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- 1 June " : Promoted to the rank of Corporal, Infantry, by the 27th Infantry Regiment.
- 1 August " : Promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Infantry, by the 27th Infantry Regiment.
- 1 September 1932: Entered the Military Academy, Regular Course.
- 29 June 1934: Graduated from the Military Academy, Regular Course.
- 6 July " : Promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major, Infantry, by the 27th Infantry Regiment.
- " " " : Made a Probationary Officer by the 27th Infantry Regiment.
- 10 September 1934: Passed by the Officer Selection Board in accordance with Article 10 of the Army Replacement Regulations.
- 20 October 1934: Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, by the Cabinet. Attached to the 27th Infantry Regiment by the War Ministry. Assigned to the Depot Unit of the 27th Infantry Regiment by the War Ministry. Not published in the Official Gazette.
- 1 October 1936: Promoted to 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, by the Cabinet.
- 16 November 1936: Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 10 July 1936: Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class, for services in the 1931-1934 Incident.
- 15 July 1938: Promoted to Captain, Infantry, by the Cabinet.
- 1 September 1938: Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 13 October 1938: Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class.
- 1 August 1942: Promoted to Major by the Cabinet.
- 1 September 1942: Conferred with the 6th Court Rank, Junior grade.
- 29 April 1940: Decorated with the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, 5th Class, and with the Small Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, for services in the CHINA Incident.

Report by H. Shingima  
28 April 1947

Memo for the file

Subject: KATSURA, Shiguo

Check of IPS case files reveals  
no information on Subject.

6 May 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  
Testified 25 April

WITNESS

KATSURA, Shizuo

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)

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF KATSURA, Shizuo  
 by Mr. Levin

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The witness stated that he lived in Chiba Prefecture. He identified Exhibit 2499 as his affidavit and after making a single correction stated its contents were true and correct.

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The affidavit stated \* that the witness, formerly a major, acted in behalf of the commander of the Infantry Gun Company of the 2nd Regiment sent on rescue duty to Tung-Chow in July 1937. He arrived there at 2:30 AM on July 31 and drove the enemy from the scene, and saw many traces of the slaughter of Japanese.

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He went to the Kinsuiro Hotel about 8:00 AM, July 31. When he got there he was surprised to see the hotel greatly changed and disgusted at the stench from corpses. He could see the interior, and everything was smashed. At the entrance \* he found the corpse of a woman, nearly naked, with a newspaper over her face. She seemed to have made strong resistance and she was lying stripped. Both the upper and lower half of her body was exposed, revealing 4 or 5 fatal bayonet wounds. Her private parts were scooped out with a sharp instrument. He saw four corpses of Japanese women, lying one on top of another. The room was in such disorder that they could not step in.

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They went into the counting room and kitchen where a man and two women were found dead. He did not know whether they had been outraged, \* but there were evidences of a struggle. The man's eyes were gouged out and his body was honeycombed with bayonets. In a room downstairs two corpses of women were found nearly naked with bayonet thrusts through their private and other parts. Next, they found several corpses upstairs, tied and covered with a quilt. There were a few corpses floating in an adjacent pond.

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He went to a cafe and the room was in its usual condition, but he found in a box a woman's corpse naked and strangled. \* At the back of the cafe he found a house where a child and its parents had been murdered and the former had its fingers cut off. They found the corpse of a man on the road with the bones exposed on the breast and belly.

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The witness said he knew KAYASHIMA and had relations with him at the time of the incident, KAYASHIMA being his

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commander. He did not believe, however, that KAYASHIMA was with him at the hotel at the same time. \* The date, July 31, is the correct date. He had not heard at that time whether KAYASHIMA had been there.

THERE WAS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THIS WITNESS.

30 April 1947

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Investigative Division, IPS

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Def. Doc. #1139

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition (Translation)

Deponent : - KATSURA, Shizuo

KATSURO

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.

Jiang Chow Mason

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Katsura

Translated by  
Defense Language Branch

I was formerly a major and live at present at NCMI, SENCHO Village, IZUMI, CHIBA Prefecture. I acted in behalf of the commander of the Infantry Gun Company of the 2nd Regiment, despatched on rescue duty to Tungchow in July, 1937. I arrived at Tungchow at 2:30 a.m. July 31, and, driving the enemy from the scene, saw many traces of the slaughter of the Japanese residents there. I relate here what I saw, and also submit some photographs I took at that time.

1. I went to the KINSUIRO Hotel about 8 a.m., July 31. When I got to the gate, I was surprised to see that the hotel was greatly changed, and felt disgusted at the stench from the corpses. I could see the interior of the house even from the gate because the porch-doors, shoji and furniture were all smashed to pieces.

At the entrance, I found a corpse of a woman who seemed to have been the hostess of the KINSUIRO Hotel. Nearly naked, she was lying on her back along the passage near the entrance, with her feet stretched toward the door and with a sheet of newspaper placed over her face.

She seemed to have made a strong resistance, for she was lying on the floor, stripped off her clothes. I remember that both the upper and lower halves of her body were exposed, revealing four or five bayonet wounds, which I thought to have been fatal to her.

Her private parts seemed to have been scooped out with a sharp instrument, for there were scattered marks of blood. The counter and the kitchen were so much ransacked that there was no room for me to step in, showing unmistakable signs of looting.

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I saw four corpses of Japanese women who appeared to be maidservants lying in the maid-servants' room on the right side of the passage. It seemed that they had died in an extreme agony, but they were lying one upon another, in comparative order perhaps on account of shooting, except one lying dead on her back with her private parts exposed. The room was in such disorder that we could not step in. Then we entered the counting-room and the kitchen, where a man and two women were found lying dead on their face or back. I didn't know whether they had been outraged or not, but there were evidences of struggles having been made; the man had his eyes gouged out and the upper half of his body honeycombed with bayonet thrusts and two women had on their backs marks of bayonets stabs.

Next we stepped into the passage. In a room downstairs two corpses of women were seen lying nearly naked, with marks of bayonets thrusts on their private and other parts.

Next, we found several corpses upstairs. They were comparatively tall and covered with a quilt. Their feet, heads and hands were seen extruding, but I did not dare to remove the quilt.

There were seen a few corpses floating in an adjacent pond, but we had not time to approach them.

2. At a certain café in the city.

I went to the café where I had been a year before. When I opened the door I felt relieved to see the room in its usual condition. But, stepping into the room, I found in a box a woman's corpse, nearly naked and strangled with a rope.

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At the back of the cafe was a Japanese house, where a child and its parent had been cruelly murdered and the former had all its fingers cut off.

3. Corpses on the road.

There was a Japanese shop near the southern castle-gate. A corpse of a man who seemed to be the master of the shop was lying on the road, having been dragged out and killed. He had his bones exposed on the breast and belly, and his entrails scattered about.

On this 10th day of April, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT KATSURA, Shizuo (seal)

I, MIYATA, Shigeo 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 Tokyo

Witness: (signed) MIYATA, Shigeo (seal)

OATH

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

KATSURA, Shizuo (seal)

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TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, William E. Clarke, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ William E. Clarke

Tokyo, Japan

Date 14 April 1947.

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