

UNDESIRABLE PERSONNEL IN PUBLIC OFFICE AND EMPLOYMENT OF
JAPANESE ARMY-NAVY PERSONNEL

Item	Date	Synopsis
1	24 Oct 45 (SCAP)	Request of 158 RCT for Reappointment of ineligible Police Chief. Denied by SCAP.
2	16 Feb 46 (Hq 8th A)	Employment of Ex-Army and Ex-Navy Personnel as Civilian Policemen.
3	30 Jan 46	Hq XI Corps, Rules of Eligibility of Former Japanese Army and Navy Personnel for Public Office and Employment.

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HEADQUARTERS 138 BCT
APO 503

24 October 1945

SUBJECT: Appointment of Police Chief

**TO : CG II Corps
Attention Military Government Officer**

1. Attached is letter from T. Senna, governor of Tochigi Ken, recommending reinstatement of the police affairs official.

2. Preliminary investigation tends to establish the favorable reputation of Kense Matsunaga, former Chief of Police of To-Ohigi Ken, and this Headquarters concurs in the governor's request for his reappointment.

THOMAS W. SESSIONS
Lt. Col, FA
Military Government Officer

AG 370.02 (24 Oct 45) Y 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS II CORPS, APO 471, 26 October 1945.

**TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.
(Attention: Military Government Section)**

From all reports the former Chief of Police, KENSE MATSUNAGA, is a very capable individual. Both political and non-political parties in TOCHIGI Ken desire that he be reinstated in office.

For the Commanding General

W. N. SHEARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

BASIC: IAW, Hq 158 ACF, dated 24 Oct 45, Subj: Appointment of Police Chief.

AG 014.12 (24 Oct 45) 06 3rd Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500, 21 November 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. The directive of the Supreme Commander of 4 October 1945 intended to eliminate from public office persons of appropriate rank who had previously been responsible for the enforcement of the Japanese thought control law and the other laws repressive of civil liberty abolished by that directive and whose continuation in office might be presumed to be inimical to the development of respect to civil liberties in Japan. It is recognized that a program of removal by categories of officers may work injustice in some individual cases. However, there are no facilities for the investigation of all individuals who might be put forward for reinstatement, since a precedent is set by the reinstatement of former police chief Matsunaga.

2. The request of the Governor of Isehigi Prefecture for permission to reinstate the former police chief Matsunaga should be disapproved.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

**H. W. ALLEN,
Colonel, AGP
Asst. Adjutant General**

HEADQUARTERS 97TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 445

18 January 1946

SUBJECT: Employment of Japanese ex-army and ex-navy Personnel as Civilian Policemen.

TO : Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471
Attention: Military Government Section

1. This headquarters has received numerous inquiries regarding the employment of Japanese ex-army and ex-navy personnel as HK civilian policemen, or in other governmental jobs.
2. Operations in the field would be aided by a clarification of the eligibility status of Japanese ex-army and ex-navy personnel for Japanese civilian government jobs.
3. It is requested that copies of all pertinent directives on this subject be forwarded to this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ G. A. Gilmore, Jr.
/s/ G. A. GILMORE, JR.
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

AG 230 (18 Jan 46) Y

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HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO 471, 23 January 1946.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.
(Attention: Military Government Section)

1. NSAP Memorandum for Imperial Japanese Government, AG 091.1 (4 Jan 46) GS, dated 4 January 1946, Subject: "Removal and Exclusion of Undesirable Personnel from Public Office", contains the only information pertinent to this matter to the knowledge of this Headquarters.
2. Additional information on this matter is desired if such is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. H. Sheard
/s/ W. H. SHEARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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147, Hq 97th Inf Div, Sub: Employment of Japanese ex-army and ex-navy personnel as Civilian Policemen, dated 28 January 1946.

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

TO: Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471

1. In addition to the above noted memorandum, your attention is directed to SIAF memorandum to the Imperial Japanese Government AS 390 (30 Oct 45) GIE, dated 30 Oct 1945, subject: "Investigation, Screening and Certification of Teachers and Educational Officials", and SIAF memorandum for Imperial Japanese Government of 4 October 1945, subject: "Removal of Restrictions on Political, Civil and Religious Liberties" especially paragraphs 1 e and 1 f thereof.

2. In general only such personnel of the Japanese armed forces as were not commissioned officers; had never served with military police, naval police or military or naval intelligence, and as do not fall within any of the categories barring them as set out in the references given above and in last memorandum may be employed in government service including the police force.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHLESBACH:

/s/ H. A. GILK
/s/ H. A. GILK
Capt., A.S.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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19 January 1946

SUBJECT: 8th Japanese Cav. Cavalry Regiment Depot.
(Shirakawa Agricultural Guidance Unit)

TO : Commanding General, 8th Army, #0 345
(ATTN: Military Government Section)
(INFO: Channels)

1. The subject Japanese military installation has been investigated by various officers of this unit and the houses of alleged violators of laws, for Imperial Japanese Government dated 4 January 1946, "Abolition of Certain Political Parties, Associations, Societies and other organizations", and an order ruling by GHQ specifically dealing with "Hatchai".

2. a. The Shirakawa Agricultural Guidance Unit is one of four branches under the Administrative Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the other three branches being located as follows:

Iyama - Miyazaki Prefecture
Matsuda - Tokushima Prefecture
Kasuga - Kagami Prefecture

2 b. IMMEDIATELY following the surrender this regiment depot came under the jurisdiction of the Tokyo Guidance Society and became known as the Shirakawa Agricultural Guidance Unit for Repatriating Veterans. The Tokyo Guidance Society was ordered to dissolve under an order of the occupation authorities dated 16 November 1945.

