

Chieko Iwanaga

Personal History of AKANE Kazuo

Date of Birth 1904, Jan. 29

Domicile No. 5. Shinsakanaya-machi, Kumamoto -  
city, Kumamoto-Prefecture

Members of His Family Father died on 17th, July, 1931

Mother Tsuru born on 7th, Aug. 1880

Younger brother, Shizuo " 12th Aug. 1908

Younger brother, Tozaburo " 29th Aug. 1910

Younger brother, Goro 2nd. Feb. 1913

Younger brother, Bunrokuro " 22nd, July 1915

Wife Fumiyo born on 19th Jan. 1908  
married 10th July. 1930

The Eldest son Tatsunoshin born on 1st, Feb. 1931

~~The~~ Eldest daughter Atsuko born on 21st, Dec 1938

1921 Aug. 26 Ordered as student of Naval Academy

1924 July 24 Completed a course of instruction, Naval  
Academy. (Naval Academy)

1924 July 24 Appointed Ensign Candidate  
(Navy Ministry)

" Assigned to the battleship ASAMA  
(Navy Ministry)

1925 Apr. 10 Discharged from the battleship ASAMA and  
assigned to the battleship YURA.  
(Navy Ministry)

1925 June 11 Discharged from the battleship YURA and  
assigned to the battleship KIRISHIMA  
(Navy Ministry)

Dec. 1 Appointed Ensign (Cabinet)

" Attached to the 27th Destroyer Division

Dec. 6 Assigned to the battleship HANABISHI  
(the 27th Destroyer Division)

1926, Jan. 15 Awarded the 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade  
(The Department of the Imperial Household)

1926 July 17 ~~For~~ <sup>To take</sup> care of his sick father, took a  
furlough trip to his own home, No 5, Shinsakanaya  
machi, Kumamoto-city for 21 days exclusive  
of 4 days ~~to be taken~~ <sup>travel time</sup> by going and coming  
Returned Aug. 6.

Dec. 1 Relieved from the main post. (Navy Ministry)

Ordered as <sup>officer</sup> trainee of ~~general~~ course,  
Naval Gunnery School. (Navy Ministry)

1927 Apr. 13 Ordered as <sup>officer</sup> trainee of ~~general~~ course,  
Naval Torpedo School. (Navy Ministry)

July 29 Assigned to the battleship ATAKA, the first  
fleet dispatched abroad. (Navy Ministry)

Dec. 1 Appointed Lieutenant (jg) (Cabinet)

Dec 28 Awarded 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade  
(Department of the Imperial Household)

1928, May 25 Received ¥ 1.00 as ~~the~~ entertainment money on the ~~occasion of the visit~~  
~~for the~~ ~~side~~ ~~the~~ ~~Camp~~ ~~to~~ ~~His~~ ~~Majesty~~.

Sept 21 Assigned to ~~the~~ ~~D~~ ~~type~~, ~~boat~~ Submarine Ro-60  
 (Navy Ministry)

Dec 10 Received the 1st Grade Salary (Navy Ministry)

Nov. 16 According to ~~No. 188~~, the Imperial Ordinance No. 188  
 of 1928, Received the Medal in Commemoration  
 of the Imperial Enthronement.  
 (Board of Decoration)

1929. Nov. 1 Ordered as officer trainee of Special Course,  
 Naval Gunnery School. (Navy Ministry)

1930 May 7 Assigned to ~~the~~ battleship NACHI of the 2nd  
 Fleet (Navy Ministry)

May 11. In order to take care of his sick father

took a trip to Kumamoto city for 4 days.

