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KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

JDT/rld

AFO 929
17 July 1947

472
SUBJECT: Report of Survey on Ordnance Property Nagasaki Military
Government Team

TO : Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Military Government Team

The report of survey submitted by your headquarters under date of 5 June 1947 is returned for consideration of the followings:

a. Certificates attached to the reports as Exhibits "A" and "B" and the entry on the report of survey under "Date and Circumstances" do not justify the findings and recommendations of the surveying officer. The supporting evidence does not give date or circumstances under which the articles were lost and does not stipulate what measures were taken to safeguard and prevent the loss and destruction of the property.

b. The evidence submitted only points out that the property is missing and no cause given for the loss. A statement as to condition of roads, streets, and usage of motor vehicles will not alone justify the loss of parts and accessories. Evidence should at least show a reasonable justification for relief of responsible parties where such recommendations are made.

c. It is to be remembered that responsibility does not cease when property becomes unservicable and that such property should be retained and turned in for salvage and replacement. Regulations hold that some person is responsible for all property at all times even when such property may not be signed for by the individual; complete justification for relief of such responsibility should be shown under "Date and Circumstances" or by certificates and affidavits giving complete information as to date and circumstances surrounding such loss.

d. In order to reduce the list as shown on the R/S it is suggested that an effort be made to recover such items as tires, tubes, gasoline drums, chains, and etc. It is believed that many of the listed articles may be found and the R/S reduced considerably.

e. The approving authority has to rely on the supporting evidence and the findings and recommendations of the surveying officer. Therefore, the findings of the surveying officer should be substantiated by supporting evidence.

Ltr, KSMG, subj: "Report of Survey on Ordnance Property Nagasaki Mil Govt Team", dtd 17 July 1947

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f. In the recommendations of the surveying officer he recommends that the missing parts be surveyed. This statement should be eliminated since that is exactly what he is doing.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL COUGHLIN:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt SIG C
Adjutant

Incl:
Report of Survey, Nagasaki MG Team

REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL D-2-10

KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

JDT/jh

APC 929
Date 13 March 1947

472
SUBJECT: **Firing of Individual Weapons**

TO : **Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301**

THRU :

1. Reference: **Training Memo 3, Hqs I Corps dtd 13 July 46**
Annex #1 Trg Memo 3, Hqs I Corps dtd 21 Jun 47
2. Enclosed are the subject reports for the following period and area:
 - a. Period: **Month Of February**
 - b. Area : **Kyushu**

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt, Sig C
Adjutant

Incl:

- Subject report for:
1. Fukuoka Ken (3)
 2. Nagasaki Ken (3)
 3. Kagoshima Ken (3)
 4. Kumamoto Ken (3)
 5. Oita Ken (3)
 6. Miyazaki Ken (3)
 7. Saga Ken (3)
 8. Kyushu Military Government Region

**KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan
APO 929**

Reports Control
Symbol D-2-IC

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1947

4 March 1947

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual Weapons. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
(Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Sub- sequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal .30 M1					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Carbine, Cal .30					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	<u>28</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50%</u>	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Pistol, Cal .45					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. SMG, Cal. 45, M3					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Incl # 1

FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan
APC 929

Reports Control
 Symbol D-2-IC

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1947

~~4 March 1947~~

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual Weapons. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
 (Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Sub- sequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal .30 M1					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Carbine, Cal .30					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	<u>33</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57.86</u>	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Pistol, Cal .45					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. SMG, Cal. 45, M3					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual and Crew-served Weapons.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, AFO 301
(Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Subsequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal. 30 M1					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Carbine, Cal. 30					
Qualification	25	0	0	0	0
Familiarization	0	0	0	0	0
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Pistol, Cal. 45					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. SMG, Cal. 45, M3					
Qualification	4	0	0	0	0
Familiarization	25	0	0	0	0
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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HEADQUARTERS
 KAGOSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

AFO 929
 4 March 1947

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Sub- sequent to 1 Jan 47	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Carbine, Cal .30					
Qualification	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Familiarization	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	-----		
Transition	-----	-----	-----		
2. Pistol, Cal .45					
Qualification	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Familiarization	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	-----		

HEADQUARTERS
 KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

Report Control
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APO 929

11 March 1947

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual and Crew-Served Weapons.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
 (Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Subsequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal. 30 M1					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Carbine, Cal .30					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	30	23	76.6%	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Pistol, Cal .45					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. SMG, Cal.45, M3					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

* Officers fired Carbine, Cal .30 in lieu of pistol Cal .45

Vernon
 VERNON C. HILL
 Capt., CAC
 Adjutant

Reports Control Symbol D-2-IC

~~Site Military Government Team~~

~~PO 929~~

~~28 February 1947~~

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual and Crew-served Weapons.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
(Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	<u>No. Reqd to Fire</u>	<u>No. Fired</u>	<u>Per Cent Fired Sub- sequent to 1 Jan 46</u>	<u>No. Qual</u>	<u>Per Cent Qual</u>
1. <u>Rifle, Cal .30 M1</u>					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. <u>Carbine, Cal .30</u>					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>96</u>	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. <u>Pistol, Cal .45</u>					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>100</u>	_____	_____
4. <u>SMG, Cal .45, M3</u>					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM

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APG 929

February 1947

24 February 1947

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual and Crew-served Weapons.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
(Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Subsequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual.	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal .30 M1					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Combat Firing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Carbine, Cal .30					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	<u>24</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>50%</u>	_____	_____
Transition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Pistol, Cal .45					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. SMG, Cal. 45, M3					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Familiarization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Report Control
Symbol D-2-IC
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM

BHD/rb

Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
5 March 1947

SUBJECT: Status Report on Firing of Individual and Crew-served
Weapons.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
(Attention: AC of S, G-3)

I - INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

	No. Reqd to Fire	No. Fired	Per Cent Fired Sub- sequent to 1 Jan 46	No. Qual	Per Cent Qual
1. Rifle, Cal. 30 M1					
Qualification	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Familiarization	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Transition	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Combat Firing	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2. Carbine, Cal. 30					
Qualification	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Familiarization	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Transition	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Pistol, Cal. 45					
Qualification	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Familiarization	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4. SMG, Cal. 45, M3					
Qualification	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Familiarization	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
5. (Other) _____					
Qualification	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Familiarization	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Incl # 1

BASIC: Ltr. Saga Military Government Team, dtd 5 March 1947
Report Control Symbol-D-2-IG; Subj: Status Report
on Firing of Individual and Crew-served Weapons.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Burley H. Darlington
BURLEY H. DARLINGTON
Capt., CMP
Adjutant

FILE

KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
 HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
 Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

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AFPO 929
 10 March 1947

472

SUBJECT: Cleaning and Firing of Weapons

TO : Commanding Officer, Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Kumamoto Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Oita Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Kagoshima Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929
 Commanding Officer, Saga Mil Govt Team, APO 929

1. Item XIV of I.B. No. 10, 7 March 47, Cleaning and Firing of Weapons has been incorrectly stated. It is not intended to "direct team commanders to hold schools of instruction for officers". The item is deleted.

