

2, Dec. 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Lt. Col. Mornane
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

SATO

WITNESS

OTSUKI, Akira

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)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

OTSUKI, Akira

Prefecture: Kyoto-fu.
Born: 25 January 1902

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1921 Mar 18 Graduated from the Preparatory Course of the Military Academy; Appointed a cadet and attached to the 7th Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)

1921 Mar 26 Entered the 7th Cavalry Regiment; Appointed superior private, Cavalry. (The 7th Cavalry Regiment)

1921 July 1 Promoted to Corporale, Cavalry. (the 7th Cavalry Regiment)

1921 Sep 1 Promoted to sergeant, cavalry. (")

1921 Oct 1 Entered the regular course of the Military Academy.

1923 Jul 21 Graduated from the regular course of the Military Academy; Granted a silver watch as prize when graduated with honors from the regular course of the Military Academy.

1923 Jul 28 Returned to the original regiment; Promoted to sergeant-major, cavalry and appointed probationary officer. (the 7th Cavalry Regiment)

1923 Sep 24 Passed by the Officers' Selection Board in accordance with Article 10 of the Army Replacement Ordinance.

1923 Oct 25 Promoted to Second Lieutenant, Cavalry. (Cabinet); Assigned to the 7th Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)

1923 Dec 20 Conferred 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

1925 May 1 Relieved of the regular post and attached to the 4th Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)

1926 Oct 25 Promoted to First Lieutenant, Cavalry.

1926 Dec 1 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

1927 Aug 26 Appointed riding-master of the Military Academy. (War Ministry)

1930 Dec 12 Ordered to enter the Military Staff College (War Ministry)

1931 Jan 9 Attached to the 4th Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)

1932 Jan 15 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

- 1932 Aug 8 Promoted to Captain, Cavalry (Cabinet); Attached to the 4th Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- 1933 Nov 22 Appointed Company Commander in the 3rd Cavalry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- 1935 Mar 6 Attached to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment; Ordered to serve in the War Minister's secretariate (War Ministry); Attached to the home organization of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment (the original post was left as it was) (not reported in the Official Gazzette) (War Ministry)
- 1935 Mar 28 Appointed commissioner for the YASUKUNI Shrine's Extraordinary Festival in April 1935. (War Ministry)
- 1935 Nov 2 Awarded the Order of Sacred Treasure, 6th Order of Merit.
- 1935 Dec 2 Attached to the Military Technical Investigation Bureau and additionally appointed adjutant of the War Ministry (War Ministry); Relieved of being attached to the home organization of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment. (not reported in the Official Gazzette) (War Ministry)
- 1937 Feb 15 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1937 Mar 25 Appointed councillor for the YASUKUNI Shrine's Extraordinary Festival in April 1937. (War Ministry)
- 1937 Nov 1 Promoted to Major, Cavalry. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Mar 7 Promoted to Lt. Colonel, Cavalry. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Apr 1 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 1940 Apr 18 Awarded the Order of Sacred Treasure, 4th Order of Merit.
- 1940 Apr 29 Awarded the Intermediate Cordon of Rising Sun, 3rd Order of Merit for services in China Incident.
- 1944 Mar 1 Promoted to Colonel (Cabinet)
- 1944 Mar 15 Conferred 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade.



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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 (translation)

DEPONENT: OTSUKI, Akira

Forgoing

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

1. I was formerly Colonel of the Imperial Army.
2. My career in the Army was as follows:

- 1923 (Taisho 12) - graduated from the Military Academy.
- 1933 (Showa 8) - graduated from War College.
- March 1935 (Showa 10) - attached to the Secretariat of War Ministry.
- November 1937 (Showa 12) - member of Military Affairs Bureau.
- July 1938 (Showa 13) - Staff Officer of the China Expeditionary Forces.
- April 1939 (Showa 14) - member of Military Affairs Bureau.
- September 16, 1941 (Showa 16) - attached to the Army Section of the High Command and concurrently nominated to the professor of War College.

Infantry HQ

When the Pacific War started I was nominated as a Staff officer of the Southern Army and in December, 1941, arrived at Saigon. In July, 1942, I arrived at Singapore, following the transfer of the Headquarters of the Southern Army. Toward the end of July, 1942, I was nominated as a Staff Officer of the 14th Division and transferred to Manila. From January, 1943, to January, 1945, I was in China. In March, 1940, I was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and in March, 1944, to a full Colonel.

Language

3. In April, 1942, when Tokyo was raided by American Air Forces and at the time of the trial and execution of the Doolittle fliers, I was not in the War Ministry nor even in Japan. Therefore, I knew nothing about the trial and punishment of the fliers. Naturally I never expressed an opinion, nor discussed them with General TANAKA, Ryuikichi, Chief of the Military Service Bureau, at any time. His statement to the International Tribunal that I came to see him several times relative to the Doolittle fliers is wholly untrue and without any foundation in fact.

On this 27th day of September, 1947.

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT /s/ OTSUKI, Akira (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 Tokyo.

WITNESS: /s/ KUSANO, Hyoichiro

OATH

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

/s/ OTSUKI, Akira (seal)