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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 4

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16 August 1948

SUBJECT: Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Section

1. References:

a. Radio, Headquarters Eighth Army, cite DX 99631, 16 June 1948, subject: "Iron and steel Scrap Survey."

b. Operational Directive No. 39, Headquarters Eighth Army, 24 June 1948, subject: "Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey."

2. Japanese technician teams mentioned in paragraph 2, reference 2, have not appeared and are not expected in this prefecture.

3. On 10 August, at a periodic meeting in Osaka, the chief of the Regional Bureau of Commerce and Industry notified all prefectural branches of the bureau to begin collecting the required information. On 12 August, the necessary forms and instructions were received by the Nara Branch, Bureau of Commerce and Industry.

4. Plan of the Nara branch isto begin publicity; local meetings and distribution of the forms immediately. Forms are to be returned to the Nara branch by 20 August. From 25 August to 25 September, information on the forms will be spot checked by the Nara branch.

5. Information received from the prefecture government on 5 July in compliance with reference 1 is attached as Inclosure 1. This information has been checked and no discrepancies have been found.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:

/s/ Edwin L. Weber Jr.
/t/ EDWIN L. WEBER JR.
1st Lt, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Nara Mil Govt Team, subj: "Iron and Steel Scrap Survey",
dtd 16 Aug 48.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded in lieu of report from Japanese national team.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1 Incl:
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WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Fukui, Honshu)

GDI/yk

13 August 1948

SUBJECT : Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

TO : Commanding General, I Corps APO 301
(Attn. Mil. Gov't. Sect.)

A rough survey conducted by Ken Officials disclosed the following amount of Scrap metal in Fukui Prefecture. The figures are based on the critical materials inventories and therefore do not include scrap metal piles of less than five tons.

Iron scrap	-	601 tons
Steel scrap	-	7559 tons
Light metal scraps-		20 tons

Accurate details are not known because the central Government survey Group has not arrived in Fukui yet.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE D. ISH
Capt. GMP
Executive.

BASIC: Ltr, Fukui Mil Govt Team, subj: "Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey", dtd 13 Aug 48.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

AUG 17 1948

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference Operational Directive No. 39, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey", dated 24 June 1948.

2. Since the Japanese government scrap survey team has not visited Fukui prefecture, this report is forwarded to complete the national estimate of iron and steel scrap.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WILLIAM A. FRANKS
Capt, AGD
Ass't Adjutant General

MGT

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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

HOM/aj

12 August 1948

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SUBJECT: Japan Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

THRU : Commanding Officer
Kinki Military Government Region
APO 301

TO : Commanding General
8th Army
APO 343
ATTN: Military Government Section

1. Reference, OD 39, Headquarters, 8th Army, dated 24 June 1948.
2. The Japanese Government scrap survey team has not arrived in this prefecture at this date.
3. The Kencho conducted an iron and steel scrap survey which shows 14,475 tons of scrap steel, 836 tons of scrap pig iron, and 4,951 tons of scrap special steel on hand in this prefecture.
4. This was the local independent estimate quickly made and figures likely are very conservative.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

DENTON L. LARUE
Capt, Ord Dept
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 25, subj: "Japan Iron and Steel Scrap Survey", dtd 12 Aug 48

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

AUG 18 1948

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded in lieu of report from Japanese government scrap survey team to complete national estimate of iron and steel scrap.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WILLIAM A. FRANKS
Capt, AGD
Ass't Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 26 Unit 3 (Otsu, Honsha)

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9 August 1948

SUBJECT: Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

THRU: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

TO: Supreme Commander for Allied Powers, APO 500
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Reference Operational Directive Number 39, dated 24 June 48,
Subject: Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey.
2. The attached inventory was received from the Shiga Ken
Commerce and Industry Section.
3. To this date the Japanese Central Government team has not
made a survey within this prefecture.
4. It is estimated that figures shown on this survey are
30% less than the actual amount.

1 Incl
Iron Scrap Survey

E. D. LINDAS
Lt Col, GAV
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Shiga Mil Govt Team, subj: "Iron and Steel Scrap Survey",
dtg 9 Aug 48. MLG

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Hq I Corps, APO 301.

