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1. In accordance with the directive contained in reference (a), CinCPAC Command Narrative, 1 October 1947 to 31 March 1948 is forwarded herewith.

2. The summary is in the form of narratives of the individual divisions of CinCPAC Staff.

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet played an important role at the end of the Second World War. After the surrender of the Japanese in August 1945, the United States took on the responsibility to occupy Japan and many of their territories- most significantly that of South Korea. The main goal of the Pacific Fleet was to maintain security in the region. The end of World War II also brought the beginning of the Cold War in which the Pacific Fleet would be responsible for responding to a potential attack on the U.S. by the Soviets or any hostile nation.

This report contains a summary of CINCPACFLT Command Narrative focusing on plans, operations, logistics, communications, administration, fleet personnel, fleet maintenance, fleet supply, and public information.

"By December the personnel shortage had become acute throughout all Pacific Bases. Particularly the shortage of personnel in critical ravings was seriously affecting the efficiency of all Bases and impairing their ability to carry out their missions." (Logistics Planning p 2)

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