

Excerpt from "China Memoires, continued."

The North China Garrison Communique

(10.00 p. m. July 10, 1937)

In spite of the negotiations now going on in Peiping based upon the agreement by which both Japanese and Chinese armies in the Marco Polo Bridge district ceased hostilities since noon the 9th withdrawing to both sides of the Yung Ting Ho and are strictly forbidden to commit all hostile actions, a little over 100 Chinese soldiers started to attack our unit near the Marco Polo Bridge Station accompanied by chase gun bombardments from the direction of Weh-men-Kow which is situated at a point about 4 kilometers north of Marco Polo Bridge since 5.10 p. m. on the 10th. However, our army repulsed them immediately. At 7 p. m. another new unit again started to attack the area around the Marco Polo Bridge, and at present both sides are pitted against each other. In addition the Chinese unit on the right bank of the Yung Ting Ho started to bombard our unit by trench mortars. The Chinese forces on the right bank of the Yung Ting Ho were thus greatly increased and now amount to 5 groups and 5 regiments, accumulating munitions in a brisk manner in the rear. Challenging actions such as these have become ever more audacious, and no one can tell what would happen in the immediate future.

Our army is still doing its best in checking the incident from aggrandizing. However it is feared that our efforts might prove fruitless. We must contend that all responsibility for this state of affair entirely rests with the Chinese side.

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I hereby certify that the book hereto attached, written in Japanese by Nakajima, Masao, consisting of 588 pages and entitled "China Memories Continued" is a book which was bought in 1942 Sept. at Tokyo, and which has been thenceforth in my custody.

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on this 11 day of April, 1947.

OHARA, Shinichi (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the witness.

at the same place,
on the same date

Witness: KIZAMA, Yasuo (seal)