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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**KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)**

ELC/JJL/us
2 Aug 1948

SUBJECT: Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

**TO : Commanding Officer
Kinki Military Government Region
APO 301**

1. In compliance to Hqs I Corps radiogram CITE-ICBA-65, subj: "Iron and Steel Scrap Survey", dtd 17 June 48 and Hqs Eighth Army, OD-39, dtd 24 June 48, the attached report is submitted.
2. The national team did not comply with instructions as set forth in Paragraph 3c and 3d, OD 39, Hq Eighth Army, dtd 24 June 1948. The national team first reported to this office by submitting completed inventories. The national team received instructions from Commerce & Industry Ministry, that installations with less than 100 tons need not be inventories. A survey was then made of all installations which were believed to have 100 tons or more. The national team then went to the installation and if there was less than 100 tons, it was inventoried while the team was at the installation. The Prefectural report was compiled from the critical material inventory sheets held by this office.
3. Comparison of national team and prefectural government reports show a differential of 14,391 tons. The national team reported a total of 29,894 tons of scrap, while the prefecture reported 15,503 tons.
4. It is deemed by this office that neither the national team or Prefectural Government have made an accurate estimate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:
Report from Team (above 10 tons)
(2cc)
Report from Team (under 9 tons) (2cc)

/s/ Thomas R. Harbin
/t/ THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt., Inf
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kyoto Mil Govt Team, subj: "Iron and steel Scrap Survey",
dtd 2 Aug 1948.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 5c of Operational Directive
No. 39 for 1948, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Japanese Iron and
steel Scrap Survey", dated 24 June 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
n/cWILLIAM A. FRANKS
Capt. AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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29 July 1948

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SUBJECT: Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. References:

a. Radio, Hq Eighth Army, Cite BX 99631, subj: Iron and Steel Scrap Survey, dated 16 June 1948.

b. Operational Directive No. 39, Hq Eighth Army, subj: Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey, dated 24 June 1948.

2. Attached is a copy of the report on existing iron and steel scrap in Osaka Prefecture.

3. Personnel of the Osaka Mil Govt Team have made spot checks of many of the installations listed in the report. It appears that the surveys are reasonably accurate and complete in their coverage; no major errors have been uncovered in any of the reports checked.

4. Independent local estimates of the total iron and steel scrap made by local prefectural authorities conform favorably with the actual amount listed in the report.

1 Incl:
As indicated

MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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BASIC: Ltr. Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Japanese Iron and Steel Scrap Survey", dtd 29 July 1948.

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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**HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317**

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22 July 1948

SUBJECT: Steel Scrap Survey**TO : Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section**

1. Forwarded herewith in compliance with Operational Directive No. 39, Headquarters Eighth Army, subject: "Japanese Iron & Steel Scrap Survey," dated 24 June 1948, is an estimate of the iron and steel scrap located in Hyogo Prefecture as compiled by Japanese field teams.

2. As requested by this headquarters, prefectural officials have submitted a similar estimate which shows only 111,456 metric tons of iron and steel scrap in Hyogo or roughly half the total figure shown in the enclosed estimate.

3. Spot checks conducted by this team reveal the enclosed estimate to be reasonably correct, considering the short time involved in conducting this survey, however, some doubt has arisen as to the criteria used in estimating steel scrap in damaged buildings. There exist at the present time in this prefecture, several large aircraft factories that were bombed and burned, leaving only the steel framework. These buildings have not been included as scrap on the enclosed estimate; if this procedure is incorrect, then the total figure should be increased considerably for steel scrap.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl: 1
As indicated above.

**LOUIS C. HUTTON
Major, Cavalry
Executive Officer**

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Hyogo Mil Govt Team, 427., subj: "Steel Scrap Survey",
dtd 22 July 1948.

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TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

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25 June 1948

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SUBJECT: Estimate of Iron & Steel Scrap

TO : Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

1. Forwarded herewith in conjunction with teletype message, Headquarters I Corps, Cite ICBA - 65, dated 17 June 1948, is an estimate by the Hyogo Prefectural authorities of the amount of iron and steel scrap located in Hyogo-ken:

a. Iron Scrap	-	54,479	metric ton		
b. Steel Scrap	-	56,977	"	"	
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Total		111,456	"	"	

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

RICHARD B. ENGEL
Major FA
Acting Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Hyogo Mil Govt Team, 427., subj: "Estimate of Iron
& Steel Scrap", dtd 25 June 1948.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317

1. Returned without action.
2. Request this inventory be retained by your headquarters for comparison with the inventory conducted by national authorities.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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24 June 1948

SUBJECT: Survey of Iron and Steel Scrap

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. Reference, telephone conversation between Mr. Holtz of I Corps Mil Govt Section and Mr. McMahon, Osaka Mil Govt Team, on 17 June 1948.

2. Japanese officials held a meeting on the 9th of June to discuss plans for the inventory of iron and steel scrap. The superintendent of Kinki area came from Tokyo with three assistants to organize the inventory program. Thirteen (13) teams have been organized in the Kinki area to carry out the work.

3. It is estimated that all field work will be completed on the 25th of June while complete reports will be submitted by the 30th of June.

Malcolm E. Craig
MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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