

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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(SCAPIN-1268)

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14 October 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Postal Savings
Branches

1. The Imperial Japanese Government is directed to plan and execute a program for prompt rehabilitation of Postal Savings Branches in order to accomplish the following objectives:

a. Provision of adequate personnel, space, equipment and supplies to bring all postings to ledgers, interest computations, and other work current, and permit the resumption of necessary safeguards to protect the savings of depositors.

b. Restoration of depositors' postal savings, postal transfer, and bond custody ledgers, and individual bond custody cards, destroyed during the war.

2. This directive is issued for the purpose of securing proper and prompt action in restoring and maintaining records relating to facilities which are essential to the current national economy of Japan. It is not to be construed as authorizing action extending beyond the scope of this general purpose.

3. Direct communication between the Civil Communications Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and the Ministry of Communications is authorized concerning all matters within the scope of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

for R. H. Hersey
JOHN P. COOLEY,
Colonel, ACF,
Adjutant General.

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MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Information of General Application Per-
taining to Memorandum Number (SCAPIN-1268),
file AG 311.1, (14 Oct 46)CCS, General
Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the
Allied Powers, dated 14 October 1946subject:
"Rehabilitation of Postal Savings Branches"

1. With reference to subject Memorandum, the fol-
lowing is published for the information of all concerned.

2. The Japanese Postal Savings System provides
six types of accounts for the deposit and withdrawal of
savings by the public at post offices. Accounting is
made by daily reports from post offices to District Com-
munications Bureaus. The Bureaus forward deposit and
withdrawal slips and related vouchers to Postal Savings
Branches for posting to individual ledgers of account-
holders. The Branches are responsible for maintenance
of accurate, current ledgers and other records, compu-
tation of interest payments, and verification of all de-
posits, withdrawals, and balances. The related services
of postal transfer, which is similar to a bank checking
system, and bond custody, which provides for purchase,
custody, and sale of bonds, are handled in a similar
manner. Savings Branches are administered directly by
the Ministry of Communications and are not subordinate
to District Communications Bureaus.

3. The Postal Savings System is universally used
by the Japanese people for the deposit of savings in
small amounts. There are approximately 180 million ac-
counts with 53 billion yen on deposit. The maintenance
of complete and up-to-date ledgers and records is es-
sential to its proper functioning and ability to meet
the current economic needs of the people. Destruction
of ledgers and records during the war and failure to
keep the work current has created chaotic conditions in
some of the Branches, which might cause a breakdown in
the system as a whole. In order to reduce the volume of
work during the war years, the Japanese Government sus-
pended various procedures in regard to payments of with-
drawals to depositors, computation and payment of in-
terest, certification of balances, and other safeguards.

BASIC: Memo of General Application (SCAPIN-1268)

It is necessary for the maintenance of minimum economic standards that the Japanese Government initiate and carry out prompt corrective measures to restore destroyed ledgers and records and keep the work of the branches current so that the normal safeguarding procedures may be followed.

4. Appendix A lists the Postal Savings Branches, the number of postal savings, postal transfer, and bond custody ledgers maintained at each, the number of ledgers destroyed, and the number restored as of the dates shown. In addition, each Branch is engaged in reconstruction of individual bond custody cards for each bond entered in the bond custody ledgers as all of the cards, formerly maintained at Tokyo, were destroyed during the war. The number of cards destroyed and the number restored at each Branch are shown in Appendix A.

5. In surveillance of the directive, the responsibilities of the Occupation Forces are as follows:

a. Determine whether Branches are receiving from the Ministry of Communications necessary instructions for rehabilitation work and assistance in obtaining required personnel, space, equipment and supplies.

b. Ascertain the progress made monthly in rehabilitation of Branches and restoration of destroyed ledgers and records, and submit report by the tenth of the following month for the information of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attention: Civil Communications Section). Sample form of report is attached as Inclosure 2.

6. Command instructions pertaining to execution of surveillance will follow through command channels.

2 Incls:

1. Statistical info concerning Postal Savings Branches (Appendix A).
2. Sample Monthly Progress Report Form.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Same as (SCAPIN-1268)
less Japanese Government.

