

Weekly Activities Report, Week Ending 31 July 1948

III. EXPEDITING

1. Lt. Kama, this Branch Office, and Mr. Yamashita, Kokura Office of Fukuoka SPB made a routine inspection on JPNZ 74-B, and JPNZ 80-C; Supplier, Yasuda Kogyo, Yawata Factory, on 26 July. Company has, in the past, produced steel wire nails for O/F requirements; however, company does not have copies of PD JPNZ 74, 74-A, or JPNZ 80, 80-A, 80-B. It appears that Sendai Factory may have produced items outlined in above PD's, and at an early date in view of the low JPNZ numbers. IV Procurement District was contacted on 27 July (Mr. Gordon) and neither this Branch Office, nor IV Procurement District has copies of above PD's and whether or not copies of JPNZ 74-B, and 80-C were inadvertently forwarded to Fukuoka Branch Office.

2. Check was made on 27 July of Moji Plant, Nippon Cement Company relative to status of JPNZ 10639, item: Cement, moderate heat, type III, MGP 30 was originally prepared and forwarded to Central Office on 20 March 1948, and shipment was diverted to Guam on 5 May 1948. Present delay in consummating PD is manuscript of information that ship will arrive c/a 31 July. Upon arrival of ship, this Branch Office will be notified and such information will be reported to Central Office.

3. Reference Par. 2, Expediting Section, Weekly Activities Report for week ending 24 July. Shipment to be made 29 July to BGAIR (Iwakuni) by rail in lieu of ship as originally proposed. Consumption of PD JPNZ 2123 will complete all open procurement demands issued to Nakiyama Glass Plant of Mitsubishi Company.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. No strikes directly effecting Occupational Forces' procurement were reported by either the local SPB or the expediting staff of this Branch during the period covered by this report.


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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**Weekly Activities Report
Week Ending 17 July 1948**

1. **JFK 287** covering construction of 90 Dependent Housing units at Itazuka Air Base has been received without NMF Forms 66 or plans. Inasmuch as the Air Force is particularly desirous of completing this project prior to 1 December '48 or sooner if possible, despite the delivery date of 31 December 1948, it is requested that the missing data be forwarded promptly so that the job can be rushed accordingly. Lt. Col. Guttine (Wing Officer, 8th AF) is following the situation from that angle. However, he has asked that this Branch exert every effort to expedite clearance. Incidentally there is considerable terrain work that must be considered in this timing.

2. Attention is invited to Procurement Demand **JFK 46, Nakama Hotel, Beppu**. 19th Regiment declines to receipt for retaining wall and foundation for dance hall begun by DCAF, and on which completion of job was prohibited by stop order from Hq. 8th Army. The work done on the retaining wall is of such a nature that it adds nothing to the utility of the hotel as a 24th Div. Rest Hotel, and even if the dance hall were completed it would have only slight value, as it is too small for practical use. It was suggested to Col. G.P. Lynch (C.O. 19th Inf. Regiment), that a complete write-up of all the circumstances prevailing in this case be submitted to 8th Army through 24th Div. for a review and determination as to the proper way to consummate a final receipt, and close the case as desired by the Termination Div., Procurement Sec., 8th Army (The writer from observations at the site feels that the 19th Inf. Regiment's position is correct).

3. Meetings were held with Regional Post Engineers at (a) Kokura, (b) Beppu, (c) Kumamoto, and (d) Sasabe in connection with Team Number Four, headed by Mr. F.W. Lister Mgr. Sec., 8th Army, to arrange for the Special Procurement Board set-up of maintenance and minor construction warehouses at the NFE level-program to be developed progressively in five phases. The NFE Tokyo, NFE, Fukushima, and representatives of the various Ken Governments involved; together with a Finance Ministry observer attended the meetings. Major Melway and/or Lieut. Kumar represented this Branch. The four posts agreed to provide suitable storage space, and an adequate office for the proposed warehouses, to give the matter their active support and cooperation, and to release to NFE such personnel as is presently employed by the NFE. The Ken Government likewise agreed to turn over to NFE to select those qualified and acceptable to NFE and to the NFE. NFE managers were appointed at the four locations. Warehouse managers were selected by the NFE and approval of the selections was signified by the NFE involved. Mr. Lister expressed his appreciation of the cooperation evidenced by the groups as a whole. Major Melway will carry on with conferences at Camp Makata, 23rd July; and at Itazuka, 24 July. The latter meeting will also include the NFE from Ashiya Air Base. Detailed individual reports will be submitted later covering all

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of the meetings.

4. The Air Wing Officer, 5th Air Force, Lt. Col. Gattino, has been pressuring this Branch with respect to issuance of JFME 955 covering erection of a 10,000 barrel tank and related equipment at Itazuke Air Base. This procurement demand was received 22 July 1948, but no MFP Form 66 or Eng. B-519 accompanied it. Without these, this Branch cannot proceed with the job hence it is requested that their receipt be expedited. In this connection it must be noted that the required delivery date is 31 October 1948 which is an Air Force must. This leaves no margin for delay, hence the above request.

5. Col. Paul Martin, S.O. 115th Station Hospital was concerned about operation and maintenance coverage there, and requested this branch to assist in securing a procurement demand for same. Capt. L.A. Johnson, Regional Post Engineer, Camp Hakata, advised that while this JD had been requested it had not been issued. The matter was passed along to Capt. Turner, IV Procurement District, who consulted with Army. The decision was that this could be covered on JFWD 4019. Col. Martin and Capt. Johnson were advised accordingly.

6. Attention is invited to JFWD 60 to Hecoda Sangyo Co. Yokohama covering installation of laundry equipment at Itazuke. See Sec. I, Paragraph 7 of Weekly Activities Report for the preceding period. The Army decision was that the GH Sec., 9th Army was in control on the installation of equipment hence the 1st Engr. Construction Group had no jurisdiction. This information was passed along to Major P.A. Loop (Fukuoka). It is the writer's opinion that the Wing Engineer 5th Air Force, will exert pressure through that channel, as the laundry project in question is considered an urgent job, and AF will act accordingly. Progress on the job is definitely retarded by the delay of this contractor in doing his job.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Promotion of J.L. Simon from corporal to sergeant was effected as of a July 1948. The nature of Sgt. Simon's work and the people with whom he must deal merits consideration of a further promotion to the grade of staff sergeant. Simon is doing an outstanding job.

