

Nakazawa
Checked by T. Kawai

Name: HIGASA Ryohei

Born: on Dec. 10, 1904.

Permanent Domicile: OKAYAMA prefecture

- 1924 Mar. 18. ~~Finished~~ Finished the preparatory course of the Military Academy.
- " " " Ordered to be ^{assigned} cadet and allotted to the 16th Cav. Reg. War Ministry
- " Mar. 25 Entered the 16th Cav. Regiment.
- " " " Given the rank of ^{as} Superior ^{as} Private, Cav. 16th Cav. Reg.
- " Jun. 1 Promoted to the rank of ^{as} Corporal, Cav. "
- " Aug. 1 Promoted to the rank of ^{as} Sergeant, Cav. "
- " Oct. 1 Entered ^{the regular course of} the ~~Principal~~ Military Academy in regular course
- 1926 Jul. 16 Finished the regular course of the Military Academy.
- " Jul. 17 Promoted to the rank of ^{as} Sergeant-major, Cav. 16th Cav. Reg.
- " " " Appointed ^{by} probational officer.
- " Sep. 21 ^{Passed by} Approved at the Officers' ^{Selection Board} Examination Conference in accordance with ^{Art.} article 10 of the ^{Army Replacement} Military Reserve Ordinance.
- 1926 Oct. 25 ^{Appointed 2nd lieutenant,} Promoted to the rank of ~~sub-lieutenant~~ Cav. Cabinet.
- Assigned to the 16th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
- 1926 Dec. 1 Conferred the ¹ Senior ² Grade of the 3rd Court Rank.
- 1929 Oct. 25 ^{Appointed} Promoted to the rank of ¹ Lieutenant, Cav. Cabinet

- 1929 Nov. 15 ^{Raised to} ~~Conferred the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.~~
- 1931 Aug. 1 Assigned to the 15th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
- 1934 Apr. 21 Assigned to ^{the} Headquarters of the 1st Independent Mixed Brigade. "
^{is} not recorded in the Official Gazette.
- 1934 Aug. 1 ^{Appointed} ~~Promoted to the rank of Captain, Cav.~~ Cabinet
- " " " Assigned to the 15th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
- 1934 Sep. 15 ^{Raised to} ~~Conferred the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.~~
- 1935 Dec. 1 Appointed ~~chief~~ of company commander of the 15th Cav. Reg. "
- 1935 Dec. 1 Relieved of ^{his assignment to the} ~~the service in~~ Headquarters of the 1st Ind. Mixed Brigade. Not recorded in ^{the} Official Gazette.

S. ISHIKAWA

- 1936 July 10 Decorated with the 5th Order of merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure in recognition of ^{his} ~~distinguished~~ service ⁱⁿ during the 1931-34 Incident
- 1939 Aug. 1 Appointed Cavalry ^m Major, Cav. Cabinet
- 1939 Aug. 11 Decorated with the 4th Order of merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.
- 1939 Aug. 15 Promoted to the ^j Junior ^g Grade of the 6th Court ⁿ Rank
- 1940 Apr. 29 Decorated with the ^{Minor} ~~Small~~ Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of ^{his} ~~distinguished~~ service ⁱⁿ during the China Incident.
- 1944 Mar. 1 Appointed Lt.-Colonel. Cabinet
- 1944 Mar. 15 Promoted to the ^s Senior ^g Grade of the 6th Court ⁿ Rank.
- 1944 July 13 Decorated with the 3rd Order of merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

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* DIRECT EXAMINATION OF HIGASA, Ryohei
By Mr. Howard

31713 The witness identified and verified exhibit 3356 as his affidavit. * The witness stated that from March 1942 to March 1944 he had charge of administration matters concerning POWs as staff officer in the Tobu Army.

The Tobu Army document dated 2 October 1942 entitled "Matters Concerning the Employment of POW" (Exh. 1967) was issued when the witness was a staff officer in the Tobu Army, and was made on the basis of two documents, one being "Matters Concerning the Treatment of POW" (Exh. 1965-A), decided by the War Minister, and the other being "POW Employment Regulations" (Exh. 3050), which had already been enforced.

31714 Exhibit 1967 had no plan of employing POWs in labor directly connected with military operations. * At no time were POWs employed in such labor.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY COLONEL MORNANE

31715 The witness stated that the Tobu army referred to one of the four districts in which Japan was divided and was the Eastern army district.

28 Oct 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Lopez; Capt. Robinson
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

KIMURA

WITNESS

HIGASA, Ryohei

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
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: HIGASA Ryoei
Born: On Dec. 10, 1904
Permanent Domicile: OKAYAMA Prefecture.

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1924 Mar 18	Finished the preparatory course of the Military Academy. Ordered to be a cadet and assigned to the 16th Cav. Reg. War Ministry
" Mar 25	Entered the 16th Cav. Regiment. Given the rank of a superior private, Cav. 16th Cav. Reg.
" Jun 1	Promoted to the rank of a Corporal, Cav. "
" Aug 1	Promoted to the rank of a sergeant, Cav. "
" Oct 1	Entered the regular course of the Military Academy.
1926 Jul 16	Finished the regular course of the Military Academy.
" " 17	Promoted to the rank of a sergeant-Major, Cav. 16th Cav. Reg. Appointed probationary officer. "
" Sep 21	Passed by the Officers Selection Board in accordance with Art. 10 of the Army Replacement Ordinance.
" Oct 25	Appointed 2nd Lieutenant, Cav. Cabinet Assigned to the 16th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
" Dec 1	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 8th Court rank.
1929 Oct 25	Appointed Lieutenant, Cav. Cabinet
" Nov 15	Raised to the junior grade of the 7th Court rank.
1931 Aug 1	Assigned to the 15th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
1934 Apr 21	Assigned to the Headquarters of the 1st Independent Mixed Brigade. Not recorded in the Official Gazette.
1934 Aug 1	Appointed Captain, Cav. Cabinet Assigned to the 15th Cav. Regiment. War Ministry
1934 Sep 15	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 7th Court rank.
1935 Dec 1	Appointed company commander of the 15th Cav. Reg. "

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Exh. No.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: HIGASA, Ryohei

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I do hereby depose and say as follows:

1. My name is HIGASA, Ryohei.

At present I reside at MARUBAYASHI, TANOMURA, TOMATA-GUN, OKAYAMA Pref. I was born in OKAYAMA Prefecture on December 10, 1904.

After graduating from the Military Staff College in April 1940, I held various offices in the Army. During the period, from March 1942, up to March 1944 I took charge of administration matters concerning prisoner of war as Staff-officer in the TOBU Army. At the time of surrender, I was in the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

2. The TOBU Army document No. 41 dated 2 October 1942, and entitled "Matters concerning the employment of POW" (Exhibit No. 1967) was issued when I was Staff-officer in the TOBU Army. This was made on the basis of two different documents, one being "Matters concerning

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the Treatment of POW" (Exhibit No. 1965-4) which was decided by the
Minister of War and the ~~after being~~ ^{other being} "POW Employment Regulations"
(Exhibit No. 3050) which had already been ~~enforced~~ ^{in force} at that time.

The document "Matters concerning the employment of POW" did not contain
any plan of employing prisoners of war in the labor directly connected
with military operations such as production and transportation of
arms and ammunition. As a matter of fact at no time were prisoners of
war employed in such ^{kind of} labor as mentioned above.

On the 2 day of October, 1947.

at OKAYAMA

DEPONENT: /s/ HIGASHI, Ryohai (seal)

I, ABE, Akira 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 OKAYAMA.

Witness: /S/ ABE, Akira (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ HIGASHI, Ryohai (seal)