2. It was noted in reports on firing of weapons, that no officers were listed. This was obviously an oversight. All officers authorized to be armed must be thoroughly competent to handle the weapon with which armed and to instruct in nomenclature, care, cleaning, assembly, safety procedures and precautions, and training in marksmanship.

3. It is not enough to assume that officers are competent in all phases of handling of firearms. Many have been long in the service without having had opportunity to become really familiar with firearms. Team commanders should therefore take positive action to assure that all officers required to be armed are in fact thoroughly competent in the handling of the arm. Future reports in instruction and familiarization will include officers.

R. E. COUGHLIN
 Colonel, CE
 Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

EAM/eh

26 February 1947

472

SUBJECT: Receipt for Carbine

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region,
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, APO 929
Attn: S-4

1. Records at this headquarters indicate that one (1) Carbine, calibre 30, HI, Serial Number 5019420 was turned in to your headquarters on Property Turn-In Slip dated 22 October 1946. To date we have not received a signed copy of the Property Turn-In Slip on this weapon.

2. Inclosed herewith Property Turn-In Slip for your signature and return to this organization as a credit voucher.

ESTELL A. HUTCHENSON
Major, GMP
Commanding

Incl:
Property Turn-In Slip (4)

FILE

BASIC: Ltr, Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, 472, subj: "Receipt for Carbine",
dtd 26 Feb 47.

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1st Ind

PWS/yk

KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 21 April 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, Miyazaki Military Government Team, APO 929

1. Reference is made to telephone call by Major SHIVE to your headquarters on 3 March wherein it was suggested a report of survey be instituted on subject carbine.

2. To date no survey report has been received at this office.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL LINK:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt. Sig C
Adjutant

Incl:
n/c

NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN

AJB/no

file 471.88
472APO 929
11 February 1947

SUBJECT: Floating Mine

THRU : Commanding Officer
Kyushu Military Government Region
Hq & Hq Det., APO 929TO : Underwater Ammo Clearance Team No. 2
APO 24

In compliance with letter I Corps, APO 301, file AG 471-R
subject: "Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting,"
dated 22 October 1946, enclosed herewith is a report of a
floating mine located by Police in this area.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
5 copies of above
indicated report.

IRVIN W. ROGERS
Captain, TC
Adjutant

Serial No. 128

8 Feb. 1947

From : Chief, Police Department, Nagasaki-Ken

To : Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Military
Government Team.

Subject : Floating mine, discovery of.

We have received from Chief of Shisa Police Station a report to the effect that, having discovered a floating mine, this police authorities have warned incoming and outgoing vessels, and general public against this immediately; sent members of civil guards on the spot to take the suitable counter measures and have been keeping close watch on it now.

Hereby we beg to request you to dispose of this mine as soon as possible.

Remarks

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Date of discovery: | 2 Feb. 1947, about 5 p.m. |
| 2. Location: | At the point 2,000 m. off
Aosaki, Takashima-mura,
Kita-Matsuura-gun |
| 3. Kind and quantity: | Floating mine. One |

(Tr. by Y. Takae)

Janet ⁴/₅

BASIC: Ltr, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, File 471.86, subj:
"Floating Mine", dtd 11 Feb 1947.

471.86

1st Ind

JDT/jh

KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 12 Feb 1947

TO: Commanding General, 24th Inf Div, APO 24
Attn: Munitions Disposal Director

Forwarded for your information and further indorsement
to Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301:

Attn: (1) Military Government Section
(2) Bomb and Mine Disposal Coordinator

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain INF
Adjutant

Incl:
n/c

FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Fukuoka, Kyushu
APO 929

LJP/kki

6 February 1947

SUBJECT: Collection of Swords and Firearms

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region Hq &
Hq Det, APO 929

1. Submitted herewith is a report of survey required by OD No. 75, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 25 August 1946, and letter Kyushu Military Government Region, dated 13 January 1947.

2. Report of Survey

a. 1693 swords were judged as works of art or of historical value.

b. Daggers 249

c. Spears 88

d. Halbers 24

e. 5391 hunting guns are authorized to be retained.

3. The above weapons listed from 2a to 2e are authorized to be retained, and are accompanied by certificates. Duplicate certificates are filed with the Prefectural Police Department.

4. The survey was completed as of 22 January 1947.

5. Ten tons of swords and firearms were sent to U.S. Army Munitions Department, Akabane, Tokyo, 5 February 1947.

6. The Public Safety Officer will continue to exercise close surveillance to assure complete compliance with the provisions of the Directive.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROGER L. LANDRY
1st Lt. CAV
Adjutant

NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

AJB/mm

APC #929
18 January 1947

File : AG 319.1
SUBJECT: Collection of swords and firearms
THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Mil Govt Region
Hq & Hq Det., APC 929
TO : Commanding General, Hq 8th Army

In compliance with paragraph No. 5 of Operational Directive No. 75 Hq Eighth Army, dated 25 August 1946, the following report is here-by submitted:

- a. Hunting Guns
 - 3,737 confiscated
 - 1,523 returned to Japanese
- b. Swords
 - 40,500 confiscated
 - 540 returned to Japanese

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

IRVIN W. ROGERS
Captain T.C.
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
KAGOSHIMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

REM/sk

APO 929
3 February 1947

Serial No: 108

SUBJECT: Collection of Swords and Firearms

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government
Region

1. In Compliance with paragraph 5, OD No. 75, Headquarters 8th Army, 25 August 1946 the following report is submitted for Kagoshima-Ken, Kyushu, Japan:

Swords Registered 138

Firearms Registered 2,857

2. The Survey was completed on 14 October 1945 and was reported direct to Headquarters 8th Army on 18 January 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT V. DEXTER
1st Lt CAV
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

JFB/jk

AFO 929
4 February 1947

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SUBJECT: Collection of Swords and Firearms

TO : Commanding Officer, Kumamoto Military Government
Team, AFO 929

1. Submitted herewith is report of survey on collection of swords and firearms required by Operational Directive #75 HQ 8th Army, dated 25 Aug 46 and letter Region subject same, dated 13 Jan 47.

2. Report of survey.

- a. 615 swords adjudged works of art or of historical value.
 - (1) 447 Released to owners with certificate of authorization.
 - (2) 168 Held in safe keeping pending positive identification by owners.
- b. 1,404 hunting guns authorized to be retained.
- c. Both swords and hunting guns authorized to be retained are accompanied by the new certificate and duplicate filed with Public Peace Section of Prefectural Police Department.
- d. 12,022 swords of various sizes remained after the exempted swords were returned. These have been delivered to the appropriate U.S. Mail Transportation Officer for shipment to the Tokyo Ordnance Supply Department, Akabara Station, Tokyo.

c. Survey completed as of 16 Jan 1947.

3. The Public Safety Officer will continue to exercise close surveillance to assure complete compliance with the provisions of the directive.