APPENDIX A TO MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD ACCOMPANYING SCAPIN-1268

BRANCH	NO. OF LEDGERS (6/30/46)			NO. OF LEDGERS DESTROYED			#NO. OF LEDGERS RESTORED			NO. OF BOND CARES	
	Postal Savings	Postal Transfer	Bond Custody	Postal Savings	Postal Transfer	Bond Custody	Postal Savings	Postal Transfer	Bond Custody	Destroyed	Restored
AKITA	1,863,114	346	126,801	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,214,000	134,000
ASAHIKAWA	4,457,331	9,084	271,278	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,460,000	1,205,000
FURUI	1,766,556	178	280,922	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,867,000	373,000
FUKUOKA	7,299,041	40,580	955,420	1,960,000	--	--	648,000	--	--	6,100,000	1,515,000
HAKODATE	--	5,939	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HIROSHIMA	6,097,241	30,511	702,513	--	29,000	--	--	7,000	--	4,783,000	3,014,000
IAGOSHIMA	*2,889,696	12,954	*186,752	2,909,000	--	190,000	373,000	--	1,000	1,300,000	7,000
KANAZAWA	7,079,370	20,920	848,089	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,479,000	522,000
KOBE	6,255,114	23,153	630,772	5,763,000	2,000	630,000	1,092,000	--	19,000	7,000,000	96,000
KOFU	4,249,283	233	--	4,180,000	--	--	1,348,000	--	--	--	--
KORIYAMA	3,108,790	4,974	207,212	16,000	--	--	16,000	--	--	1,781,000	1,781,000
KUMAMOTO	11,079,121	24,001	659,871	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,518,000	2,450,000
KYOTO	10,015,498	23,424	826,275	--	--	--	--	--	--	8,991,000	2,843,000
MITSUE	1,480,851	800	180,591	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,665,000	1,320,000
MORIOKA	3,882,650	4,136	298,246	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,692,000	2,461,000
NAGANO	17,678,118	20,239	773,301	--	--	--	--	--	--	8,701,000	5,510,000
NAGASAKI	5,017,701	6,934	321,657	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,058,000	1,577,000
NAGOYA	19,554,785	54,607	1258,807	13,093,000	--	285,000	5,678,000	--	9,000	16,508,000	4,559,000
NIIGATA	2,954,390	582	207,215	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,817,000	1,817,000
OKAYAMA	4,702,341	16,130	349,481	4,175,000	--	317,000	1,026,000	--	2,000	3,217,000	15,000
OSAKA	12,766,942	115,659	970,120	1,654,000	--	--	4,000	--	--	11,733,000	2,543,000
OTARU	4,168,894	22,826	378,177	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,209,000	992,000
SENDAI	14,266,368	29,543	573,726	906,000	---	--	368,000	--	--	3,531,000	1,602,000
SHIMONOSEKI	3,753,362	23,635	477,925	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,310,000	1,519,000
TOKUSHIMA	*9,702,388	18,423	673,775	9,811,000	--	628,000	1,829,000	--	1,500	6,302,000	155,000
TOKYO	3,821,810	*182,106	1,399,279	--	184,000	--	--	67,000	--	23,755,000	2,009,000
YAMAGATA	4,262,788	1,719	254,614	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,835,000	2,494,000
YOKOHAMA	7,135,717	16,843	439,475	6,208,000	--	--	1,545,000	--	--	4,967,000	1,810,000

TOTALS 181,299,260 710,479,425 252,294 50,675,000 215,000 2,050,000 13,927,000 74,000 46,000 146,780,000 44,323,000

Includes partial restoration and setting up of new ledgers without deposit and withdrawal entries and balances.
 * No. of depositors' accounts has decreased since data ledgers were destroyed.

SOURCE: Ministry of Communications.

SAMPLE REPORT FORM

(Reporting Unit)

Date _____

REPORT OF PROGRESS OF REHABILITATION OF POSTAL SAVINGS BRANCH
AT _____ FOR MONTH OF _____

1. Adequacy of:
 - (a) Building space _____
(If Branch is not in one building, state number of buildings and distance apart).
 - (b) Personnel _____
 - (c) Equipment and Supplies _____
2. Instructions or assistance received by Branch from Ministry of Communications in regard to rehabilitation. (State briefly the nature of instructions or assistance and date/file number of written instructions). _____

3. Last month for which postings to ledgers are completed. _____

4. Restoration of ledgers and records:

(a) Type	(b) Total Number Destroyed	(c) Total Number Restored	(d) Number Res- tored This Mo.	(e) Percentage Rest. this M (d) of (b)
Savings Ledgers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transfer "	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bond Custody "	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bond Cards	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Include only ledgers showing current balances.

5. Remarks: _____

(Reporting Officer)

Submit this report by the tenth of the following month to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attention: Civil Communications Section).