

Translated by

T. EBIHARA.

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Personal History

O. KABE, EIICHI.

Origin Permanent Domicile: -

~~The place of register~~ No 97 KITAMACHI,

NAGAMACHI, SENDAI city,

MIYAGI Prefecture

Born: - ~~at~~ February 15, 1901

Date	Matters Particulars	Gov't Office
March 1919	Finished SENDAI ^{First} DAIICHI Middle School	
Sept. 10 1919	Entered DAINI KOTO GAKKO of the Second High School	
	Science Course "B" Section	
March, 12 1923	Graduated the above.	

April 1, 1923	<p style="text-align: center;">M. P.</p> Entered the medical department of TOHOKU Imperial University	
March 25, 1927	<p style="text-align: center;">M. P.</p> Passed graduate examination of the medical department of TOHOKU Imperial University	
April 2, 1927	Awarded Appointed as assistant ^{Junior} Commissioner as junior assis	TOHOKU Imperial University
	Assistant of TOHOKU Imperial University (without salary)	
	Ordered to attend internal medicine Dept. ^M lecture room of medical department	
	Ordered to attend KUMAGATA	

	Medicine Internal Division	
April 18, 1927	Obtained as Licence of Physician (No 56847)	
July 31 1928	Relieved of duties at Dismissed to attend Internal	TOHOKU Imperial University
	Medicine Dept. Lecture room of Medical Depart- ment	
	Order to ^{serve at,} attend attached hospital of the Medical Depart- ment	
	Given monthly allowance of 30 yen	
Feb. 29, 1932	Relieved of duties as Dismissed junior assistant	TOHOKU Imperial University
"	Appointed as Assistant of TOHOKU Imperial University	

^{granted}
Gives 10th class salary.

Ordered to attend Internal
Medicine Dept. of the
~~lecture rooms~~ on Medical Depa-
rtment.

Ordered to attend KUMAGAYA
^{Medicine}
Internal Division.

Dec. 31.
1933. Relieved of duties at own request TOHOKU
Dismissed the office by request ^{Imperial} University
at

Dec,
1933. ^{Appointed}
Ordered as the Chief of Inter-
^{Medicine Dept.} nal of YURI ^{Medical} Association Hosp-
ital, HONJO (Town), AKITA Pre-
fecture.

^{granted}
given monthly salary of 300 yen

Doctor of ^{TŌHOKU} Imperial University

May 2,
1934

Granted the degree of ~~Medical~~

Doctor Medicine

May
1934

Appointed as the Chief of the
^{YUKI} Medical Association Hospital,
HONJO (town), AKITA prefecture

^M Granted
Given monthly salary of 330 yen

June
1935

Appointed as the Chief of the
^M SENHOKU ^{A. S.} medical association

hospital, in OMAGARI (town),
AKITA prefecture

^M Granted
Given monthly salary of

380 yen

Nov 28
1939

Relieved of duties at own request.
Dismissed the office by

	request	
Nov. 28 1939	Appointed as medical official of Military protecting house Relief Board. Higher level	
	promoted to 5th rank of Senior Service Official	
	Granted Given 3 rd class salary.	
	Appointed as the Chief of AKITA Sanatorium for Wounded Soldiers	Welfare ministry
Dec. 15 1939	Elevated to junior grade of the 6th class Court rank.	"
March 31. 1942	Granted Given 4th class salary.	
May 30 1942	promoted to 4th rank of Senior Higher	

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June 15 1942 Civil Service official Cabinet

June 15 1949 Elevated to senior grade

of the 6th class Court rank.

Nov. 30 1944 Promoted to 3rd rank of Civil Service Senior Official. Higher Cabinet

Dec. 15 1944 Elevated to junior grade

of the 5th class court rank.

January 22, 1947 Relieved of duties at own Dismissed the office Cabinet

by request.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF OKABE, Eiichi
by MR. FREEMAN

27,534 The witness * identified Exhibit No. 3084 as his affidavit and verified it.

The affidavit stated that the witness was Managing Director of the Manchurian Aircraft Manufacturing Company from December 1944. This company had its head office and main factory in Mukden.

