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CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

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CCAR 707.2

SUBJECT: Payment for Autopsies

TO: General Officer Commanding
British Commonwealth Occupation Forces
Kure, Honshu

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters,
subject: Autopsies Performed at Kure Mutual Relief Hospital
at Request of MP and SIB, dated 15 June 1950.

2. The inclosed copy of 1st Indorsement from Civil
Affairs Section, GHQ, SCAP, dated 7 August 1950, is forward-
ed for information.

C. N. BAILEY
Col Inf
Chief

1 Incl
a/s

Ltr, Headquarters Chugoku Civil Affairs Region, CCAR 707.2 (C-Fu) subj:
Autopsies Performed at the Request of Occupation Forces, 19 June 50

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Civil Affairs Section, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500

7 AUG 1950

To: Chief, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 182

1. Autopsies performed at the direction of the occupation forces may be considered as a service to the occupation which would merit payment from funds available to BCOF for provision of indigenous services, ultimately chargeable to the Termination of the War budget.

2. Autopsies are sometimes performed in accordance with Japanese law with charges affixed in accordance with the applicable law, and in which case such information might be available to the occupation forces if requested. Laws and instructions having a bearing in this matter are:

a. The Law for Dissection and Preservation of Dead Bodies of 10 June 1949 incorporated into its Article 8, the provisions of PHMJG #2 of 12 December 1946 directing the Japanese Government to establish and maintain a medical examiner system in principal cities.

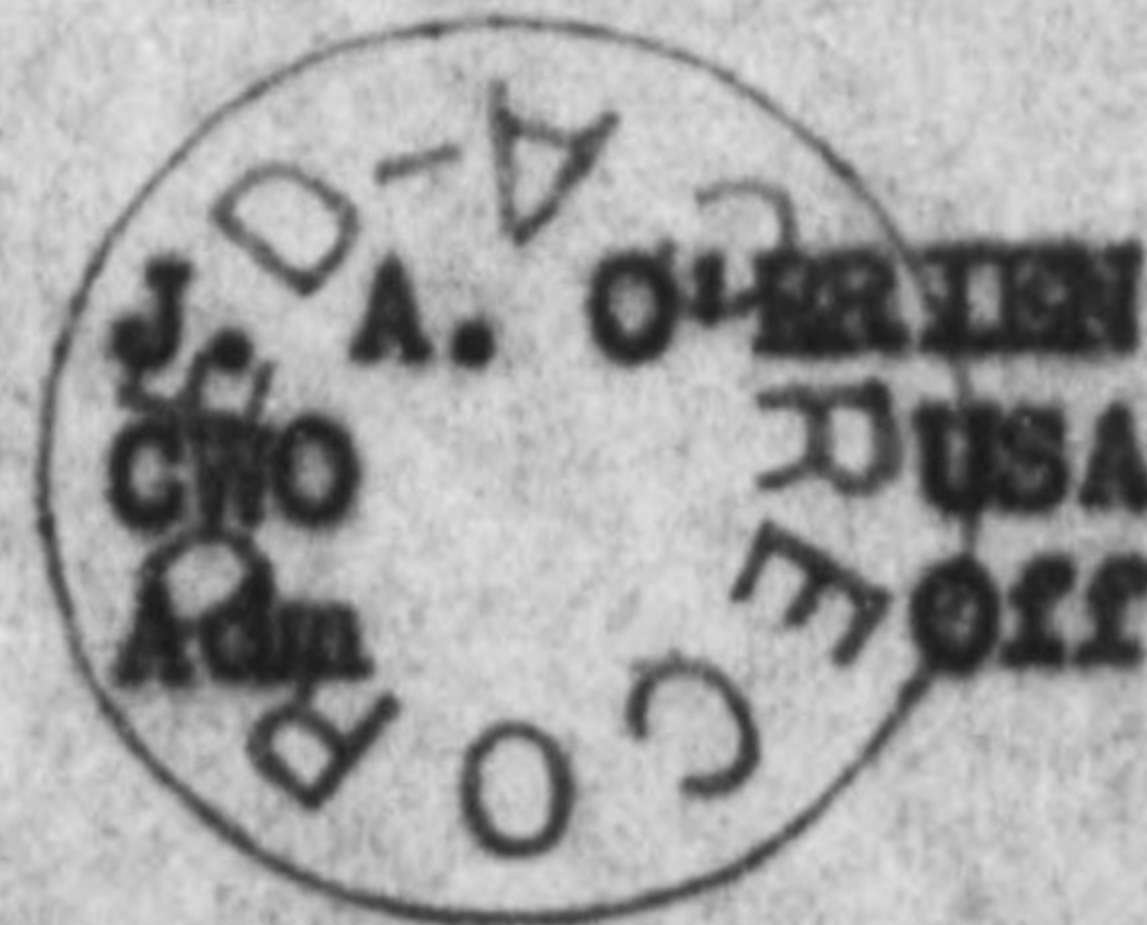
b. The Cabinet Order pertaining to the cited law established same in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Fukuoka and Kobe. No extension of the examiner system has subsequently been made, and there is not an examiner system in Kure City or Hiroshima Prefecture. Autopsies performed under this law are covered with 50% subsidies from national funds.