1929 Nov 21 Received <sup>Approved on 5th, Dec</sup> 1929

1930 May 14 Returned from <sup>T.N. can not read</sup> 4 day leave

Dec 1 Appointed Lieutenant (Cabinet)

Appointed <sup>Divisional officer in the</sup> Chief of KIRISHIMA Division of the First Fleet (Navy Ministry)

1931 Jan 16 Awarded 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Department of the Imperial Household)

1929 Sep 5 Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit with Sacred Treasure and ¥ 165 as the reward for his services in the 1927-8 Disturbances in China and the 1928 China Affairs (Board of Decoration)

1931 July 1 To take care of his sick father, took a trip to Kumamoto City for 4 days exclusive of ~~travel time~~ 3 days for ~~going~~

Returned on July 7

1931, Dec. 1 Appointed Officer trainee of the Higher Course, Naval Gunnery school. (Navy Ministry)

1932, Dec. 1 Appointed ~~Chief of the~~ <sup>Division of Officer of the</sup> HYUGA ~~Division of the~~ First Fleet (Navy Ministry)

1933, Dec. 1 Received the 2nd Grade Salary (Navy Ministry)

1934, Nov. 1. Appointed adjutant of the YOKOSUKA Naval District, concurrently staff officer of the said district. (Navy Ministry)

Nov. 20 Received ¥0.95 at the Imperial Visit to the Christening ceremony of the battleship "Suzuyama"

1935, Dec. 1 Received the 1st Grade Salary (Navy Ministry)

Dec 7 Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit with the

Sacred Treasure (Board of Decoration)

1936 Feb 15 Awarded the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade  
(Department of the Imperial Household.)

1935 Apr 29 Awarded ¥75 for his services in the  
1931-34 Affair. (Navy Ministry)

1935 Apr. 29 Decorated with the War Medal, according  
to the 1931-34 War Medal Regulation.  
(Board of Decoration)

1935 Sep 21. Awarded the Medal in Commemoration of the  
Manchurian Emperor's Visit to Japan from  
the Manchurian Emperor and allowed to  
wear it. (Board of Decoration)

1936 Dec 1 Appointed Lieutenant-Commander  
(Cabinet)  
Appointed A-class student of the Naval  
Staff College (Navy Ministry)

1938 Jan. 2 Ordered to serve with the Naval General Staff temporarily, concurrently assigned to the Headquarters of the China Area Fleet. (Navy Ministry)

Ordered to take an official trip to Shanghai. (Navy Ministry)

Appointed <sup>temporary</sup> member of the special duty department. (Navy Ministry)

1938 Apr. 11 Relieved from temporary duty at the Naval General Staff and from additional duty at the Headquarters of the China Area Fleet. (Navy Ministry)

Sep. 16 Appointed staff-officer of the 10th ~~division~~ <sup>division</sup>. (Navy Ministry)

Dec 15 Assigned to SASEHO Naval District. (Navy Ministry)

Ordered to serve under the commands



of TATSUTA, Captain. (Chief of the SASEHO Naval District)

1939 Jan 4 Ordered to serve under the command of the Chief of the Staff, SASEHO Naval District from that time on. (Chief of the SASEHO Naval District)

1939 Feb. 20 Appointed IWATE Assistant Gunnery Officer, concurrently Division Chief. (Navy Ministry)

1939 Apr. 11 Took a 7-days trip to the KASUMIGAVRA Naval Air Group exclusive of 5 days for ~~going and coming~~ <sup>transit time</sup>

1939 Apr. 21 Returned

Dec 18 Appointed staff officer of the SASEHO Naval District

1941 Mar 15 Awarded the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade. (Department of the Imperial Household)

1941 Aug. 25 Appointed staff officer of the Shanghai Area Base Force (Navy Ministry)

Sept 15 Concurrently appointed staff officer of the Shang-hai Area Special Land Combat Unit (Navy Ministry)

Oct 15 Appointed Commander (Cabinet)

1942 Jan. 15 Concurrently appointed staff officer of the 13th Army (War Ministry)

1940 Apr. 29 Decorated with the Minor Cordon of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun and

received ¥ 1050 for the merits in the China Incident (Board of Decoration)

" Received War Medal of the China Incident (Board of Decoration)

1942 May 27 Went on board of the Battleship

HAKUSA. (the Shanghai Base Unit Headquarters.)

June 5 Relieved from the duty on the Battleship,

HAKUSA. (the Shanghai Base Unit Headquarters)

1943 Aug 16 Ordered to serve with the Navy General Staff. (Navy Ministry)

Ordered to serve with the 12th Section of the 1st Department. (the Navy General Staff)

Relieved from additional post as staff officer of the 13th Army.

