

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Kokura, Kyushu

28 August 1946

I certify that on this date, 28 August 1946, two metal ingots said to be silver and said to weigh 50KG were taken into custody by the United States Army for shipment to and storage in the Imperial Mint at Osaka.

Robert K. Hall

Robert K. Hall
2nd Lt. Cavalry

Enemy Property Section

Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Co. Ltd.
Minamata Factory
Kusumoto Prefecture

Tsuneki, Ohima

Incl 1 - to Incl 37

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Kokura, Kyushu

APO 24
29 August 1946

Inventory of Silver Ingots:

Taken into custody from the Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company, Minamata Factory, Minamata-Cho, Ashikata-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture.

Item 1 Two silver ingots(said to be silver) weighing a total of 50 kilograms.

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25 TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

31 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 118

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt. Robert
K. Hall, Hq. 24th Inf. Div, E.P.S., the following items:

Two (2) Silver Ingots, Approx Purity, 999.5

No. 2416	Wt. 30,816.4 grams
No. 600	" 19,520.0 "
/////////Last Item/////////	Total50,336.4 grams

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

31 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver at Matsusita Electric Company, Ltd.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Material Section

According to the president of the Matsusita Electric Company, Limited, Osaka-fu, Kitakawachi-gun, Kadoma Machi, the 100, 685.9 grams of silver which was seized from this firm and turned over to the Osaka Imperial Mint by the 4th Infantry had been left in the custody of this company by the Osaka Chamber of Commerce in 1944. A portion of the original amount had been used in making electrical switches and other equipment which requires the use of silver.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY *USP*
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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INVENTORY OF SILVER
Seized from
Matsusita Electric Co., Ltd.,
Osaka-Fu, Kitakawachi-Gun, Kadoma-Machi

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
3 Ingots	Silver bullion (999.5 percent)	100,685

/////////Last Item/////////

Incl 2³

HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver at Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

S. Bekku, President of the Sumitomo Electric Industries, Limited, 60 Okijima Minamino-cho, Konehamaku, Osaka states that the silver which was seized from them by the 4th Infantry had been supplied by the Nippon Precious Metal Distribution Company, Limited, in late 1944 and early 1945. It was intended for the manufacture of solder, and a portion of it had already been used for that purpose. Receipts from the Nippon Precious Metal Distribution Company to Sumitomo Electric Industries regarding the silver were destroyed by bombing.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY G.P.
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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INVENTORY OF SILVER
Seized from
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.,
60 Okijima Minamino-Cho,
Konohanaka, Osaka (1044.3-1293.5)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
40 boxes	Silver drippings ////////Last Item////////	599,293.0 grams

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Platinum Bullion at Ministry of Transportation.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

The platinum bullion seized from the Director of the Osaka Railway Division, Ministry of Transportation, Ofuka-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka City, by the 4th Infantry had been given to the Ministry of Transportation by the Japanese Army on 15 August 1945. The Ministry had no use for the metal, and thus the amount seized by the 4th Infantry was the original amount received from the Japanese Army. Although the platinum was assigned to the Ministry on 15 August 1945 it was not transported there until 28 February 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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INVENTORY OF PLATINUM
Seized from
Director of Osaka Railway Division,
Ministry of Transportation,
Ofuku-Cho, Kita-Ku, Osaka City

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Platinum bullion	3,339.5 grams
/////Last Item/////	

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver at Uozaki Town

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

This silver was not seized by the 4th Infantry Regiment since it was sent by the Municipal Hall at Uozaki to Chuo Bushi Katsuyo Kyokai Temporary Branch Office in Tokyo on 13 July 1946. The silver consisted of ornaments collected in March 1945 from civilians. The Municipal Hall in Uozaki was acting as a collection point for the main office in Tokyo.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY JR.
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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THE UOZAKI TOWN OFFICE
Uozaki-cho Mako-Gun, Hyogo Prefecture

Subject: Silver Bullion
To: The 25th Division

5th September 1946

We kept silver bullion in the Municipal Hall. We made report about the amount of the said bullion to the Japan Bank Kobe Branch on 12th June 1946.

We got an order to ship silver bullion to Chuo Bushi Katsuyo Kyokai Temporary Branch Office in Tokyo from the administrative official, Kijuo Oishi, of Hyogo Prefectural Office on 6th July 1946.

