

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- VS -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent: Rempei SASSA

I, Rempei SASSA, having first been duly sworn, do depose and say:

I have been duly licensed to practice medicine in Japan for the past 33 years specializing in internal medicine only. I am not a specialist in arterio-sclerosis or diseases of the brain. I knew Baron HARADA as a friend for many years but I never treated him professionally until March 15th, 1941.

I have practically all of my medical records of my treatment of patients since the earthquake of 1923. In reviewing my records I find the following appearing therein with respect to my treatment of Baron HARADA, Kumao. The following is found in my 145th volume:

INITIAL DIAGNOSIS OF MR. HARADA, Kumao

On 15th March 1941
From 3:05 P.M. - 6:12 P.M.
At OISO-machi, Komadera-shita

About 2 or 3 years ago he experience being suddenly reduced to a condition incurring difficulty in speaking in front of the OISO Station.

Dr. Ryuko SASAKI came to examine him, as a result of which he was forbidden to take meat and to smoke.

Last summer he had a sudden attack of asthma. Dr. SONEDA gave him some injections which was able to ease his pain. The following day he rose up but would soon feel tired. The next attack came on 9 February when he was tidying up a store room at OKITSU, which, however, was eased after being given some injections.

On the 11th, he returned home. Temperature, then, was 38 degrees, with coughing and expectorating noticed. However he did not keep to bed. Recently he has become short of breath when ascending stairs.

8 March: He consulted Dr. KATSUNUMA of the NAGOYA UNIVERSITY.

Extreme enlargement of heart noticed.
Two pieces of X-ray photographs taken.
An examination was made of the electro-cardiogram.
Condition worse since last night. Pulse rapid,
shortness of breath felt with some coughing and
expectorating.

Condition. Fat, obesity; traces of cyanosis, visible; pulse -
up to 120, regular, alternating pulse; blood-pressure - 180 -
130; rapid breathing; apex heat; impalpable, about two finger's
breadth outward by percussion note.

Second aortic sound, accentuated; lung region: in the lower
part on both sides, especially in the right part, r le,
audible, moderate; liver, palpable, lower border of liver;
impalpable; traces of oedema in lower limbs.

Diagnosis:

Cardiac-weakness, as a result of high blood-
pressure with fat-heart.

Treatment:

Prognosis - good; continuous attention for a week
or two necessary.

During 1941 I treated Baron HARADA on the following
dates: March 15, 1941; March 27th, 1941; April 26th, 1941
and May 31st, 1941. The next time I saw him professionally
was August 22, 1942. My clinical diary from the 152nd
volume shows the following:

Saturday, 22 August, 1942
(1:40 P.M. - 5:20 P.M.)

Mr. HARADA, Kumao
Age 55

FINAL DIAGNOSIS - 31 May Last year.

This time his condition changed for the worse on his
way back to Tokyo from Karuizawa when passing somewhere
around ANNAKA. Hereupon he went to SHIMBASHI accompanied
by his wife (who had come to meet him at the UENO Station)
where he was shown into the station-master's room, and sent
for Mr. MURAYAMA. Then, he left for OISO with Mr. MURAYAMA.
He was seen yawning in the train. Somewhere around at
TSUJIDO, half the part of his body was seen in bad condition
and his tongue rather thick. Got off at OISO at night
(10.28 p.m.) Mr. () was at the station to meet him.
He was unable to speak but could walk quite well. He lay
down for about ten minutes on returning home, owing to
which his tongue condition improved and his words, though
inarticulate, were more or less understandable.

A dose of 0.1. (grams or c.c.) of Ruminahr (T.N.) was taken
by him. Little sleep. This morning, speaking inarticulate.
No fever. About five or six years ago, his left arm and
leg became numb, but had recovered after a week or so.

Main Complaints:

Unable to speak. Something wrong with his right hand.
Legs normal. Blood pressure as usual - 150 - 95.

Consciousness clear; countenance natural; tongue -
extremely to the right, unable to speak; pupil -
nothing peculiar; pulse 80, regular; tension of
pulse, rather strong; apex heat, two fingers' breadth
outward from the 6th intercostal space and mamillary
line; lung - nothing abnormal; no vedema in lower limb;
knee jerk - strong; both right and left equal;
cremasteric reflex - left (+ +) right (+); perception -
normal; grip - left hand stronger than right; unable
to write with the right hand - left, normal.

Diagnosis:

Paresis of the right half part of body and there is
fear of aphasia thrombosis of the brain.'

The complete list of the various dates on which I
treated Baron HARADA appears on the attached sheet marked
Exhibit A and is taken from my clinical diary.

From 1942 on Dr. SONEDA was the doctor in charge of
Baron HARADA's case and Dr. MURIYAMA also treated Baron
HARADA and each knew that the other was treating him.

Defense Document 3045

Exhibit A

1941 (16 Showa) Age 54

15 March - Initial Diagnosis.
Difficulty in speaking experienced, some 2 or
3 years ago, at in front of the OISO Station.

Last summer - an attack of Asthma
9 February, an attack of Asthma

27 March

26 April - Calms down

31 May

1942 (17 Showa) Age 55

22 August - Thrombose

1 September

12 September - Thick Tongue

26 September

16 October

24 October

1943 (18 Showa) Age 56

20 February

13 April

7 July

1944 (19 Showa) Age 57

3 May

1945 (20 Showa) Age 58

7 September - Cardiac weakness

13 October

22 December

1946 (21 Showa) Age 59

6 January

19 January

28 January

(Died on 26 February)

On this 31st day of January 1948

At NISHIKATAMACHI
BUNKYOKU, Tokyo, Japan

DEPONENT: Dr. Rempei SASSA

I, Rempei SASSA 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) KIDO, Takahiko (seal)

OATH

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

Rempei SASSA (seal)