(War Ministry)

1943 Sept. 7 Appointed member of the Navy General Staff (Navy Ministry)

" Appointed staff officer of the Imperial General Headquarters. (Navy Ministry)

" Ordered to serve with the 12th Section, of the 1st Department. (the Navy General Staff)

" Ordered to serve with the 12th Section, of the 1st Department of the Operations

Department. (the Imperial General Headquarters)

" Concurrently appointed member of the General Staff Headquarters, and staff officer of

the Imperial General Headquarters  
(War Ministry)

- 1943 Oct 30 Concurrently appointed Defense Staff  
Officer (War ministry)
- 1944 Jan 26 Appointed member of the 2nd Committee  
Meeting, of the Investigation Committee  
concerning ~~the~~ Defense matters.  
(Navy Ministry)
- May 20 Appointed member of the Naval Power  
Supply Division, the Imperial General  
Headquarters (Navy Ministry)
- Oct 15 Appointed Captain (Cabinet)
- Dec 1 Awarded the 5th Court Rank, Junior  
Grade (Department of the Imperial  
Household)
- 1945 Apr. 25 Concurrently appointed member of the  
Naval Affairs Bureau and member of

- the Educational Bureau of the  
Navy Ministry. (Navy Ministry)
- 1945 Apr. 25 Ordered to serve with the 1st Section  
(the Naval Affairs Bureau)
- May 27 Concurrently appointed member of the  
Naval General Affairs Bureau, and  
member of the Naval War Preparation  
Bureau of the Imperial General  
Headquarters. (Navy Ministry)
- 1945 June 10 Relieved from the concurrent post  
as member of the Naval Power Supply  
Division, the Imperial General Headquarters  
(Navy Ministry)
- 1945 Aug. 27 Ordered to serve with the YOKOSUKA  
Naval District. (Navy Ministry)
- Nov. 15 Placed on the Reserve List  
(Navy Ministry)

1945 Nov. 22 Assigned to active duty during general mobilization. (Navy Ministry)

" Ordered to arrive at the Naval Affairs Bureau, Navy Ministry. (Arrived on 25th Nov. 1945)

Nov. 25 Ordered to serve with the Navy Ministry. (Navy Ministry)

Ordered to serve with the Naval Affairs Bureau for the Navy Ministry. (Minister)

1945 Dec 1 According to ~~No 686~~, the Imperial Ordinance <sup>No 686</sup> appointed the second demobilization officer (the 3rd rank of the Higher Civil Service)

1945 Dec 1 Appointed member of the Special Investigation Division of the 2nd

Demobilization Ministry's Secretariate.

(The Second Demobilization Ministry)

1946 Apr. 1 According to ~~No. 193~~, the Imperial Ordinance <sup>No. 193</sup>  
Appointed ~~the~~ 2nd Demobilization Secretary  
(the Second grade.)

June 1 Received No 10 Salary  
(~~the~~ 2nd Demobilization Ministry) <sup>Ref 315</sup>

June 15 According to ~~No. 322~~, the Imperial Ordinance,  
Appointed ~~the~~ Demobilization Secretary  
(the Second grade)

June 15 Relieved from active duty during  
general mobilization

By ~~No 322 of the~~ Imperial Ordinance, No. 322  
the Navy's Service Regulation was  
abolished.



1946 June 15 <sup>According to</sup> Reg. No. 4 of the Demobilization Regulations  
No. 4, ordered to serve with the Research  
Section of the 2nd Demobilization  
Bureau, the Demobilization Office.

July 1 Received No. 25 Salary  
(the Demobilization Office)

1947 Feb 25 Additionally ordered to serve with  
the general affairs bureau, the 2nd  
Demobilization Bureau, the Demobilization  
Office. (the Demobilization Office)

Apr. 30 Received No 27 Salary  
(the Demobilization Office)

" Relieved from the main post  
at his own request. (Cabinet)

17 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

AKANE, Kazuo

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)

*CPM*  
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Members of His Family.

