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Kurida, Shigenori

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Date: 21 May 1947

Report of Investigation Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP.

Inv. Div. No. 1393

CRD No.

Report by: L. H. Barnard, Maj., CMP
O-39540

Title: Shigenori KURODA

Synopsis of facts:

Prior to war, the town of LOPEZ had population of 24,000.
Present population 5,000. Civilians murdered by Japanese
Garrison and buried in backyard of LOPEZ Elementary School.
Town burned by Japanese prior to withdrawal.

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Reference: Report of Capt James B. Lynn, dated 17 February 1947.

DETAILS:

At Tokyo:

On 19 May 1947, the Manila Branch forwarded a check note transmitting the results of their investigation at Manila in this matter. Their investigative memorandum read as follows:

This investigation was conducted during the period 25-27 March 1947 by Capt. Pascual T. FOJAS, JAGS (PA), pertaining to the following:

Investigation of the massacre and/or atrocities of the civilian population at Lopez, Quezon (Tayabas) Province, Philippines, committed by the Japanese on March and April, 1944, and of determining whether said town is inhabited.

II. PROCEEDINGS:

1. The following named witnesses were duly sworn and testified as hereinafter appears:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
ARGOSINO, Anita O.	36	F	Filipino	Lopez, Quezon, P. I.
MONDRAGON, Luisa V.	49	F	Filipino	Lopez, Quezon
PANGANIBAN, Efigenio C.	47	M	Filipino	Lopez, Quezon

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2. Mr. Benjamin U. de Guzman, 968 Constancia, Sampaloc, Manila, P.I., was duly sworn and acted as reporter-interpreter.

3. The backyard of the Lopez Elementary School was investigated upon information of the townspeople that it was made the graveyard of the murdered civilians that were killed by the Japanese garrisoned at said town, and the investigator found traces of the numerous graves wherein the Japanese buried their victims.

III. The following were victims:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
APORDO, Ricardo	M	Filipino	Lopez, Quezon, P.I.
ALFUERTE, Francisco	M	"	" " "
ARGOSINO, Dominador 2.	M	"	" " "
ARGOSINO, Dominador Jr.	M	"	" " "
ARIT, Sebastian	M	"	Barrio Lalaguna, Lopez, Quezon
ARIT, Basilia	F	"	Barrio Lalaguna, Lopez, Quezon
ARIT, Jose	M	"	" " " "
ARIT, Alexander	M	"	" " " "
AUMENTADO, Mariano	M	"	Lopez, Quezon, P.I.
BARON, Marcelo	M	"	" "
BARRON, Gerardo	M	"	" "
CANTARA, Mamerto	M	"	" "
CALVARIO, Macario	M	"	" "
CONDUCTO, Antonio	M	"	" "
CURIOSO, Dominador	M	"	" "
JIDA, Lucilo	M	"	" "
MARQUEZ, Miguel	M	"	" "
MARQUEZ, Philip	M	"	" "
MONDRAGON, Jesus A.	M	"	" "
PANIOSO, Urbano	M	"	" "
SARDON, Basilio	M	"	" "
SIASON, Patricio	M	"	" "
ROSA, Donato de la	M	"	" "
ROSA, Vicente de la	M	"	" "
RICAFORT, Glicerio	M	"	" "
TARGA, Sixto	M	"	" "
VALENCIA, Joaquin	M	"	" "
VILLAFUERTE, Montano	M	"	" "
VILLAFUERTE, Atilano	M	"	" "
VILLAPLANA, Luis	M	"	" "
VILLATI, Nemesio	M	"	" "
VILLATI, Rufino	M	"	" "
VILLEGAS, Francisco	M	"	" "
VILLEGAS, Santiago	M	"	" "
ZUBRANO, Epimaco	M	"	" "

IV. DISCUSSION:

1. Efforts were exerted to contact the Municipal Mayor of Lopez, Quezon, but unfortunately he was not available up to 27 March 1947. The Chief of Police of said town was also contacted but he could not give any information regarding the said Japanese atrocities as he was at Calauag, Quezon, during the Japanese occupation.

