner is attempting to secure release of this food from Morioka so it can be used locally. If this release is effected there will be no food problem.

f. 20,000 loaves of bread have arrived from Morioka via railroad - hand carry - railroad hand car - truck relay.

g. Iwate Military Government Team is sending Capt. Koshcho to Kamaishi Monday to establish contact with the town and to make arrangements for the ore boat docked there.

h. Requested information as to status of Kamaishi and Miyako as no contact has been established.

i. There is need for trousers and shoes in Ichinoseki.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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SUBJECT: Ichinoseki Flood Damage Report

TO: Commanding Officer
Tohoku Military Government Region,
APO 309

1. The following information was received from Capt. Boswell in Ichinoseki at 1200, 20 September.

2. All communication from Ichinoseki is now being routed through Iwate Military Government in Morioka. Telephone and telegraph lines are open to Morioka and to Sendai. The special Occupation Force line is working. The bridge on the road between Ichinoseki and Morioka will be repaired by Tuesday and will open the road between these two towns. On-the-spot pictures have been taken for release to newspapers upon return to Sendai. As of 17 September there was food on hand for eight days. Food which was on stalled railway trains has been released. The railroad line to Ofunato is now open for one trip per day. Electricity supply to important offices will be established by tonight. 2000 bales of charcoal have been released. All relief goods except some food has been received from Miyagi Prefecture.

3. The statistical flood data within the gun is substantially the same as reported last night.

4. The health situation is enumerated below:

Patients in hospital:	18
Injured:	1500
Dysentery:	1 (4 year old child)

5. Statistical data listed below applies to Ichinoseki city:

Estimated dead:	450
Dead identified by police:	87
Missing reported to village office:	350
Missing reported to police:	457
Houses washed away:	1100
Homeless:	5500

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BASIC: Ltr Hqs Miyagi Mil Govt Tm, subj: "Ichinoseki Flood Damage Report", 20 Sep 48.

Houses completely destroyed:	1040
Homeless:	5200
Houses partially destroyed:	2200
Homeless:	11000
Houses flooded over floor:	50
Homeless:	250
Houses flooded below floor:	19
Total houses flooded:	4424
Houses destroyed by fire:	15
Homeless:	70
Total number of houses in city before flood:	6428
Total population:	34,850
Rice paddies flooded:	700 cho
Rice paddies washed away:	10 cho
Vegetable fields flooded:	550 cho
Vegetable fields washed away:	15 cho
Bridges in city before flood:	119

It is estimated that 90% of these are damaged.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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TOHOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
TELEPHONE MESSAGE

DATE 17 September 1948 FROM Maj BURKHART UNIT Miyagi Mil Govt Team

MESSAGE: Lt FLOOD returned from an airplane trip over Ishinoseki at about 1830.with the following information:

1. About 1/3 of town is flooded as high as the eaves of the houses.
2. ~~About~~ another 1/3 of town is flooded over the first floor.
3. With the exception of a few bare spots, the town is comp etely covered with water.
4. People are in the second floor of school.
5. Bridge south of town is out.
6. Railroad tracks covered with water and one freight train is stalled.
7. No sign of any trucks coming into town from any direction.
8. Looks like they will need water purification food, charcoal, bedding and possibly medical supplies. Apparently nothing is being brought in at present.

ACTION ON MESSAGE:

RECD BY Sgt Anderson TIME 1830 AM

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TOHOKU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
TELEPHONE MESSAGE

DATE 17 September 1948 FROM Maj BURKHART UNIT Miyagi Mil Govt Team

MESSAGE: Miyagi Mil Govt Team interpreter got in touch with city officials by direct phone xxx from Ishinoseki. Report of city official was:

1. Population - 30,000
2. People living on roof tops.
3. One thousand (1,000) missing or dead.
4. Have food to last until 0800, 18 Sep 48.

ACTION ON MESSAGE:

RECD BY Capt ROGERS TIME 1730

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Condition at Miyako:

Mr. Ochi, Gov. Chiba's office, reported the following at noon:

A vessel from Miyako radioed to Ishinomaki and this information was then phoned to Sendai:

5000 homes flooded
500 homes destroyed
5 dead
150 missing
Need foodstuffs.

