

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition (Translation)

Deponent ; -- MATSUMURA, Shūitsu

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure follow in my country, I do hereby depose and say as follows:

1. I am MATSUMURA, Shūitsu.

My address is Hinaku-cho, Ashikita-gun, Kumamoto-ken.

My birth place is the same as my address.

The date of my birth is 1st Mar., 1900.

As for my education, I

finished 2nd Year Course of the Kumamoto Prefectural Yatsushiro Middle School, graduated from the Kumamoto Local Mil. Prep. School, Tokyo Central Mil. Prep. School, Mil. Academy, Mil. Art. and Engl. School and Mil. Staff College.

As for my appointments, they are as follows:

I Dec. 1920: 2nd Lt., A.

Dec. 1931: Instructor at the Field Art. School.

Jun. 1934: Member of the Press Section of the
Kwantung Army H. Q.

Aug. 1935: Member of the Press Section of the
War Office.

Mar. 1938: Chief of the Press Section of the
Kwantung Army.

Aug. 1938: Member of the Press Section of the
War Office.

Oct. 1938: Member of the Information Bureau of the
War Office.

Dec. 1939: Chief of the Information Bureau of the
War Office. Chief of the Press Bureau of
the Imperial General H.Q.

Dec. 1940: Information official of the Cabinet
Information Bureau.

Oct. 1943: Chief of the Press Bureau of the War Office.
Chief of the Press Bureau of the Imperial
G. H. Q.

Jul. 1945: Chief of Staff of the Chugoku Army District.

At the time when I was a member of the Information Bureau
of the War Office, Colonel Sato, Kenryo was Chief of the
Information Bureau.

2. The Press Section of the War Office was originally started
to look after the Press Club in the compound of the War
Office and its main duty was to provide such news
materials concerning war administration as laws and
ordinances, estimates, announcements of changes of ^{personnel} affairs,

exercises held on the military memorial day, etc.

In 1938, its name was changed to "Information Bureau of the War Office". But the nature of the business was naturally the same as that of the Press Section. As above-mentioned, the Information Bureau of the War Office was not a section recognized as a government organization, but it was coordinate with the Army Affair Section, Military Affairs Section, etc. of the Military Affairs Bureau and the Chief and the members were under command and supervision of Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau under the jurisdiction of the War Minister.

3. When the Imperial General Headquarters was organized at the outbreak of the China Incident in 1937, the Army Press Bureau of ^{Imperial} I G H Q was established simultaneously. Its chief duty consisted in announcement of the state of military operations (ie. matters concerning military command), so its members including Bureau-Chief were under superintendence and command of the Chief of General Staff and was directed by the Chief of the 2nd Division of the General Staff Office.

However, most members of the Press Bureau of the War Ministry had been concurrently appointed as members of the Army Press Bureau of I G H Q.

4. Therefore, to speak exactly, there were two kinds of announcements of the Army, namely, the one announced by the Information Bureau of the War Ministry and the other by the Press Bureau of Imperial G.H.Q.

So the matters concerning military command such as announcement of state of military operations, etc. was taken care of by the latter while the announcement of ordinances or personnel affairs by the former.

To explain more minutely, that which was prepared by the section in charge to be announced by newspaper was first sanctioned by the related Bureau and then approved by the Vice-minister or Minister of War or the Deputy Chief or the Chief of the General Staff, as the case may be. It depended on the degree of importance or the nature of the matter concerned, i.e., whether it was one of military administration or of military command.

After being so processed, the said announcement was made at the Press Club.

5. Furthermore, the principle of conducting the public opinion was decided at the cabinet conference and in accordance with the principle so decided, each agency took charge of its execution.

To supervise the matters military, particulars of prohibition from newspaper announcement were decided according to the provisions concerning military secrets notified by the Minister and censorship was conducted

in accordance with the Minister's notice.

6. Since the outbreak of the China Incident, the personnel of the Press Bureau and those of the Military Affairs Section had frequently given lectures for the purpose of explaining the military operations already conducted, the state of occupied territories, the general situation, extermination of rumours and enhancement of national spirit.

On this 22 day of May, 1947

At I.M.T.F.E.

DEPONENT /S/ MATSUMURA, Shuitsu (seal)

I, KUSANO, Hyoichiro, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At I.M.T.F.E.