We sent out silver bullion by the Government Rail Way to Tokyo from Sumiyoshi Station and got a receipt for the freight fare. In order to get the packing charges and freight fare, we sent the said receipt to the Hyogo Prefectural Office 26th July 1946.

We have not received any information about silver bullion

from Suniyoshi Station and got a receipt for the freight fare. In order to get the packing charges and freight fare, we sent the said receipt to the Hyogo Prefectural Office 26th July 1946.

We have not received any information about silver bullion neither from Tokyo nor Hyogo Prefectural Office since then.

I swear the above statement is true and correct.

Kunita Morikawa

Kunita Morikawa

Mayor of Uozaki Town

Incl. 9

REPORT ON OUTANDING QUANTITIES ETC., OF PRECIOUS METALS.

To the 25th Division:-

5th Sep. 1946

- 1 Occupation and name of the reporter: Kunita Morikawa
The Mayor of Uozaki Town.
- 2 Address of the reporter: No.627 Yokoya of Uozaki Town,
Mako-Gun, Hyogo-Prefecture.
- 3 Details of the precious metals.

Classification of metals	Location of Metals	Total gross Weight of bullion or number of coins	Remarks
Silver bullion	Same as the Reporters address	27,350 K.G.	The third collection articles.

Kunita Morikawa

Kunita Morikawa
Mayor of Uozaki Town

HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

27 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver Watches

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

1. On 26 August 1946 four watches, containing a small percentage of silver, were seized from the Osaka Liaison Office, who had in turn received them from the Toyooka Local Court, Toyooka-Machi, Kizaki-Gun, Hyogo Prefecture.

2. These watches had been confiscated by the Toyooka Local Court as stolen property on the following dates:

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>CONFISCATED FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1 silver watch	FUJII Yoshio	22 March 1943
1 silver watch	GORI Keshu (Korean)	18 February 1945
1 silver watch	YUKIO Tora	30 November 1945
1 silver wrist watch	KADOOKA Teruo	5 October 1945

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY *R.*
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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INVENTORY OF SILVER WATCHES
 Seized from
 Toyooka Local Court, Toyooka-Machi,
 Kizaki-Gun, Hyogo Prefecture

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u> (approximate purity 15 percent)
1 silver watch	42.2 grams
1 silver watch	47.9 grams
1 silver watch	49.6 grams
1 silver wrist watch	14.2 grams
//////////Last Item//////////	

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25 TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

26 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 114

I certify that on this date I received from T/Sgt. George
H. Jactsmann, 4th Inf. Regt., the following items:

- 1 Silver watchWt. 48.8 grams
 - 1 Silver watch 47.0 "
 - 1 Silver watch 49.6 "
 - 1 Silver wrist watch 14.2 "
- //////Last Item//////

William J. McNeill
WILLIAM J. McNEILL
1st Lt., Inf.
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

Incl 2

SUMITOMO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, LTD.
60 Okijima Minamino-cho, Konohana-ku,
Osaka City.