JOSEPH P. BIGGS, Jr.
Capt., CMP
Public Safety Officer

OITA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Oita, Kyushu, Japan

FAC/sk

APO 929
20 November 1946

AG 400.7

SUBJECT: Collection, Classification, and Disposition of
Japanese Swords and Firearms

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Attention: Military Government Section

THRU : Channels

1. In compliance with the provision of Par 5, Operational Directive No.75, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 25 August 1946, the following report relative to disposition of swords and hunting guns by police of Oita Prefecture is submitted:

a.	Number of swords collected	1,865
	Number of swords returned to owners	290
	Number of swords shipped to Tokyo Ordnance Supply Depot, Akibane Station, Tokyo	1,575
b.	Number of hunting guns collected	3,957
	Number of hunting guns returned to owners	3,407
	Number of hunting guns shipped to Tokyo Ordnance Supply Depot, Akibane Station, Tokyo	550

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

PATRICK C. MAGINNIS
Captain, INF
Adjutant

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

LUTHER G. JONES, Jr
Captain, TC
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Kyushu Mil Govt Region, AG 319.1, subj: "Report Called for by Operational Directive No. 75, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 25 August 1946", dated 13 January 1947.

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MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM, AFO 929, 23 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, AFO 343
(THRU CHANNELS)

1. Swords and hunting guns authorized for retention in this Prefecture as of 20 January, based upon appraisals of sword inspection committee, and Police hunting gun Certificates, are as follows:

- a. Swords 75
- b. Hunting guns 1817

2. Report was forwarded heretofore on 18 October 1946. Program has now been completed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES F. TARVER, Jr.
1st Lt., A.C.
Adjutant

SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

BHD/kn

APO 929
17 January 1947

SUBJECT: Survey of Swords and Hunting Guns

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
(Through Channels)

1. Attention is invited to Operational Directive No. 75 your headquarters, dtd 25 August 1946, subj: Collection, Classification and Disposition of Japanese Swords and Firearms.

Survey of swords and hunting guns have been completed in this Ken which amounts to 932 swords and 1591 hunting guns authorized to be retained.

Inspections have been made by members of this team of register showing certificate serial number located in prefectural office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

BURLEY H. DARLINGTON
Capt., CMP
Adjutant

NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

AJB/mo

APO 929
21 January 1947

472
File 471.88

SUBJECT: Location of Explosives

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region,
Hq & Hq Det., APO 929

TO : 178th Bomb Disposal Squad, 24th Inf Div APO 24.

In compliance with ltr Hq I Corps, APO 301, file 471-R, subject: "Instructions on Munition Location and Reporting", dtd 22 Oct 46, enclosed herewith is a report of 35 fuses, 28 Year type fuse No. 2 made in Japan that have been located by police in this area.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl:
As indicated above

IRVIN W. ROGERS
Captain, TC
Adjutant

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 30 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, 24th Inf Division, APO 24
Attn: Munitions Disposition Director

For information and further indorsement to Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301:

Attn: 1. Mil Govt Section
2. Bomb and Mine Disposal Coordinator

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain INF
Adjutant

Incl:
n/c

17 January 1947

From : Chief, Police Department, Nagasaki ken.
To : Commanding Officer,
Nagasaki Military Government Team.
Subject: Finding out Explosives, the report of.

The Chief of the Emukae Police Station under the jurisdiction has sent in a report that the below-mentioned munition explosives were found out and are now under watching by the police, enclosing the spot with rope indicating danger, and, on the other hand, making the villagers aware of them.

We hereby report you for your quick disposition therefore.

Description

1. Place

Takenokoba-men, Shikamachi-mura, Kitamatsuura-gun, Nagasaki-ken. (At the mountain side of the former Mekuraga-hara Naval Anti-aircraft Guns position)

2. Kind & Quantity of the Explosives.

28-year Type Fuse No.2 made in Japan.....35 pieces

(-tr, by H.Kondo-)

FILE

NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

AJB/mm

File : ~~471666~~APO #929
22 January 1947

472

SUBJECT: Floating Mines

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Mil Govt Region
Hq & Hq Det., APO 929TO : Under-water Amo Clearance Team No. 2
24th Infantry Division

In compliance with Letter Hq I Corps, APO 301 file
AG 471-R Subject: Instructions on Munitions Locating and
Reporting dated 22 October 1946. Enclosed herewith is a
report of two (2) mines located by police in this area.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
As indicated above

IRVIN W. ROGERS
Captain T.C.
Adjutant

1st Ind

JDT/cc

KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 23 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, 24th Inf Div
Attn: Ordnance Officer

Forwarded:

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant

Incl:
n/e

Serial No.

Jan 21, 1947

From : Chief of Police, Nagasaki Ken

To : Commanding Officer, Nagasaki M.G. Team

Subject: Mechanical Mines Found out

The mechanical mines were found out as follows, and the villagers were notified not to come near the place, enclosed with ropes to keep them from danger, has informed the Chief of the Fukue Police Station.

Your rapid disposition is requested.

- A. 1. Date of finding: Jan. 7, 1947
2. Classification and number: Mechanical mine
3. Place of finding: Nagasaki-seashore,
Metani, Tsuchitori-go, Tomie-
machi, Minamimatsuura-gun.
- B. 1. Date of finding: Jan. 17, 1947
2. Classification and number: Mechanical mine
(with no feelers), one
3. Place of finding: Anbunno-ura, Yamashita
-go, Seisa-ura, Tomie-machi,
Minamimatsuura-gun.

Both mines are now washed ashore.

(Tr. by T. Otsuka)

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE ORDNANCE OFFICER
APO 24

GEM/sh #5

22 November, 1946.

472
SUBJECT: Munitions Disposal Activity Report.
(Period 26 October to 16 November, Inclusive.)TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
(Attn: Bomb and Mine Disposal Coordinator.)

THRU : Technical Channels.

1. This report is written in accordance with letter, Hq. I Corps, file AG 230-R, dated 1 October 1946. It is a summary of the activities of all munitions disposal technicians in Kyushu for the above period.

2. Targets reported closed and tons disposed of in the above period are as follows.

FUKUOKA KEN (Technician, D. R. Whitney.)

a. (130°6' Long, 34°15' N Lat.) Okino-shima.
After an eleven hour trip by Japanese-manned ICT to this island, and a night aboard while anchored off-shore, three days were spent lowering three hundred and ninety-five 150 mm Army H.E. rounds, individually by ropes to the beach and loading them by means of a makeshift pontoon bridge aboard ship for dumping on the return voyage. The smokeless powder was burned in a concrete gun emplacement on the island.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
150 mm rds. Army H.E.	395	17.77
Smokeless Powder	--	2.50
Fuse, nose, Type 90	400	0.20
		<u>TOTAL: 20.47</u>

b. (1349.5-1178.8) Lake.
The bottom of this lake has been searched by a diver and no additional ordnance was found.

c. (1358.1-1164.2) Lake.
The bottom of this lake has been searched by a diver and no additional ordnance was found.

d. (1358.5-1188.4) Lake at Azemachi.

Ordinance removed from this lake is being stored in an empty warehouse at Azemachi Ammo Depot, pending release of an LCT for dumping purpose. The CG. of C Co., 3d Engr. received a radio from I Corps stating that no Army boats are permitted outside of the harbor because of the presence of mines.

e. (1356-1202) Kanesaki.

