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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

20 October 1947

SUBJECT: Repatriates' Baggage

TO : Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region
APO 301

1. This office has received an inquiry relative to missing baggage and personal effects of Japanese repatriated from Korea.

2. Available information indicates that in this particular instance, approximately fifty-four (54) pieces of baggage were turned over to, a then, Lt John J. DeRosis. The army address of this officer is unknown but his civilian address is believed to be 4840 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

3. Information further indicates that the interested group of repatriates consisted of forty-four (44) people (five families) and that this group left Fuzan, Korea, 15 October 1945 on a vessel named the Koan Maru. The baggage was reportedly released to the above named officer at a warehouse owned by the Shinriki Company.

4. It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of the responsibilities of Military Government teams in situations of this nature.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Bill N. McFarland
BILL N. McFARLAND
1st Lt, QMC
Adjutant

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dtd 20 Oct 47

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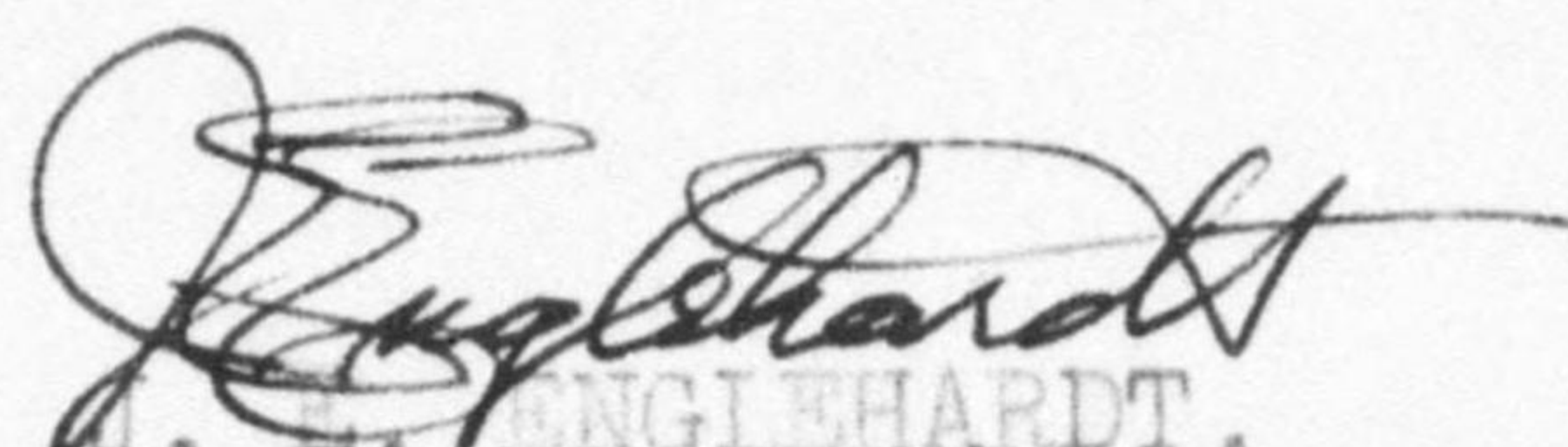
Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301, **27 OCT 1947**

TO: CO, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25

Returned, as requested in telephone conversation with Captain La Rue,
for additional information listed below:

- a. Date of departure from Korea and arrival in Japan.
- b. Port of departure from Korea and port of entry into Japan.
- c. Names of repatriates in group.
- d. Shipping order on which they entered Japan.
- e. Location of Shinriki Company mentioned in paragraph 3, basic letter.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DEVINE:


J. E. ENGLEHARDT,
Capt., AGD,
Adjutant

Basic: Ltr, CO, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 20 Oct 47
Subject: "Repatriates' Baggage"

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Hqs Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25, 13 Dec 1947

TO: CO, Kinki Mil Govt, APO 301

1. Additional information as required by preceding 1st indorsement, is as indicated below:

a. Date of departure from Korea, 26 October 1945.
Date of arrival in Japan, 28 October 1945.

b. Port of departure from Korea - Fuzan. Port of entry into Japan, Senzaki, Yamaguchi-Ken.

c. Names of repatriates in group: This group consisted of 12 family groups totaling 43 individuals. There were 55 pieces of baggage which were shipped for the following listed family heads.

Hajima Maei	Seiji Kanaya
Jitsugoro Kaihara	Teiji Toyama
Choji Yamada	Tokutaro (Norio) Nakashita
Shoichi Watanabe	Susumu Ishii
Kyosuke Iwata	Ikuko Konematsu
Shintaro Kawabata	Kimi Kawagishi

d. No record of any shipping order no.

e. The Shinriki Company is located at Minamihama-Cho, Fuzan, Korea. This company supposedly has a branch office at Hakata Port, Fukuoka City, Kyushu.

f. Representatives of this group of repatriates advise that the missing baggage was marked "By Permission of 17th Inf".

