

ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF JAPANESE ARMY PROPERTY

Item	Date	Synopsis
1	5 Jan 1946	Hq Eighth Army, Action to be taken in cases of Illegal Disposal of Japanese Army Supplies by Japanese after 15 August 1945 and prior to occupation by U. S. Army.
2	31 Dec 1945	Hq XI Corps, Improper Transfers of Imperial Japanese Army, Navy Property -- See SCAP Directive No 1 dated 2 Sept 1945, and SCAP Directive to Imperial Government dated 11 Jan 1946, file AG 386.3 (11 Jan 46) GD, Subject: "Disposition of Equipment and Supplies of the Japanese Armed Forces Between the Dated of 14 August 1945 and 2 September 1945.

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**HEADQUARTERS 158TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO 181**

1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Illegal Disposal of Japanese Army Property.

TO : Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471

1. Documentary evidence has been discovered which indicates that Japanese Army Officers are involved in apparently illegal sales of Japanese Army vehicles and other property to civilian firms in this area. These transactions according to Prefectural records, were made subsequent to 15 August and involve Japanese Military personnel in other Prefectures.

2. Request that special investigators be sent to this headquarters to continue the investigation of this activity. Evidence mentioned in paragraph 1 is being held by this headquarters.

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

5 Jan 1946

TO: Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471

1. This headquarters does not have available special investigators requested in paragraph 2 of the basic communication. If you deem further investigation necessary or appropriate, the employment of Japanese civilians qualified to make such an investigation has been authorized.

2. Memorandum of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to the Imperial Japanese Government AG 386.3 (16 Oct 1945) ESS, directed that the proceeds from the sale of any Japanese army vehicles or other supplies should go to public (governmental) funds and be used solely for the relief of the civilian population. It is believed that any information which you possess or discover which you deem reliable concerning the alleged illegal acts of the officers in question should be made known to the appropriate prefectural officials and their actions in regard thereto observed by military government personnel, in accordance with Annex 8 to Administrative Order No. 18, this headquarters, dated 25 December 1945.

3. Should their handling of the matter be unsatisfactory, a full statement of the case should be forwarded to this headquarters with a recommendation for appropriate action to be taken by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HALL:

BASIC: Ltr, 88th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, Sub: Improper Transfers of
Imperial Japanese Army and/or Navy property, dated 20 Dec 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO 471, 31 December 1945.

THRU: Commanding General, 97th Infantry Division, APO 445.

TO : Commanding Officer, 88th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 547.

The provisions of Directive Number 1, SCAP, dated 2 September 1945, with inclosure and subsequent directives and instructions issued by this and higher headquarters govern on all matters discussed in basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HALL:

/s/ W. H. SHEARD
/t/ W. H. SHEARD
Lt. Col., AGD

Asst Adjutant General

(Japanese Army Officers are alleged to have disposed of Army property to private individuals or companies, subsequent to 18 August 1945)

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