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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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27 May 1949

SUBJECT: Disposal of SP Machinery of Motors

THRU : Chief, Foreign Affairs Section
Wakayama Prefectural Government

TO : Wakayama Office Finance Ministry

1. Reference: Letter 602 from Wakayama Military Government Team to Wakayama Office Finance Ministry, Subject: "Release of Disposed Machinery," dated 18 June 1948.

2. Paragraph 1 a, above reference, releases "SP" accessories only and the intent of the letter was not for the release of the complete machines.

3. It is the opinion of this headquarters that the machines may have been a complete "SP" machine and not only the accessories attached thereto. However, the disposal of the motors, which were not "SP" in nature, should not have been disposed of and should be returned to the Fusco Metal Industries Ltd., Wakayama Plant.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HARRY C. MILEY
Capt, Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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Comm. Public safety

17 February 1947

I certify that I have this date turned the following Japanese firearms (Pistols) over to the Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture:

Japanese Army	14 year model	98404
"	" " "	1379
"	" " "	12748
"	" " "	94268
"	" " "	47403
"	" " "	71657
"	Model 94	30427
"	" "	47873
Royal		57017

[Signature]
DENTON L. LA RUE
Capt Ord Dept

I hereby certify that I have this date received the above listed firearms (Pistols) which are for the official use of the Wakayama Prefectural or City Police Department.

SABURO TAMAKI
Chief, Pref Police Dept.

M. Nishikawa

HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APC 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

12 February 1947

Received the following nine (9) pistols from La Verne L. Rivers, Major,
Infantry, Provost Court #1, Osaka, Japan:

Japanese Army 14 year model	98404	✓
" " " " "	1379	✓
" " " " "	12748	✓
" " " " "	94268	✓
" " " " "	47403	✓
" " " " "	71657	✓
" " Model 94	30427	✓
" " " "	47873	✓
Royal	57017	✓

DENTON L. LA RUE
Captain, ORD
Wakayama MG Team

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 Office of the Ordnance Officer
 APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

31 January 1948

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SUBJECT: Discovery of Military Explosives
 TO: Commanding Officer
 Wakayama Military Government Team
 APO 25

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 7 August 1946, AG 601 (MG), subject: "Release of Former Military Installations, and at your request the following installation was inspected 29 January 1948 and the military (former Japanese Navy) explosives listed on the inclosed inventory were discovered in storage: Kii Interceptor Force Powder Magazine, Yura-mura, Arita-gun. (Coordinates: 1012-1205)

2. It is recommended that S-2, 27th Infantry be advised of this to determine whether the installation was ever seized by tactical troops as a military target, and if so, whether any of the explosives were returned to the Japanese Home Ministry for use as commercial explosives. If some of the explosives had been legitimately returned, they should have been removed from the installation 60 days after release.

3. However, a majority of the explosives (i.e. Otsu "B", Picric Acid, and probably K-2) are "military explosives", and should be destroyed by an Ordnance Bomb Disposal Officer. Black powder, safety fuze, and blasting caps are authorized for return to the Japanese.

4. Further recommend that in case the installation had not been seized that a joint inventory of the contents be made by S-2, 27th Infantry, Japanese Government representative and explosive technician, and an Ordnance Bomb Disposal Officer, and at that time disposition be determined, and the installation eventually cleared for return.

5. Spot checks were made of the "commercial type explosives" and they are believed suitable for commercial use. Explosives have been under custody of Yura Police Station for at least the past one and a half years.

FOR THE ORDNANCE OFFICER:

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 Inventory

Le Roy C. Schwarzkopf
 LE ROY C. SCHWARZKOPF
 1st Lt, Ord Dept
 Bomb Disposal Officer

TENTATIVE INVENTORY
of
ex-Kii Interceptor Force Powder Magazine
Yura-mura, Arita-gun, Wakayama-ken
(Coordinates: 1012-1205)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Booster Assembly (filled) for Depth Charge Type 2, Mod 1 | 136 pcs |
| 2. Picric Acid Booster Charge for #1 (20 per box) | 25 boxes |
| 3. Otsu B Explosive (TNT 60%, HND 24%, Al Pow 16%) | 54 boxes @ 25 kg |
| 4. K-3 Explosive (believed same as Otsu B) | 272 boxes @ 25 kg |
| 5. Black Powder | 36 boxes @ 27 kg |
| 6. Fuze, safety, white | 5 boxes @ 1000 mtrs |
| 7. Detonators, electric (for sea mine) | 170 pcs |
| 8. Detonator, electric, training (for sea mine) | 45 pcs |
| 9. Caps, blasting, non-electric | 72,500 pcs |
| 10. Small Demolition Charge (Type 51 Explosive) | 124 pcs |
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Above Inventory taken 29 January 1948.

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LE ROY C. SCHWARZKOPF
LE ROY C. SCHWARZKOPF
1st Lt, Ord Dept
Bomb Disposal Officer

Ltr, Ordnance Officer, 25th Inf Div, subj: "Discovery of Military Explosives, dtd 31 Jan 48.

