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1905	March	28	Was Graduated from the IKUBUN-KWAN middle school, TOKYO.	
1907	Dec.	1	Commissioned Was appointed a cadet and assigned distributed to the 5.7th Regiment of the Infantry.	
1908	Dec.	1	Entered Was admitted to the Military	

			Academy.	
1910	May 28		was graduated from the ^{same} Military Academy	
"	May 30.		was appointed a probationary officer	
"	Dec 26.		Appointed infantry sublieutenant. Was promoted to an ensign of the infantry. Assigned to was ordered to attach to the 52nd	
			<u>Regiment of the Infantry.</u>	
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1913	Dec. 9		Was promoted to a first Lieutenant ^{The} cabinet of the Infantry.	
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~~the~~ (Infantry)

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and ~~ordered~~ ^{assigned} to attach to the 52nd

Regiment ~~of the~~ (Infantry)

Sept. 2
The War
Office

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of the Infantry ^{The War}
^{Office}

1921 Dec. 1 ~~Was Relieved of the~~ ^{current} ~~principal~~ post
and ~~was~~ appointed ~~a~~ company
commander of the 52nd Regiment
of the Infantry ^{Do}

1922 July 26 ~~Was Decorated with the 6th Order of~~
~~Merit with the Order of the~~
Sacred Treasure.

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The Dept. of
War
ministry

Nov. 6 1922 ~~was~~ Relieved of the current post and
~~was~~ appointed Commander of the
 machine-gun Unit in the Fifty-Second
 Infantry Regiment.

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~~was~~ conferred the Fifth Order of the Sacred
 Treasure and ~~was~~ also granted a
 sum of Five Hundred yen in recogni-
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Aug. 6 1923 ~~was~~ Relieved of the current post and
~~was~~ appointed Adjutant to the
 Sixteenth Infantry Brigade - do.

May. 15 1924 Promoted to
~~was~~ conferred the Junior Grade of

the Sixth ~~Class~~ of the Court Rank.

Aug. 6 1926	Was Relieved of the current post and was attached to the Fifty-Seventh Infantry Regiment.	The Dept. of War ministry
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July 26 1927	Was Promoted to the rank of Major. Prefectural	Cabinet
" "	was Attached to the Chiba Middle School established by Chiba Prefecture.	The Dept. of War ministry

July 1 1929	Was Promoted to conferred the Senior Grade of the Sixth Class of the Court Rank.	
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Nov. 13 "	Decorated with Was conferred the Fourth Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
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March 31/1931	Was Relieved of the post of attached attached Prefectural Officer to the Chiba Middle School	
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		and attached to the Twenty-Eighth Infantry Regiment	The Dept. of War
← Aug. 1	1931	was appointed Battalion ^{Battalion} Commander of the Twenty-Eighth Infantry Regi- ment.	- de. -
← Aug. 1	1933	was promoted ^{to} the rank of Lieute- nant Colonel. Assigned was attached to the Twenty-Sixth Regiment and was despatched officer attached to the Ottawa Higher Commercial School.	Cabinet The Dept. of War ministry
← July 16	1934	Promoted by was conferred the Junior Grade of the Fifth Class of the Court Rank.	

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Apr. 29	"	Decorated with was conferred the Fourth Order and granted of the Golden Kite together with an annuity of Five Hundred yen
"	"	Decorated with was conferred the Small Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of the services rendered in the 19 ³¹ 17-19 ³⁴ 26 Incident
Nov. 2	1935	Decorated with was conferred the Third Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.
March 28	1936	AS was Relieved of the post of attached War ministry officer to the Ottawa Higher Commercial School. and ^{assigned} was attached to the Third Infantry Regiment.

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		(be attached officer Ordered to serve at Waseda University	the Department of War
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"	"	Assigned to the 1st Division Headquarters	
"	"	Appointed to serve at the reserve party in the 1st Reserve Division Headquarters (original ^{post} duties should be performed as (they used to be) normal)	the Department of War
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1939	Aug. 1	Promoted to the Senior Grade of the 5th Court Rank	
1940	Mar. 9	Relieved ^{as} of the commander of the reserve party in the Reserve 70th Infantry Regiment and appointed to serve at the the 2nd Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters	the Department of War
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10 Sep 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton
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

Witness General

WITNESS

YONEYAMA, Yoneshika

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)

EPM
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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF YONEYAMA, YONESHICA
BY MR. FREEMAN

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* The witness identified Exhibit 3080 as his affidavit and verified it. The affidavit stated that from December 1942 the witness was Commander of the 22nd Independent Mixed Brigade which attacked Liuchow from the Kwantung area. His unit did not advance directly toward Liuchow but began to advance south toward Leichow Peninsula in the opposite direction, in order to conceal the operation plan.

The battalion under his command began action near Kuantung and marched to the vicinity of Chaoyangli, north of Taishan, at the end of June. All the inhabitants, beginning with those of Taishan, had fled.