200 bales of rice are leaving by boat for Miyako this afternoon from Ishinomaki.

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From Major Burkhart, Miyagi MG, at 1350 hours, 18 Sept:

The Miyagi Prefectural police are now at Ichinoseki and have forwarded the following report as of 1100 hours, 18 Sept:

(Note that the figures are considerably reduced)

500 homes washed away
500 homes destroyed
1100 homes partially destroyed
15 homes burned
200 dead
300 missing
200 to 300 injured

Food now in Ichinoseki will be sufficient for one day.
There is a conference now in progress at the City Hall with all interested parties participating. What goods will be needed cannot be estimated until that conference is over.

A relief team arrived from Iwate Pref., headed by the director of police and there are 60 policemen in the party.

50 meters of the bank of the Eai River destroyed.
50 meters of the bank of the Katta River collapsed.
Both sides of the Eai River not holding former condition. (Possibly means it is changing its course)
The water was 4 ft deep in the city at 0500 this morning; at 1100 it was only 1 foot deep.

Several boats left Ishinomaki City for Miyako.

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Report from Maj Johnson, Kanto MG Region - 1330 hours, 18 Sept.

IBARAKI:

2800 houses under water to the 1st floor.
1 dyke broken.
Flood not as bad as last year.
Crop damage will not be known for 2 or 3 days.
No casualties. No one hurt.
Flood reached its peak late last nite.

CHIBA:

1. Damage caused by high wind:

South & East part of prefecture cut off--no communication.
15 dead; 5 missing; 21 injured.
951 homes damaged.
2017 homes partly damaged.
921 buildings completely damaged.

2. Damage caused by flood:

17 homes washed away
776 homes partly submerged
148 homes fully submerged.
24 small boats sunk
34 damaged places in roads.
6821 cho rice paddies damaged
9300 bundles rice torn away
7508 cho rice paddies flooded
2347 cho vegetable farms damaged
2 bridges damaged.
7 levies broke; 5 were small breaks and 2 of them have been repaired.

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HEADQUARTERS IX CORPS
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SUBJECT: Phcall fr Maj Seidel, Dwatt @ 0830, 18 Sep 48 | File No.

No. Date: From: To:

1. Heard fr Maj Rayner yesterday & he could get only as far Maezawa, Maj Rayner (10 mi fr ISHINOSEKI) left Maezawa for Ishinoseki at day light.

2. Commo jeep fr Hachinohe did not reach morioka yesterday. Commo jeep will come via commissary train. SCR 300 radio - on freq 8040

3. Good progress as far as Maezawa Same as Bosnell

4. Report is same as yesterday so far as Ishinoseki

4. Had mine fr ss ~~Codington~~ CODDINGTON - delayed typhoon will arr 0700 19 Sep Kawaichi. 9000 Ton Kohocoke is cargo.

Gave info to Lt Sheton jr

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5. Vice Gov requested air drop of dat food to be procured for Miyagi. About same they took in last yr — aren't unknown.

6. ~~[illegible]~~ Will let us know as soon as hear fr Maj Rayner.

7. Competitive Mat due on Sunday. Request it be delayed for effect Owate M.G. people to be out.

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Flood damage - Yamagata City. Rain damage 16 and 17th

Railroad between Yamagata and Aterazawa is out due to landslides near Yamanobe-machi. Railroad embankment in Yamagata City near camp Baker gave way and derailed 1918 train to Genmachi, engine derailed, two passenger cars, and one frieght car partically derailed. No one injured. Two soldiers on train not injured.

0800 - 17th

Railroad between Yamagata and Yonezawa is impassible. Railroad banks washed away between Nakozawa-mura and Akayu-machi. Eleven embankments broke, all minor. Seventeen bridges washed away, some on main highway number one. Raod between Kamai-mura and Higashi-mura-gun and Nagashi is under water. 33 rice paddies washed away, all very small areas from Yamagata City south.

