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American Returns Treasured Sword

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ISAMU NAGANO RECEIVES A LONG-LOST FAMILY HEIRLOOM SWORD FROM CAPT. GORDON
The 500-Year-Old Weapon, Worth \$10,000, Was Returned to the Nagasaki Family

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IWAKUNI MCAF, Japan (ISO)—A Nagasaki insurance man received an unexpected dividend recently when an Iwakuni Marine captain returned a 500-year-old family sword valued at \$10,000.

~~Capt. Able Gordon~~, motor transport officer of Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, obtained the valuable Bizen Osafune sword in September, 1945, while a member of the 5th Marine Div. in Japan. All Japanese weapons then were being confiscated and many dumped into the ocean.

The heirloom, belonging to Isamu Nagano, had a note attached written by his wife, Sumiko. She asked for return of the sword which had "always been our family treasure."

The captain, after retaining the sword for 15 years, was reassigned to Japan. Gordon successfully made contact with the Nagano family and had the sword forwarded from his Jacksonville, N.C., home.

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