

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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1	21 Jan 1946	Hq Eighth Army, Japanese Blocked Accounts in Banks; Inquiries will be referred to Japanese officials.
2	8 Feb 1946	Hq XI Corps, Instructions on information to be obtained on rumored storage of gold.
3	19 Feb 1946	Hq Eighth Army, Procedure to be followed on turn in of gold and precious stones, etc.
4	27 Feb 1946	Hq XI Corps, Procedure to be followed where Japanese former PW's arrive in Japan with receipts for money issued by U.S. Army.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq 97th Div Arty, Sub: Letter of Transmittal, Dated 21
Jan 46.

AG 120 (21 Jan 46) Y 2nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO, 471, 26 January 1946.

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

/s/ L.S.

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6 Feb 1946

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General XI Corps, APO 471

1. All inquiries by Japanese or other nationals relative to blocked accounts in banks and other financial institutions and all other inquiries from individuals regarding private financial matters should be made by the individual direct to the Ministry of Finance or its regional or local agencies. The Ministry of Finance is responsible for the administration of National fiscal policies and is the agency where taxpayers, pensioners, persons with claims against the Japanese Government or its agencies, or parties with personal financial inquiries of any nature can secure information and redress. In particular the Ministry of Finance is responsible for establishment of channels whereby all holders of blocked accounts are properly informed as to the status of their accounts and the procedures set up for releases, if any from such blocked accounts.

2. Inquiries of the above types received by all echelons of your command should therefore be referred to the nearest agency of the Ministry of Finance for corrective action. If any inquiry in your opinion warrants investigation because it tends to reflect on the effectiveness with which the local agencies of the Ministry are administering the program, you are authorized to make appropriate investigations and submit a report of your findings to this headquarters. However, it is not the responsibility of your Headquarters, nor of this Headquarters, to act as a medium through which such individual requests can be submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HALL:

M. H. WILKE
Capt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 922nd F.A. BATTALION
NINETY SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Tip on Shipment of Gold, August 1945

TO : C.G. Div Arty

ATTN : S-5

1. On 5 February 1946 a tip was given this Headquarters by Dr. Ryo, a Chinese of Gmachi, that an airplane loaded with gold took off from the Matsumoto airport just before the close of the war. Destination of the plane was Siam. The story about the airplane and the gold was told Dr. Ryo by a Mr. Rai of Matsumoto.

2. Mr. Rai was contacted and said that he heard the story from a Mr. Shimizu, driver for the Shochiku Truck Co. of Matsumoto which delivered the gold to the airplane.

3. Mr. Shimizu was contacted and told the following story:

About 18 or 19 August 1945, a Japanese Army Cherry 32 (Salvage) airplane from the Takazumi Air Base was forced down at the Matsumoto airfield due to engine trouble. The plane carried nine or ten gold ingots, boxed. For safe keeping while the plane was being repaired, the gold was trucked into town to the Keppai Tai Headquarters. The Keppai Tai, however, was busy moving out of its Headquarters and refused to accept the gold. The shipment was then moved to the Nippon Bank of Matsumoto. Several days later the plane took off, destination unknown. Mr. Shimizu did not know whether or not it took the gold with it.

4. The Nippon Bank of Matsumoto was contacted on 8 February 1946. It admitted having received about 339,000 grams of gold in eleven boxes on 15 August 1945. The gold came from a Japanese Army plane forced down by bad weather at Matsumoto. The gold had been first taken to the local Keppai Tai Headquarters but had been refused there and sent on to the bank for safe keeping. The bank had at first refused the gold but later had accepted it and placed it in a vault.

5. The bank declared that it had reported the gold to SCAP in December 1945.

6. The above report is forwarded for your information.

LAWRENCE DOBSON
Captain FA
Commanding

BASIC: IAR, Hq 922nd F.A. Bn., 97th Div, Sub: Tip on Shipment of Gold,
August 1945, dated 8 Feb 46.

AG 248.7 (8 Feb 46) Y 3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO 471, 19 February 1946

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

1. Returned for investigation and answer to the following questions:
 - a. Is this gold at present in the Nippon Bank of Matsumoto?
 - b. What is the exact quantity of gold involved?
 - c. What receipts or other papers are in the possession of the Bank covering this transaction which might establish ownership?

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KRANER:

W. H. SHEARD
Lt. Col. AGC
Asst. Adjutant General

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FROM XI CORPS

19 FEBRUARY 1946

TO G2F

PARA ONE ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE BANK OF JAPAN HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TO DELIVER TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF 8TH ARMY THE FOLLOWING WHICH ARE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH BRANCHES GOLD AND SILVER COINS SEMICLN GOLD, SILVER AND PLATINUM BULLION OR ALLOYS IN BULLION FORM: DIAMOND AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES: PRECIOUS METALS: ALL CURRENCY NOT LEGAL TENDER IN JAPAN: PRECIOUS METALS: ALL OF WHICH ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT: THE GOVERNMENTS, NATIONAL OR RESIDENTS OF GERMANY, ITALY, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, AND HUNGARY: THE JAPANESE POLITICAL AGENCIES, NATIONALISTIC, TERRORISTIC OR SECRET SOCIETIES AND OFFICERS, MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS OF SUCH AGENCIES: THE NATIONAL SHINTO: THE CENTRAL MATERIALS UTILIZATION ASSOCIATION AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED TRADE AND MANUFACTURERS ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE ACQUISITION, UTILIZATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRECIOUS METALS, DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES: ALL ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, AND ASSOCIATIONS DISSOLVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. PARA 2 THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE BANK OF JAPAN WILL DELIVER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ARTICLES IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINERS AND WILL RECEIVE RECEIPTS FROM AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE 8TH ARMY TO WHOM DELIVERIES ARE MADE. PARA 3 YOU WILL APPOINT SUCH OFFICERS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ACT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF 8TH ARMY FOR THE RECEIPTS OF THESE ARTICLES FROM BRANCHES OF THE BANK OF JAPAN. THESE OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE BRANCHES OF THE BANK OF JAPAN LOCATED IN YOUR AREA AND WILL TAKE INTO CUSTODY ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE ASSETS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WILL DELIVER SUCH ARTICLES TO THE VAULT OF THE BANK OF JAPAN IN TOKYO IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS COVERING DELIVERIES OF

PRECIOUS METALS TO THE VAULTS. YOU WILL GIVE RECEIPTS TO THE BANK
OF IMPORTANT THAT THE ARTICLES BE PRESERVED IN THEIR ORIGINAL
CONTAINERS. REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IN
TRIPLICATE OF THE ACTION TAKEN, WITH TRIPLICATE COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS
GIVEN FOR ARTICLES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. (CITE QP 5467)

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PARA ONE FORMER JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR BEING REPATRIATED TO JAPAN
GMA HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION CERTIFICATE RECEIPTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN
ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAREN WAR DEPT MEMORANDUM NUMBER ONE NINE
NAUGHT DASH FOUR FIVE PAREN PAD THE PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING SUCH INCORRECT
RECEIPTS HAS NOT ASYET BEEN DEFINED BY SCAP PD UNTIL YOU RECEIVE INFOR-
MATION FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS AS TO THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH
CASES, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM ACCEPTING SUCH RECEIPTS FOR
ACTION AND FROM SENDING SUCH ITEMS FORWARD TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PD PAREN
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