267 chobu of rice and wheat partially flooded
179 chobu of ve etable land partially flooded
932 chobu rice land very minor flooding
172 chobu vegetable land minor flooding

1256 homes have water under floors, 292 homes flooded inside and 2 homes washed away, one in Kaminoyama, one in Akayu. Two persons are missing after bridge collapsed in Otsuka-mura, Higashi-akitama-gun. Mogami River does not show much rise. Heavy rains were south of Yamagata City.

1700 - 17th

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2 - CL ones cabbage
39000 Bread - Trk - 10000#
9000 Train 1700 - 18
Tokio - 0800 - Trk - 3231 piece all types
4 Teams Med 0600 - w/ med supplies 200 people
" " 1030 PM
200 dead
300 missing
500 homes
15 Koku-mai

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HEADQUARTERS
Tohoku Military Government Region
APO 309

SUBJECT: Estimate of the Flood Situation in Northern Miyagi and Southern Iwate Prefectures.

TO: Chief of Staff, IX Corps.

1. The undersigned officer made an air flight over flooded areas in Northern Miyagi and Southern Iwate Prefectures at 181000 September 48.

2. The purpose of the flight was to attempt to evaluate conditions in the vicinity of Ichinoseki City in Southern Iwate Prefecture.

3. Large flooded areas were observed in the vicinity of Hirawata, Wakuya, Sanuma, and Wakayanagi in Miyagi Prefecture and Ichinoseki in Iwate Prefecture.

4. The flooded Kitakami, Koincka Rivers converge in Ichinoseki City which is located at the end of a long valley. Large amounts of water have been in the city, but the rivers are receding rapidly and it appears that salvage activity is taking place in the streets of the city. A large break in the railroad bed of the Tohoku main line is evident just south of the junction of the two rivers mentioned above and it appears that the road beds have been washed out. The tracks and ties appear to have been washed or blown completely away from the road bed. Repair operations appear to be underway. It is the opinion of this officer that no immediate emergency exists since passage to Ichinoseki from nearby towns and villages is possible.

5. It is believed that an emergency does exist in the vicinity of Konose, where about 400 to 500 houses are completely inundated. No rescue activity was seen. Konose would form the northern point of an equal triangle drawn to include Konose, Matsushima and Yamoto as the three points.

• Konose

Matsushima • • Yamoto

The flooded houses are in the Naruse river bed which is flooded to a width of approximately five miles.

6. Numerous breaks in the Tohoku main line were observed. The most numerous and worst breaks are in the vicinity of Wakuya and Sanuma where areas of 200 to 300 yards of road bed are washed away.

7. Since the Japanese are aware of the situation at Konosu and have stated that rescue craft are on the way, (Per telephone call with Major Burkhart) I have no recommendations.

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Captain, MSC

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE

DATE 18 Sept 48 No. 1282 Time Rec 1225
Rec'd by GWG Time Dis 1600

1. SUBJECT: Flood Conditions in Iwate-ken.

2. INVOLVING: Japanese National Railroad lines, Highways and Communications.

3. LOCATION: Iwate-ken.

4. TIME & DATE: 1500 hours, 16 Sept 48 to present.

5. DETAILS:

The following conditions exist in Iwate-ken as the result of heavy rain commencing on morning of 15 Sept 48: (map ref: AMS 571-C 7)

1. Communications:

A. Railroad lines: (Tohoku Main Line)

The train line from Morioka southbound to Ichinoseki (Coordinates 7-825-1842) is passable south of Tanesagaseki: Tanesagaseki to Sakuragawa (7-825-1840) certain portions of railroad tracks are under water: Sakuragawa to Miyasawa (7-825-1836), is passable: Mizusawa to Maisawa (7-825-1830), some portions under water: Maisawa to Hiraizuni (7-825-1820), certain portions of track are under water: the Shitozoi bridge, located approximately ½ mile south of Maisawa is washed completely out: the railroad line from Hiraizuni to Ichinoseki (7-823-1810), the track is completely under water: Ichinoseki is flooded, exact depth of water throughout the area is unknown.

