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IPS Investigative Division

7 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

SUBJECT: OGAWA, Saburo

Search of IPS Case Files reveals no information concerning  
the Subject.

(Translated by M. TAGAWA.)  
Checked by FEGEN.

Social Status and Domicile: A commoner in  
TOKYO prefecture.

Date of Birth: Nov. 15, 1892.

Name: OGAWA, Saburo.

May 30, 1912.	Graduated from the <sup>R</sup> regular <sup>C</sup> course of the Central Military Preparatory School.	
May 31, 1912.	Appointed <sup>as M</sup> <del>to a</del> military cadet and assigned <del>distributed</del> to the Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards.	The War Minis- try.
June 5, 1912	Entered the Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards.	
June 5, 1912	Given the rank of superior private, the Engineer	

engineer.

Battalion of the

Imperial Guards,

Aug. 1, 1912

Promoted to the rank of corporal,

The same as the

engineer.

above.

Sept. 1, 1912

Promoted to the rank of sergeant,

The same as the

engineer.

above.

Dec. 1, 1912

Entered the Military Academy.

May 28, 1914

Graduated from the Military Academy.

Ordered back to,

May 28, 1914

~~Returned to~~ original battalion.

May 28, 1914

Promoted to the rank of sergeant-

The Engineer Ba-

major and appointed ~~to~~ pro-

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erial Guards.

Nov. 25, 1914.	<p>Passed the Officer Selection Council in accordance with Article 12 of the <sup>Replac-</sup> Military <del>Supple</del>ment Act.</p>	
Dec. 25, 1914	<p>Promoted to <sup>1st</sup> Sublieutenant, Engineer. Assigned</p>	The Cabinet.
	<p>Distributed to the Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards.</p>	The War Ministry
Mar. 1, 1915.	<p>Raised to the Senior Grade of the 8th Court Rank.</p>	
July 29, 1918.	<p>Promoted to Lieutenant, Engineer.</p>	The Cabinet.

Sept. 30	Raised to the junior grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
Sept. 13, 1920	Discharged from the above office and assigned <del>Distributed</del> to the <sup>D</sup> Student Corps of <sup>C</sup> the regular course of the Military Academy.	The War Ministry.
Oct. 14, 1920	Concurrently assigned <del>Additionally distributed</del> to the Moral Training disciplinary Department of the preparatory <sup>C</sup> course of the Military Academy.	The War Ministry
Nov. 1, 1920	Given a money <sup>pay</sup> grant of ¥200. <del>According to</del> <sup>during</sup> the services of the war from 1915 to 1920.	

Aug. 6, 1923	Promoted to <sup>C</sup> captain, <sup>E</sup> engineer.	The cabinet.
	Appointed to <sup>C</sup> <del>a</del> company <sup>C</sup> command er of the Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards.	The War Ministry.
Nov. 30, 1923	Raised to the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
Aug. 20, 1924	Discharged from the above office and appointed <del>to</del> a member of the Land Surveying De- partment.	The same as the above.

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by K. AKITA  
Checked by FEGEN

July 22, 1926	was decorated with the 6th Order of the Sacred Treasure	
Dec. 28, 1928	was raised to the junior grade of the 6th court rank	
March 31, 1930		was appointed as sub-section chief of the Army Land Surveying Dept.
Aug. 1, 1931	was <del>placed</del> <sup>promoted</sup> to the rank of Engineer Major	Cabinet
July 9, 1932	was decorated with the 5th order of the Sacred Treasure	
Feb. 1, 1934	was raised to the senior grade of the 6th court rank	

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<p>April 16, 1934</p>		<p>was discharged from <sup>war</sup> <del>the principal duty</del> <sup>main post</sup></p>	<p>Ministry</p>
<p>April 29, 1934</p>	<p>was decorated with the Minor Cordon of the 4th order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>in recognition of <del>the</del> distinguished services in connection with the Incident 1931-1934.</p>	
<p>Aug. 1, 1936</p>	<p>was <sup>promoted</sup> placed to the rank of Engineer Lt. Colonel</p>		<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Same Date <del>in the</del> <del>same</del> <del>month</del></p>		<p>was assigned to the post war of the Chief of the Army Ministry Engineers School, Research Dept; concurrently as <del>the</del> instructor of the above institute</p>	
<p>Feb. 4, 1938</p>	<p>was decorated with the 3rd Order of the Sacred Treasure</p>		



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Sept. 16, 1937		was appointed as a member of the Army Technical Headquarters, concurrently.	was Ministry. (Not Announced in the "Official Gazette").
March 9, 1939	was <sup>promoted</sup> placed to the rank of Engineer Colonel		Cabinet
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Feb. 15, 1939	was raised to the junior grade of the 5th court rank		
Jan. 22, 1941		was nominated as a member of the Geodesy Committee	Cabinet

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<p>April 29, 1940</p>	<p>was decorated with the 4th Order of the Golden Kite and with the Intermediate Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>in recognition of the distinguished service in connection with the China Incident</p>	
<p>Aug. 4, 1942.</p>			<p>was nominated as a Cabinet member of the Scientific Research Council</p>
<p>May 1, 1943</p>			<p><sup>relieved of duties as</sup> was <del>discharged as</del> as above the member of the Scientific Research Council <sup>at own request</sup> at the <del>petition</del> filed</p>
<p>Aug 2, 1943</p>	<p><sup>promoted</sup> was <del>placed</del> to the rank of Major General</p>		<p>Cabinet</p>
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1944.

