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## TOKYO HOHEI KOSHO (KOISHIKAWA) / KOKURA RIKUGUN ZOHEISHO ARSENALS TYPE 30 BAYONETS



Koishikawa (Tokyo) arsenal was the birth place of the Type 30 bayonet. Tokyo made over 4,000,000 bayonets but kept the contoured grips with oval washers and screws, hooked crossguard, bird's head pommel, and fullered blade the same for almost 40 years. In 1923 Tokyo experienced a major earthquake which heavily damaged the arsenal. Few bayonets were produced for several years.

In the mid 1930's Tokyo needed more arsenals to supply the war effort against China, so the Kokura arsenal was established and produced the rest of what is known as Tokyo's bayonets. In the late 1930's several other arsenals, or sub-contractors, were introduced. Matsushita arsenal made the last of the Tokyo bayonets which can be found with three points added to the Tokyo arsenal mark. These were inspected by the Osaka arsenal and thus were previously referred to as Osaka bayonets. Other Kokura bayonets can be found with the Osaka inspector's mark, and will have a 3,900,000 serial number range.