Para-Yamada Branch line: The railroad line from Morioka to Miyato through Kamigonai Station (7-835-1905), eastward, the line is not passable: from Hikema to Sentaku (7-895-1895), the rails are washed out

West Kamaishi Line: The track is not passable from Kamaishi to Ohashi (7-880-1852). Further details about this line are unknown at the present time.

Ofunato Range Line: The tracks on the line from Ichinoseki to Sakari (7-878-1829) are partly under water and covered with sand which was washed down from the mountains.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Morioka R.T.O., Municipal Police and National Rural Police. Eval of source-rel, of info--probably true.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

Iwate MG Team and S-2, 511th P.I.R., 11th A/B Div notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by Nelson CIC Area # Iwate CIC Area.

5. DETAILS: (Cont.)

B. Highway Conditions: Portions of road between Morioka and Ichinoseki are covered by water.

C. Telephone Conditions: No wire communications south of Hanamachi (7-823-1866)

The above conditions existed as of 0900 hours 17 Sept 48.

2. Flood Conditions in Iwate-ken:

a. Kurosawajiro (7-823-1854) is partially flooded, depth of water is un-

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known as of 0900 hours, 17 Sept 48.

b. Mizusawa: partially flooded, depth of water is unknown as of above time.

c. Ichinoseki: Flooded. At 1830 hours, 16 Sept 48, the water had risen above the 8 meter danger line and overflowed its banks pouring water into the city. As of 1200 hours, 17 Sept 48, approximately 2100 homes were under-water with casualties amounting to approximately 2000 persons. At that time, water was reported to be 16 meters above normal. At 1700 hours, 17 Sept 48, it was estimated that about 400 persons were dead in Ichinoseki. The water was still rising, exact measurement unknown.

d. General Area Conditions including Ichinoseki consist of approximately 1,434 homes from Morioka southward having water covering the first floor. The homes are still standing. In Iwaizumi (7-887-1922) six (6) homes were washed away. In Iwayado (7-829-1842), twelve (12) homes were washed away. In Hamanaki, seven (7) homes were washed away.

This was reported as of 0900 hours, 17 Sept 48.

3. Casualties, including Ichinoseki, as of 0900 hours, 17 Sept 48, are reported to be as follows:

a. dead: Two (2) persons in Semaiga (7-844-1810), and one person in Morioka City are reported as being dead. Names of the persons are unknown.

b. Missing: Ten (10) persons in Hanamachi Area, one (1) person in Konomachi (7-861-1899), and one person in Iwaizumi are reported as missing.

This information was called into Yamagata CIC Area from Iwate. Yamagata relayed the message to 2nd CIC Region.

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DATE 18 Sept 48
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No. 1290

Time Rec 1050
Time Dis 1100

1. SUBJECT: Flood Report for Miyagi Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: Homes, Railroads, Roads and Bridges in Miyagi Prefecture.

3. LOCATION: Miyagi Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: As of 0800 hours, 18 Sept 48:

5. DETAILS:

The following is the flood report for Miyagi Prefecture as of 0800 hours, 18 Sept 48:

a.	River banks broken	93 Sections
b.	Fields flooded	75,000 acres (Approximately)
c.	Homes flooded	14,408
d.	Homes destroyed	24
e.	Railroads Damaged	21 Sections
f.	Roads Damaged	94 Sections
g.	Bridges Damaged	64 (type unknown)
h.	Deaths	11 (causes unknown)
i.	Missing	6
j.	Injured	6

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Miyagi Prefectural Government.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
MG notified.

8. REMARKS:
Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by Matsumoto CIC Area #Miyagi CIC Area.

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SECRET INTELLIGENCE

DATE 17 Sept 48
Rec'd by CIC

No. 1279

Time Rec 1330
Time Dis 1440

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage at Ichinoseki.