27,535 Next to its factory was that of the Manchurian Machine Tool Manufacturing Company and several U.S. and British prisoners of war were working there, * and some had high technical ability. While no prisoners of war worked in his factory, he asked for the reason of the man in charge of the workers. This man replied that they had inquired about employing prisoners of war unofficially from the Kwantung Army and the reply was that the prisoners could not work in airplane factories under international law. With this answer, he first learned of the international law limitation and the attitude of the Kwantung Army toward prisoners of war, carefully observing the limitation of international law.

There was no cross-examination of the witness.

10 Sep 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton
FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,
Investigative Division, IPS
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT

Witness General.

WITNESS

OKABE, Eiichi

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Curriculum Vitae

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl
(Described above)

E P M
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: OKABE, Eiichi
Permanent Domicile: 97 KITAMACHI, NAGAMACHI, SENDAI City,
MIYAGI Prefecture.
Born: Feb 15 1901

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March 1919	Finished SENDAI First Middle School.	Gov't Office
Sep 10	Entered the Second High-School Science Course "B" Section.	
Mar 12 1923	Graduated the above.	
Apr 1 1923	Entered the Medical Department of TOHOKU Imperial University.	
Mar 25 1927	Passed graduate examination of the Medical Department of TOHOKU Imperial University. (Without Salary) Ordered to attend Internal Medicine Dept. of Medical Department. Ordered to attend KUMAGAI Internal Medicine Division.	
Apr 18 1927	Obtained Licence as Physician (No. 56847)	
Jul 31 1928	Relieved of duties at Internal Medicine Dept. of Medical Department. Ordered to serve at attached hospital of the Medical Department. Given monthly allowance of 30 yen.	TOHOKU Imperial University
Feb 29 1932	Relieved of duties as junior assistant.	"
"	Appointed as Assistant of TOHOKU Imperial University. Granted 10th Class Salary. Ordered to attend Internal Medicine Dept. of Medical Department. Ordered to attend KUMAGAI Internal Medicine Division.	
Dec 31 1933	Relieved of duties at own request.	"
Dec 1933	Appointed Chief of Internal Medicine Dept. of YURI, Medical Association Hospital, HONJO (town), AKITA Prefecture.	

Dec 1933	Granted Monthly Salary of 300 Yen.	
May 2 1934	Granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine.	TOHOKU Imperial University.
May 1934	Appointed as the Chief of the YURI Medical Association Hospital HONJO (town), AKITA Prefecture. Granted Monthly Salary of 330 Yen.	
Jun 1935	Appointed as the Chief of the SENHOKU Medical Association hospital, in OMAGARI (town), AKITA Prefecture. Granted Monthly Salary of 380 Yen.	
Nov 28 1939	Relieved of duties at own request.	
Nov 28 1939	Appointed as Medical Officer of Military Relief Board. Promoted to 5th rank Higher Civil Service Official. Granted 5th Class Salary. Appointed Chief of AKITA sanatorium for wounded soldiers.	Welfare Ministry
Dec 15 1939	Elevated to Junior Grade 6th Court Rank.	
Mar 31 1942	Granted 4th Class Salary.	
May 30 1942	Promoted to 4th Rank Higher Civil Service Official.	Cabinet
Jun 15 1949	Elevated to Senior Grade 6th Class Court Rank.	
Nov 30 1944	Promoted to 3rd Rank Higher Civil Service Official.	Cabinet
Dec 15 1944	Elevated to Junior Grade 5th Class Court Rank.	
Jan 22 1947	Relieved of duties at own request.	Cabinet

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

M E M O R A N D U M

3 September 1947

TO: Mr. D. N. Suttan
FROM: G. S. Woolwerth
SUBJECT: Deposition of OKABE, Eiichi, Defense Document 2240

Exhibit 1970-A is a complete answer to Defense Document No. 2240, affidavit of OKABE, Eiichi.