2. Miss Sashiko Aihara, Japanese National, was engaged vice Mr. Yoshihiko Ito, Japanese National, resigned.

III. PURCHASING:

1. FWK dispatched to Central Office re JFME 2756, Methylene Chloride, listing delivery schedule, 17 July.

2. Mr. Yasuda, Production Section, Nakiyama Glass Company (Niton-

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bishi) contacted this branch office relative to shipment of glass 4' X 5' X 1/8" to BEAER (Isumi). Mr. Yasuda was informed by Army that consignee is to furnish ship to transport glass from warehouse to Isumi. To date, no ship has arrived to consummate this procurement demand (JFST 5123). Request IV Procurement and/or 8 Army to expedite arrival of ship.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. "Strike," reported in Weekly Activities Report for Week Ending 17 July, by workers of Nippon Cement Company, Noji Plant, has been disbanded due to disagreement by union members, and production is continuing favorably. Fukuoka 88 Team Labor Div. advised accordingly.



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**Fukuoka Branch, APO 929, Fourth Procurement District,
Procurement Section, Headquarters Eighth Army**

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**Weekly Activities Report
Week Ending 17 July 1948**

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GENERAL:

1. Major G.H. Harrison, IV Procurement District, inspected this Branch 12, 13, and 14 July 1948, with special emphasis on Fukuoka Special Procurement Board operation. Major Harrison stated that in general the local SPB was carrying on in good shape. Specific recommendations were made for increased efficiency. These recommendations will be put into effect immediately. The operation of the local SPB is handicapped considerably by the lack of specific directives and instructions from Headquarters, SPB, Tokyo.

2. With respect to the guarding of Dependent Housing units, Major Holway, Mr. Nagaiwa (Director, SPB Fukuoka), and Mr. Mori (Fukuoka Ken Government) conferred 13 July 1948. The policy as advised by Lt. Col. Kurts (Labor Div. M.G. Sec., Eng. 8th Army) provides that the policing of these units on public streets is the responsibility of the Japanese police, and is to be effected by promoting more efficient operation of the patrol system by the regular police force. The guarding of isolated Dependent Housing units is to be done by Japanese civilian guards, these to be supplied through the medium of labor requisitions on the local M.G. Team. Mr. Mori agreed to carry on along the lines indicated by Lt. Col. Kurts.

What is authority for this opinion?

3. Reference is made to JPHK 925 covering the rehabilitation of Dependent Housing at Saga City. In this connection bids were taken in Nagasaki 10 July '45, and an award made to Matsuo Gumi, the low bidder. Inasmuch as the C.O. Saga M.G. Team has stressed the urgency of completing this work, the successful contractor was instructed that the job must be completed expeditiously SPB will cooperate in making available supplies, etc. required for prompt and successful completion, and report any foreseeable slippage in schedule to Major Loop or Holway so that remedial action can be taken in advance. The C.O. Saga M.G. Team was advised of action taken.

4. Major Holway and Lieut. Kamar are scheduled to work with Team No. 4 as follows:

15 July	Camp Kokura	Major Holway & Lt. Kamar
16 "	Camp Chicomanga	Major Holway
19 "	Camp Wood	Lt. Kamar
21 "	Camp Moore	Lt. Kamar
23 "	Camp Nagata	Major Holway

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Ashiya Air Base
Itazuke Air Base

Major Holway
Major Holway

Representatives of the local SFB will accompany Major Holway and Lieut. Kamar on this mission. Engineering Sections, VMAP and 6th Army will also be represented on the team as well as SFB Tokyo, and an observer from the Ministry of Finance.

5. Major Holway conferred with Col. Martin and Lieut. Col. Viehnack with respect to progress on work on procurement demands at the 118th Station Hospital. In general progress is satisfactory, however, isolated cases of material shortages were noted. Remedial action has been taken through the SFB and the 1st Engrs. to correct these difficulties, and it is anticipated that the work will be completed on schedule. SFB is following through and will report any difficulties that arise in advance so that steps can be taken to correct them.

6. Captain Williger, Labor Officer, Camp Kokura called with respect to JPNB 522 B. Lt. Col. H. V. Pothier desired to hire Japanese civilian guards for THREE shifts at four posts in the 3rd Engrs. Combat Battalion area and at Camp Kitigata. Col. Pothier felt that these guards might be charged to fire protection on this procurement demand. On consulting with IV Procurement District (Capt. Turner) Major Holway's opinion was confirmed that the PD in question did not carry this coverage. Col. Pothier and Capt. Williger were informed accordingly and agreed to secure the guards on labor requisitions.

7. Attention is invited to JPNB 60 to Nacasa Sangyo Co., Yokohama, issued centrally under authority of G.M. Section, Eighth Army to install dry cleaning and laundry equipment at Itazuke Air Base. Laundry itself is being constructed on JPNB 529 under authority of 1st Engineer Construction Group. Progress on JPNB 529 is satisfactory whereas on JPNB 60 it is not. 1st Engineer Construction Group has requested investigation on the date of 6 July. SFB is investigating case which is complicated by the fact that 1st Engineer have originated the complaint whereas the installation is a G.M. responsibility.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Attention is invited to the fact that this Branch is short three American personnel, hence operation is difficult. It is requested, therefore, that action be taken to fill these slots as soon as possible in order to promote efficient operation. This is particularly true with the Branch Office located in Fukuoka, and a sub-office in Kokura.

2. Lieut. Kamar returned to duty 13 July '48 at Kokura from EBY at Air Transportability School, Seoul.

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IV. MEMORANDA

1. Two FAX's received from Central Office relating to Metholene Chloride received 13 July by this branch office. Expeditor has been dispatched to check on status of MCF 33 to have been submitted by Fukuoka SPA as requested by first FAX.