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with the 2nd  
Order of the  
Sacred Treasure

Direct Examination of OGAWA, Sabura  
by Mr. Logan

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The witness testified he lived in Chiba Prefecture. He identified Exhibit 2554 as his affidavit and verified its contents. \* The affidavit stated that at the time of the attack on Hankow he was with the photographic section of the Asahi. He sailed aboard a gunboat up the Yangtze to Takashina Unit to photograph the actual scenes of the attack on Hankow. He met the Hirata Unit on Oct 24 and joined with it and went to Wuchang on October 26th. They reached Hankow on the 26th. The river was so crowded that it was impossible to come directly along the bank and they had to walk across a number of ships to go ashore.

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Since he thought that the Japanese had already completely occupied Hankow \* he entered \* immediately but found no Japanese soldiers and immediately returned to Wuchang.

October 28th he went to Hankow and a great number of vessels were already at anchor and he could not go directly ashore. He had to walk across thirty or forty vessels anchored side by side. The city had been restored to its former condition and the streets were quite as tranquil as in peacetime. He remained there until November 1st, and during that period conditions in the city had completely returned to normalcy. He left Nov 2nd.

No cross examination of witness.

5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Crowe

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

OGAWA, Saburo

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)

*E P M*  
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

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June 5, 1913	Given the rank of superior private engineer	The Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards
Aug. 1, 1912	Promoted to the rank of corporal engineer	The same as the above
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Dec. 1, 1912	Entered the Military Academy	
May 28, 1914	Graduated from the Military Academy	
May 28, 1914	Ordered back to original battalion	
May 28, 1914	Promoted to the rank of sergeant-major and appointed probationary officer	The Engineer Battalion of the Imperial Guards
Nov. 25, 1914	Passed the Officer Selection Council in accordance with Article 12 of the Military Replacement Act	
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IPS Investigative Division

7 May 1947

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the Subject.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

vs

ARAKI Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: OGAWA Saburo

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 August 17 1912 (Taisho 1), at my home, 452, Nakanojo-mura, Nakauonuma-gun, Niigata-ken. My present address is 32, Konodai, Ichikawa-shi, Chiba-ken.
2. I became an employee of the Tokyo Asahi Press in April, 1923, and have been in the service of the same company until the present time. At the time of the attack on Hankow I was with the Photography Section of the same newspaper.
3. Under company orders, I, as a member of the Photography Section of the Tokyo Asahi Newspaper, sailed aboard a gunboat up the Yangtze River from Kiukiang to Motienchen, with the intention of joining the Takashina Unit for the purpose of photographing actual scenes of the attack on Hankow. However, when I happened to meet the Hirata Unit of the Formosan Army on the evening of October 24, 1938, I joined it

My notes - 1 -

Hankow unit  
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and proceeded with it to Wuchang, arriving on October 25. Passing through Hanyang, we reached Hankow on the 26th. At that time, the Hanshui River, a tributary of the Yangtze, was so crowded with vessels of all sizes that it was impossible for us to come directly alongside the bank. We, consequently, had to walk across a number of ships to go ashore.

Since I thought that the Japanese troops had already completely occupied Hankow, I entered the city immediately. However, since I found no Japanese soldiers and since the city was almost completely deserted, I immediately returned to Wuchang, again going by way of Hanyang.

On October 28, I again went from Wuchang to Hankow. At that time a great number of vessels were already at anchor on the river, so that upon landing I could not go directly ashore, but had to walk across thirty or forty vessels anchored side by side in order to reach the pier. The city had already been restored to its former prosperous condition, and I was able to go to a restaurant as soon as I went ashore. The streets were quite as tranquil as in peacetime.

I stayed in Hankow until November 1, and during that period conditions in the city completely returned to normalcy.

On November 2, I left Hankow for Yochow with the Sixth Division.

Def. Doc. No. 920

On this 10th day of February 1947  
at Tokyo

DEPONENT OGAWA Saburo

I, IMANARI Yasutaro 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) IMANARI Yasutaro (seal)

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

This 10th of February, 1947

OGAWA Saburo (seal)

Translation Certificate.

I, Charlie S. Terry, Chief 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, an correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ Charlie S. Terry

Tokyo, Japan  
Date 8 April '47