

EXHIBIT No. 3080

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent :-- YONEYAMA, Yoneshika

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 born on July 30, 1888 at 4-chome AOYAMA, Tokyo. My home is 627, 3-chome AMANUMA, SUGINAMI-ku, Tokyo, and my present address is 24 JUMONJI, YODA-Mura, CHIBA-Gun, CHIBA Pref.
2. An outline of my career is as follows:
  - 1910 Graduated from the military academy.
  - 1941 Appointed major-general and Commander of the 52nd Infantry Brigade.
  - December, 1942 Appointed Commander of the 22nd Independent Mixed Brigade, in which post in I served until the termination of the war.

3. I, as commander of the 22nd Independent Mixed Brigade, took part in attacking LIUCHOW from the KUANTUNG area.

My unit did not advance directly toward LIUCHOW, but began to advance south, toward LEICHOW Peninsula, in the opposite direction of LIUCHOW, in order to conceal the operation plan.

The KOYASEKO Battalion under my command commenced action at HSINHUI in the neighbourhood of KUANTUNG and marched to the vicinity of CHAOYANGLI, north of TAISHAN, at the end of June. All the inhabitants, beginning with those of TAISHAN, had fled; as the result, we saw none of them.

I did not permit the Japanese forces to enter the town of TAISHAN, except a small number of military policemen whom I sent to guard the evacuated houses. There were no incidents on the streets of TAISHAN.

4. Strictly abiding by the Army Commander's three strict commands "Don't burn, don't kill, and don't plunder", the Japanese forces maintained exceedingly strict military discipline. In the neighbourhood of TAISHAN, they never killed inhabitants or set fire to their dwellings. I can affirm that there was no such action among forces under my command.
5. We received fierce fired from numerous enemy watch-towers constructed at a place approximately 30 miles south of TAISHAN, the name of which I have forgotten, and met with stubborn resistance; consequently we suffered considerable loss and the artillery commander was killed.

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6. When our unit started from KUANTUNG, we took with us several hundred chinese coolies employed in the neighbouring area of HSINHUI. As we came to the environs of TAISHAN, they wished to go back to their native place; After giving them ample wages, allowances, and clothes, we permitted them to do so. (Though a half of the coolies we had taken went home, the unit did not recruit new ones.)

However, I have been informed that when these coolies came by a communist village on their way home, they were arrested by members of a society by the name of CHU CHIEN TUAN (TN: Organization for punishing traitors), who robbed them of their money and other articles and finally killed them. However, this happened among the Chinese and had nothing to do with the Japanese troops.

7. I never heard that the Japanese troops plundered, killed or set fire. I assert here that none of my subordinates was guilty of such action.
8. Battalion Commander KOYASEKO is a man of noble character; particularly he loved the Chinese people and stressed "respect for old people and love for children" as a motto. He won unusual confidence among the Chinese people.

On this <sup>10th</sup> day of June, 1947

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT /S/ YONEYAMA, Yoneshika (seal)

I, IMANARI Yasutaro, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence

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of this Witness.

On the same date At the same place.

Witness : /s/ IMANARI Yasutaro (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ YONEYAMA, Yoneshika (seal)