2. Efforts were exerted to contact and get statements from Mr. Rafael MARQUEZ of Lopez, Quezon, Nestora MANAS of Barrio San Roque, Lopez, Quezon, Celestina JOBIDA, resident of Barrio Magilayan, Lopez, Quezon, and Rosario MAQUIDA, resident of Barrio Sanabahn Ilaya, Lopez, Quezon, but unfortunately, we were not able to meet them because Mr. Rafael MARQUEZ was at that time in Lucena, Tayabas, and efforts to locate him in Lucena on the afternoon of the 27th and on the morning of the 28th were in vain; the others were in their respective barrios above-men-

tioned which were inaccessible due to poor road conditions. However, the Chief of Police promised us that he would send persons to contact them and tell them to come to the town proper, but they failed to come or contact us in the town proper up to 27 March 1947. Other persons in said town were contacted, but they do not have personal knowledge of the atrocities committed by the Japanese except from hearsay. It was gathered from the investigation that Lopez, prior to the war, had a population of around 24,000 and at present, the town proper has only a population of more or less 5,000 because the houses were all burned and/or destroyed by the retreating Japanese during the liberation.

V. I believe that sufficient competent evidence now available has been perpetuated.

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There were attached to the foregoing memorandum, affidavits by Anita O. ARGOSINO, Luisa V. MONDRAGON and Efigenio C. PANGANIBAN. Their statements read as follows:

"ANITA O. ARGOSINO, after having been duly sworn on oath, testified at the Municipal Building of Lopez, Quezon, P.I., on 25 March 1947, as follows:

- Q. Please state your name, age, nationality, occupation, residence, and other personal circumstances.
- A. Anita Olivenza ARGOSINO, 36 years of age, Filipina, widow, proprietor, native and resident of Lopez, Quezon (Tayabas) Province, Philippines.
- Q. Do you expect to remain at your present address, if not where do you intend to move?
- A. Yes, I expect to remain at my present address.
- Q. During the Japanese occupation, were you a resident of Lopez, Quezon Province, Philippines?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know of any massacre committed by the Japanese forces here in your town, and if so, please relate in your own words what happened?
- A. Yes. During the months of March and April, 1944, the Japanese soldiers garrisoned here at Lopez arrested various peoples including men, women, and children. One of those arrested was my husband, Dominador Z. ARGOSINO. He was arrested on March 26, 1944, together with my son, Dominador ARGOSINO, Jr. Both of them never returned home and I presumed that they were murdered by the Japanese, together with other people. On the 23rd of April, 1944, I, together with the other families of the fourteen prisoners visited the garrison to bring food, and we were informed that they were gone already, and from that time on, those sixteen prisoners, including my husband and son, were not seen anymore. Among those that I know aside from my husband and son, were Mamerto CANTARA, Jesus MONDRAGON, Epinaco ZURRANO, Miguel MARQUEZ, Pio TABING, Philip MARQUEZ, Honorato LACUARIN, Rufino VILLATI, Antonio CONDUCTO, Aproniano AUMENTADO, Basilio SERDON, and others whose names I can no longer remember. These victims were all civilian Filipinos and residents of Lopez, Quezon.
- Q. Please relate how your husband, Mr. Dominador ARGOSINO and your son, Dominador ARGOSINO, Jr., were arrested by the Japanese on March 26, 1944.
- A. I cannot exactly remember the number of Japanese soldiers that went to our house and arrested my husband and son. I was at that time terribly afraid and almost lost consciousness.
- Q. Did you witness the murder of your husband and son by the Japanese?
- A. No, I did not witness it. I only presumed that they were killed on the 23rd of April, 1944, because when I brought food for them in the garrison, my husband and son were not there anymore and since then they never returned home.
- Q. Where was the Japanese garrison at Lopez located at that time?
- A. It was located at the Lopez Elementary School, Lopez, Quezon, Philippines.