The above mentioned exhibit includes a telegram dated 22 August 1942 from the Vice Minister of War to the Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army, which, in substance, states:-

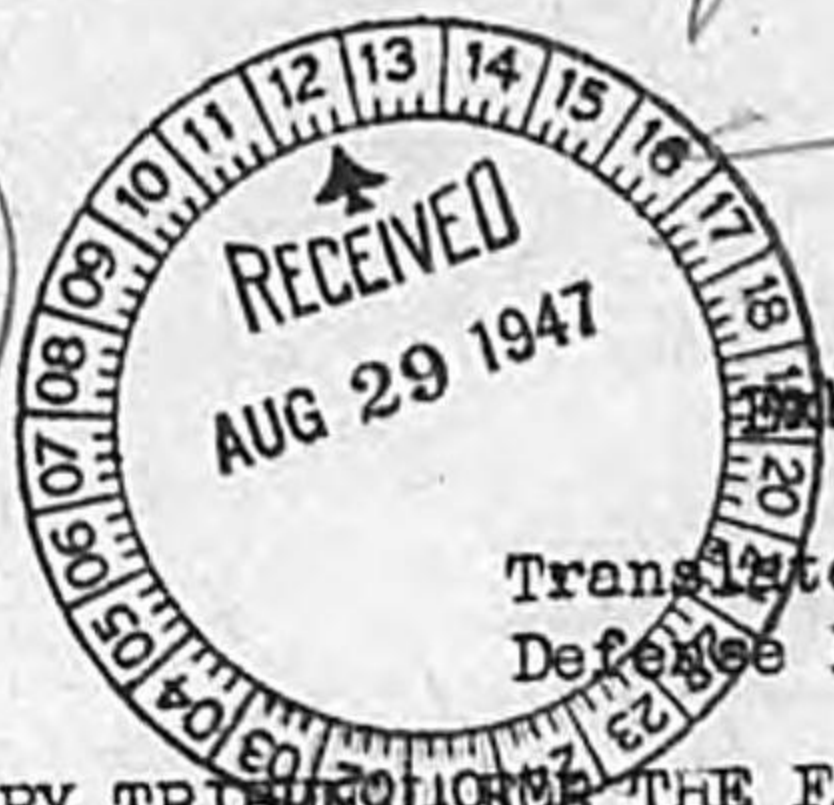
In order to increase production of aircraft, air ordnance and ammunition, we want to increase the capacity of the Manchurian Machine Tool Company according to the enclosed plan, which plan called for employment of 1,500 prisoners of war in the Manchurian Machine Tool Company. The plan also specifically provided for additional machine tools for the Manchurian Aircraft Manufacturing Company, of which OKABE was manager.


G. S. WOOLWORTH

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Def. Doc. # 2240



Exh. No.

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Defense Language Branch

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al
-vs-
ARAKI, Sadao, et al

*Why in A/W works
in airplane factory*

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)
Deponent: OKABE, Eiichi

According to the usual custom of our country, I first swear as in the attached paper and then state as follows:

I was selected as ~~managing~~ director of the Manchurian Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd. in December 1944. This company was the only airplane manufacturing company in Manchuria, and its head office and main factory were in Mukden.

Next to the main factory there was the factory of the Manchurian Machine-Tool Manufacturing Company where machine-tools were manufactured, and several American or British prisoners of war were working there. I was told that there were some who had high technical ability among them. While no prisoners of war were working in my factory, I asked the reason of the man who was in charge of the workers. He answered "We inquired, about the employment of prisoners of war, unofficially of a staff officer of the Kwantung Army before you came here. The staff officer replied that we can't let the prisoners of war work in airplane manufacturing work according to international law. This is the reason why we don't employ them."

At this answer I first learned of the limitation of international law and the Kwantung Army's attitude toward the treatment of prisoners of war which carefully observed the limitations of international law

WRITTEN OATH

18, February 1947

I, hereby swear that I shall state nothing but the truth according to my conscience, neither concealing nor adding anything.

/s/ OKABE, Eiichi

I hereby certify that the above was duly sworn in my presence and signed, at Tokyo, Japan this 18th day of February 1947.

/s/ IKEDA, Sumihisa