Witness: /S/ KUSANO, Hyoichiro (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ MATSUMURA, Shuitsu (seal)

極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國其他

對

荒木貞夫其他

宣誓供述書

供述者

松村秀逸

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一私ハ松村秀逸ト申シマ。

住所ハ熊本縣葦北郡日奈久町デアリマス。

出生地ハ住所ト同ジデアリマス

出生年月日ハ明治三十三年（一九〇〇年）三月一日デアリマス。

教育トシテハ

熊本縣立八代中學校二年修業

熊本地方幼年學校、東京中央幼年學校

陸軍士官學校、陸軍砲工學校、陸軍大學校卒業

職業トシテ、

大正九年十二月一日 砲兵少尉ニ任官

昭和六年十二月 野戰砲兵學校教官

昭和九年六月 關東軍司令部新聞班員

昭和十年八月 陸軍省新聞班員

昭和十三年三月 關東軍新聞班員

同 年 八月 陸軍省新聞班員

同 年 十月 陸軍省情報部員

昭和十四年十二月 陸軍省情報部長、大本營報道部長

昭和十五年十二月

内閣情報局情報官

昭和十八年十月

陸軍省報道部長、大本營報道部長

昭和二十年七月

中國軍管區參謀長

私ガ陸軍省情報部々員當時佐藤賢了大佐ハ情報部長デアリマシタ。

三、陸軍省新聞班ハ本來陸軍省内ノ新聞記者俱樂部ノ世話係トシテ發足シタ
モノデ、軍政關係事項例ヘバ法令、豫算、人事異動ノ發表陸軍記念日ノ
行事等新聞記事資料ヲ供給スルコトヲ主タル任務トシテ居リマシタ。昭
和十三年（一九三八年）ニ陸軍省情報部ト改稱セラレルコトニナリマシ
タ。併シ其ノ業務ノ本質ハ固ヨリ新聞班ノソレト同一ノモノデアリマシ
タ。

敘上ノ如ク陸軍情報部ハ官制上認メラレタ課デアリマセヌデシタガ、
軍務局ノ軍務課、軍務課等ト相竝ンデ存在シ、部長以下部員ハ陸軍大臣
ノ管轄下ニ於テ軍務局長ノ指揮監督下ニ在リマシタ。

三、昭和十二年（一九三七年）日華事變ノ勃發後大本營ガ設置セラレルト同
時ニ、別ニ大本營陸軍報道部ナルモノガ設ケラレマシタ。其ノ任務ハ軍
令關係事項即チ戰況ノ發表ニ在リマシタ。從ツテ報道部長以下各部員ハ
參謀總長ノ指揮監督下ニ在ツテ、參謀本部第二部長ノ區處ヲ受ケテ居リ

マシタ。尤モ陸軍省情報部職員ノ主力ハ大本營陸軍報道部ノ職員ヲ兼任シテ居リマシタ。

四サレバ陸軍側ノ新聞報道ニハ、正確ニ云ヘバ、陸軍省情報部カラ發表セラルルモノト、大本營陸軍報道部カラ發表セラルルモノトノ別ガアル事デ、軍令關係事項即チ戰況ノ發表ノ如キハ從者ニ屬シ、軍政關係事項例ヘバ法令、人事ノ發表ノ如キハ前者ニ屬スルモノデアリマス。更ニ詳言スレバ、新聞紙等ニ發表セラレルモノハ、最初主トシテ夫々ノ主務課ニ於テ提案セラレタルモノニ付關係部局課ノ連帶ヲトリ、事項ノ重要性ノ程度竝ニ軍政事項ガ軍令事項カニ應ジテ、陸軍次務官若ハ陸軍大臣又ハ參謀次長若ハ參謀總長ノ決裁ヲ仰イダシ、記者俱樂部ニ於テ發表セラレルコトニナツテ居リマシタ。

五尚ホ輿論指揮ノ方針ハ同義ニ於テ決定サレ、右方針ニ基イテ夫々ノ機關ガ實施ノ任ニ當リ、取締ノ方ハ軍訓係ノモノハ大臣カテ殺ニ告示シタ事機密事項ニ基キ新聞記事掲載禁止事項ガ決定サレ、右事項ヲ基準トシテ檢閲ヲ實施シテ居リマシタ。

六支那事變以來報道部竝ニ軍務課關係ノ職員ハ既ニ實行セラレタ作戰、占領地ノ情況其ノ他一設情勢ノ説明、流言蜚語ノ消滅及國民志氣ノ鼓舞等ノ爲メ々講演ヲ實施シテ居リマシタ。

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）五月二十二日於

板東國際軍事裁判所

供述者 松村秀逸

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證
明シマス

同日於

立會人 草野豹一郎

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