Father	died on 17th July 1931
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" "	Tozaburo " " 29th Aug, 1910
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" "	Bunrokuro " " 22nd Jul 1915
Wife	Fumiyo " " 19th Jan 1908
	married 10th Jul 1930
Eldest son	Tatsunoshin 1st Feb 1931
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1924 Jul 24	Completed a course of instruction, Naval Academy.	"
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1928 May 25	Received ¥1.00 as entertainment money on the occasion of the visit Aide De Camp.	
Sep 21	Assigned to Submarine Ro-60.	Navy Ministry
Dec 10	Received the 1st Grade Salary.	"
Nov 16	According to Imperial Ordinance No. 188 of 1928, Received Medal in Commemoration of the Imperial Enthronement. (Board of Decoration)	
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1930 May 7	Assigned to battleship NACHI of the 2nd Fleet.	"
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1929 Nov 21	Received _____ (T.N. can not read the Japanese) Approved on 5th, Dec 1929.	
1930 May 14	Returned.	
Dec 1	Appointed Lieutenant. (Cabinet) Appointed Divisional Officer on the KIRISHIMA of the First Fleet.	"
1931 Jan 16	Awarded 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade. (Department of the Imperial Household)	
1929 Sep 5	Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit with Sacred Treasure and ¥165 as the reward for his services in the 1927-8 Disturbances in China and the 1928 China Affairs.	Board of Decoration

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1936 Dec 1	Appointed Lieutenant-Commander. Appointed A class student of the Naval Staff College.	Cabinet Navy Ministry
1938 Jan 2	Ordered to serve with the Naval General Staff temporarily, concurrently assigned to the Headquarters of the China Area Fleet. Ordered to take an official trip to Shanghai. Appointed temporary member of the special duty department.	" "
1938 Apr 11	Relieved from temporary duty at the Naval General Staff and from additional duty at the Headquarters of the China Area Fleet.	"

1938 Sep 16	Appointed staff officer of the 10th Course division. (Tenryu)	Navy Ministry
Dec 15	Assigned to SASEHO Naval District.	"
"	Ordered to serve under the commands of TATSUTA, Captain. (Chief of the SASEHO Naval District)	"
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1942 Jan 15	Concurrently appointed staff officer of the 13th Army.	War Ministry
1940 Apr 29	Decorated with the Minor Cordon of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun and received ¥1050 for the merits in the China Incident.	Board of Decoration
"	Received War Medal for the China Incident.	"
1942 May 27	Went on board Battleship HAKUSA (the Shanghai Base Unit Headquarters)	"
June 5	Relieved from the duty on Battleship, HAKUSA (the Shanghai Base Unit Headquarters)	"

1943 Aug 16	Ordered to serve with the Navy General Staff.	Navy Ministry
"	Ordered to serve with the 12th Section of the 1st Department.	Navy General Staff
"	Relieved from additional post as staff officer of the 13th Army.	War Ministry
Sep 7	Appointed member of the Navy General Staff.	Navy Ministry
"	Appointed staff officer of the Imperial General Headquarters.	"
"	Ordered to serve with the 12th Section, of the 1st Department.	The Navy General Staff
"	Ordered to serve with the 12th Section, of the 1st Department of the Operation Department.	The Imperial General Headquarters
"	Concurrently appointed member of the General Staff Headquarters and staff officer of the Imperial General Headquarters.	War Ministry
Oct 30	Concurrently appointed Defence Staff Officer.	"
1944 Jan 26	Appointed member of the 2nd Committee Meeting, of the Investigation Committee concerning Defense matters.	Navy Ministry
May 20	Appointed member of the Naval Power Supply Division, the Imperial General Headquarters.	"
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1945 Apr 25	Concurrently appointed member of the Naval Affairs Bureau and member of the Educational Bureau of the Navy Ministry.	"
" "	Ordered to serve with the 1st Section.	The Naval Affairs Bureau
May 27	Concurrently appointed member of the Naval General Affairs Bureau, and member of the Naval War Preparation Bureau of the Imperial General Headquarters.	Navy Ministry
Jun 10	Relieved from the concurrent post as member of the Naval Power Supply Division, the Imperial	

