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RE: Sadao ARAKI

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On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 115.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

SADAO ARAKI

BORN: 26 May 1877  
RESIDENCE: Tokyo Urban-Prefecture  
RANK: Peer  
1896 Feb 5 Appointed Cadet at Military Academy  
Mar 1 Entered the First Imperial Guards (KONOYE) Infantry Regiment  
Sep 1 Entered Military Academy  
1897 Nov 29 Graduated from Military Academy; Appointed Probationary Officer  
1898 Jun 27 Appointed 2nd Lt., Infantry, Army (Cabinet); Assigned to the First Imperial Guards (KONOYE) Infantry Regiment (War Ministry)  
1898 Jul 21 Honored with the 8th Court Rank, Senior grade  
1899 Dec 1 Appointed Judge of the Court Martial of the First Divisional District (War Ministry)  
1900 Nov 21 Promoted to 1st Lt., Infantry  
Dec 8 Relieved as the Judge of the Court Martial of the First Divisional District (War Ministry)  
1901 Feb 28 Raised to 7th Court Rank, Junior grade  
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- 1901 Mar 2 Relieved from main duty and attached to the company of cadets of the Army Central Preparatory School (War Ministry)
- 1902 Aug 9 Ordered to enter the Army Staff College (War Ministry)
- Nov 17 Relieved from main duty and attached to the First Imperial Guards (KONOUYE) Cavalry Regiment (War Ministry)
- Nov 30 Granted 1st Class Pay
- 1904 Aug 2 Promoted to Captain, Infantry; Raised to 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1905 Dec 29 Attached to the First Imperial Guards (KONOUYE) Infantry Regiment (War Ministry)
- 1906 Apr 1 Decorated with the 5th Order of the Golden Aite and with the 5th Order of Merit with Double Rays of the Rising Sun; Presented with war medal for the Japan-Russian war
- 1907 Nov 30 Relieved of duty with the First Imperial Guards Infantry Regiment and ordered to report to Army General Staff
- 1908 Apr 24 Relieved from duty in the Army General Staff and ordered to report as staff officer in the Army General Staff (War Ministry)
- 1909 Oct 13 Appointed Staff Officer at the Imperial Birthday Review (War Ministry)
- Nov 30 Promoted to Major, Infantry (Cabinet)
- Dec 1 Relieved from duty and ordered to Russia to study military affairs (War Ministry)
- Dec 20 Raised to 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade (Cabinet)
- 1912 May 21 Relieved of duty as Military Affairs Student in Russia and appointed Assistant Attache to Russian Embassy (Cabinet)
- 1913 Apr 22 Relieved of main duty and appointed staff officer on Army General Staff (War Ministry)
- July 8 Appointed Examiner of the higher Foreign Language Examination (War Ministry)
- 1912 Aug 1 Received Korea Annexation Commemoration Medal
- 1913 Dec 11 Appointed to additional office as the Professor of Tactics at the Army Staff College

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- 1914 Mar 11 Relieved from main duty and appointed Adjutant of the Ministry of War (Additional Office as before)
- May 16 Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure
- Jul 26 Decorated with the Commemoration Medal of the 300 years dynasty of the Imperial Romanoff household of Russia with permission to wear it (Bureau of Decorations)
- Aug 10 Relieved of all duty and appointed the Professor of Tactics at the Military Staff College as principal duty and appointed Adjutant of the Ministry of War as additional duty
- Dec 4 Relieved from additional duty
- 1915 Jan 22 Appointed additional post as Adjutant to the Field Marshal; Ordered as Adjutant to Field Marshal Count Kageaki NAWAMURA, (Ministry of War).
- Jan 30 Raised to 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- Apr 21 Relieved from additional duty (Ministry of War); Ordered to take an official trip to Russia (War Ministry)
- Jun 5 Ordered as Military Observer with the Russian Army in the field (War Ministry)
- Aug 10 Promoted to Lt. Col.;  
Relieved of main duty and attached to the Army General Staff (Ministry of War)
- 1916 Feb 15 Decorated with the Russian 4th Order of the Sword of the Devine "Urajimil" and permitted to wear it
- 1915 Nov 7 Decorated with Small Cordon of rising sun;  
Granted a sum of ¥580;  
Given War Medal for Campaign of 1914-1915 years
- 1918 Feb 5 Appointed Examiner of the Higher Foreign Language Examination
- Apr 2 Relieved as Observer with Russian Force (War Ministry); Ordered as military observer with the English Force in Europe (War Ministry)

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- 1918 Jul 24 Promoted to Colonel, Infantry (Cabinet)  
Aug 30 Raised to 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade  
Sep 26 Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with  
the Sacred Treasure
- 1919 Jul 25 Appointed 23rd Infantry Regiment Commander  
(War Ministry)
- 1917 Nov 7 Decorated with the 2nd Order of the Sword of the  
Divine "Anna" by the Russian Provisional Govern-  
ment and permitted to wear it (written in the  
official Gazette of 10 October 1919)
- 1920 Feb 21 Decorated with Silver "Estoir" of "Croix de  
Guerre" of France and permitted to wear it
- 1921 Apr 1 Relieved of main duty and appointed Chief of  
Section of the Army General Staff (Ministry of War)
- 1920 Nov 1 Decorated with the 4th Class Order of the Golden  
Kite (Annual pay ¥500);  
Granted a sum of ¥1,300 annually for meritorious  
war service between 1915 and 1920
- 1923 Mar 17 Promoted to Major General, Infantry (Cabinet);  
Appointed Commander of the 8th Infantry Brigade  
(War Ministry)  
May 21 Raised to 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1924 Jan 10 Relieved of duty and appointed Chief of Nempei-Tai
- 1925 May 1 Relieved of main duty and appointed Chief of 1st  
Section of General Staff of Army (War Ministry)
- 1925 Oct 9 Ordered as Chief of Staff at the Imperial Birthday  
Review (War Ministry)
- 1927 Jul 26 Promoted to Lt. Gen. (Cabinet)  
Sep 6 Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit of the  
Sacred Treasure  
Sep 1 Raised to 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1928 Aug 10 Appointed President of Army Staff College  
(War Ministry)
- 1929 Aug 1 Relieved of duty;  
Appointed Commander of 6th Division  
Oct 1 Raised to 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade

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- 1931 Aug 1 Appointed Chief of General Affairs Department of Inspectorate General of Military Training and the President of Permanent Examination Committee for Army Officer Students. (War Ministry)
- Sep 10 Appointed a member of Committee for the Text-Book Investigation (Cabinet)
- Dec 13 Relieved of all duty (War Ministry)  
Appointed Minister of War (Cabinet)
- Dec 15 Raised to 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade
- Dec 22 Appointed Vice-President of the Council for Investigation of Natural Resources
- 1932 Jan 15 Decorated with 1st Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure
- 1932 Jan 30 Relieved as member of the committee for the investigation of Text-Books (Cabinet)
- 1933 Sep 5 Appointed a member of committee of Communication Council (Cabinet)
- Oct 20 Promoted to General (Cabinet)
- Dec 15 Decorated with 3rd Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1934 Jan 23 Relieved of main duty;  
Appointed Supreme War Councillor (Cabinet)
- Apr 6 Ordered as Second Special Inspector (War Ministry)
- Apr 8 Appointed Commander of the Imperial Birthday Review (War Ministry)
- 1935 Nov 26 Created Baron for meritorious service
- 1934 Apr 29 Decorated with the Grand Cordon of Rising Sun
- 1936 Mar 6 Placed on the waiting list
- Mar 10 Placed on the reserve list
- 1937 Oct 15 Appointed Cabinet Councillor (Cabinet)
- 1938 May 26 Appointed Minister of Education (Cabinet)
- May 27 Relieved as Cabinet Councillor by own request (Cabinet)
- 1939 Mar 15 Raised to 2nd Class Court Rank, Junior Grade
- Mar 28 Appointed President of the General National Mobilization Committee (Cabinet)

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- 1939 Aug 30 Relieved of main duty at own request (Cabinet)
- Sep 6 Specially granted the privileges of his former post (Cabinet)
- Dec 1 Ordered as Cabinet Councillor (Cabinet)
- Dec 23 Appointed a member of the Committee for Promotion of Military Art (Abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 840 issued 3 Sep 1941) (Cabinet)
- 1940 Aug 3 Relieved as Cabinet Councillor at own request (Cabinet)
- 1941 Nov 22 Appointed as member of the National Physical Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1944 Dec 15 Appointed a member of the Committee on Preparation to Establish the Museum of the Greater East-Asia (Cabinet)

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