Second FAX pertained to delivery schedule (to be wired to Central Office) of Metholene Chloride to be produced under procurement demand JFUT 2736. Lt. Kamm contacted Central Office on 14 July (Major Donaldson) regarding amount of Metholene Chloride on above mentioned procurement demand (8,000 kgs) to be shipped to I.S.B.

MCF 30 for JFUT 2736 will show maximum output of 2 tons (2,000 kgs) per month and a stock-on-hand of 1,500 kgs for O/P requirements.

Delaying factor will be receipt of adequate drums for shipping metholene chloride (tin, galvanized interior), however, this branch office will contact Fukuoka SPA to assist in obtaining required drums.

Upon return of expeditor, tentative schedule of deliveries to TID will be wired to Central Office.

IV. MEMORANDA

1. Col. John J. Burns, newly appointed A.C. officer, 1 Corps called at this branch 14 July 1948. Col. Burns was accompanied by Colonel Hatten and Taylor.

2. Representative from Nippon Cement Co., Mr. Yamanaka, Hagi Plant, contacted Lt. Kamm this branch office to report that workers were "sabotaging" production of cement by approximately 80%. Workers are reporting for work but are not producing.

Strike has been reported to Central Labor Committee at Tokyo, but as of 9 July strike was reported to this branch office as "unsettled."

Company, at present, has completed O/P requirements of procurement demand JFUT 13636, and is awaiting arrival of L.S.T.'s to transport cement. However, company is currently producing type III cement which is maintained in stock for urgent use by O/P units.

Reason for strike is that (1) laborers desire sliding-scale wage, and (2) terminal pay allowance increase upon termination of employment.

This branch office contacted Labor Relations Section at Fukuoka Mil. Govt. Zone and furnished above information. No further action is contemplated by this branch office unless otherwise instructed from higher headquarters.

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Fukuoka Branch, APO 929, Fourth Procurement District,
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly Activities Report
 Week Ending 10 July 1948

I. GENERAL:

1. The matter of issuing maintenance and operation PDs for hotels in the Fukuoka area was investigated in Yokohama with Mr. M. M. Thome by Major Holway and Mr. Mori, of the Fukuoka Kan Government. Mr. Thome advised that requests had been received, and the formal PDs would be expedited. As of 8 July 1948 these demands were processed and hand carried to the 34th Div., at Kokura, and the SFB.

JPHO	4063	Minato Club	Omuta City
"	4064	Ueno Hotel	Fukuoka City
"	4065	Tai Sei Kan Hotel	"
"	4066	Kyoshintei Hotel	"
"	4067	Yamamoto Hotel	"

2. Major Holway conferred with Messrs Girardi and Gleason in Tokyo with respect to SFB operation in Fukuoka, particularly with respect to prompt payment locally of SFB incurred occupation costs. Mr. Gleason suggested that Mr. Nagaiwa (SFB Fukuoka) submit in writing the exact legal obstacles to simplified auditing procedures and the proposed methods of circumventing them. Mr. Nagaiwa agreed to do this, and Mr. Girardi agreed to incorporate anything of merit into the SFB payment procedure. Heretofore suppliers and contractors have frequently been very much embarrassed by delinquent payment of properly authenticated charges.

3. Attention is invited to JPHO 4026 covering operation, maintenance and repair at D.H. project D-408 at Kanoya Air Force Base. No bill of particulars was received with this procurement demand. This was reported to Army through IV Procurement District. It is essential that this data be received forthwith as the PD is in effect imperative without it.

4. Major Holway sat in on the weekly SFB contractors conference at Itasuki. The discussion indicated that there were no material or supply shortages, and that construction progress was in general up to expectation. Lt. Col. Outtine and Major Garrett expressed their appreciation to SFB and to the several contractors for this progress and coordination.

5. JPHO 818 covering construction of D.H. commissary within Bldg. D-3 of D.H. Project No. D-3 in Kokura was awarded to Fujita Gumi, Masunari Doryoku, Koima Denko Co., all of Kokura. Forms 66 have been completed and despatched and the PD was processed 8 July 1948. The successful contractors were instructed to give this job preferred attention, and arrangements were made to set progressive construction objectives. SFB was requested to check on availability of material to synchronize with these target dates.

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6. The Fukuoka Branch of the Itaya Life Insurance Co. Ltd., presented a petition for the release of two buildings in Fukuoka. The company states the buildings have been unused since September 1947 and are at present vacant. The petition was forwarded 9 July 1948 to G-4 24th Div., Kokura for investigation and action. The company states their insurance and banking activities are seriously impeded by reason of the cramped, temporary quarters they presently are operating in.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Major Holway returned to duty 3 July 1948 from TDY.
2. Lieut. Kamar departed 3 July 1948 for Air Transportability School, Sendai.
3. Matsuo Tajima, Japanese National, was engaged to fill the position of appraiser. This completes coverage of Japanese Nationals as provided by T/O of this organization.

III. EXPEDITING:

1. Received TWX from Hq 8th Army Procurement Section in regard to JFNY 1664 saying that the items on demand were urgently required at Misawa Air Base. Lt. Kamar this office immediately sent Mr. Shiiki expediter from this Procurement Office to Nippon Seitetsu Co. (supplier on this demand). Mr. Shiiki received the following information, Item #1 (Steel Plate) 167 sheets and Item #3 631 sheets shipped to designated consignee, 27 June 1948. This information was forwarded (by TWX) to Hq 8th Army Procurement Section, 3 July 1948.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Major Holway called on the Chief of Staff, 24th Division (Lt. Col. G. K. Moody) in Kokura 19 June '48. Col. Moody agreed that the present arrangement with Branch Procurement Headquarters located at Fukuoka and a sub-office at Kokura (Lieut. Kamar OIC) for liaison with Division and expediting was working out to his satisfaction. Major Col. Lamb, Division G-4 confirmed Col. Moody's position.