- Q. Will you please give us the names of the Japanese officers and enlisted men responsible for the said atrocities and will you give a brief description of them?
- A. The Japanese commander of the garrison at that time was Captain OTO, I do not know his first name. The other officers were Captain CHIGIWA, Captain PAGASA, Captain YAGI, and Colonel SHUGI. I do not know the names of the others. I also do not know the names of any of the enlisted men. Captain OTO was a tall fellow, medium built, and had short cropped hair. He did not wear glasses. That is all I remember of him. Captain CHIGIWA was killed by the guerrillas. Captain PAGASA was a small robust fellow with a mustache. Colonel SHUGI was a small fellow, more or less around 50 years of age. I also remember another Japanese by the name of HASHIMOTO, a teacher in Nippongo. He was a small fellow with a mustache and was rather thin.
- Q. Do you know the reason or motive of the Japanese why your husband and son were arrested and killed?
- A. I do not know of any reason.
- Q. Do you know of any other persons that have knowledge of these atrocities, particularly the massacre committed by the Japanese during the months of March and April, 1944 here at Lopez, Quezon?
- A. Yes. Rafael T. MATQUEZ, a resident of Lopez, Quezon; Nestoria MANAS, resident of Barrio San Roque, Lopez, Quezon; Celestina JOBIDA, resident of Barrio Magilayan, Lopez, Quezon; Rosario MAQUIDA, resident of Barrio Banabahin Ilaya, Lopez, Quezon, and our Vice-Mayor, Efigenio C. PANGANIBAN.
- Q. Do you know of any survivor of the said atrocities committed by the Japanese?
- A. None.
- Q. Do you have anything more to state in this connection?
- A. No more."

e/t/ Anita Olivanza ARGOSINO

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"LUIA V. MONDRAGON, after having been duly sworn, testified at the Municipal Building of Lopez, Quezon, P. I., on 25 March 1947, as follows:

- Q. Please state your maiden name, age, residence address, and other personal circumstances.
- A. Luisa VICTORIA, 49 years of age, Filipina, widow, housekeeper and proprietor, native and resident of Lopez, Quezon (Tayabas) Province, P. I.
- Q. Do you intend to remain at your present address, and if not, how can your whereabouts in the future be ascertained?
- A. Lopez, Quezon is my permanent address and I do not intend to leave.
- Q. During the Japanese occupation were you a resident of Lopez, Quezon, P. I.?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do you know of any atrocities committed by the Japanese soldiers here in Lopez during the occupation, and if so, please state or relate said atrocities.
- A. During the year 1943, I do not remember the exact date, the Japanese garrison here in Lopez often times picked up men suspected as guerrillas and said men never returned to their homes, so it is presumed that they were killed or murdered by the Japanese. In the year 1944, beginning in the month of March up to April of the same year, various men were picked up by the Japanese soldiers here in our town. One of them was my husband by the name of Jesus A. MONDRAGON. About this time around a thousand men were garrisoned by the Japanese, including men, women, and children. Some of the women were even pregnant and others delivered their child in the garrison. Some of them were later released and others never returned home. One of them was my husband who never returned home, and it is presumed that he was murdered by the Japanese together with other persons garrisoned by the Japanese.