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Headquarters, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25, 10 February 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry, APO 25

1. Inviting attention to basic letter with particular reference to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4.

2. This headquarters has no record of the military target status of the installation in question or of any instructions issued as to disposition of the explosives referred to.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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DENTON L LARUE
Capt, Ord Dept
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Provost Court
APO 25 Honshu, Japan

18 November, 1946.

SUBJECT: Revolvers to be turned in to the Wakayama Military Government Team.

TO : Major John W. Burnett, Osaka Area Provost Marshal

The following revolvers will be turned in to the Wakayama Military Government Team on 18 November 1946:

- 1 - Nambu Revolver #7786 (very faint)
- 1 - 14 yr. model #4600
- 1 - 14 yr. model #21316
- 1 - H & R 32 cal. #27457

LA VERNE L. RIVERS
Major, Infantry
Provost Court

Received the above:

DENTON L. LA RUE
Captain, ORD
Wakayama MG Team

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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18 November 1946

SUBJECT: Turning Over of Firearms to Wakayama Prefectural Police
Department

TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

I certify that I have this date turned over the following firearms
to the Wakayama Prefectural Police Department:

- 1 - Nambu Revolver #7786 (very faint)
- 1 - 14 year model #4600
- 1 - 14 year model #21316
- 1 - H & R 32 cal. #27457 w/o Magazine

DENTON L. LaRUE
Capt, ORD Dept
Wakayama Mil Govt Team

I certify that I have this date received the above listed firearms
from the Wakayama Military Government representative indicated above:

SABURO TAKAMI
Chief of Wakayama
Prefectural Police

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

DLL/ay

30 October 1946

SUBJECT: Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting
THRU : Mr. Toshito Satow, Chief, Liaison Office
Wakayama City
TO : Chief of Police
Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

1. Reference is made to two previous letters from this Headquarters same subject as above, dated 25 October 1946 and 29 October 1946.

2. In order that personnel qualified to destroy or otherwise dispose of explosive ordnance may have accurate information, the following procedure will be initiated by the Prefectural Police Department without delay:

a. Instruct all subordinate police units to report on inclosed forms any explosives discovered in their areas. Reports to be complete as to required informations and submitted to the Chief of the Prefectural Police.

b. Reports to be written in both English and Japanese. This is necessary due to both English and Japanese speaking employees being used to process explosives.

c. Once each month the Office of the Prefectural Chief of Police will consolidate munitions reports and forward two copies to this office. Reports so consolidated will reach this Headquarters on or before the 3rd of each month beginning 3 December 1946 covering the month of November and continue in this manner thereafter.

d. Negative reports are required.

3. Explosives discovered during the month of October 1946 and already reported will be covered by a separate communication.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL LYONS:

[Signature]
BILL N. McFARLAND
1st Lt, QMC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

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30 October 1946

SUBJECT: ~~In~~structions on Munitions Locating and Reporting
THRU : Mr. Toshito Satow, Chief, Liaison Office
Wakayama City
TO : Chief of Police
Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

1. Reference is made to letter from this office same subject as above, dated 25 October 1946.

2. With further reference to this subject, it is directed that positive and continuing efforts be applied to:

a. Alert the public through the medium of speech or press to the hazards of subject munitions present and the proper procedures for reporting same.

b. Post warning signs near and rope off all areas in the immediate vicinity of any explosives or explosive ordnance which are discovered and reported. This is of utmost importance and will save lives and prevent injuries.

3. Suitable signs for display where explosives have been found, written in both English and Japanese, are scheduled for delivery to this office in the near future. Posters to be displayed in all police stations and other public gathering places are also expected at an early date. These posters will serve to indoctrinate the uninitiated public in the identification and the absolute necessity for reporting all munitions as well as educating the public to positively refrain from any tampering with explosive ordnance. In the meantime, improvised signs should be used.

4. All police and public officials are invited to give their personal attention to this matter in order that there may be no accidents from explosives within this prefecture.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL LYONS:

[Signature]
BILL N. McFARLAND
1st Lt, QMC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

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28 October 1946

SUBJECT: Pistol Permits

TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

I certify that I have this date issued 569 blank pistol carrying permits in triplicate to the Chief Wakayama Prefectural Police. These blank forms are serially numbered from 931 to 1500 inclusive and are to be accounted for by the Chief of Prefectural Police and issued in accordance with instructions already furnished.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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

I certify that I have received the above listed permits this date.

for M. Nishikawa
SABURO TAKAMI
Chief of Wakayama
Prefectural Police

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HEADQUARTERS
 WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