2. No strikes affecting Occupational Forces procurement in this area have been reported during the current week.


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3. Review of the Forms 50, 51, and 52 situations shows that 100 % coverage was secured in June 1948.

Fukuoka Branch, APO 929, Fourth Procurement District,
Procurement Section, Headquarters Eighth Army

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly Activities Report
Week Ending 26 June 1948

I. GENERAL:

1. A check 21 June 1948 on progress at Basebo Oil Terminal, JPNK 882, indicates that the Mitsubishi Oil Company is handling the job in an acceptable manner, and that there should be no difficulty about the change-over from Navy operation to JOSCO operation. Mr. Enekeiff (JOSCO) and Captain Peoples (1st Engrs. Construction Group) agree that the job is in excellent shape and that Mitsubishi has demonstrated that they are fully adequate to complete the work expeditiously, economically and in a thoroughly successful manner.

2. Attention is invited to the matter of the building of a macadam road at Itazuki Air Base, JPNK 906. Bids were opened on this project 18 June 1948, and an award was made to Ikeda Kenetsu Co., the low bidder. A meeting was held 22 June '48 with (a) the contractor, (b) the local SPB representatives, (c) Major Garrett (Itazuki) and (d) Major Holway. The contractor agreed to the progress objectives previously set by Major Garrett. The SPB was directed to coordinate on supplies and equipment, and to keep a close check on the contractor's compliance with progress objectives. The contractor has a good reputation, and with all organizations in the picture cooperating together it is believed that the delivery date of 1 October 1948 can be met, possibly anticipated by a couple weeks.

3. A check with Mr. F. E. Kelly (1st Engrs. Construction Group) 22 June '48 indicates that progress on the 5000 man laundry project at Kasuga (JPNK 829) is up to date, and the contractor Wakiyama Kenetsu Co. is now considered competent to complete the work successfully and on schedule. The SPB will continue to give the job preferred attention in view of the importance attached to it, and to report to Major Holway and/or Major Loop any slippage that may develop or become foreseeable so that effective remedial action can be taken forthwith.

4. The Air Installations Officer at Itazuki Air Base (Major R.A. Garrett) complained to Major Holway that the sewerage disposal contractor there, Takamatsu Gumi on JPNK 3239 has been unsatisfactory. Investigation indicates that the principal complaint is with the frequency of collection, the numerous ex carts on the road constituting a nuisance traffic problem. A meeting was held at Itazuki 23 June and arrangements were made between Major Garrett, Major Holway, the SPB, the contractor whereby no collections would be made unless authorized by the Base through SPB.

5. Mr. S. Koga, Nagasaki Branch, of the Kyushu Electric Company discussed with Major Holway, 24 June '48, the matter of a procurement demand covering electrical energy consumed by the Navy in Nagasaki Prefecture.

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mainly at Sasebo. Previously JPNO 1135, had been used to receipt for Navy consumption by the Regional Post Engineer, Camp Mower, Nagasaki, but since April '48 Navy has been excluded from coverage on the superceding PD, and the company has been unable to negotiate a receipt on which to obtain payment. It appears that either a separate PD should be issued to cover Navy or an amendment made to JPNO 3303 to include it. Mr. Koga advised that he has been in touch with the Navy at Sasebo (Lieut. L. W. Bishop) who informed him that the Navy was trying to get a covering PD issued. As of 23 June '48, however, it had not materialized. This Branch is endeavoring on its part to clarify the matter with Lieut. Bishop, but has been unable to raise him on the telephone. In the meantime it is requested that IV Procurement District or Headquarters at Yokohama render any assistance possible in getting a PD issued. This Branch will continue to follow Navy, Sasebo from this end.

6. In connection with Paragraph 5 above, it should be noted that JPNO #3328 has been issued to cover Air Force electrical energy for Itazuki Air Base, and the Air Installations Officer there (Major M.A. Garrett) has advised the Kyushu Electric Company that Air Force electric consumption in Nagasaki Prefecture will be receipted for under JPNO #3328, and payment will be made accordingly. In so far as Air Force is concerned the problem would seem to be covered. It should be noted that no receipts have been submitted for April and May. Arrangements were made with Major Garrett for 25 June '48 for a discussion with Mr. Koga at Itazuki, and for presentation at that time of the receipts for those months.

7. Major Holway, President Shigeta, and Director Nagaiwa conferred with respect to availability of funds and personnel necessary for SFB operations in Fukuoka. It was stressed that the responsibilities and functions of SFB have increased considerably, and apparently will tend to increase still further in the future. Under these circumstances it is quite necessary to revamp the Fukuoka T/O which was set up a year ago on a nominal procurement basis, and to make upward revisions yen-wise and man-wise. Mr. Shigeta incidentally, agreed to discontinue the practice of transferring competent Fukuoka personnel to Tokyo to fill gaps in the SFB Headquarters organization.

8. Mr. P.T. Tien, consul at the Chinese Mission, Nagasaki visited this Branch Office 24 June '48 for a general discussion of their construction and real estate procurement demands. Major Holway was in a position to solve some of Mr. Tien's problems, and referred him to 1st Regt. Construction Group, Fukuoka (Capt. Poer), and to the Regional Engineer, Nagasaki (Major Ewing) for the answer to the others, which mainly concerned details of construction and materials.