- Q. Please state in detail how your husband was arrested and killed by the Japanese, mentioning particularly the exact date.
- A. It was on the month of March 1944, I cannot remember the exact day when my husband, Jesus A. MONDRAGON was arrested by the Japanese, garrisoned here at Lopez. He was carried to the garrison post situated at the Lopez Elementary School. I did not witness the killing of my husband, but I presumed that he was killed in the month of April, 1944. Since then I was not able to see him and he never returned home up to the present time.
- Q. Will you please give an estimate of the number of people killed by the Japanese here in Lopez, Quezon during their occupation?
- A. Probably more or less one thousand.
- Q. Do you know of any reason or motive why the Japanese killed those people particularly your husband?
- A. Probably they suspected that they were guerrillas and pro-Americans.
- Q. Do you know the Japanese soldiers that arrested your husband?
- A. No, I do not know them, but if I will see them again, probably I can identify them.
- Q. Who was the commanding officer of the Japanese garrison at Lopez, Quezon at that time?
- A. I think it was Captain OTO.
- Q. Please give us a description of said Captain OTO?
- A. He was a tall fellow. I can identify him if I will see him again.
- Q. What was his first name?
- A. I do not know.
- Q. Will you please state the names of persons murdered and/or killed by the Japanese here in Lopez, their residences and nationalities?
- A. Jesus A. MONDRAGON, Dominador Z. ARGOSINO, Dominador ARGOSINO, Jr., Miguel MARQUEZ, Epimaco ZURBANO, Mamerto CANTARA, Pio TABING, Lucilo JIDA, Philip MARQUEZ, Rufino VILLATI, Nemesio VILLATI, Patricio SIASON, Luis VILLAFUERTA, Dominador CURIGSO, Francisco LAFUERTE, Marcelo BARON, Vicente DE LA ROSA, Donato DE LA ROSA, Gerardo BARROS, Glicerio RICAFORT, Sixto TARGA, Francisco VILLEGAS, Santiago VILLEGAS, Basilio SARDON, Joaquin VALENCIA, Montano VILLAFUERTE, Ricardo APORDO, Atilano VILLAFUERTE, Urbano PANIOSO, Macario CALVARIO, and others whose names I do not know, and others that I can no longer remember. All of these men were Filipinos and residents of Lopez, Quezon.
- Q. Do you have anything more to state in connection with this matter?
- A. The town proper of Lopez, including several houses in the barrios of Tocalin, Rosario, Lalaguna, and San Roque, were burned by the Japanese. Also in the barrio of Gihay houses were burned by the Japanese.
- Q. When was that?
- A. During the liberation when the Japanese forces were retreating.
- Q. Do you have anything more to state or add?
- A. No more."

s/t/ Luisa Victoria MONDRAGON

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"EFIGENIO C. PANGANIBAN, after having been duly sworn, testified at the Municipal Building of Lopez, Quezon, Philippines, on 26 March 1947, as follows:

- Q. Please state your name, age, nationality, occupation, residence and other personal circumstances.
- A. Efigenio C. PANGANIBAN, 47 years old, Filipino, Vice-Mayor of Lopez, Quezon Province, Philippines, and a native and resident of the said place.

Q. During the Japanese occupation were you a resident of Lopez, Quezon (Tayabas) Province, Philippines?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know of any atrocities committed by the Japanese during their occupation here at Lopez?

A. Yes.

Q. Please relate the atrocities committed by the Japanese that you know.

A. During the months of March and April 1944, the Japanese garrison here at Lopez, Quezon, arrested various peoples and imprisoned them at the Lopez Elementary School. Many of the people arrested never returned home, and it was presumed that they were all killed. Majority of those people arrested were civilians and those killed were buried in the backyard of the said Lopez Elementary School where their garrison was located. Up to the present traces of the graves of those persons killed can be seen.

Q. Please state the names of the persons that you know that were massacred by the Japanese.

A. Jesus A. MONDRAGON, Dominador Z. ARGOSINO, Dominador ARGOSINO, Jr., Miguel MARQUEZ, Pio TABING, Lucile JIDA, Epimaco ZUREANO, Rufino VILLATI, Mamerto CANTARA, Philip MARQUEZ, Dominador CURIOSO, Patricio SIASON, Nemesio VILLATI, Luis VILLAPLANA, Francisco ALFUERTE, Donato DELA ROSA, Vicente DE LA ROSA, Gerardo BARROS, Marcelo BARON, Glicerio RICAFORT, Francisco VILLEGAS, Santiago VILLEGAS, Sixto TARGA, Basilio SARDON, Montano VILLAFUERTE, Atilano VILLAFUERTE, Joaquin VALENCIA, Ricardo APCEDO, Macario CALVARIO, and Urbano PANOSO, and Mariano AUMENTADO. The others are not known to me.