c. In those prefectures where the medical examiner system has not been established by Cabinet Order, prefectural governors may order autopsies to be performed under the authority of the Food Sanitation Law, Article 28 (Law 233), which permits the governor to investigate into the cause of death where it is believed the individual has died because of food poisoning, the prefectural government being responsible for the cost of the autopsy if performed.

d. The Law of Criminal Procedure (Law 131, 1948) applies to all prefectures. Where death is suspected to have occurred from other than ordinary causes, the district procurator may order any autopsy performed, in which case the local court is responsible for the cost of same.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION:

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HEADQUARTERS
CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

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✓ CCAR 707.2 (C-Fu)

19 June 1950

SUBJECT: Autopsies Performed at the Request of Occupation
Forces

TO : Chief
Civil Affairs Section
GHQ, SCAP
APO 500

1. Forward herewith is a letter, Headquarters B.C.O.F.
Pro: 490 (20 A), Subject: Autopsies performed at Kure Mutual
Relief Hospital at Request of MP and SIB, dated 15 June 1950.

2. It is requested that a ruling be given in order that
B.C.O.F. may be informed of the procedure in settling the
accounts, for future reference.

1 Incl:
a/s

C. N. BAILEY
Colonel, Inf
Chief

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FORCES

Office of The Provost
Marshal, HQ BCOF
KURE, JAPANHEADQUARTERS B.C.O.F.
PRO: 490 (20 A)

15 Jun 50

**SUBJECT: AUTOPSIES PERFORMED AT KURE MUTUAL RELIEF
HOSPITAL AT REQUEST OF MP AND SIB**Ref: HQ BCOF PRO 490 (9A) dated 29 Sep 49, to Hiroshima
Civil Affairs TeamChugoku Civil Affairs Region (for Legal Section)
A.P.O. 248

1. Kure Mutual Relief Hospital has again requested payment for autopsies performed on Japanese nationals at the request of BCOF Military Police Investigation Section and Special Investigation Branch.

2. Following is a list of such autopsies which have been carried out at the request of MP and SIB:-

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DECEASED</u> | <u>FEE REQUESTED</u> | <u>SURGEON</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 Apr 48 | TAKASHITA Noye | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 10 May 48 | OKUSHIMA Kazuo | 3,000 yen | NAKAGAWA Yoshio |
| 9 Sep 48 | ISOYAMA Masami | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 6 Nov 48 | ODA Yukiye | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 6 Nov 48 | UESAKI Sakae | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 9 Nov 48 | NAKAYASHITA Misao | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 14 Mar 49 | NAKANISHI Shoichi | 3,000 yen | NAKAMURA Hideyuki |
| 8 May 49 | SAKI Tomekichi | 3,000 yen | NAKAGAWA Yoshio |

3. For your information and action deemed necessary.

/s/ A.W. Johnston Major
/t/ (A.W. Johnston)
Provost Marshal
British Commonwealth
Occupation Force

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