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Bill N. McFarland

BILL N. McFARLAND
1st Lt, QMC
Adjutant

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AG 520 - BA

3rd Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

DEC 18 1947

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Charlie Ramsey
Charlie Ramsey
C. W. O. U.S.A
Asst. Adj Gen

AG 524 (MG-Ir)

4th Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

21 JAN 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Tokyo-Kanagawa Mil Gov't Dist., APO 503.
(Att'n: Major K.J. Goff, Korean Affairs Liaison Officer, Tokyo-Detachment, APO 181.)

Reference, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of basic communication. It is desired that an investigation of the present whereabouts of the baggage be made, and information supplied this office to be used as a basis for a reply to basic communication.



BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. Schaffer
R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Wakayama Mil Govt Team, subj: "Repatriates' Baggage", dtd 20 October 1947.

5th Ind

TLO 2048
22 January 1948

USAMGIK Liaison Office, TKMGD, Tokyo Det. APO 181

TO: Director, Office of Foreign Affairs, Hq. USAMGIK, APO 235-2

- 1. Forwarded for information on which to base a reply.

K.J. Goff
 K.J. GOFF
 Major FA
 Chief, USAMGIK
 Liaison Officer

MGFAF 370.05

6th Ind

HQ. USAMGIK, Office of Foreign Affairs, APO 235 Unit 2, 13 April 1948

TO: Chief, USAMGIK Liaison Office, TMGT, APO 181

- 1. Reference paragraph 4 of basic communication. Opinion of USAMGIK Department of Justice is paraphrased as follows for your information.

The responsibility of MG Teams in Japan would appear to be to inform the petitioner that shipment of such baggage has been prohibited by SCAP. This conclusion is drawn from paragraph 3 of letter GHQ, SCAP, file AG 370.05 (10 Feb 46) GC, subject "Personal Baggage Left in Korea by Japanese Repatriates upon Departure for Japan". In view of the policy expressed in this letter, it is assumed that the separate question as to whether USAFIK should furnish replies as to present location, status, etc of such baggage, is one to be determined by SCAP in his discretion.

- 2. Copy of letter referred to above is attached.

Incl.
 Ltr GHQ SCAP File AG 370.05

Harold P. Brown
 HAROLD P. BROWN
 Major USAF
 Actg Advisor OFA

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 No. 2239
 Date 19 April 48
 TOKYO LIAISON OFFICE
 U.S.A.M.G.I.K.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Wakayama Mil Govt Team, subj: "Repatriates' Baggage", dtd 20 October 1947.

7th Ind

TLO 2233
19 April 1948

USAMGIK Liaison Office, TMGT, APO 181

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTN: Repatriation Officer

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Your attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

K.J. Goff
K.J. GOFF
Major FA
Chief, USAMGIK
Liaison Officer

1 Incl.
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AG 383.6 (MG-Ar)

8th Ind

26 APR 1948

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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Forwarded for your information.



BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. Schaffer
R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 370.05 (10 Feb 46) GC

APO 500

SUBJECT: Personal Baggage Left in Korea by Japanese Repatriates upon
Departure for Japan

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Korea,
APO 235

1. In connection with the above subject, reference is made to the following radio messages:

CAX-56205 @ 19 Dec 45 - SCAP to CG XXIV Corps
TFYMG-549 - 27 Dec 45 Dept. Military Gov Korea to SCAP
WX-87118 - 7 Dec 45 - WASH (CAD) to CINCAFPAR (See Incl 1)
CA-56484 - 28 Dec 45 - SCAP to CG XXIV Corps
TFACS-152 - 31 Dec 45 - CG XXIV Corps to SCAP

2. In C.L.O. No 1173, 18 December 1945 (see Inclosure 2), the Japanese Imperial Government has requested that all of this accumulated baggage be shipped to Japan as soon as possible.

3. The Imperial Japanese Government has, this date, been informed that their request for shipment of the subject baggage from Korea to Japan is disapproved. (See Inclosure 3).

4. It is possible that this property may become the basis of claims under the provisions of the 1907 Hague Convention. It is desired that such action be taken as may be expedient to prepare for handling the matter in case such claims do arise.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

3 Incls:

As indicated above

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AG 520 - BA 9th Ind RFS/lha

Hq I Corps, APO 301 **APR 28 1948**

29 APR 1948

TO: CO, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25

- CO
- Adi
- Det
- LG
- PW
- CIE
- Ind
- PH
- Sup
- Mtr
- Mess
- Hotel

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