Q. What other atrocities that you know that were committed by the Japanese?

A. On March 14, 1944, the Japanese bombarded the barrios of Lalaguna and Rosario. The barrio of Lalaguna was bombarded for two days killing civilians and destroying houses. The houses of Faustina LABRADOR and Laureano BARINO received direct hits and they were both totally destroyed. In the house of Faustina LABRADOR the following were killed: Sebastian ARIT, Basilisa ARIT, Jose ARIT, Alexander ARIT, and Julia ARIT. Sebastian ARIT was the husband of said Faustina LABRADOR and the others were their sons and daughters.

Q. Do you know of any motive or cause why the Japanese committed said atrocities?

A. Those persons arrested were suspected as guerrillas and the said barrios were bombarded due to their belief that said places were the camps of the guerrillas.

Q. Do you know the names and a short description of the Japanese officers and soldiers responsible for the atrocities you mentioned?

A. They were Colonel SHUGI, a small fellow, more or less around 50 years of age, with somewhat an oval face; Capt. OFO, the garrison commander at Lopez, who was a tall fellow. Capt YAGI was a tall fellow with a mustache always carrying a long cane. Capt. CHIGIWA was killed by the guerrillas.

Q. Do you have anything more to state in this connection?

A. No more.

s/t/ Efigenio C. PANGANIBAN

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The originals of the above mentioned documents are being transmitted to the Criminal Registry Division with their copy of this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Tokyo Office -- At Tokyo -- Will contact the SIS and obtain all available information concerning subject.

Will report the result of the demand on the Japanese Government for the military and biographical history of KURODA.

Will report the result of the interrogation of Professor CUPRAN, with reference to the massacre of the town of Lopez, Tayabas Province, P.I.

Will interview subject at Sugano Prison relative to the Lopez massacre.

Upon completion of the leads, will discuss this matter with the Prosecution Division for the purpose of determining whether or not a prosecution of subject will be entertained.

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答 教育總監部本部長(陸軍), 南方軍總參謀長,
第十四軍司令官(比島派遣), 參謀本部附. ヲ至テ豫備編入

第二問 氏名

答 黒田重徳 KURODA SHIGENORI

第三問 本名以外ノ氏名等

答 ナシ

第四問 生年月日

答 明治20年10月25日 (25.10.1887)

第五問 出生地

答 福岡縣三池郡銀水村大字田隈707番地

第六問 身長

答 65.5 インチ

第七問 体重

答 124 ポンド

第八問 傷痕、目印等

答 ナシ

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答 巢鴨拘置所

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第十三問 現在マテノ最高階級

答 陸軍中將

第十四問 昭和6年1月以來ノ職務・階級等

教育總監部課員(中佐)	昭和7年7月マテ	東京
歩兵第五十九隊隊長(大佐)	昭和7年8月—8年7月	滿洲
陸軍省徵募課長(大佐)	昭和8年8月—10年7月	東京
印度駐劄武官(大佐)	昭和10年8月—12年3月	印度
參謀本部附(少將)	昭和12年4月—12年9月	東京
第二十六師團歩兵團司令官(少將)	昭和12年10月—13年11月	中甸北支
第四獨立守備隊司令官(少將)	昭和13年11月—14年7月	滿洲
第二十六師團長(中將)	昭和14年8月—16年7月	北支

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教育総監部本部長(中特)	昭和16年8月—17年6月	東京
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第十四軍司令官(中特)	昭和18年5月—19年9月	比島
参謀本部所(中特)	昭和19年10、11月	東京
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SECRET

NAME: KURODA, Shigemori.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As Commander-in-Chief of all Japanese Forces in the Philippine Islands in 1943, SUBJECT bears command responsibility for numerous wholesale murders, massacres, rapes, cruelties and tortures of Filipino and U.S. citizens, and military personnel. SUBJECT was also Commanding General, 26th. Division in North China in 1941; Chief -of- Staff, Southern Expeditionary Army in 1942.

