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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

At the end of World War II, U.S. forces that had served in China began to return to the United States. However, several units remained in China to provide assistance to the Nationalist Chinese forces. The headquarters of the U.S. forces in China was located at Nanking, the Nationalist capital. This headquarters was known as the Chinese Combat Command during the war, but was designated the Nanking Liaison Group in December 1945, the Nanking Headquarters Command in February 1946, the Army Advisory Group in October 1946, and the Joint United States Military Advisory Group in 1948. This headquarters handled much of the military liaison work between the U.S. and the Nationalist Chinese government. The Military Advisory Group was withdrawn from Nanking in January 1949 when Communist forces began to threaten the area. It relocated to Tokyo, Japan, and suspended activities on March 3, 1949. Portions of the final report of the Military Advisory Group were published in Foreign Relations of the United States, 1949, Volume 9, pages 495-497.

One of the major functions of the Nanking Headquarters Command was training officers of the Nationalist Chinese army. A special office at the Headquarters Command was established in October 1945 to draw up plans for a reorganization of the Chinese Army and the establishment of a system of training schools. This office was known as the Ground Forces Section. In June 1946 it became the Army Division and, in October 1946, the Ground Division.

This collection consists of eleven historical reports describing the activities of the Army Advisory Group at Nanking, and the associated Army Division, during 1946 and 1947. These are duplicate copies of the original reports that are at the National Archives as part of Record Group 338, Records of U.S. Army Commands. Additional information on the role of the U.S. Army in post-war China are in the records of the U.S. Army, Peiping (China) Executive Headquarters, and in the papers of Henry Aurand.

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