2. INVOLVING: Residents of Ichinoseki.

3. LOCATION: Ichinoseki, Iwate Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 16 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

Approximately 500 homes destroyed and about 2,000 homes flooded. 500 persons either dead, missing or injured. Ichinoseki was unable to contact Morioka City, so they called in to Miyagi Prefectural Office for aid. Fire has also broken out in some sections of the town. Miyagi Prefectural Government is asking if the Occupation Forces can send some supplies and aid due to the fact that they cannot get supplies up there themselves.

~~It is reported that MG is sending medical supplies and a radio to the stricken area and the 511th P.I.R. is sending an officer in to survey the damage and determine their needs.~~

It is reliably reported from 511 P.I.R. will drop an officer in area to make local survey. Time and date of drop unknown.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Miyagi Prefectural Government.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
MG notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

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SECOND CIC REGION
SECRET INTELLIGENCE

DATE 17 Sept 48
Rec'd by GMG

No. 1280

Time Rec 1450
Time Dis 1455

1. SUBJECT: Land-Slide Derails Train in Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: Freight Train #7247 (Northbound from Yamagata City, Engine and ten (10) freight cars).

3. LOCATION: Showa-bashi, Kasumicho, Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 2110 hours, 16 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

At 2110 hours, 16 Sept 48, freight train #7247, northbound from Yamagata City, destined for Shinjo-machi, Mogami-gun, Yamagata Prefecture was proceeding at approximately fifteen (15) miles per hour. The engineer sensed a land-slide and applied the brakes. Approximately 25 yards of embankment, weakened by recent rains, caved in on the main track, causing the engine to overturn.

No casualties were reported and the extent of damages is not known at the present time. One (1) freight car was loaded with material destined for Camp Younghans, Jinmachi, Kita Murayama-gun, Yamagata Prefecture.

Train service from Yamagata City will be temporalily halted until 0800 hours, 17 Sept 48, at which time the main track will be cleared. Secondary track will be cleared within 24 hours.

No Occupation Forces personnel involved.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Yamagata Prefectural Police, Officials of the Railroad, Agents of Yamagata CIC Area.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

Yamagata MG and S-2, 11th A/B Div Arty notified.

8. REMARKS:

None

9. Reported by _____ CIC Area # Yamagata CIC Area.

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DATE 17 Sept 48
Rec'd by CWG

No. 1281

Time Rec 1435
Time Dis 1445

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage in Yamagata Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: People, Roads, Railroads, Bridges and Farm Lands in Yamagata Prefecture.

3. LOCATION: Yamagata Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 0200 hours, 16 Sept 48 and 0900 hours, 17 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

Heavy rains of 16 and 17 Sept 48 caused the following damage in Yamagata Prefecture as of 0900 hours, 17 Sept 48: (exact locality of damages is presently unknown)

1. Railroads--3 locations impassable, 1 R.R. Engine overturned due to landslide.
2. Rivers--Banks were washed away in 11 different localities.
3. Bridges---17 bridges were washed away. (Type unknown)
4. Roads--1 location under water(Nishi-Murayama-gun road).
5. Rice Fields--Approximately 2,500 acres under water, 50 acres washed away. 600 acres of other farm land under water and 2 acres washed away.
6. Houses--400 houses partially under water, 2 washed away.
7. Casualities--2 casualities reported; cause not yet known.

No Occupation Forces personnel or installations involved.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Yamagata Prefectural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
A complete report will be submitted in the form of a S/I.
Yamagata MG and S-2 11th A/B Div Arty notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further S/R's will be submitted if the situation becomes acute.

9. Reported by Kinoshita CIC Area # ~~Yamagata~~ CIC Area.

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DATE 17 Sept 48 No. 1282 Time Rec 1420
Rec'd by GMG Time Dis 1435

1. SUBJECT: Flood Conditions in Fukushima Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: Citizens of Fukushima Prefecture.

3. LOCATION: Fukushima Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 2000 hours, 16 Sept to 1200 hours, 17 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The following is the reported flood damages in Fukushima Prefecture as of 1200 hours, 17 Sept 48:

17 persons missing.
8 persons dead.
2 persons injured.
13 partially wrecked homes.
10 completely destroyed homes.
21 houses washed away.
4,926 houses flooded.
20 chobu of rice paddies washed away.
1,007 chobu of rice paddies flooded.
14 chobu of truck farming fields washed away.
579 chobu of truck farming fields flooded.
All highways between Fukushima and Sendai are in bad shape.
It is expected that the railroads will be in operation on 18 Sept 48.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

MG notified.