9. In discussing with Mr. Shigeta, President of Special Procurement Board, the proposed transfer of Engineer Depot stock to SFB warehouses, Major Holway and Mr. Nagaiwa stressed the fact that those considerations should be clarified for Kyushu, viz: (a) square footage to be required,

(b) approximate date of the contemplated transfer, and (c) a general idea of the types of material involved. Preliminary discussion with the Sumitomo organization in Fukuoka indicates that desirable warehouses adjacent to the buildings presently housing SPB stores can be made available if elements of timing and extent are known in advance. Incidentally the local SPB is in the process of an orderly removal of their outlying warehouse stock to the Sumitomo warehouse buildings, and negotiations are now in progress for three buildings to take care of part of this consolidation plus the additional space for incoming stock to Fukuoka SPB.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Lieut. Kassar has resumed his post at the Kokura sub-office from TDY at Kyoto.
2. Miss Alice Furukawa was engaged to serve in the Administration Division at Fukuoka. Miss Furukawa, formerly with GHQ Fukuoka, was educated in the States, speaks excellent English, and is a competent typist.
3. Attention is invited to Sec. II (Administration) Paragraph 1. In view of the fact that 4 and 5 July 48 are holidays, it will not be necessary for IV Procurement District to detail an officer to this Branch as requested. It should be noted that Lieut. Kassar leaves 3 July '48 for Sendai (Army Transportability School), and Major Holway returns from leave 6 July, hence officer coverage on business days will be unbroken. This confirms telephone understanding with Mr. E. Gordon, 22 June '48.

III. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The formal opening of the SPB's local headquarters was held 19 June '48, 13:30 to 16:30. The attendance was 350. Addresses were delivered by Governor Sugimoto (Fukuoka Ken), President Shigeta (SPB), Mayor Miyoshi (Fukuoka City), and Director Nagaiwa (Fukuoka SPB) and Mr. S. Taki (Chief GLO Fukuoka). For the Army Col. S. G. Hilton (Kyushu N. G. Region), Lt. Col. G. R. Munske (Fukuoka N. G. Team) and Major E. J. Holway (Procurement Section 8th Army) spoke briefly. Much favorable comment was voiced on the adequacy of the SPB's local headquarters.
2. Major Holway called on the Chief of Staff, 24th Division (Lt. Col. G. K. Moody) in Kokura 19 June '48. Col. Moody agreed that the present arrangement with branch procurement headquarters located at Fukuoka and a sub-office at Kokura (Lieut. Kassar OIG) for liaison with Division and expediting was working out to Division's satisfaction. Major O.M. Lamb, G-4 confirmed Col. Moody's position.

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IV. EXPEDITING:

1. While at Kyoto, Lt. Kamar this branch office, conferred with Capt. Kissam, Kyoto Branch Chief, relative to expediting procedure and organization. From all appearances the Kyoto Branch set-up and this branch set-up are similar, and operation of both expediting sections is in effect identical.

2. 21 June, Monday, Mr. Etoh and Mr. Nagai, representative from Nippon Cement Noji Factory came to office and claimed as follows:

(a) Company is shipping cement to Guam Island under JPNZ 10639, F.D. demand.

(b). Up to date only one (1) LST, No. 60-81, arrived and loaded 1,250 metric tons to Guam (total on PD 3,300 m/tons).

(c) Recently company is having difficulties on storage of cement with tanks full.

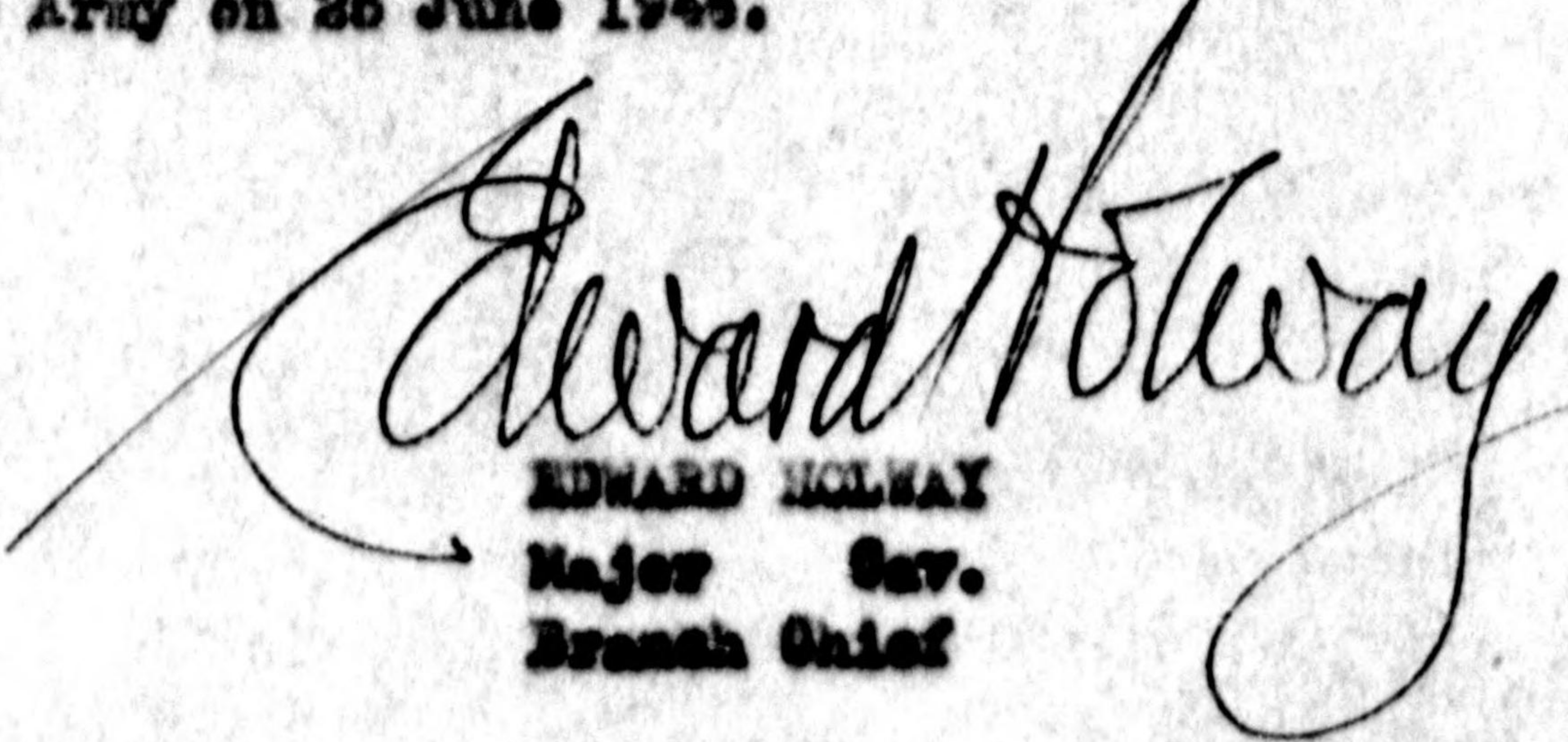
(d) Cement under demand is all completed and on hand.

