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

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1 November 1946

SUBJECT: Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters I Corps  
APO 301, (Kyoto, Honshu)  
ATTN: Military Government Section

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters I Corps, File AG 471-R, same subject as above, dated 27 October 1946.

2. With reference to paragraph (3) c. of the above mentioned reference, information is requested as to whether disposal personnel will automatically make periodic trips through each prefecture or will it be necessary that each individual case of explosives discovered be made the basis of a separate request for action by the disposal team.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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

**BASIC:** Ltr, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, subj: "Instructions on Munitions Locating and Reporting", dtd 1 Nov 46.

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Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301, 6 NOV 1946

TO: CO, Wakayama Mil Govt Team, APO 660

In reply to paragraph 2, basic communication, it is desired that all munitions disposal requests be retained until the disposal team has made its periodic visit.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARTRIDGE:

WILLIAM H. GILTNER  
Capt, CAC  
Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS  
APO 301

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AG 471 - R

7 May, 1946.

SUBJECT: Explosives Burning Area at Osadano.

TO: Governor of Kyoto Prefecture.

THRU: Kyoto Liaison Office.

1. In response to your petition dated April 22, 1946 in which you requested release of the explosive burning ground at Osadano for agricultural purposes, you are advised that this request cannot be granted at this time. This area was located after considerable searching to find a burning ground which would be sufficiently isolated as to cause the least damage and inconvenience to all concerned during the burning and destruction of munitions of war. As yet, destruction of ammunition has not been completed, but every effort is being made to hasten its completion. The desirability of using this ground for farming purposes is well recognized, and considered highly desirable. At this moment, however, explosives are still being located by the occupation troops and no estimate can be made as to the date when the ground can be released. One factor which has hindered the completion of destruction of explosives is the fact that the occupation troops must search out and locate all of the ammunition which has been stored at various places. Your government can materially hasten the return of this ground to your control by informing this headquarters of accurate locations of all ammunition in the prefecture which has not yet been located.

2. Arrangements have been made so that all burning of explosives will take place during the afternoon at an hour to be determined by the officer in charge of the destruction. The name of this officer is Lieut. (jg) G. E. Metcalf, USNR, and it is suggested that local city officials contact Lieut. Metcalf at Osadano and after the hour has been determined, that all Japanese personnel be informed so that they may evacuate at the proper time. At all other hours of the day, the area will not be used by the occupation forces and cultivation of adjoining ground may be carried on with safety.

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3. With reference to your request that the explosives be returned to the Home Ministry for conversion into fertilizer, certain ingredients of explosives have been returned to the Home Ministry for this purpose, but it is not felt that the completed product, such as gunpowder, is economically feasible to convert; consequently it will be destroyed.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF: