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(Umezu)

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

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TSUJIE TADAQ

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

1. I am a former lieutenant-colonel of the Japanese Army, residing in Tokyo Shinagawa-ku Kami-Osaki 5-631.

2. I was appointed as a staff officer of Imperial General Headquarters on 2 December 1944, and belonged to the General Affairs Section. My duty was to work as secretary for the Chief of the General Staff, in which capacity I handled all telegrams and other documents which were reported to him.

3. From the end of 1944 into 1945, the condition of the war came to be unfavorable to our army, communications between the Imperial General Headquarters and the Southern Army or the China Expeditionary Army especially, coming to be of the utmost difficulty owing to the activities of the United States air force and submarines. Accordingly, we found no way but to depend on radiograms for communication with the forces in the theaters. However, the quantity of communication by radiogram was naturally limited, and communications with the theaters were almost monopolized by such urgent matters as operations and reports of war-conditions.

4. In such circumstances, no reports about atrocities and other conditions at the front ever reached us. I have, therefore, never seen documents of such sort, nor handed them over to the Chief of the General Staff for his inspection. He also never gave directions to anybody relating to those matters.

5. As for reports to the War Minister from the front relating to court-martial of B-29 pilots, I have neither handled them, nor handed them over to the Chief of the General Staff for his inspection.

6. We first came to know about the illegal punishment of B-29 pilots after the surrender. No such subject appeared among my conversations with the Chief of the General Staff before that.

7. The Imperial General Headquarters had no legal officer, nor had it either any organ to handle and investigate matters in respect to trials. Those were under the War Minister.

OATH

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

Inoue Tadao (seal)

On this 17th day of October, 1947

At Tōkyō

Deponent: Inoue Tadao

I, Miyata Mitsuo, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tōkyō

Witness: Miyata Mitsuo (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Tokyo

20 October 1947