(e) Company requested LST's, to complete shipment.

In view of above delivery date being 30 June, and company's desire to meet same, request for additional ships to consummate procurement demand is to be made to Army by this branch office thru Expediting Division, 8th Army Procurement Section.

3. TWX received from Army 17 June 1948 in reference to substitute samples for Items 1 and 2, JPNZ 9956, have been received by Sample & Testing Unit without specifications attached. At time samples were submitted specifications were inclosed with each of 4 samples forwarded to Army. Specifications were reforwarded by mail, 17 June 1948, and TWX answered accordingly.

4. Amendments, cancelling in their entirety JPNZ 618, 619, 623, and 625, have been received by this branch office. Request for cancellation has previously been noted in Section II, Par. 3, Weekly Activities Report for Week Ending 15 May 1948. Cancellation Reports, M&P Form 78, will be prepared and forwarded to Army on 26 June 1948.


EDWARD HOLWAY
Major Gen.
Branch Chief

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It. Col. Cuttino
Major Holway
Mr. Nagaiwa

NOT TO BE DISPATCHED FROM PROCUREMENT SECTION

Fukuoka Branch, APO 929, Fourth Procurement District
Procurement Section. Headquarters Eighth Army

INTER & OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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Week Ending 19 June 1948

I. GENERAL:

1. Conference was held at Itazuke Air Base 14 June '48 to discuss timing on erection of the Commissary and Utilities Bldgs., JPNK 803. Lt. Col. Cuttino Major Garrett and Lt. Aubsey represented Itazuke; Major Holway, Procurement Sec; Messrs Nagaiwa and Wada, the Fukuoka SPB; and Messrs Sumito and Nishida, Nishida Gumi, Ltd., the Contractor. Col. Cuttino pointed out the urgency of Itazuke's requirements for these buildings, and stated that the completion date of 15 August '48 must be met. From the resulting discussion it was evident that engineering, materials, equipment, man-power and supervision would present no obstacles. A plan of progressive goals were set by Major Garrett and agreed to by Mr. Nishida. Mr. Nagaiwa directed the SPB resident engineer to check on the receipt of materials, etc. to assure synchronizing with Major Garrett objectives. It was agreed by all concerned to cooperate to the fullest extent in order to meet the target date, and with this sort of cooperation the fulfillment of the 15 Aug '48 date appears likely.

2. JPNK 909 covers the rehabilitation of the Hashimoto Mansion Nagasaki. The Kyushu M.G. Region and the 1st Engrs. Construction Group have requested that special efforts be exerted to expedite completion of this project. Investigation indicates that the plans will have to be more detailed to permit comprehensive bidding. The SPB, Fukuoka, and the Nagasaki Ken Government are collaborating to complete these plans, and anticipate accomplishing this by 24 June '48. Invitations to bid will be despatched immediately to the list of contractors approved by the 1st Engrs. Construction Group (Major Loop), and bids will be opened 29 June '48. The SPB will detail the chief of their contracting division to coordinate action at Nagasaki, and to assure completion in the minimum time consistent with the sort of job desired.

3. Itazuke Air Base (Lt. Col. Cuttino) has advised that a procurement demand for 64 additional DH family units will be issued. Lt. Col. Cuttino is exerting pressure through Air Force Channels to expedite this program, and has asked the assistance of this Branch in getting the project cleared through Army. It is requested, therefore, that necessary action be taken to expedite the papers when they are received. Col. Cuttino stated that this is another phase of the overall DH program at Itazuke. Col. Cuttino understands there is little can be done by Procurement Sec. Until the papers reach Yokohama.

4. At Camp Hakata., 24th Divarty, a wooden water tank was installed on JPNK 505. At that time the Fukuoka Ken Government had in mind putting in a reservoir system that would eliminate the need for a permanent tank. However, the reservoir idea has since been abandoned, hence the 3rd Engr., Kokura (Lt. Col. M.A. Pothier) requested Major Holway to arranged through the Local SPB and

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the Fukuoka Ken Government for a permanent tank of adequate capacity. Major Holway discussed the matter in detail with Col. Pothier 14 June '48, and the latter agreed to submit drawings of the tank required. These will be passed along to the SPB for execution.

5. A conference 17 June '48 at Itazuke was arranged for the local SPB and the Fukuoka Ken Government Road Construction Division with the purpose of coordinating with Major M.A. Garrett and his staff for the construction of a 2400ft. long x 20 ft. wide macadam road authorized under JPNK 906. The 1st Engrs. Construction Group (Col. D.C. Hawkins) has requested that this installation be given preferred consideration, as the Base's needs for the road are particularly urgent. The result of the conference at Itazuke indicated that the work will be done in a satisfactory and expeditious manner. Major Garrett agreed to the planning and to the timing, and had a major part in deciding the objectives set. The local SPB will coordinate activities with the Ken Government and be responsible for fulfillment of the schedules set. If slippage develops or becomes foreseeable it is to be reported promptly to Majors Garrett and Loop and Holway so that necessary remedial action can be taken.

6. A discussion with Ashiya Air Base (Mr. Meyers) indicated that additional D.H. family units are anticipated for that base. Mr. Meyers stated that when the job breaks, Headquarters Fifth Air Force will exert considerable pressure for completion. Mr. Meyers requested that this Branch expedite clearance as far as it can. Major Holway explained that until the papers reached Army there is little that the Procurement Section could do, but he assured him that after that point every consideration would be given to prompt handling of the job.