6th September, 1946

To : Commander, 25th Inf. Div., Osaka

Re : Silver Granules

Sir,

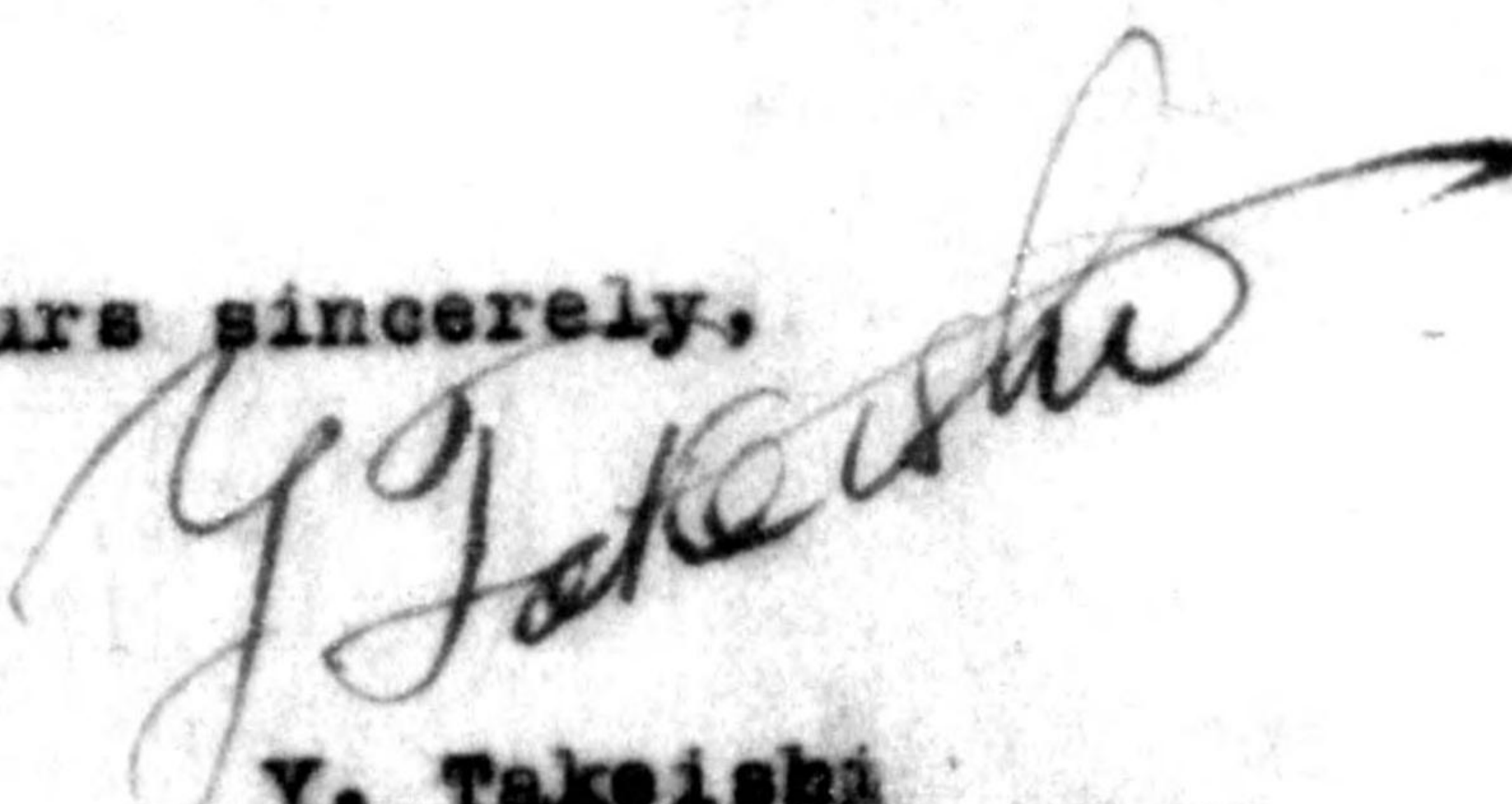
With reference to the difference in quantity of silver granules which were collected from our plant on 2nd August from what had previously been reported to have been in our possession, we report as follows:-

The silver granules in question were buried underground in March 1945 with a view to securing their safe custody against air-raids, and had been kept there ever since. They were packed in kerosene tins and buried in a pit. When they were dug out of the pit for handing over, they were so corroded that the granules were found all mixed up with mud. They were separated from the mud but were short of 40,733.5gms. in comparison with our previous report.

On investigation into the circumstances under which the granules were buried in the midst of the air-raid, we came to the conclusion that the actual quantity that had been underground must have been less than the quantity we were supposed to be in possession, apart from the actual loss sustained in the ground.

We hope that the above explanation have made our situation clear.

Yours sincerely,


Y. Takeishi
Chief, Business Dept.

For S. Bekku, President

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Platinum and Silver at First Material
Department, Osaka Communications Bureau

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

The silver and platinum seized from the First Material Department, Osaka Communications Bureau, 6-chome Nakanoshima, Kitaku, Osaka, by the 4th Infantry Regiment had been purchased approximately 10 years ago by the Osaka Communications Bureau through a civilian firm. It was being used as a conductor of electricity on telephones and switchboards. The silver picked up was only a portion of the original amount, which was used previously.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY *RL*
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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INVENTORY OF PRECIOUS METALS
Seized from
First Material Department, Osaka Communications Bureau,
6-Chome Nakanoshima, Kita-Ku, Osaka (1049.7-1294.7).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Silver wire	150.0 grams
Platinum wire	590.3 "
Platinum plating	730.5 "
/////////Last Item/////////	

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

2 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 106

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt.

