

8mm repackage box

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Recently, I observed a small packet of repackaged 8mm ammunition that is a bit different from those described in either *Military Pistols of Japan* by Fred Honeycutt or *Japanese Military Cartridge Handguns 1893-1945* by Harry Derby and James Brown. This is a small box measuring 1 5/16th X 1 12/16th containing 8 rounds of ammunition and appears to be made of the same general type cardboard used in the standard issue 15 round box of 8mm ammunition and then wrapped in a brown paper. One end of the packet has opened up just enough to see a bit of the rounds however, the overall condition of the rounds is unknown at this time.

The markings of the designation and inspectors name are done in very fine printing while the date inspected/loaded is stamped in blue/purple color ink. The markings translate (reading right to left) date packed, the inspectors name and then the designation markings. It reads "April 10th 1945," "Chief Warrant Officer Kagawa Yasuo (Army police)" and "Type-14 ball loaded 8 cartridges." On one end of the packet where the paper is fastened closed there is a small red stamp that reads "sealed." The other end of the packet is also fastened closed however, the markings are a bit messed up but I suspect it reads "sealed" as well.

Of the few packets of repackaged 8mm ammunition mentioned or written about in the various reference material; this is the first one that I've seen or heard of that contains the inspector's name. I would enjoy hearing from other members and collectors who may have similar packets and to know how they are marked as well. I can be contacted by email at crabtreeda@cox.net.