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He did not permit soldiers * to enter the town of Taishan, except a small number of military policemen to guard the evacuated houses. There were no incidents on the streets. Strictly abiding by the Army Commander's commands of "Don't burn, don't kill and don't plunder," the forces maintained exceedingly strict military discipline. Around Taishan, they never killed inhabitants or set fire to their houses. They received fierce fire from numerous enemy watch-towers constructed at a place approximately 30 miles south of Taishan and met with stubborn resistance, suffering considerable loss, including the artillery commander.

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* When the unit left Kuantung, they took several hundred coolies. When they came to Taishan, the coolies wished to go home; after giving them wages, allowances and clothes, they permitted them to do so. New ones were not recruited. He was informed that when these coolies came by a communist village on their way home, they were arrested by members of a society by the name of Chu Chien Tuan, (Organization for punishing traitors) who robbed them and finally killed them. This had nothing to do with the Japanese troops. He never heard that the Japanese killed, plundered or set fire, and none of his subordinates were guilty of such action.

He stated that Commander KOYASEKO was a man of noble character; he loved the Chinese and stressed "respect for old people and love for children." He held unusual confidence among the Chinese people.

There was no cross-examination of the witness.

For the Prosecution's
evidence as to atrocities
committed by Japanese
troops at Luichow we
respectfully refer to
the nine exhibits
mentioned in the statement
made at the end of the

evidence of the witness. OKADA
(Yoshimasa) 4 3076

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We respectfully
draw the attention of
the Tribunal to the ^{nine} ~~Troops~~
~~and~~ the exhibits mentioned
~~at the~~ in my statement
made at the conclusion of

the testimony of the
witness Okada (Yoshimasa)

Ex no. 3076. He will be
cross examined by the
Prosecution.

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Defense Language Branch

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Ex 3080

*Object to sec 6 f-3
as irrelevant +
immaterial-*

Sworn Deposition

Deponent :-- YONEYAMA, Yoneshika

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I was born on July 30, 1888 at 4-chome AOYAMA, Tokyo. My home is 627, 3-chome AMANUMA, SUGINAMI-ku, Tokyo, and my present address is 24 JUMONJI, YODA-Mura, CHIBA-Gun, CHIBA Pref.

2. An outline of my career is as follows:

- 1910 Graduated from the military academy.
- 1941 Appointed major-general and Commander of the 52nd Infantry Brigade.
- December, 1942 Appointed Commander of the 22nd Independent Mixed Brigade, in which post in I served until the termination of the war.

*See memo under Akada # 1781 ante
cite that*

3. I, as commander of the 22nd Independent Mixed Brigade, took part in attacking LIUCHOW from the KUANTUNG area.

My unit did not advance directly toward LIUCHOW, but began to advance south, toward LEICHOW Peninsula, in the opposite direction of LIUCHOW, in order to conceal the operation plan.

The KOYASEKO Battalion under my command commenced action at HSINHUI in the neighbourhood of KUANTUNG and marched to the vicinity of CHAOYANGLI, north of TAISHAN, at the end of June. All the inhabitants, beginning with those of TAISHAN, had fled; as the result, we saw none of them.

I did not permit the Japanese forces to enter the town of TAISHAN, except a small number of military policemen whom I sent to guard the evacuated houses. There were no incidents on the streets of TAISHAN.

4. Strictly abiding by the Army Commander's three strict commands "Don't burn, don't kill, and don't plunder", the Japanese forces maintained exceedingly strict military discipline. In the neighbourhood of TAISHAN, they never killed inhabitants or set fire to their dwellings. I can affirm that there was no such action among forces under my command.

5. We received fierce fire from numerous enemy watch-towers, constructed at a place approximately 30 miles south of TAISHAN, the name of which I have forgotten, and met with stubborn resistance; consequently we suffered considerable loss and the artillery commander was killed.

6. When our unit started from KUANGPUNG, we took with us several hundred chinese coolies employed in the neighbouring area of HSINHUI. As we came to the environs of TAISHAN, they wished to go back to their native place; After giving them ample wages, allowances, and clothes, we permitted them to do so. (Though a half of the coolies we had taken went home, the unit did not recruit new ones.)

However, I have been informed that when these coolies came by a communist village on their way home, they were arrested by members of a society by the name of CHU CHIEN TUAN (TN: Organization for punishing traitors), who robbed them of their money and other articles and finally killed them. However, this happened among the Chinese and had nothing to do with the Japanese troops.

7. I never heard that the Japanese troops Plundered, killed or set fire. +

I assert here that none of my subordinates was guilty of such action.

8. Battalion Commander KOYASEKO is a man of noble character; particularly he loved the Chinese people and stressed "respect for old people and love for children" as a motto. He won unusual confidence among the Chinese people.

On this 10th day of June, 1947

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT /S/ YONEYAMA, Yoneshika (seal)

I, IMANARI Yasutaro, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence

+ Did you ever hear of 'hankering'?

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of this Witness.

On the same date At the same place.

Witness : /s/ IMANARI Yasutaro (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ YONEYAMA, Yoneshika (seal)