

TMJ
OT
O-26

U. S. NAVAL TECHNICAL MISSION TO JAPAN
CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

NS/tk

6 December 1945

DECLASSIFIED IAW DOD MEMO OF 3 MAY 1972, SUBJ:
DECLASSIFICATION OF WWII RECORDS

RESTRICTED

From: Chief, Naval Technical Mission to Japan
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Target Report - Japanese Navy Powder Bags.

Reference: (a) "Intelligence Targets Japan" (DNI) of 4 Sept. 1945.

1. Subject report, covering Target O-26 of Fascicle C-1 of reference (a), is forwarded herewith.
2. The report was prepared by Lt. Comdr. R.A. Cooley, USNR.

C. G. GRIMES
Captain, USN

RESTRICTED

O-26

JAPANESE NAVY POWDER BAGS

"INTELLIGENCE TARGETS JAPAN" (DNI) OF 4 SEPT. 1945

FASCICLE O-1, TARGET O-26

DECEMBER 1945

U.S. NAVAL TECHNICAL MISSION TO JAPAN

SUMMARY

ORDNANCE TARGETS

JAPANESE NAVY POWDER BAGS

It appears that the Japanese Navy has never used or even anticipated using anything but silk for their powder bags.

The people referenced, were questioned separately in an attempt to establish the possibility of any substitute for silk being used or being investigated experimentally but they were unanimous and insistent that the Japanese Navy had very little if any interest in changing from silk.

It was stated that when JAPAN depended on purchasing guns and propellant powder abroad silk was used for the bags, and the use of waste silk for powder bags continued up to the surrender with no change anticipated or research under way.

TAKAYASU Company in GIFU Prefecture was said to be one of the biggest suppliers of silk powder bags for the Navy.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Summary Page 1
References Page 3

REFERENCES

Japanese Personnel Interrogated:

Rear Admiral SENDO, IJN, Director of Research at Naval Powder Factory, HIRATSUKA, Professor of Explosives and Propellents at TOKYO Imperial University, and member of Navy Technical Department.

Captain NIMII, IJN, Assistant Head of Section 3 (Propellents and Explosives) of Division 1 of the Naval Technical Department.

Commander T. MURATA, Chief Engineer, HIRATSUKA Naval Powder Factory.

Mr. S. MIYAIRI, Research Chemist, HIRATSUKA Naval Powder Factory.