

20 May 1947

Memo for the files

YOSHIKAWA, Genzo

A report from G-2 reveals no information on this witness.

Translated by
Chieko Swanaga

YOSHIKAWA Genzo

DOMICILE

Wotteri Prefecture

DATE OF BIRTH

1906, Sep 24

1927, Mar, 22

Graduated from the preparatory course of the
Military Academy.

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Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)

Mar. 29

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- 1932, Oct 25 Appointed 1st Lieutenant, Infantry
(Cabinet)
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- 1934 Mar 31 Appointed battalions adjutant of the 63rd
Infantry Regiment. (The main duty was
as before, not recorded in the Official
gazette) (War Ministry)
- Dec. 13 Ordered as student in the Military Staff
College. (War Ministry)
- Apr. 29 Decorated with the 5th Order of the Golden
Kite with annual salary ¥350
Decorated with the Sixth Order of the
Rising Sun with Single Rays for his
services in the 1931-34 Affairs
- 1936 Aug. 1 Appointed Captain, Infantry (Cabinet)

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1938 Mar 1 Discharged from company commander of the Replacement Unit, the 63rd Infantry Regiment.

Appointed staff officer of the 6th Division.
(not recorded in the official gazette.)
(War Ministry)

1939 Mar 23 Decorated with the 5th Order of the Sacred Treasure.

1940 Aug. 1 Appointed Major, Infantry. (Cabinet)

Aug. 15 Invested with the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

1943 Aug. 2 Appointed Lieut-Colonel, Infantry.

1943 Aug. 16

Invested with the 6th Court Rank,
Senior Grade.

1940 Apr. 29

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Golden Kite, and The Minor Cordon
of the Fourth Order of the Rising
Sun for his services

14 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: **Mr. Sutton**

FROM : **EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting 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
Testified 6 May

WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

YOSHIKAWA, Genzo

Memo for the file

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl
(Described above)

EPM
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

13 May 1947

Report by Henry A. Dolan, Jr.
IPS Investigative Division

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Subject: YOSHIKAWA, Genzo

A search of IPS Case Files reveals no reference to Subject.

12 May 1947

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF YOSHIKAWA, Genzo
by Mr. Logan

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The witness stated he lived in Tottori Prefecture and identified Exhibit 2550 as his affidavit and verified its statements. * The affidavit stated that during the HANKOW campaign, the witness was in charge of the rear staff of the 6th Division. He went to the locality after Nanking was captured to prepare operations. The attack began on Hankow on October 20, 1938 and closed in and around the city without much difficulty.

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* The area before Hankow was flooded and they had to use boats to cross the area. Considerable time was spent in this because of the fewness of boats. Since a strict order on military discipline had previously been issued by HATA, this was printed on leaflets and distributed. This was on the troops' attitude towards Chinese residents as well as on what precautions the troops should take within the city. It warned them to strictly observe military discipline and prevent disasters.

After crossing, no fighting occurred. They entered Hankow peacefully. Two units entered at the same time.

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* It was inconceivable that the Japanese army could have committed assaults, looting, rapes and other brutalities. He had never seen such acts, or heard rumors or received any reports. There was no cross-examination of the witness.

I M T F E

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

against

RAKI Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (*Translation*)

Deponent: YOSHIKAWA Genzo

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 in MINAMIDANI, SATSU-MURA TO HAKU-GUN, TOTTORI prefecture which is my permanent domicile on September 14, 1905 (39th year of Meiji), and at present I'm still residing at the same address.
2. As for my brief personal history, I graduated from the Military Officers Academy and from the Army War College. During the Hankow campaign, I was in charge of the rear staff members of the 6th Division, and at the termination of the war, I held the rank of lieutenant-colonel.
3. I went to the locality after Nanking was captured for the preparation of operations that followed. The 6th Division commenced its attack on Hankow around October 20, 1938 and closed in on the city after breaking through HUANGPO without

*objed. of printed order
a leaflet*

*last 3 sentences of sec 3 on p 4
Presq. : have a strict order to end
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much difficulty. However, at TAICHIASHAN, in the northern direction of Hankow, because the Chinese destroyed the embankment of the river, the area was flooded and it became necessary to utilize boats to cross the flooded area. In addition since there were only a few boats available a considerable time was spent, and the troops that advanced to this point were compelled to stop in this area. Hankow was to be reached only by crossing this flooded area. Since a strict order on military discipline was previously issued by HATA, the Commander, it was printed on leaflets and distributed among the troops. This was written on the troops' attitude towards the Chinese residents, as well as on what precautions the troops should take within the city: It warned the troops to strictly observe military discipline and to prevent any disorders in the city.

4. Thus, we were to enter Hankow with every precautions. After crossing the flooded area no fighting had occurred in the outskirts of the city, and we entered Hankow in a **peaceful** manner. Since we decided that to give the honour of being the first to enter Hankow to advance unit alone was not such a good idea, we got in touch with Brigade Commander USHIJIMA and allowed SANO Regiment (23rd Regiment) as well as a part of the 45th Regiment to enter at the same time.
5. The above being the situation, it is inconceivable that the Japanese Army could have committed assaults, looting, rapes, and other brutal acts. I have never seen such acts, never heard of such rumors, and never received any reports of such atrocities.

Ref. Doc. No. 1435

On this 21 day of Jan. 1947
at Ttori prefecture.

DEPONENT YOSHIKAWA Genza (seal)

I, INANARI Yosutaro hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date
at the same place.

Witness: (signed) INANARI Yasutaro (seal)

OATH

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

YOSHIKAWA Genzo (seal)

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