This ordinance was removed from a farmer's house and placed in the warehouse at Azemachi with the above.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Types 4, 97 Hand Grenades	14 boxes	0.20

f. (1356.7-1165.0) Umi.

The digging out of this cave, now complete, resulting in the disposal of the following by dumping at sea.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
100 kg Bombs, Army H.E.	8	0.88

FUKUOKA KEN (Technician, E. F. Curry).

g. (1353-1098) Omuta City.

The incendiary bomb was removed from a well into which it had fallen. Having landed on its side, the fuse was not initiated. A reported cache of 30 buried American bombs was investigated and found to have been disposed of at some time in the past, without knowledge of the local police.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
AN-M 47 U.S. Inc. Bomb	1	0.05
Grenade, Hand Jap.	1	--
		TOTAL: 0.05

OITA KEN (Technician, E. F. Curry).

h. (642-1152) Tateishi Branch Factory, Kokura Military Arsenal, Tateishi.

This installation was inspected prior to its release to the Home Ministry.

i. (657-1123) Takajo Factory, Twelvth Naval Aeronautical Arsenal.

That portion of the installation requested for release for repatriate housing was inspected and certified to be free of explosives.

KAGOSHIMA KEN (Technician, G. S. Haganan).

j. (1267-1121) Kosasa.

Underwater clearance activities at this target resulted in about $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of small ammo and 20 to 40 mm being recovered from the bottom.

k. (1274-1118) Ainoura.

This port was cancelled from the itinerary as no dumping operations were carried out from it.

l. (1273-1104) Tawaragaura.

This port was completed, but nothing found.

m. (1281-1111) Hiu.

At this target, the Underwater Ammunition Clearance Team #2 raised 43 tons of ordnance from the vicinity of the docks. The abovementioned ordnance was probably the result of careless loading of barges which were outloaded at that point.

n. (1303-1108) Karatsu.

The bombs were dumped at sea.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
50 kg Army H.E. Bombs	4	0.22

MIYAZAKI KEN (Technician, G. E. Metcalf).

o. (677-1057.5) Miyancura.

This mine was detonated in place by using a hollow charge grenade directed from slight^{ly} below the center of the mine and toward the booster. On detonation, accomplished by U.S. safety fuze and blasting caps, windows were shaken, but not broken at 400 yards away. The mine was located at the foot of sixty-foot cliff which completely protected the village from fragmentation. The dud bomb, a 6 lb. U.S. incendiary from the Nobeoka Police Station, was disposed of simultaneously by placing it adjacent to the shaped charge.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Type 93, model 1	1	0.30
Bombs, U.S. 616 Inc.	1	
		TOTAL: 0.30

p. (675-1052) Shimamura-shima.

Mine covered with three inches of barnacles floating 40 meters off-shore in quiet lagoon and with mooring cable extending from it was approached in a wooden boat, power driven, with cars. A hollow-charge rifle grenade was attached to one horn and the 15 minute safety fuse ignited. The boat laid to about 1500 yards from the mine. The resulting high order detonation resulted in a column of water about 150 feet high.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap. Type 93 model 1	1	0.30

q. (645-994) Torihama.

Mine with mooring spindle retracted and all horns broken off washed ashore in the village of Torihama. It was carried by jeep to a point 500 yards from the nearest dwelling and lowered into a six-foot hole approximately 50 yards from the main rail line. Rail schedules were coordinated with detonations in addition to having guards placed to intercept any train which might come along at an inopportune time. The first detonation with a rifle grenade blew a small hole in the case. The second with one block of TNT against the charge case blew the mine in half. The third time all remaining bits of explosives (discovered to be very wet) were gathered together and primed with a block of TNT above. Some appeared to detonate and the remainder was scattered to the four winds leaving only a trace of carlit.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap. Type 93 model 1	1	0.30

r. (641-982) Tonda.

The mine here was almost buried in sand. All horns were broken off and the case ruptured. Believing a hollow charge grenade might only result in puncturing the case, approximately 1/16 lb. of Comp C was placed, ring-shaped on top of the mine, blew a hole in the casing thru which to insert the next charge adjacent to the charge of the mine. A high order detonation resulted.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap, Type 93, model 1	1	0.30

s. (637-947) Aoshima Mura.

This mine also well-away from the water, had all the horns broken off. A railroad ran forty yards from the mine which was at the foot of a steep 200 foot cliff on which the road lay. A power line was located fifty yards from the mine.

There was no loose rock or sand available from which to build a barricade to protect the power line. Technicians were notified that the line would probably break and quickly repaired it when it did. The small ordnance had been taken from the Miyazaki Police Station and was placed in contact with the hollow charge rifle grenade. Train scheduled were consulted and guards posted to prevent any possibility of a train approaching the scene of the explosion.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap, Type 93 model 1	1	0.30
Grenades, Kiska	6	--
Fuses, projectiles, time	2	--
Primer, Case, for 75 mm	1	--
		<u>TOTAL:0.30</u>

t. (633-939.5) Uchi Umi.

This mine had all horns intact and was still in the surf. Large rocks were placed around it to prevent additional movement. All persons were evacuated from the village of Osa across the bay and the grenade detonated blowing hole in the case and through the charge box. The mine did not detonate. After a safety period, this was tried again with the same results. Thirdly a charge of 1/2 lb. of Comp C was placed against the charge container, a hollow-charge grenade placed below the mine, pointing toward the booster, and three blocks of TNT placed on the opposite side of the mine. All charges were connected with primcord and fired. The resulting detonation split open the case which was filled with wet powder, and broke the top off of the booster. All remaining ^{carlit} was gathered and placed next to the booster tube which was primed with a blasting cap and safety fuse. After explosion, there was no trace of carlit and the beach was thoroughly inspected for the detonator which was not found when the case was blown open. It had probably retracted with the mooring spindle and blown with the third charge.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap, Type 93, model 1	1	0.30

u. (622-904) Yakata.

Chemical horn mine with base plate broken off and large holes in the case was blow apart with a hollow charge rifle grenade which was placed adjacent to the charge case. The picric acid from the booster tube had evidently dissolved by action of the salt water; the detonating mechanism was missing; portions of a canvas strap formerly attached to one of the two remaining brackets on the lower hemisphere were still visible. The strap had been approximately two inches wide. The charge case was filled with carlit. The mine had had its three chemical horns, located in the upper hemisphere, broken off. The mine had been reported as empty, but this technician walked 2 miles to check it.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap, Chemhorn.	1	0.20

v. (619-902) Miyancoura.

w. (619-897) Misaki.

One mine had been in each of these localities, but both had again washed out to sea.

YAGOSHIMA KEN (Technician, G. E. Metcalf).

x. (592-887) Uhinoura.