8. REMARKS:

None.

9. Reported by _____ CIC Area # ~~Fukushima~~ CIC Area.

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DATE ~~17 Sept 48~~
Rec'd by ~~CMC~~

No. ~~1285~~

Time Rec ~~2030~~
Time Dis ~~2300~~

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage in Iwate-ken.

2. INVOLVING: Iwate Prefecture, centering in Southern half.

3. LOCATION: Same as #2.

4. TIME & DATE: 2400 hours, 16 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

Heavy rains caused rivers in Iwate-ken to overflow their banks, cutting road, railroad and telephone communications from Morioka to the south. Flood damage concentrated in the area from Hanamaki to Ichinoseki. A bridge at Shiruichi, near Ichinoseki, washed out. The railroad, on the main line, was washed out. The "Yankee Limited", scheduled to leave Morioka at 1730, 16 Sept 48, was held at Morioka overnight and rerouted north to Aomori and then south on the west coast of Honshu whence it was to travel south to Tokyo. It is not known at this time when service is to be resumed on the main line. A fire broke out in the Ichinoseki theater and it destroyed 12 houses. Approximately 2200 houses are reported to be uninhabitable. Floods covered main line railroad tracks at many points between Morioka and Ichinoseki. Water is expected to start receding in the afternoon of 17 Sept 48.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

MG notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by ~~Michaelis~~ CIC Area # Iwate CIC Area.

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DATE 17 Sept 48
Rec'd by CMG

No. 1283

Time Rec 1900
Time Dis ~~2015~~

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage in Yamanashi Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: People in Yamanashi-ken.

3. LOCATION: Yamanashi-ken.

4. TIME & DATE: 17 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The following is the reported flood damages in Yamanashi-ken, as of 1900 hours, 17 Sept 48:

Prefectural road from Kofu to Shizuoka washed away.
Road to Nagano washed away.
Secondary road washed away in 53 places.
River bank washed away in 30 different places.
28 bridges washed away(type of bridge is unknown).
Chuo Railroad line is in operation; the Minobu Railroad is out of operation.
Yamanashi Route 2 is washed out at Uenohara and at Kurogama.
85,000 acres of rice fields and 170 acres of vegetable gardens flooded.
3260 houses flooded and 6 houses washed away.
One Japanese national killed (cause of death is not known).

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Guard Section of National Rural Police, Yamanashi Headquarters.
Eval--of source-reliable, of info--probably true.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

MG and 1st Cav Liaison team notified.

8. REMARKS:

Reference is made to Spot Report, this headquarters, dated 16 Sept 48, Subj: as above (1274).

9. Reported by Nishimura CIC Area # Yamanashi CIC Area.

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DATE 17 Sept 48
Rec'd by GMG

No. 1279

Time Rec 1330
Time Dis 1440

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage at Ichinoseki.

2. INVOLVING: Residents of Ichinoseki.

3. LOCATION: Ichinoseki, Iwate Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 16 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The following information, regarding the flood at Ichinoseki, was received from the Miyagi Prefectural Government at 1330 hours, 17 Sept 48:

Approximately 500 homes destroyed and about 2,000 homes flooded. 500 persons either dead, missing or injured. Ichinoseki was unable to contact Morioka City, so they called in to Miyagi Prefectural Office for aid. Fire has also broken out in some sections of the town. Miyagi Prefectural Government is asking if the Occupation Forces can send some supplies and aid due to the fact that they cannot get supplies up there themselves.

At approximately 1500 hours, 17 Sept 48, it was reliably reported from the 511th P.I.R. that they will drop an officer in the area to make a local survey. Time and date of drop is unknown.