DLL/ay

25 October 1946

SUBJECT: Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting

THRU : Mr. Toshito Satow, Chief, Liaison Office
 Wakayama City

TO : Chief of Police
 Wakayama Prefecture
 Wakayama City

1. Some concern is being felt by higher headquarters as well as this office, for the safety of the public due to unauthorized handling of explosives; such as, duds (artillery shells), hand grenades, bombs, both fire and demolition, as well as land and submarine mines. Numerous reports indicates that unauthorized and inexperienced personnel are attempting to remove and dispose of explosive items. Three such accidents are enumerated below for the information of all concerned.

a. TSURUGA (Fukui Prefecture)

While seven children of Tsuruga City were examining a dud US incendiary bomb, it exploded. Casualties: Four children killed, three seriously injured. Remarks: This particular bomb was uncovered by a farmer while plowing his field. He neglected to report it to the police or military authorities; instead, he picked it up and placed it between some nearby logs where it was later found by the unfortunate children.

b. MUROTO SAKI (Kochi Prefecture)

Two Japanese fishermen were attempting to tow a floating mine to sea when it detonated. Casualties: One fisherman killed, one fisherman injured. Remarks: The fishermen should have reported the mine to the Japanese Police or Occupation Forces immediately; only skilled technicians are qualified to handle or transport underwater ordnance.

c. Near NAGASAKI (Nagasaki Prefecture)

Several boys discovered a number of small anti-tank mine fuzes which had washed ashore. One boy threw a fuze against a stone wall, causing it to detonate. Casual-

Subject: "Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting",
dtd 25 Oct 46, cont'd.

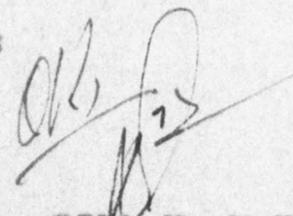
ties: One boy killed, several injured. Remarks: Small items of explosive ordnance, though apparently harmless, have destructive powers which should never be underestimated.

2. It is directed that the Prefectural Police Department advise all police activities of the hazards connected with disposal of explosives by persons inexperienced in handling explosive materials. It is strongly recommended that suitable notices be published through the medium of newspapers, speech, radio or press in order to educate the general public to the hazards present with any type of unauthorized or improperly identified explosive.

3. In the near future, instructions will be issued by this office, governing actions of police authorities or public officials when explosives of any nature are discovered in their respective areas.

4. Suitable signs should be immediately erected in case explosives are discovered in order that preventable accidents may be avoided. Immediately upon discovery of such explosives, detailed report giving description, location etc. should be made to this office. It is expected that suitable warning signs written in both English and Japanese and posters will be supplied in the near future in order to facilitate the proposed education program.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL LYONS:



BILL N. McFARLAND
1st Lt, QMC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

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22 October 1946

SUBJECT: Pistol Permits

TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

I certify that I have this date issued 318 blank pistol carrying permits in triplicate to the Chief Wakayama Prefectural Police. These blank forms are serially numbered from 612 to 930 inclusive and are to be accounted for by the Chief of Prefectural Police and issued in accordance with instructions already furnished.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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

I certify that I have received the above listed permits this date.

M. Nishikawa
For SABURO TAKAMI
Chief of Wakayama
Prefectural Police

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

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21 October 1946

SUBJECT: Turning Over of Firearms to Wakayama Prefectural Police Department
TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

I certify that I have this date turned over the following firearms to the Wakayama Prefectural Police Department:

Japanese Army 14 yr. model 46689
" " " " 63017
" " model 94 67067

4 extra magazines

Handwritten signature of Denton E. Larue

DENTON E. LARUE
Capt, ORD
Wakayama Mil Govt Team

I certify that I have this date received the above listed firearms from the Wakayama Military Government representative indicated above:

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SABURO TAKAMI
Chief of Wakayama Prefectural Police

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

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8 October 1946

SUBJECT: Issue of Firearms for Guards at Wakayama Prison
TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture
Wakayama City

1. The following four (4) automatic pistols and one (1) revolver are being issued to you this date:

- 3 ea. Japanese Army 14th year model automatic pistols
Serial Numbers: 17806
18191
84614
- 1 ea. Japanese Army 94 style automatic pistol
Serial Number: 57949
- 1 ea. Japanese Army Revolver 26 year style
Serial Number: 59038

2. The above listed weapons, together with ammunition to be furnished by the Prefectural Police, not to exceed 50 rounds of ammunition per pistol, are to be reissued to the Wakayama Prison for use by prison guards. These pistols are to be issued on permits in the same manner as those that are issued to Japanese Civil Police.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL LYONS:

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

I certify that I have this date (8 October 1946) received the above listed firearms and instructions.

Saburo Takami
SABURO TAKAMI
Chief of Wakayama
Prefectural Police

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**HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)**

7 October 1946

Received the following five (5) revolvers from La Verne L. Rivers, Major,
Infantry, Provost Court:

Japanese Army 14 year model	17806	—
" " " " "	18191	—
" " " " "	84614	—
" " 94 style	57949	—
" " 26 year model	59038	—

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**DENTON L. LA RUE
Captain, ORD
Wakayama MG Team**

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