Mine had been buried under three feet of sand by action of the surf. It was located by probing and a charge of about 1/8 lb. of Comp C placed ring-shaped blew a hole in the mine and through the charge case leaving a hole large enough to insert a hollow charge rifle grenade adjacent to the booster tube. This second detonation blew the mine apart, but the force of the explosion indicated that the remaining carit had not detonated. It was subsequently scattered in the surf in small particles.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Mine, Jap, Type 93, model 1	1	0.30

3. Targets at which disposal operations are now in progress and tonnage disposed of in the above period are as follows.

FUKUOKA KEN (Technician, R. E. Bingham).

a. (1399-1197) Sone Bomb Dump.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
<u>Japanese Projectiles</u>		
75 mm Army H.E., FG Projectiles	996	5.96
15 cm Army H.E. How. Projectiles	324	12.84
15 cm Army H.E. Mortar Projectiles	95	1.04
10 cm Army H.E. How. Projectiles	1010	22.96
<u>Bombs Japanese Army</u>		
100 kg H.E.	1	0.11
50 kg H.E.	7	0.38
30 kg H.E.	11	0.36
10 kg H.E.	95	1.04
		<u>TOTAL: 44.69</u>

b. (1398-1192) Kusami Caves.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
<u>Bombs Japanese Army</u>		
100 kg H.E.	93	10.23
250 kg H.E.	40	10.95
50 kg H.E.	20	1.10
		<u>TOTAL: 22.28</u>

e. (1399-1200) Yoshida Caves.

Of the forty-three caves in this area, most of which have collapsed in the past year, all but seven have been retimbered. The target will be completed approximately 30 November. Demolition cans removed from this area will be destroyed by burning and the dinitronaphthalene returned to the Home Ministry.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
30 kg Demolition Can	143	6.41
Dinitronaphthalene (50 kg box)	202	11.11
		TOTAL: 17.52

FUKUOKA KEN (Technician, B. R. Whitney).

d. (1355.2-1168.8) Sus.

This target consists of one partially caved-in magazine and some ordnance which had been buried in the ground. The ordnance will be dumped at sea.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Picric Acid (cast)	10 box	0.50
20 mm rds. Ho-3, H.E. 1	15 box	0.38
37 mm rds. Type 94 H.E.	50 box	1.50
<u>Bombs</u>		
50 kg Army, Type 100, W.P.	40	2.20
100 kg Army, H.E.	2	0.22
50 kg Army, H.E.	10	0.55
Cluster, 1/3 kg A/C	14	0.70
		TOTAL: 6.05

OITA KEN (Technician, E. F. Curry).e. (668-1122) Sakanoichi^F Factory.

A clearance certificate was made upon the only remaining request for return on parts of this factory. Remaining work consists of rendering safe the nitroglyceline and nitrocellulose buildings and the inspection of the building cleaning and tank-flushing work that is still in progress.

FUKUOKA KEN (Technician, G. E. Metcalf).

f. (1396-1205) Sunatsu Railhead and Barging Point.

Bombs and projectiles removed from Kusani Caves and the Sone Bomb Dump are outloaded here for dumping at sea.

g. (1397.5-1203.0) Tomino Magazine Area.

This area was located and assigned to E. F. Curry for detailed inspection and clearance prior to return to the Home Ministry for use as a storage area for explosives returned to them and for commercial dynamite.

KUMAMOTO KEN (Technician, E. F. Curry).

h. (1353-1092) Ar ao Arsenal.
Preliminary work and planning and the inspection of 187 buildings at this target were completed.

NAGASAKI KEN (Technician, G. S. Hagaman).

i. (1382-1105) Hario.
Here underwater clearance operations are in progress. Approximately fifty tons of miscellaneous ordnance including smokeless powder, bombs, projectiles and aircraft flares are being removed from the bottom and disposed of by burning or dumping at sea, whichever procedure is appropriate.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
Miscellaneous		TOTAL: 20.00

At this target, the Japanese crew did not maintain their night watch. As the tide went out the LCT settled on a sunken barge and sprung a leak. By the time of discovery water had partially covered the engines, necessitating repairs. Repairs should be complete by the time clearance work is finished at Hario.

j. (1382-1105) Hario.
One barge load of ammunition awaits inspection prior to dumping at sea. These were removed from two partially collapsed caves at Uehinoura several weeks ago by instructions of the then S-2.

MIYAZAKI KEN (Technician, G. E. Metcalf).

k. (627-924) Aburatsu.
A cave here contains two kaiten torpedos. Excavation has begun.

l. (625-916) Aburatsu.
Two collapsed caves here contain one kaiten torpedo each. Excavation has begun.

4. Targets, inactive at present, will be assigned as follows.

- a. Technician, G. S. Hagaman.
(-) Will clear dock areas of all ports from which explosives have been outloaded. The estimated date of completion is 30 January, 1947.
- (1) (1275-1115) Sasebo Ammunition Depot.
Unidentified explosive-loaded bomb tails 115 kg bomb, and two type 93 Japanese Mines. 154 cases of 25 mm A A Shells.
- b. Technician, B. R. Whitney.
(2) (1341-1165) Aino-shima.
200 rounds Artillery ammunition.

- (3) Beppu Wan.
AG Cartier being raised. The magazines will be inspected in January.
- (4) (1355-1188) Azemachi.
Caved-in cave.
- c. Technician, E. F. Curry.
(-) Will investigate and clear the following explosives factories and storage areas.
- (5) (1356-1101) Miike.
The Mitsui Kagaku Kogyo K.K. will be inspected prior to return to the Home Ministry.
- (6) (1404-1193) Karida.
The Nihon Soda Co.
- (7) (664-1125) Tsurusaki-machi.
The Sumitomo Kagaku Kogyo Co.
- d. Technician, G. E. Metcalf.
(-) Direct and coordinate activities.
- (8) Mines that have washed ashore at the following locations.
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|-----------------|---|
| (1276-1181) | Haze. |
| (1229-1092) | Hirashima. |
| (1348-913) | Izaku. |
| (1290-945) | Koshiki-mura. |
| (815-588) | Nishinocote-pho, Kumage-gun.
(Two mines also 12 grenades). |
| | (Sendai Police District) Kagoshima Ken. |
| (1269.5-1189.5) | Nishifure Makiyama, Iki. |
| () | Hatsuse-mura Port, Iki-shima. |
- e. Technician, R. E. Bingham.
(-) Liaison with each prefectural MG Team to gather all information on dud bombs and munitions in accordance with I Corps directive.
- (9) (1373-981.5) Okuchi.
One mine and 49 bombs.
- (10) (1340-980) Isumi Air Field.
49 bombs of varying size. 12 kg dynamite.
1170 meters safety fuse. 6208 blasting caps.
- (11) (1384.6-909) Onohara.
3 torpedos.
- (12) (1400-901) Kanoya.
Duds remain from an accidental explosion in a nearby area. Approximately 3000 8; 20; 25; 30; and 40 mm rounds are under guard at Kanoya.

Police Station. 3 Molotov baskets.