W. H. Hughes, 4th Inf Regt, the following items:

Silver wire	150.0 grams
Platinum wire	590.3 grams
Platinum Plating	730.5 grams

///// Last Item /////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

A TRUE EXTRACT FROM
RECEIPT OF LOT 106:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Gold at Ikuta Police Station

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Material Section

According to the Police Chief at the Ikuta Police Station, Hyogo Prefectural Police Department, No. 1 Sannomiya-cho, 1-chome, Ikuta-Ku, Kobe, the gold which was seized by the 4th Infantry was found by the police approximately four years ago in some luggage at the Kobe Railway Station. The police confiscated it but were unable to find an owner. The gold was originally held at the Aibashi Police Station, but when that station was destroyed by bombing it was removed to the Ikuta Police Station.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY *J.S.P.*
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

Encl 2/3

INVENTORY OF GOLD

Seized from

Ikuta Police Station, Hyogo Prefectural Police Dept.,
No. 1 Sannomiya-Cho, 1-Chome, Ikuta-Ku, Kobe.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
16 bars	Gold Bullion //////////Last Item//////////	12,929.0 grams

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

2 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 106

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt.
W. H. Hughes, 4th Inf Regt, the following items:

16 Gold Bars

12,929.0 grams

///// Last Item /////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt., Inf
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

A TRUE EXTRACT FROM
RECEIPT OF LOT 106:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf

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HISTORY

22 August 1946

Gold and Silver Alloy

1. Former owner:

The Tokugawa family.

2. When established:

15th year of Keicho (1610).

3. The history of gold:

When the castle was built in the 15th year of Keicho (1610), two golden dolphins, male and female, were placed on the roof. These pieces were the remains of one of them. Owing to the extreme heat, copper, lead, and gold melted together so that one can hardly recognize gold to be contained in these pieces. (When the castle was reduced to ashes by the air-raid of May 14, 1945, these pieces were picked up and kept.)

4. Person responsible:

Masatoshi Sato, Mayor of Nagoya.

5. Place of custody:

No. 1 Minami-Sotobori-cho 6-chome, Naka-ku,
Nagoya

6. On August 3rd was handed over to the 27th Regiment.

7. On August 21st was turned over to the Osaka Mint.

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22 August 1946

**1 Box containing approximately 500 lbs. of
lead and copper, said to contain 300 grams
of gold and silver alloy, approx. 750 Fine.**

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

21 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 112

I certify that on this date I received from S/Sgt.
Arnell Rowland, 27th Inf. Regt., the following item:

1 Box containing approximately 500 lbs. of
lead and copper, said to contain 300 grams
of gold and silver alloy, approx. 750 Fine.

//////Last Item//////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

2 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 106

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt.
W. H. Hughes, 4th Inf Regt, the following items:

40 Boxes Silver Drippings
containing dirt and sand 599,293.0 grams

///// Last Item /////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

A TRUE EXTRACT FROM
RECEIPT OF LOT 106:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

2 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 106

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt.
W. H. Hughes, 4th Inf Regt, the following items:

3 Silver Ingots 999.5 Pure 100,685.9 grams

///// Last Item /////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

A TRUE EXTRACT FROM
RECEIPT OF LOT 106:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt, Inf

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

2 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 106

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt.
W. H. Hughes, 4th Inf Regt, the following items:

Platinum 3,339.5 grams

///// Last Item /////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt., Inf
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

A TRUE EXTRACT FROM
RECEIPT OF LOT 106:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. MCNEESE
1st Lt., Inf

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By order of U.S. Army I present the copy of "Report on outstanding quantities etc of precious metals" which was present to the Minister of Finance on 14th of June 1946, and "the right of silver, withdrawn"

The owner of this silver alloys is I.

As I wrote in the "Report on outstanding quantities etc of precious metals" it was sent to Ishifuku Metals Industry Co LTD. at 2 Chome Kammezawacho Honpyoku Tokyo on 16th of May 1946 by Goyu station Branch of Nippon Iron Co LTD.

As the proof of forwarding I present the copy of entrusting note of forwarding agency.

on 2nd of August 1946

Metals Industry Co L TD. at 2 Chome Kamega-
wacho Honjyoku Tokyo on 16th of May 1946 by
Goyu station Branch of Nippon Tsumi Co L TD.

As the proof of forwarding I present the copy
of entrusting note of forwarding agency.