	General Headquarters.	Navy Ministry
1945 Nov 15	Placed on the Reserve List.	"
Aug 27	Ordered to serve with the YOKOSUKA Naval District.	"
Nov 22	Assigned to active duty during general mobilization.	"
"	Ordered to arrive at the Naval Affairs Bureau, Navy Ministry. (Arrived on 25th Nov 1945)	"
Nov 25	Ordered to serve with the Navy Ministry. Ordered to serve with the Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry.	Minister
Dec 1	According to the Imperial Ordinance No. 686 appointed second demobilization officer (the 3rd rank of the Higher Civil Service)	
" "	Appointed member of the Special Investigation Division of the 2nd Demobilization Minister's Secretariate.	The Second Demobilization Ministry
1946 Apr 1	According to Imperial Ordinance No. 193. Appointed 2nd Demobilization Secretary.	The Second Grade
Jun 1	Received No. 10 Salary.	The 2nd Demobilization Ministry
Jun 15	According to Imperial Ordinance, No. 315. Appointed Demobilization Secretary.	The Second Grade
" "	Relieved from active duty during General Mobilization. By Imperial Ordinance, No. 322 the Navy Service Regulation was abolished.	
" "	According to Demobilization Regulation, No. 4 ordered to serve with the Research Section of the 2nd Demobilization Bureau, of the Demobilization Office.	
Jul 1	Received No. 25 Salary.	The Demobilization Office.



1947 Feb 25

Additionally ordered to serve with the general  
affairs bureau, the 2nd Demobilization Bureau,  
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Office

Apr 30

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Relieved from main post at his own request.

"  
Cabinet

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD  
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Direct Examination of KAZUO AKANE  
by Mr. Blewett

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The witness identified Exhibit 3036 as his affidavit and verified it. \* The affidavit stated that the witness was formerly a naval captain. From Sept 1941 to Aug 1943 he was staff officer of the Shanghai Dist. Naval Base Force and staff officer of the Shanghai Landing Force, both of which units were under the command of the China Area Squadron. He participated in the planning of operations in general in the Shanghai area.

On December 8 1941 in compliance with orders of the Commander of the China Area Squadron, internal preparations had been made a few days before the outbreak of war to provide against all emergencies. All forces were standing by for immediate action. But there was no information as to the date and hour for commencing operations until orders were received from the Commander of the China Area Squadron.

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\* The occupation of the International Settlement in Shanghai was conducted chiefly by units of the Shanghai Special Landing Force from 10 or 11 o'clock December 8th, Tokyo time. Occupation of merchantmen in waters around Shanghai was carried out by units attached to the Shanghai Dist Naval Base Force around five a.m. the same day.

The witness was staff officer of both the Fanking Force and the Naval Base Force and operations began after orders to commence action were received from the China Area Squadron Hqrs. He could explain from memory on a sketch map the condition of the waterfront area of Shanghai before and after the day when operations began.

There was no cross-examination.

27101 The attention of the Tribunal was called to Exhibits 1227, p.10608, affidavit of Mr. Parr; the testimony of Mr. Powell p 3255; \*Exhibit 1228, p 10613, and exhibit 1222, p.10544.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al



Sworn Deposition (Translation)

Deponent: - AKANE, Kazuo.

*Comments on original  
see*

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I was formerly a Captain in the Navy.

From September, 1941, to August, 1943, I was staff-officer of the Shanghai District Naval Base Force and concurrently staff-officer of the Shanghai Special Landing Force, both of which units were under the command of the China Area Squadron, I participated in the planning of operations in general, in the Shanghai area.

2. The opening of operational movements involving the above forces on 8 December 1941 was as follows.

a. In compliance with orders issued by the Commander of the China Area Squadron, internal preparations had <sup>been</sup> made a few days before the outbreak of <sup>WAR</sup> to provide against emergencies. All forces were standing by for immediate action. However, absolutely no information was provided as to date and hour on commencing operations, until such time as orders were received from Commander of the China Area Squadron.