- (13) (1318-1070) Kumamoto.
457 rounds ammunition. 9 grenades, gunpowder,
dynamite.
- (14) (1331-975) Akune.
Dud 250 kg bomb reported.
- (15) (unknown) Fukura Kunamura, Miyanojo Police Dist.
- (16) (1343-951) Sendai.
4 100 kg bombs.
- (17) (589.1-940.5) Takao Machi.
3200 rounds 40 mm A.A., T-100.
12 smoke bombs. 27 gas bombs. 24 Drill use?
- (18) (630.1-987.2)
MG Barrel being held in Miyazaki Police Station.
- (19) (640-989.6) Takanabe Machi.
U.S. Dud, 300 lbs, buried by action of the tide.
- (20) (630.2-959.8) Akae-machi.
211 rds. 40 mm, T-100, A.A.; 250 rds. 18 mm; 70 rds.
20 mm; 40 rds. 21 mm; 61 pce. Time fuse for Projectiles.
- (21) (595.4-955.4) Shiwachi-mura.
Ammo considered dangerous after disposal by the marines.
"Scattered remains have come to the surface."
- (22) (627-929) Togo-mura.
Bomb, dud, American, 4' long.
- (23) (655-1026) Tomishima-cho.
53 pce. 75 mm projectiles.
- (24) (595-912) Shibushi.
100 # Dud bombs.
- (25) (1371-1036) Koda.
2 500 kg bombs.
- (26) (1380-1075) Kumamoto, c/o E.P.O.
1545 rds. Small ammo; 46 A/A Shells; 17 rds. Large Cal
Ammo; 6 Hand Grenades; 2 bombs; Blank cartridges 399.

f. Target, unassigned.

- (27) (1391-1188) Higashitani Tunnel.
870 tons of TNT and TNP.
- (28) (1397-1198) Yawata Reservoir.
30 Spigot mortar projectiles are in this lake having
been dumped there by the Japanese Army.
- (29) (1385-1202) Yawata.
96 tons of P.A.
- (30) (1351-1100)(1353-1186)(1353-1183)(1355-1170).
Reported as explosive ordnance target\$. Contents
are not known.
- (31) (1388-1169) Kawasaki.
125 Boxes of P.A.
- (32) (1368-1166) Daibu.
80 tons of scattered explosives.
- (33) (1283-1106) Hario.
500 tons of bombs.
- (34) (1274-1113) Ushinoura.
1200 60 kg bombs.
- (35) (643-989.6) Takanabe.
Dud U.S. Bomb subsequently buried by action of
the surf.
- (36) (1406-1185) Yukuhashi.
Explosives and bombs reported.
- (37) (1381-1163) Okuma.
Gunpowder caps and fuzes.
- (38) (1349-1168) Itazuki Airfield.
Exuding U.S. Dynamite.
- (39) (1398-1198) Yamada Ammo Park.
1 Unidentified bomb. 1 box TNT. 1 box Smokeless.

5. Targets reported erroneously which are already complete.

- (1) (1354-1166) Uni.
40 250 kg bombs.
- (2) (1354-1162) Zasshonokuma.
45 250 kg bombs.

- (3) (1355-1168) Shimosui.
70 cluster bombs. 7 250 kg bombs.
- (4) (1352-1182) Aoyanagi.
Small bombs. 80 cases small arms and MG ammunition.

6. Personnel.

a. The civilian technicians are located as before with two exceptions.

- (1) G. S. Hagaman at Hario.
- (2) E. F. Curry at Omuta.

b. Enlisted personnel are located as follows.

- (1) T/5 Macks (untrained) at Hario.
- (2) PFC Frederickson (untrained) at Kokura.
- (3) PFC Hillis at Kokura.
- (4) PFC Ward at Kokura.
- (5) T/5 Henry L. Sigletary (untrained), reported at this headquarters 20 November, 1946. He has been assigned to E. F. Curry, and is presently located at Omuta.

7. Accidental Explosions.

a. On 13 November, 1946, a marine in the vicinity of Sasebo was killed while breaking down what is thought to be a 4.7 A.A. round, two Japanese were injured, one losing a finger and the other receiving fragment wound in the face. More details will be included in the next report.

b. On 24 August, 1946, at Nishinoomote Cho near (815-588) a box of grenade washed ashore. A man reportedly threw one into the water. It exploded on a stone, injuring his side. There were no other casualties.

c. On 18 September, 1946, at Hokasaki, Nishinoomote Machi, a mine washed ashore and exploded. There were no casualties or damage. Note: There are at present two mines ashore on this island which is about 20 miles south of the end of Kyushu. The undersigned will handle these targets in the near future.

d. An American vessel, the USAT SINNET, 3805 tons, struck a mine 8 miles N of WAKAMATSU, FUKUOKA KEN on 23 October 1946 at 0815 and was completely disabled but in no danger of sinking.

8. Discussion have been held with Military Government Personnel concerning the handling of targets in accordance with the letter cancelling procurement demands and putting the financial responsibility for munitions disposal with the Home Ministry. One request will be made to the Home Ministry on each target through the Military Government local headquarters. Subsequent instructions to personnel will be made by the technician concerned with the target.

9. Intelligence work accomplished in this period is as follows.

a. The report on explosives production formerly requested by your headquarters has been cancelled in accordance with your verbal instructions of 21 November. The report on Sakanoichi Factory had been 2/3 completed at that time by Technician E. F. Curry.

b. Technician G. S. Hagaman has discovered another of the "Gimbaleed Gismo's" in the vicinity of Sasebo and a person who knows a little about the operation. It is either a mine or a device to put in a mine-field to pick up the sound of ships. The gimbals are designed to keep the listening device level at all times so that the homing on a target ship will be steady. A signal is transmitted from the device to a shore control point by means of an underwater cable. At the proper moment a switch ashore is thrown, which fires the mine. Mr. Hagaman is hesitant to accept the statement that it is a mine, made on the part of the Japanese informer, because of the fact that the base and cover plates are welded on. When his interview is complete, he will submit a more-detailed report on the object.

c. Technician R. E. Bingham is still collecting information on the "balloon bomb." This bomb is apparently not designed to be carried by balloon to the U.S. as originally thought, but rather is an air-burst bomb, containing some phosphorus pellets, designed for use against bomber formations. Having been warned that the bomb contains phosphorus, disassembly has not yet been attempted. Two of the bombs have been set aside for disassembly in case that procedure is necessary and approved.

10. In accordance with letter, Hq. I Corps, APO 301, AG 471-R, subject "Return of TNT to the Japanese for Manufacturing Industrial Explosives," the subject explosives will be returned as soon as a technician is available to check handling procedures.

11. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, technician G. S. Hagaman and E. F. Curry will come to Kyoto. Prior to returning, the former technician will make arrangements and plans for Underwater Ammunition Clearance Team Nos. One and Three, expected soon to expedite work in Kyushu. The latter will confer with J. R. Ivey on clearance of the Uji Powder Plant which will be of great value prior to completing the processing of the Sakanoichi Factory here.

12. The reporting procedure on explosive ordnance is working admirably on this island. Reports on beached mines and dud bombs come in clear and concise from the Japanese Police Dept, through the M.G. The technician visits the district police headquarters from which a guide is always available and proceeds to the target with no unnecessary delay.

13. The ICT is still tied up at Fukuoka because of the interpretation of existing orders on the part of the 3rd Engineers, and no dumping will be possible until permission is granted.