The following information was received from Miyagi Prefectural Government at 2000 hours, 17 Sept 48:

200 persons dead.
300 persons missing.
Total number injured is unknown.
250 homes washed away.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Miyagi Prefectural Government.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
MG notified.

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4. TIME & DATE: 16 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

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300 persons missing.
Total number injured is unknown.
250 homes washed away.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Miyagi Prefectural Government.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
MG notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as informationis received.

9. Reported by Matsumoto CIC Area # Miyagi CIC Area.

5. DETAILS: (Con't)

destroyed.

3,200 homes partially destroyed.

It is reported that Ichinoseki is requesting food for 25,000 people for 1 week and medical supplies for 20,000 persons. The medical supplies ~~is~~ are to be used to treat dysentery, colds, and surface wounds. Major Raynor, of Iwate MG, is tryin to make it into Ichinoseki from the north. Captain Boswell, of Miyagi MG, is tryin to make it into Ichinoseki from the south. Captain Boswell has a 3/4 ton and a 1/4 ton vehicle with radio in it.accompanying him. Lt. Flood, of Miyagi MG, flew over Ichinoseki in the afternoon of 17 Sept 48 and reported that about 2/3 of the town is under water up to the eaves of the houses and 1/3 of the town has water up over the first floor. It is further reported that about 11 homes were destroyed by fire

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DATE 18 Sept 48 No. 22 92 Time Rec 1335
Rec'd by EMI Time Dis 1715

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage in Iwate Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: Homes, Railroads, Roads and Residences in Iwate Prefecture.

3. LOCATION: Iwate Prefecture. (South Half of Iwate-ken, North Portion of Miyagi-ken)

4. TIME & DATE: Report Covers period from 0930 to 1030 hours, 18 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The main inundated areas are south east of Fujisawa Miyagi (5-816-1779), Wakayanagi Miyagi (5-823-1792), Ichonseki, Iwate, and area northeast from city.

The Tohoku main railroad line is washed out northeast of Maizawa (7-823-1825) in approximately 6 places; railroad fills and small bridges out between Fujisawa and Ichinoseki. Bridges and fills out between Ichinoseki and Mizusawa(7-825-1836). Source of information: Aerial observation and Iwate R.T.O. and National Rural Police.

Railroad and telephone communications from Morioka to Hachinohe, Aomori and north are open. Water is receding rapidly and use of detour road by trucks should be feasible from north to south by late this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Allied train from Aomori will be rerouted around the west coast of Japan with change to Sendai train at Sakata in Yamagata-ken until repair can be made to Tohoku main line. Source of information: Iwate R.T.O.

As of 0800 hours, 18 Sept 48, damages and casualties in Iwate are as follows:

Ichinoseki--approximately 200 dead, 300 missing. Approximately 250 houses are washed away; approximately 1,000 houses are completely ruined and approximately 3,000 houses are partially ruined.

Nishiiwai-gun, Iwate, excluding Ichinoseki, approximately 17 dead, 46 missing. Approximately 21 houses washed away; 13 houses completely ruined; 48 houses partially ruined; 1233 houses flooded with water to the first floor. Depth of water unknown at the present time. Source of information: Iwate Guard Section of the National Rural Police.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Aerial Observation, R.T.O., and National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

Iwate MG Team and S-2, 511th P.I.R., 11th A/B Division notified.

8. REMARKS: Further reports will be submitted when information is recieved.
Telephone communication--Morioka to Sendai, through Radio telephone from Hachinohe 511 PIR

9. Reported by Nelson CIC Area # Iwate CIC Area.

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SUBJECT: Ph call fr Maj Seidel 1715, 18 Sep 48

No. Date: From: To:

1. I talked w/ Iwate Prefectural official & learned 3000 koku of rice being sent from Akita Prefecture & the official requested shipment be ~~at~~ expedited from Akita. Rail is for Ishinaseki.

2. He has sent Lt Wilkins south in Iwate Pref to boost Japanese in moving supplies on into Ishinaseki.

3. Requested we call Akita MG & ask Akita MG to boost Japanese in shipment of rice to either Morioka or MIZUSAWA. JM.

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I called Lt Coakley, Akita 1730, 18 Sep 48.