7. A conference was held 19 June 1948 with Mr. Umphrey, Fukuoka MG Team, Mr. Meyers, Ashiya Air Base; and Major Holway with respect to electrical energy for the newly installed lighting system at the emergency landing field at Ashiya. Mr. Umphrey stated that to supply power from existing lines would require giving 24 hour service to a long line serving Japanese nationals, which line is presently on a restricted basis because of power shortage in Kyushu. It was suggested that the problem could be solved by Ashiya installing a 5 Kw generator at the emergency field. This Mr. Meyers agreed to this. He requested, however, that the field be cut in on the power line when that line was open to Japanese nationals, and that the generator at the field be considered as a standby. This arrangement was acceptable to Mr. Umphrey inasmuch as it would not involve keeping this line open only on the present restricted basis. Mr. Meyers stated that the field's anticipated usage would fall within the line serves Japanese nationals, hence this generator could be considered as standby when the line was cut out either because of rationing or for operational failure.

8. Real Estate Division, Central Office (Mrs Phillips) contacted this branch office relative to release of property at aircraft Warning Station, located near Camp Hakata, under jurisdiction of Air Installations Officer, Ashiya Air Base. A Procurement Release was to have been initiated upon receipt of the confirming demand (JPNR 1635) which was processed on 8 May

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however, to date, no release instrument has been initiated, and Mrs. Phillips is to contact 5th Air Force for preparation of release. There appears to be nothing further this Branch can do to bring the matter to a conclusion.

9. Instruction received on 14 June from IV Procurement District (Capt. Turner) relative to receipting procedure for real estate demands containing "Operation and maintenance" clauses stated that no GPA -2's are to be issued for work done under demands containing such clauses during period 1 April to 30 June 1948. Any work being performed under operation and maintenance during this period which cannot be accomplished prior to 30 June, will be completed on a work order to be issued covering amount of work to be performed from period 1 July until completed.

10. Telephone call received from Lt. Cornett, 8th Army Procurement Section Expediting Division relative to firewood being procured under demands JPNY 707, 708 and 709 not to be cancelled, but item to be suspended until reply is received from Korea to Army's request for amounts that Korea can use. Amounts over and above Korea's requirements will probably be diverted to 8th Army QM.

11. R & U office, Kitagata Dependent Housing Warehouse contacted Kokura Sub-office relative to procedure for obtain materials for repair and maintenance of dependent housing units. Contractors are presently contacting Ken Government officials, attempting to purchase items that are not available either from depot stock, or from contractor's stock. Procedure to be followed in future instances where material is unavailable from contractors stock is as follows: When it is determined that contractor cannot furnish required items or material, R & U warehouse will attempt to furnish from their stocks, and if unavailable there R & U will return requisition to contractor marked "Not in stock R & U" and contractor will then contact SPB, who will attempt to furnish items from their stock. System is to be initiated effective immediately, and will expedite completion of work as requested for dependent housing requirements, and will tend to familiarize contractors with SPB functions as well as avoid any delays in obtaining material of a critical nature, particularly for items for refrigeration, etc.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Lt. Kamar, Kokura sub-office departed 15 June for IV Procurement District for period of approximately 3 days.

2. Request is to be made for one officer from IV Procurement District to be placed on TDY at Fukuoka office during period 25 June - 6 July due to anticipated absence of Major Holway and Lt. Kamar. Major Holway is to go to Yokohama to meet dependent arriving on USAT Barry on 28 June. Lt. Kamar is scheduled to attend Air Transportability School, and is scheduled to leave 3 July and will probably return 10 July. During this period of absence it is anticipated that Sgt. Pritchard (assigned to Kokura sub-office) will leave for

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Z.I. for separation. Cpl. Simon (Fukuoka Branch Office) is to be placed on TDY at Kokura Sub-Office until Lt. Kamar's return. Simon is fully conversant with expediting having served as chief of that division.

III. EXPEDITING:

1. Item 2, Sec III, of Weekly Activities Report for week ending 12 June is in error as pertains to TWX being received from Central Office. TWX was originated at Osaka Branch, and Mr. Johnson of Osaka Branch was contacted by Lt. Kamar and information relative to metholene Chloride was furnished. Information copy of MGP 30 was forwarded to Osaka Branch, and 3 copies to Central Office.

2. Lt. Hamneck, expediting Division, Central Office, contacted Kokura Branch relative to ~~SPB~~ 5516. Items: 400 light bulbs, 100v, 40w for Ashiya Air Base. Report was made by supplier to central Office that Ashiya would not receipt for this item without having copy of demand. The Receiving Officer was contacted at Ashiya and requested to receipt for item in order to consummate demand. Lt. Smith, present Receiving Officer, agreed to sign for light bulbs and forward receipts.

3. A mid month check of Forms MGP 30, 31 and 32 shows satisfactory progress, and the indications are that 100% coverage will prevail as of 30 June '48.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The formal opening of the new local Headquarters of the Special Procurement Board is scheduled for Saturday 19 June '48. Mr. Shigeta, President SPB will be on hand for the occasion and to conduct an inspection of the local SPB.

2. House No. 6 Da Fukuoka assigned to Capt. Cordell, 315th Composite Air Wing, was destroyed by fire 16 June '48. Fire was caused by spark from chimney, and is fully covered by insurance. Investigation is in progress.

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Procurement Section, Headquarters Eighth Army

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
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I. GENERAL:

1. Amendments A to the following JPNK procurement demands have been received: 815, 825, 858, 873 and 874. The Receiving Officer is designated in each case as "The Engineer, Engr. Sect., I Corps, Kyoto." The 1st Engr. Construction Group (Major Loop) feels that if the C.O. 1st Engr. Construction Group, Fukuoka were designated in these and similar cases it would simplify matters. Request is being made accordingly by Major Loop through channels.

2. An inspection of the Special Procurement Board warehouse set-up in Fukuoka, indicates progressive improvement in housekeeping, and general conformation with accepted warehouse practice. They are ready to take on the additional task of absorbing the Engineer's Depot warehousing when clearance is given.