14. In reference to letter GHQ, Office of the Chief Ordnance Officer, dated 23 April, 1946, subject Ordnance Intelligence Reports, a request will be made to the appropriate office for needed publications.

G. E. METCALF
Civ., Ord. Dept.
Director
Munitions Disposal

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HEADQUARTERS
MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

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15 November 1946

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SUBJECT: Munitions Locating and Reporting.

TO : Munitions Disposal Director, Office of the Ordnance Officer,
Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24.

1. References:

a. Ltr, Headquarters I Corps, AG 471-R, subject: "Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting", dated 22 October 1946.

2. Requirements of referenced letter complied with.

3. Ordnance material survey, compiled by this Headquarters in conjunction with 19th Infantry and Japanese Police, is attached per request of Mr. G. E. Metcalf. Supplemental information will be forwarded shortly.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Charles F. Tarver, Jr.
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/ CO, Kyushu Mil Govt Region

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ORDNANCE MATERIAL PENDING DISPOSITION

<u>Date of Detection</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>How and By Whom Discovered</u>	<u>Specification and Amount</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. 20 May 1946	In a rice field 1,908 Takao-machi, Miyakonojo Shi (589.1-940.5)	Tanaki Masuda, a farmer, discovered it underground in his rice field. Digging up of same was delayed until the harvest of the rice crop.	Ammo, Type 100 AA, 40 mm totaling 3200 rds. (40 cases each containing 80 rds) Smoke Bomb, each having a white band around the tube. Total 12 Gas Bomb, each having a red band around the tube. Total 4 Gas Bomb, each having a green band around the tube. Total 22. Gas Bomb, Type 93, Drill use, Total 24	Unearthed on 24 Oct 46. Being guarded at the Miyazaki Police Station 631-964
2. 15 Jul 1946	In a forest at Yagisano, Aratake, Ogori-mura, Koyu-gun (630.1-987.2)	Yakichi Renko, a farmer, found it in the forest and turned it in to the police.	Barrel, machine-gun, of no potential value.	Being held in the Miyazaki Police Station (631-964)
3. 16 Aug 1946	On the beach of Asa-Nakabuse-hama, Oaza-Heki, Tondamura. (640.8-984.5)	Kinpei Usaki, a fisherman found it washed ashore and informed the Police	Mine, mechanical of Jap make. Detonators, screw on type were not on the mine. About 2 feet in diameter.	Still lying at the point of discovery. Is partially buried by sand. Reported in P.R. #142, par 5.
4. 31 Aug 1946	At Yakata sea-shore, Sakita, Honjo-mura, Minaminaka-gun (610.5-899.7)	Taniyama Haruyoshi, a Police Sgt of Fukushima Police Station, discovered it while on tour of his fishing control boat.	"Kaiten" a one man torpedo, 50 ft long and 5 ft in diameter. Sunk during a Naval Drill in Aug 45. War head intact.	Still at the point of discovery.

<u>Date of Detection</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>How and By Whom Discovered</u>	<u>Specification and Amount</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5. 3 Sept 1946	On the beach of Aza-Kamonohara, Oaza-Mochida, Takanabe-machi, Koyu Gun. (643-939.6)	Masaru Hishiguchi, a fisherman, while he was walking along the beach.	Bomb, American, 300 pounds. Explosive potentiality undetermined.	It has been buried by the action of the tide.
6. 12 Sept 1946	On the beach of Tori-hama, Oaza Kawaminami-mura, Koyu Gun. (644-994)	Sei Mori, Police Sgt discovered it while on his tour of duty.	Mine, mechanical of Japanese make, measuring two feet in diameter, potentiality undetermined.	Still at point of discovery. Reported in P. R. #142, par 50.
7. 25 Sept 1946	On the shore of Mochida Koike, Oaza-Tsunehisa, Akao-machi, Miyasaki-shi. (630.2-989.8)	Sadayoshi Matsumoto, a rice polisher, while he was fishing there.	Ammo, Type 100, AA, 40 mm. Total 211 rds. Ammo, 18 mm (and 10.7 cm long) in belts of 50 rds. Total 5 belts. Ammo, 20 mm, in a belt. Total 70 rds. Projectile, measuring 12 cm long, 21 mm in diameter that resembles a cap. Total 40 pieces. Fuse, time, nose type, screw on type, 45 mm at base, 54 mm high. Total 61 pcs.	Still at point of discovery. Are guarded by Police. The original depth of pond was 12 ft but has receded to 5 ft revealing the ammo. More is probably lying on the bottom of pond. Await instructions.
8. 5 Oct 1946	On the site of former magazine near Sudachi-hamlet, Shiwachi-mura, Kitamoro-kata-gun. (595.4-955.4)	On 23 Feb 46, the ammo in the place was disposed of by Marines, but scattered remains of the ammo have come to the surface.	Ammo, miscellaneous. Amount is not determined.	Still at point of discovery. P.W. File No. 622 dtd 15 Oct of Miyasaki Ken.
9. 16 Sept 1946	At Oryuzake Sea side, Ao-shima-mura, Miyasaki-Gun. (636.6-949.4)	A villager spotted it on the rocks and informed the Police.	Mine, Japanese make.	Still at point of discovery.
10. 14 Oct	On the pier, outside eastern fence of Marine Camp, Miyasaki-shi. (633-962.4)	A policeman found it while on his tour of duty.	Grenades, of Japanese make, hand. Total 2.	Being held at the Miyasaki Police Station (631-964)

<u>Date of Detection</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>How and By Whom Discovered</u>	<u>Specification and Amount</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
11. 21 Oct 1946	In the mountain forest Kanda-yama, Oasa Shiga-shibenbun, Tegemura, Minaminakagun. (627-929)	Matsuoemon Okayama, a farmer while he was plowing his sweet potato patch.	Bomb, probably of American make. Is partially buried. There are traces of explosion of two other bombs. Measuring 4' by 4.5'.	Still at point of discovery.
<u>The items listed below are within 3rd Bn 2/R Miyasaki-ken</u>				
12. 16 Sept 1946	Miyanoura, Kitaura-mura, Higashiusuki-gun. (673-1053)	A policeman discovered it while on his tour of duty.	Mine, mechanical of Japanese make.	Still at point of discovery.
13. 14 Oct 1946	In the forest of Hajime Hori's home, Hichiya, Tomishima-cho, Higashiusuki-Gun (655-1926)	The Police investigating a rumor of their presence discovered them.	Shells, 75 mm. Total 53 pcs.	In custody of Tomishima Police Station.
14. 18 Oct 1946	At Shinanoura seaside, Minamiura-mura, Higashiusuki-gun. (675-1053)	A policeman discovered it while on his tour of duty.	Mine, mechanical of Japanese make	Still at point of discovery.