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DATE 21 Sept 48
Rec'd by DS

No. 1299

Time Rec 1935
Time Dis 2030

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage and Casualties.

2. INVOLVING: Persons, Homes, Roads and Bridges in Iwate Prefecture.

3. LOCATION: Iwate Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: As of 1600 hours, 21 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

City	Dead	Injured	Missing	Houses Part. Wrecked	Houses Totally Wrecked	Houses Wshd Away	Roads Out	Bridges Out
Morioka	1						15	8
Numakunai, 7-835-1937	1						5	23
Nizume, 7-828-1887								1
Hanamaki, 7-822-1866			10		86		12	5
Kurosawajiri, 7-822-1854					20	1	13	
Mizusawa, 7-825-1887	3		35	10			35	92
Iwayado, 7-829-1842				20	11	25	59	69
Ichinoseki	146	177	323	200	889	895	23	62
Semaaya, 7-842-1810	3	2					7	4
Sakari, 7-878-1829	15	6		3		28	72	44
Tono, 7-861-1859	6	6	12	29	24	197	21	50
Kamaishi				4		2	5	122
Miyako	50	42	118	118	296	371	118	86
Iwaizumi	1	3	10	1	23	13	69	8
Ninonei-gun								5

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Iwate Prefecture National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

MG and 511th P.I.R., 11th A/B Div notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by _____ CIC Area # ~~Iwate CIC~~ Area.

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DATE 22 Sept 48 No. 1304 Time Rec 2245
Rec'd by DH Time Dis 0700

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damage and Casualties in Iwate Prefecture.

2. INVOLVING: See # 5.

3. LOCATION: Iwate Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: As of 1500 hours, 22 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The following are the latest stastistics on the flood damages in Iwate Prefecture:

249 dead, 559 injured and 473 persons missing.

In Ichinoseki, it is reported that 168 persons are dead, 500 injured and 335 missing. 274 homes totally wrecked, 587 partially wrecked, 342 washed away. (Note: Figures on houses partially wrecked and washed away are lower than that of the report on 21 Sept 48.) 700 rice paddies were ruined and 68% of the population in Ichinoseki suffered damages.

Damages in monetary value throughout Iwate Prefecture:

Damages to land crops	¥256,390,000
Damages to roads and bridges	¥ 2,400,000
Damages to communications	¥ 41,000,000
Damages to houses	¥1,400,000,000
Damages to railroads	¥1,200,000,000

In communications, there are 21 telephone lines still out, 7 telegraph lines out and 3 private telephone lines out.

The medical officer from Iwate MG innoculated every person in Ichinoseki against typhus, typhoid, smallpox, and diptheria. The Miyagi MG donated 2,000 blankets, 500 gallons of gasoline and an unknown amount of DDT to the flood victims in Ichinoseki. The 511th P.I.R. sent a patrol of men into the area and Iwate MG sent two men in to give aid and assistance.

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Iwate National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.

MG and 511th P.I.R. will be notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by ~~Nelsen~~ CIC Area # ~~Iwate~~ CIC Area

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DATE 22 Sept 48
Rec'd by GMG

No. 1301

Time Rec 0925
Time Dis 1030

1. SUBJECT: Flood Damages in Niigata Prefecture

2. INVOLVING: See #5.

3. LOCATION: Niigata Prefecture.

4. TIME & DATE: 16 to 21 Sept 48.

5. DETAILS:

The following damages was reported by the Niigata National Rural Police:

2 persons missing
1 house washed away
652 houses flooded above floor level
208 acres of rice paddies washed away
3,630 acres of rice paddies flooded
1,800 acres of vegetable fields washed away and flooded
19 bridges impassable

6. SOURCE OF INFORMATION: National Rural Police.

7. ACTION TAKEN: AC of S, G-2 IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified.
MG and 11th A/B Detachment will be notified.

8. REMARKS:

Further reports will be submitted as information is received.

9. Reported by ~~Gonda~~ CIC Area # ~~Niigata~~ CIC Area.

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