REMARKS:

An examination of the POW files in the office of the Philippine Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP, will reveal many atrocities committed during SUBJECT's tenure in the Philippine Islands. G-2 in a report dated 8 May 1947 recommends: "Unless Legal Section finds basis for war crimes charges in connection with KURODA's commands and/or atrocities committed during his tenure in the Philippine Islands, G-2 recommends release of KURODA from internment without preference of charges."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody for trial as a Class B war criminal suspect.

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Kuroda, Lt. Gen, CG Philippines 1943-1944

Arrested 5 Oct 45 per SCMP ltr to CG Staff 11 Sept 45

Basis arrest: suspected complicity atrocities in Phils
during his term of command

Not in IPS master indict hence a S/Sec jurisdiction

Com C personally interested because K was CG
Phil in most of Jap occu. + did search for POW's

Study re trial & release.

There is a CRD/201

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1. Curriculum Vitae of KURODA Shigenori (TAB A) indicates that he is a career army officer who was Chief of Staff of the Southern Army in China in July 1942 and Commander-in-Chief of the forces in the Philippine Islands from May 1943 to October 1944.

2. KURODA is said to be a very capable staff officer and to have been a member of the first group in his class to be promoted to Lt. General. Available information indicates that KURODA has had considerable staff experience but that he has not held command of first importance in battle. His Philippine command was prior to the Leyte invasion when General YAMASHITA Tomoyuki was named supreme commander in the Philippines.

3. Legal Section Investigation Division report No. 1393, dated 7 February 1947, mentions affidavits with respect to atrocities which may have been committed in the Philippines during KURODA's tenure of command. Legal Section will undoubtedly study KURODA's case with respect to such activity with a view to prosecution or release.

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Curriculum Vitae of KURODA Shigenori

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1887 Born
1906 Dec Entered 47th Infantry Regiment
1907 Dec Entered Military Academy
1909 May Graduated Military Academy
1909 Dec Second Lieutenant
1913 Feb First Lieutenant
1913 Dec Entered Military Staff College
1916 Nov Graduated Military Staff College
1917 Aug Attached to Headquarters of the Inspector-General of Military Education
1918 Aug Company Commander, 47th Infantry Regiment
1918 Aug-1919 Apr Participated in the battles and guard in Siberia
1919 Jun Captain after return to Japan
1919 Jul Member of Headquarters of the Inspector-General of Military Education
1921 May Despatched to England
1924 Aug Major
1925 May Returned to Japan
1928 Mar Battalion Commander, 57th Infantry Regiment
1928 Aug Lieutenant Colonel
1929 Aug Member of Headquarters of the Inspector-General of Military Education
1932 Aug Colonel
1932 Aug Commander, 59th Infantry Regiment
1932 Sep-1933 Aug Participated in the battles and guard in various places of Manchuria
1933 Aug Chief, Conscription Section of Military Affairs Bureau, Ministry of War
1935 Aug Resident Military Officer in India
1937 Mar Major General
1937 May Returned to Japan
1937 Oct Commander, Infantry Corps of 26th Division
1938 Feb-1938 Nov Participated in the operations of various places in Northern China and engaged in the guard of Tatun
1938 Nov Commander, 4th Independent Garrison Unit in Manchuria
1939 Aug Lieutenant General
1939 Aug Commander, 26th Division in Northern China
1941 Jun Deputy Inspector-General of Military Education
1941 Dec Acting Inspector-General of Military Education
1942 Jul Chief of Staff of the Southern Army
Arrived at Singapore via Shanghai, Taihoku and Saigon
1943 May Arrived at Manila
1943 May-1944-- Participated in the operation of the Philippine Islands
1944 Jul Commander-in-Chief, 14th Army Area
1944 Sep Attached to Military General Staff
1944 Oct Left Manila
1944 Dec Retired from service
1945 Dec Interned in Sugamo Prison as a war crimes suspect