Compiled on the 31 October 1946

Sgt Henry Romanke
S-2 Sgt
2nd Bn 19th Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APO 929
2 November 1946

Serial No: 338

SUBJECT: Disposal of Munitions.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Bomb and Mine Disposal Coordinator,
Ordnance Section

THROUGH: Command Channels

1. Request is hereby made to be placed on itinerary of Munitions Disposal group.

2. This office has accumulated over a period of time a quantity of Japanese ammunition of the following description:

Pistol ammunition	5,000
Rifle ammunition	803
Machine gun ammunition	242
Anti-aircraft shells	46
Large caliber ammunition	17
Hand-grenades	6
Bombs	2
Blank rifle cartridges	348
Blank aircraft cartridges	21
Blank machine gun cartridges	30

3. The ammunition is now stored with the Enemy Property Officer, 21st Infantry Regiment as this office has no suitable storage facilities.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROGER L. LANTRY
2nd Lt., Cav.
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr. Kumamoto Mil Govt Team, Serial No: 338, subj: "Disposal of Munitions", dtd 12 November 1946.

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 12 November 1946

TO: Director of Munitions Disposal Office of the Ordnance Officer,
Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24
Attn: Mr. G. E. Metcalf

1. Basic communication with inclosure attached, is forwarded in accordance with your verbal request to this headquarters.
2. Similar reports from other prefectures are being forwarded to your headquarters by separate indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant.

KYUSHU MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

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AG 471

APO 929
21 October 1946

SUBJECT: Collection of Weapons

TO : Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

1. At the suggestion and request of Major Daugherty, some clarification regarding amnesty periods granted by various prefectures by the Japanese police with the concurrence with Military Government and the Tactical Forces present, is made.

2. During the months of January, February and March of 1946, it was the policy of the 2nd Marine Division to establish immunity periods in which the police would collect firearms, ammunition, short swords, knives, etc., without penalty to the possessors as outlined in the SCAP Directive. These periods were staggered throughout the various Kens under the responsibility of the 2nd Marine Division, and proved highly productive and successful in obtaining large quantities of arms.

3. Upon the issuance of instructions by SCAP to the Japanese Government and in accordance with OD 75, the Japanese Government issued an Imperial Ordinance No. 300 which came into force and effect, 15 June 1946, placing upon the Governmental officials and Police Departments the responsibility of obtaining arms from the citizenry of Japan. This Imperial Ordinance No. 300 and its amended Ordinance No. 384 are set forth on the inclosure.

4. It is apparent that the Japanese police system felt that they could best accomplish the provisions of Imperial Ordinances No. 300 and 384 by granting amnesty periods for the collection of arms, and apparently approached Military Government and Tactical Units in the various prefectures with the suggestion of dates for granting this amnesty and getting the voluntary surrender from the people. In some instances, this action was concurrent by Military Government and Tactical Forces, which in the opinion of this headquarters was not in accordance with our authority and the granting of amnesty periods with the Imperial Ordinances 300 and 384, except by omission.

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BASIC: Ltr, Kyushu Mil Govt Region, file AG 471, subj:
"Collection of Weapons," dtd 21 October 1946.

5. This headquarters, upon advice from your headquarters that many pleas for review of Provost Court cases were being received, made a check of all Military Government Units, and find that the following prefectures granted amnesty as follows:

Saga Prefecture, from 15 Sept to 25 Sept 46
Kagoshima Prefecture, from 10 Oct to 14 Oct 46
Kumamoto Prefecture, from 27 Sept to 13 Oct 46
Fukuoka Prefecture, from 15 Aug to 31 Aug 46
Miyazaki, negative

6. Oita Prefecture and Nagasaki Prefecture reported that there were no amnesty periods granted in their prefectures.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant

Incl:
as indicated

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HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APO 929
16 October 1946

Serial No: 281

SUBJECT: Weapons Drive.

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region,
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, APO 929.

1. In reference to the unauthorized weapons drive during the period 21 September 1946 to 13 October 1946 conducted with the aid of the Prefectural Police for this Military Government Team, the following list of weapons and ammunition were collected:

FIREARMS:

Pistols.....	50
Shotguns.....	119
Rifles.....	715
Machine Lock Guns.....	17
Light Machine Guns.....	16
Grenade Projectors.....	4

TOTAL.....921

AMMUNITION:

Pistol.....	731 Rounds
Rifle.....	303
Anti Aircraft Shells.....	4
Grenades.....	6
Artillery shells.....	28
Light Artillery Shells.....	46
Light Artillery Ammunition shell cases.....	21
Rifle ammunition shell cases	348
Machine gun shell cases.....	272
Machine gun ammunition shell cases.....	1233
Rifle shell cases.....	738
Bomb cases.....	2
Pompom cartridge cases.....	21

TOTAL.....3732

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 000.5 - BA, subj: "Illegal Possession of Weapons," dtd 8 Oct 1946.

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 19 October 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. The police activity outlined in inclosure #1, attached, is in accord with Imperial Ordinances 300 and 384 and violated no procedure stated therein.

2. However, it is realized that Military Government was in error in allowing themselves to be quoted by the Japanese as approving the amnesty granted to those turning in their firearms during a certain period.

3. Corrective measures have been taken and no further such action by Military Government is contemplated.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant

1 Incl:

Ltr, Kumamoto Mil Govt Team (3)

SABRES AND DAGGERS:

Japanese sabres.....	1029
Short sabres.....	21
Dress swords.....	191
Bayonets.....	483
Halberd.....	84
Lance.....	490
Daggers.....	941
Navy dress swords (rapiers)....	36
Sword canes.....	9
Tribe swords.....	6
Chinese broad swords.....	<u>12</u>

TOTAL..... 3302

2. It is felt by this organization that even though the drive was unauthorized so far as giving immunity to people owning these weapons yet at the same time it has saved the Provost Court a possible 4,000 cases which at the present rate of clearing cases in the Provost Courts would take approximately three years.

3. It is also recommended by this office that if possible a similar program be carried out in approximately one month from this date covering the entire Island.

/s/ Robert F. Hartman
/t/ ROBERT F. HARTMAN
Major, CMP
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 929

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19 September 1946

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SUBJECT: Mines in Miyazaki Ken

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Tegion,
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, APO 929,
Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

1. Mines recently discovered and reported to this Headquarters, pursuant to letter, I Corps, AG 045.9-BA, dated 7 September 1946, and reported as follows:

<u>Date of Discovery</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
16 August 46	Hegi Tonda Village, Koyugun	32 deg 4.8 min N.	131 deg 31.6 min E.
12 Sept 46	Kawanami Village, Koyugun	32 degree 9.6 min N.	131 degree 33.5 min
8 Sept 46	Shigino Mochida, Takanabe Cho	32 degree 7.9 min N.	131 degree 33 min E.
16 Sept 46	Miyanoura Kitaura Village, Higashi usuki gun	32 degree 41.7 min N.	131 degree 51.5 min E.
16 Sept 46	Uryusako Aoshima Village Miyazaki Gun	31 degree 46.7 min N.	131 degree 2.4 min E.
31 August 46	Sakita Honjyo Village, Minaminaka Gun	31 degree 75 min N.	131 degree 14 min E.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Charles F. Tarver, Jr.
/t/ CHARLES F. TARVER, JR.
1st Lt., A.C.
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, subj: "Mines in Miyazaki Ken", dtd 19 September 1946.

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 23 September 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant