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March 7

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Michaan's Auctions
2751 Todd Street
Alameda, CA 94501

Authentic Military Ticker Tape Announcing End of World War II at Michaan's

A one-of-a-kind, history-marking relic may cause a bidding war in Michaan's March 7, Estate Auction. The framed, two-piece World War II ticker tape from August 14, 1945 details the exact moment of Japan's surrender (lot 488, \$15,000-20,000). The first segment of the ticker tape describes the forthcoming surrender. The second then communicates the military events of the day, such as several small aircraft and medium bombers hitting the Japanese. The official closing statement announcing Japan's surrender immediately follows this. This ticker tape is especially rare and valued, as it precisely marks the exact moment in history when the official announcement of the defeat of the Japanese Empire was transmitted over military wire back to the United States. The Dixon, CA relay station where the message was received was one of four official military receiving channels at the time. In this instance, the Dixon station was designated as the prime receiver for all Asian origin transmissions. This initial wire was then sent to various military stations and was the communication that was most likely how President Truman first learned of the surrender announcement. On the same day this announcement was made, more than one thousand Japanese soldiers stormed the Imperial Palace in an attempt to prevent the transmission. The consignor of the World War II ticker tapes inherited them from his grandfather, a World War II Navy Veteran based out of San Francisco. The ticker tape was originally in the possession of the consignor's great-uncle, who was also enlisted in the Navy during the war. He worked in

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the army radio facility in Dixon, California where the Teletype tape was originally received on that August 14th afternoon in 1945. Before his great-uncle's passing in the 1970s, he gifted them to his consignor's grandfather, thus keeping the ticker tapes ownership within their family. A similar ticker tape dated to August 10, 1945 sold in Bonham's 2013 World War II auction, hammering for \$21,250 U.S. dollars. This particular ticker tape was of a smaller transmission, describing the looming potential of Japan's surrender!

About Michaan's Auctions

Michaan's Auctions is a leading full service auction house on the West Coast. Specializing in the appraisals and sale of antiques and fine art, Michaan's has specialists in the fields of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary Art, European and American Paintings and Prints, Jewelry and Asian Works of Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year attracting a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the world. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the Bay Area's lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the opportunity to preview and bid on many unique and desirable property. Some of these pieces realized world record prices. In 2005 A.D.M. Cooper's oil painting, Three Graces 1915, sold for a record \$21,060 and an Eduard Gaertner oil, German City Street Scene 1831, sold for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on its ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with its "no risk consignment policy" free of hidden fees and charges. Michaan's specialists are dedicated to staying current on the latest issues and developments in the market and are committed to providing personalized and professional attention throughout the entire auction process.

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