3. For the past several weeks there has been included with the weekly activities report as a separate exhibit a summary by the SPB as to the status of construction procurement demands in their possession. An analysis of the cause for delinquencies in processing these demands indicates that (a) incomplete plans, and (b) revisions to plans are the usual reasons. Every effort is exerted by this office to expedite execution. It is felt that the SPB weekly report is an aid in this direction. Generally speaking the SPB completed its processing well within the allotted time unless conditions "a" and/or "b" prevent.

4. A meeting was held in the office of the Local SPB to discuss with the Regional Engineer (Capt. Johnson), the Ken Government representatives, the SPB and Procurement Section (Major Holway), the matter of general coordination. It was apparent from the scope of the discussion that a periodic group meeting of this sort would be advantageous, hence it was decided to hold them bi-monthly. Captain Johnson expressed his appreciation to the SPB for promoting efficient, economical operation, and to the Ken Government for its cooperation.

5. A check of the various Itazuke Air Base construction projects indicates that progress is up to schedule generally. The expectation is that the 34 unit dependent housings (JPNK 768), will be completed by 30 June '48, one month in advance of the specified delivery date. This is the job that IV Procurement District wanted pressured particularly.

6. The local SPB advises that the Nagasaki Ken Government has executed a contract as of 5 June '48 with the Mitsubishi Oil Co. Covering construction and rehabilitation of the Sasebo Oil Terminal, Sasebo. JPNK 882 covers this project.

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The consensus of opinion is that the transition late this month from Navy operation to JOSCO operation will be accomplished in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. The 1st Engr. Construction Group and the SPB are collaborating with JOSCO and Mitsubishi to that end, and there appears to be no reason to anticipate difficulty. The 1st Engrs. has assigned a capable officer (Capt. Peoples) to the job.

7. Telephone call was received from Major Garrett, Air Installation Officer, Itazuke Wednesday, 9 June 1948 relative to JFNO 802, covering operation and maintenance for Itazuke AAB. This P.D. expired 15 May '48. Question was whether amending PD extending the delivery date had come through or not. A check of the records at this office revealed that this amending PD had not been received. IV Procurement District was contacted and the following information was received; amending procurement demand will be ready in a few days. will extended coverage to 31 March '49. This information was relayed to Major Garrett.

8. Discussions with respect to termination of operation and maintenance clauses scheduled for, July '48 were held with Col. Paul Meyers (Engr. Sec. 8 Army); Col. D.C. Hawkins, Major P.A. Loop (1st Engr. Construction Group). Col. Meyers is studying the situation first hand in Kyushu and has in mind the formation of teams to deal with the matter in strategic locations composed of all organization involved. Major Holway gave assurances that both this Branch and the local SPB would give their full cooperation. Col. Meyers stated that meeting would be arranged in the near future with this Branch, 24 Division G-4, the Regional Post Engineers, SPB, and 8 Army. Engr. Sec. to formulate definite procedures. In the meantime he requested all interested elements in the picture to work together to effect smooth transition operation

9. Capt. Baker, 3rd Engrs contacted this office relative removal of rubble at Kitagata Dependent Housing Project. Contractors working there have utilized materials suitable for construction. The residue has been left unmoved. Mr. Tsukiyama, Kokura SPB is to assume responsibility for contacting responsible people to have this removed.

10. Investigation of construction progress of the 5000 man laundry project at Kasuga (JFNC 829) indicated that the performance of the Wakiyama Kensetsu Co. has improved to a substantial extent. It was decided, therefore by the 1st Engr. Construction Group (Major Loop) to withdraw request for removal of the company. Major Holway informed the contractor that his work and progress would be checked closely by Mr. F.E. Kelly, the project Engineer and any slippage in either respect would be dealt with immediately and effectively. SPB will continue to give the project preferred attention.

11. Mr. S. Shigeta, President Special Procurement Board, is scheduled to arrive in Fukuoka 17 June 1948 for inspection of the new headquarters of the local SPB. Mr. Shigeta plans to leave 18 June, and is scheduled to confer with Major Holway at 13:30 18 June.

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II. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Orders promoting John L. Simon, Chief, Administration Division from private, first class to Corporal have been received. The class of work and responsibilities of this job warrant consideration of the further advancement of Cpl. Simon.

III. EXPEDITING:

1. Receiving Officer at Itazuke Army Air Base contacted Fukuoka Branch Office relative to non delivery of items numbers 1, 4, 5 and 12 on JPNY 10336, and JPNY 827. Supplier located in Kyoto (Kowa Shokai), and Capt. Kissan furnished delivery dates and name of shipping agency, the Nippon Express Co., The shipper acknowledged receipt of items at Fukuoka. This information was relayed to Receiving Officer at Itazuke, with the suggestion that he the contact shipping agency, and notify this branch office in the event that there is any difficulty in effecting immediate delivery.

2. TWX received from Central Office on 7 June 1948 pertaining to Methelene Chloride being produced by Mitsui Chemical Plant at Omuta. Instructions contained in TWX were that company was to suspend shipment, but not production of this item. Expeditor has been sent to Mitsui Company, and a TWX report of findings and a MGP 30 will be submitted to Central Office upon expeditor's return.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Mr. Yoshino, Mitsubishi Chemical Company, Makiyama Factory contacted Kokura sub-office on 5 June relative to strike situation at Sangyo Cement Company, a supplier of limestone to Mitsubishi Chemical Company. Strike has been settled, and apparently little delay will result to the Mitsubishi Chemical Company's overall production. No procurement demands presently in effect in this plant although they have been producers on PD in the past.

2. Mr. Kashiwagi and Mr. Kasagawa Manager and Procurement Chief respectively, of Nippon Cement Company, Kawara Plant, contacted this Branch Office relative to an anticipated strike of the workers. Presently, the workers are refusing to work overtime, and a backlog of overdue shipment (export cement only is affected) is accumulating. Mr. Kashiwagi and Mr. Kasagawa were directed to contact Labor Relations Section. Fukuoka Military Government Team for information and necessary procedure to be followed. Company, at present, is not producing cement for occupation force requirements, although they have done so in the past on an extensive scale.

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