On 2nd of August 1946

The Master of Hoi District Administrative
Office

Shigeru Murakami

Incl # 7 and 2

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attached form no. 1 (Article 2)
 貴金屬等数量報告書
 Report on outstanding quantities etc
 of precious metals

大藏大臣石橋湛山殿 提出年月日 昭和二十一年六月十四日
 To the minister of finance Date on which the report is submitted The
 minister of finance Mr. Tanzan Ishibashi On 14th of June 1946

(1) 報告者, 職業 氏名又ハ商號 愛知縣宝飯地方事務所長 村上 茂
 Occupation and name of the reporter
 The master of Itoi District Administrative office Aichi Prefecture
 Shigeru Murakami

(2) 報告者, 住所 愛知縣豊川市国府町下河原六十二番地
 Address of the reporter; No. 62 Shimogawara Konaci Toyokawa city
 Aichi Prefecture

(3) 略
 Abbreviate
 (4) 金屬, 明細 (昭和二十一年五月一日午前十時現在)
 Details of precious metals (as of 10:00 o'clock May 1, 1946)

金屬, 區分 Classification of metals	金屬, 所在場所 Location of metals	地金重量ハ貨幣枚数等 Total gross weight of bullion or number of coins etc	地金, 純量又ハ貨幣 額面・總額等 Total fine weight of bullion or to- tal face value of coins etc	備 考 Remarks
銀, 合金, 地金 Bullion of silver alloys	愛知縣豊川市国府町 下河原六十二番地 Itoi District Administrative office Aichi Prefecture		56.75 kg	本銀, 地金, 合金, 戦時中愛知縣 廠=依リ一枚到圓枚サレタルニシ テ戦後宝飯地方事務所=保 管中, 又ハリ返去ル五月十日 東京本所区豊次町=丁目石橋 金屬工業株式会社宛送着

金属 / 区分 Classification of metals	金属 / 所在場所 Location of metals	地金全数、貨幣、枚数等 Total gross weight of bullion or number of coins etc	地金、純量又、貨幣 額面、總額等 Total fine weight of bullion or to- tal face value of coins etc	備考 Remarks
銀、合金、地金 Bullion of silver alloys	愛知縣豊川市田原町 下河原六十二番地 Itoi District Administrative office Aichi Prefec- ture. No 62 Shimogawara Komachi Toyohama city Aichi Prefecture		54.25 kg	本銀、地金、合金、戦時中愛知縣 蔵に依り一級引当收付タルモノニシ テ戦後空襲被害地方事務所ニ保 管中、又、引去ル五月十六日東 京都本所区豊次町二丁目石福 金属工業株式会社宛發送済 This bullion of silver alloy was withdrawn ed by Aichi prefec- tural office from common world in the war time, and was custodying at Itoi District Administ- rative office after the defeat. But it was sent to Ishifuku metals Industry co Ltd at 2 chome Kamegawacho Honjyoku Tokyo on 16th May 1946

銀 圓 收 一 覽 表

The sight of silver withdrawn

區 別	Division	Quantity (Monme)	Quantity (Kilogramme)
御油町	Goyu Town	99.00	0.371
赤坂町	Akashaka Town	39.05	0.146
長澤村	Nagasawa Village	249.60	3.561
萩村	Hagi Village	5,350	18.51
一言村	Ichinomiya Village	1,2767.00	7.001
前庭村	Maeshika Village	107.30	0.402
小坂町	Kozuka Town	957.90	3.592
湖津町	Mits Town	4,773.30	17.925
大塚村	Otsuka Village	354.50	1.329
三谷町	Miya Town	3,559.40	9.598
塩津村	Shiotsu Village	1,004.70	3.768
杉本町	Katamura Town	110.40	0.414
西浦町	Nishimura Town	1,103.60	4.138
献納品	Offer Article	214.28	0.804
計	Total	14,653.33	54.950

The copy of receipt by Goyu Station
branch of Nippon Tsicun Co LTD

鐵道省 第二種貨物通知書 (改訂用)

甲 (荷送人)

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昭和二十一年五月十六日

運送代巻號

年月日

貨物 御油 121 着 兩國 武藏線

運送代巻號	取送別
1	小口

荷送人 佐野 實地 事務所

本所 東京 武藏野線
石福 倉庫 中 足 物
新 結 用 貯 倉

着	西	國
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品名 荷送代巻號

運送代巻號

銀 型 品 ① 2 73 ②

記合價 1500円

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