3. The following former army officers and SN's are at present in charge of the administration of this unit:

IKEDA, Kunichi, 1st Lt., Cavalry
SUGI, Ken, Major, Amoured Corps
FUJIMORI, Kinuo, Major, Cavalry
YAMAZAKI, Naohiko, Major, Finance
SATO, Naohiko, Major, Veterinary
KAWAMOTO, Shigeo, Captain, Cavalry
TAKAHASHI, Yoshio, Captain, Cavalry
OHNO, Naohiko, Captain, Infantry
YAMASHITA, Shiro, Captain, Veterinary
IMOTO, Masao, 1st Lt., Veterinary
SUZUKI, Shigeo, 1st Lt., Veterinary
MURATA, Sakai, S. S., Cavalry
FUKUDA, Saburo, S/sgt. G, (tailor)
KAWABATA, Tetsuzo, S/sgt. Cavalry
SANO, Saburo, S. Cavalry
SHIMIZU, Sakai, Sgt., Cavalry

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Old Japanese Imp. Cavalry Mounted Dept (cont)

4. Of the officers interviewed, Major SUMI admitted that his last army job had been as intelligence officer, attached to Headquarters, Tokyo Area Command. He denied that he had been sent to this unit to continue intelligence work.

5. There are at present approximately 133 returned veterans at this unit, of which about 67 are former officers. The highest ranking of these officers is Lt General Shigeo KIKUCHI, who was in command of the 77 Army Technical Laboratory in Tokyo at the close of the war.

6. The equipment, horses, etc., all is former Japanese Army property.

7. It is held that the spirit and actual operation of this venture is opposed to the directives and tenets of G.I.

8. The Prefectural Governor has been so instructed and the replacement of the ex-army officers noted in par 2a above has been directed and civilians substituted therefor.

9. It is recommended

a. That a directive be issued giving the types of public service employment allowed former Army and Navy officers.

b. That any officers holding similar positions in the branches noted in par 2a be replaced by civilian officials.

J. H. HUNTER
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Lt. Col., US
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Ltr, 20th MI Serv Bn & Co, JPO 445, subject: "High Japanese Imperial Cavalry Mounted Regt. (Mechanized Agricultural Machine Unit)", dated 19 January 1946.

AS 230 (19 Jan 46) Y

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MEMORANDUM XI COMNA, JPO 445, 30 January 1946

TO: Commanding General, 97th Infantry Division, JPO 445.
(Attention: Military Government Section)

1. Memorandum for Imperial Japanese Government HQ, JPO dated 4 January 1946, subject "General and Application of Unacceptable Personnel from Public Office", classified persons to be removed or excluded from government service and public office.

2. Disqualified officers in the Imperial Japanese Regular Army or Navy or in the Special Volunteer Reserve are listed in the covered and classified categories. Also included are commissioned or non-commissioned officers, enlisted men or civilian employees who served in or with the Military Police (Keisei-Dai) or Rural Police, the Tokubei Shitai, Keigin Shitai II, or other special or secret intelligence or military or naval police organizations.

3. The term "government service" is defined so as to mean and include all positions in the Imperial Japanese and Pseudo-Imperial governments and all their agencies and local branches, bureaus (including National Administrative Bureau) and offices and all positions in corporations, associations and other organizations in which such governments or any of their agencies have a financial interest representing actual or working control.

4. This memorandum states that the Japanese Agricultural Extension Unit operates under the Administration Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and if such is the case, employees in the unit performing government service from which disqualified persons may be removed.

5. This memorandum does not have available distribution
any additional copies of the JPO Executive pertinent to this question.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL BALL:

/s/ LOAN MILLER
/s/ LOAN MILLER
1st Lt., SA
Mtg. Room, 445. Com

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MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Date	Synopsis
1	23 Nov 1945	SCAP, CHQ, Permission for Koreans to Produce Movies.
2	13 Dec 1945	Hq Eighth Army, Release of Japanese Gas Masks and Rubber Gloves.
3	16 Dec 1945	AFAG, Destroying of Japanese Documents Prohibited
4	28 Dec 1945	Eighth Army, Japanese Civilian Translators will not translate letters from Civilians addressed to Allied Forces.
5	6 Jan 1946	Hq 97th Inf Div, Sale of Japanese Beer or Liquor by Japanese to U.S. Armed Forces Forbidden
6	9 Jan 1946	Hq Eighth Army, Amendments for Para 17, Operational Directive No. 28, dated 18 Nov 1945 - Japanese Military Installations may not be returned to Japanese without Corps Approval.
7	12 Jan 1946	Hq Eighth Army, Commercial Explosives will be returned to Japanese and not destroyed.
8	14 Jan 1946	Hq XI Corps, Remission of Taxes on Souvenir Items only exempt from Retail tax and not from Manufacturers Taxes.
9	26 Jan 1946	Hq XI Corps, Violations, by Japanese of terms of surrender of SCAP directives in concealing a weapon.
10	14 Feb 1946	Hq XI Corps, Return of Japanese Mapping and Surveying Equipment ordered.
11	26 Feb 1946	8th Army Operational Directive No 23, Violation of SCAP Directive No 3, 22 Sept 1945, Treatment of Smugglers.
12	15 Dec 1945	Ltr XI Corps, Required contents of Weekly Military Occupation Activities Report.