*Judge Hering says no + E from*

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ AKANE, Kazuo (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Charlie S. Terry of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ Charlie S. Terry

Tokyo, Japan

Date May 21, 1947

28 August 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sutton  
FROM: Mr. Smith Crowe  
SUBJECT: Affidavits of AKANE, Kazuo, Defense Document No. 1665 and YAMAMOTO, Yoshei, Defense Document No. 1666

I herewith submit the following on the above Affidavits:

1. The Prosecution's evidence dealing with the proof of Count 42 in the Indictment which alleges the attack on the H.M.S. PETEREL at 0300 hours, Shanghai time (0400 hours Tokyo time), is Exhibit 1222, Record page 10,547 and Exhibits 1227, Record page 10,608-612 and Exhibit 1228, Record page 10613. Exhibit 1227 is an Affidavit from Frederick Charles Parr, a British Subject, stating that the PETEREL was open fired on at 0423 hours, December 8, 1941 and that it sank some time after 0450 hours of the same day. Exhibit 1228 is an Affidavit from Edward Crowder giving the name of one of the sailors aboard the PETEREL who was killed by the action. Exhibit 1222 is a synchronized time chart showing that the PETEREL was sunk at 0520 hours, December 8, Tokyo time.

The above refers to the Affidavit of YAMAMOTO, Defense Document 1666.

Exhibit 1222 and 1227 contain our evidence of which the Affidavit of AKANE, Defense Document 1665 evidently was aimed at. These show the occupation of the Shanghai International Settlement.

2. I call your attention to the fact that in Exhibit 1227 it is stated that the Japanese began firing on the PETEREL at 0423 hours, December 8. It is not stated what time this is. If it is Tokyo time, this would be three minutes after the note declaring war (assuming that we consider it as such) was handed to Secretary Hull in Washington. If it is Shanghai time, it would be well after the note was delivered to Hull in Washington because the Tokyo time would be 0523 hours. The evidence in Exhibit 1222 and in Exhibit 1227 showing that the ship was sunk after the note was delivered to Hull is, in my opinion, unimportant since Count 42 alleges that the ship was attacked, not sunk, at

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28 August 1947

0300 hours Shanghai time.

3. The Affidavit of **AKANE** does not show what time is used, where it speaks of the attack launched upon merchant men in the waters around Shanghai. The Affidavit of **YAMAMOTO** does show that the British ship was not attacked until after 0520 hours Tokyo time.

I think this is a little peculiar, as according to my time calculations, our own evidence is inconsistent and does not prove the allegations in Count 42. However, both Exhibit 1222 and Exhibit 1227 show the occupation of the Shanghai boom by Japanese troops before the note was handed to Hull and the war began.

SMITH CROWE

Translation of Defense Document #1665 (Original in Japanese)

Title Deposition of AKANE, Kazuo

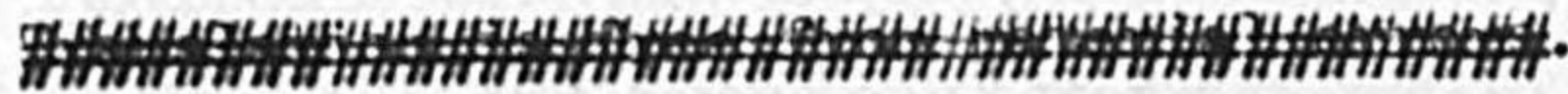
27 August, 1947

From Section III

To: Mr. Sandusky

Thru: Mr. Ashton

*Sandusky*



Following errors are noted:

Page	Lines	Now reading:	Should read:
1	14	...Squadron...	...Fleet... /p. 2, line 2/
2	5	...hereinafter merchant..	...hereinafter) and the capture of merchant... /p. 2, line 12/
2	6	...out by...	...out chiefly by... /p. 2, line 12/
2	8-9	...both.....was...	...both the units, and the commencement of operations in both cases was... /p. 2, line 14/
2	11	...Squadron...	...Fleet... /p. 2, line 15/
4	center	...1500...  /Deponent's date of birth and address omitted from English copy./	...1000... /p. 4, center/

*S.D.*