

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

19 May 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Edward P. Menaghan, Chief, Investigation Section

FROM: Mr. Smith Crowe

SUBJECT: Witness - SAWADA, Shigeru

Pursuant to request of your Division, I am submitting a written request, already orally indicated to Mr. Lambert, as to the whereabouts of the above witness. The specific request was whether the witness is now alive and if so, where and under what conditions.

SMITH CROWE
Assistant Counsel

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sutton
FROM: Mr. Smith Crowe
SUBJECT: Witness - SAWADA Shigeru

The Investigation Division just now informs me that the above witness is serving five years in Sugama under sentence of a Military Court in Shanghai.

Smith Crowe
Assistant Counsel

8 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward P. Monaghan
Chief, Investigative Division, IPS

FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe, Jr.

1. In File 3 of the Public Trial of the United States of America vs. Shigeru Sawada, Yusei Wako, Ryuhei Okada and Sotojiro Tatsuta, which is a transcript of the record of the trial of the men responsible for the court-martial of the Doolittle flyers, SAWADA, Shigeru, states that the order for the court-martial of the flyers came from Imperial Headquarters and that at the time he left the Japanese 13th Army, the order was still at the Headquarters of the 13th Army.

2. Will you obtain this order or advise me of its destruction?

SMITH N. CROWE, JR.
Assistant Counsel

8 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David N. Sutton
FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe, Jr.
SUBJECT : Defense Witness - SAWADA, Shigeru

Please find attached hereto report on the above witness
who has been called for the defendant HATA.

SMITH N. CROWE, JR.
Assistant Counsel

1 Incl:
Report, SAWADA, Shigeru

8 May 1947

MEMORANDUM RE: SAWADA, Shigeru

- I - Subpoena subject of testimony - The witness will testify regarding the policies, utterances and actions of the accused HATA during the time in which he is charged by the indictment. The testimony will tend to establish that the accused HATA took no part in any of the conspiracies charged to him and was not in anywise connected with the planning and initiating of wars of aggression.
- II - Information from the Investigation Division - The Investigation Division has forwarded the following information on the above witness:
1. From 1933 until 1938, he was Liaison Officer at Harbin in Manchuria, Military Attache to Greece, Poland and Rumania, and Division Commander in Northern Manchuria.
 2. In September, 1939, he was made Vice Chief of the General Staff.
 3. In December, 1940, he became Commander in Chief of the Central China Expeditionary Forces.
- III - Examination of case file - There is no case file on this witness.
- IV - Cross-reference file on case file - In File 00-264 appears a newspaper article which states that Lt. General SAWADA, Shigeru, was to be tried for the death of the Doolittle flyers and that he had made a sworn statement that the court-martial for the Doolittle flyers was ordered by the defendant TOJO.

The Investigation Division at my request traced the location of this so-called sworn statement to Volume III of the Public Trial of the United States of America vs. Shigeru Sawada, Yusei Wako, Ryuhei Okada and Sotojiro Tateuta. The statement concerning TOJO appears on page 2 of the second statement presented to the Court (page 213). Reference is also made therein to the defendant HATA. The pertinent portions of this statement are as follows:

- "Q. Why did you order these men to be tried by court martial instead of treating them as prisoners of war?
- A. There was an order from Tokyo.
- Q. Who gave you that order?
- A. From the War Ministry--General Tojo.

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Q. Did he give you that order in writing?

A. In writing, yes.

Q. Was that a letter sent from General Tojo to you?

A. Tokyo Imperial Army Hq issued the order to all Japanese Armies at the front and General Hata gave me a written document stating to try these flyers that bombed Japan under this rule.

Q. Did General Tojo order you to try the Doolittle Fliers?

A. The Army under Nanking--under General Hata. General Hata is commanding chief of all China forces. He got the order from Tojo and re-issued it under his orders to me to try the fliers."

V - Evidentiary document card file in Document Division - This source of material has not been investigated.

VI - Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony -

1. So far as I have been able to determine, this witness is not mentioned by name in the record.

2. The subject of testimony of this witness is the same as that of the witness OKAMURA, Heiji, and is therefore very broad. The paper attached hereto will contain the record references which I have found to be pertinent up to the present time.

VII - Summary of testimony given - This witness has not yet testified.

VIII - Decorations - In the memorandum of 11 March 1947 it is revealed that the witness received the following decorations:

1. 29 April 1940 - Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, recommended by the War Ministry for achievement in the Manchurian Incident.

2. 29 April 1940 - The Military Order of the Golden Kite, 3rd Class, recommended by the War Ministry for achievement in the Manchurian Incident.

3. 28 April 1943 - Manchukuo decoration - Ching Yuan-Chang, 1st Class, recommended by the Foreign Ministry for achievement in the furtherance of Japanese-Manchurian amity.

Memo re: SAWADA, Shigeru, dtd 8 May 47 (cont'd.)

IX - Non-listed investigation - The analyses of recent IPS documents revealed the following:

1. IPS Document No. 2999. This is a bound file of the newspaper Tokyo Asahi for the month of July, 1940. They implicate the defendant HATA due to the fact that they relate to the period when he was War Minister. In Document No. 2999-B, it is stated the Army decided on a stiff course of action. This document is now being processed.
2. Document Nos. 3001 to 3004. These are bound files of the newspaper Osaka Asahi for June and July of 1940 and the newspaper Tokyo Asahi for June 1940 and Myako Shimbun, Tokyo, for the month of July 1940. They implicate the defendant HATA as his resignation was responsible for the fall of the Yonai Cabinet on 17 July 1940, and state that the Army advocated a firm policy in dealing with China.

SMITH N. CROWE, JR.
Assistant Counsel

1 Incl:
Record of References

30 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward P. Monaghan
Chief, Investigative Division

FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe

SUBJECT : Witness - China Phase

1. In file No. 00-264 appears a newspaper clipping stating that Lt. General SAWADA, Shigeru, made a sworn statement that the court martial for the Doolittle fliers was ordered by the defendant TOJO. I have inquired of the Documents Division as to whether or not such a sworn statement was taken and is among the documents in our Section, but I have been unable to locate it. This would constitute a very valuable piece of evidence if it exists, and I would appreciate your informing me as soon as possible as to whether such a document exists in our files.

2. Will you please find out the authorship of the diary dealing with Japanese policies in mid-China which is included in Document No. 969.

3. Please advise me of your opinion as to whether HARADA, Michio or HARADA, Mitsuo, mentioned in File No. 250-17-31, is the same person as the HARADA, Kunakichi called as a witness for the defendant HATA.

SMITH N. CROWE

6 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Crowe; Mr. Sutton; Judge Hsiang

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 - HATA

WITNESS

SAWADA, Shigeru

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Report by Lt. Curtis

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

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Incl
(Described above)

EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

6 May 1947

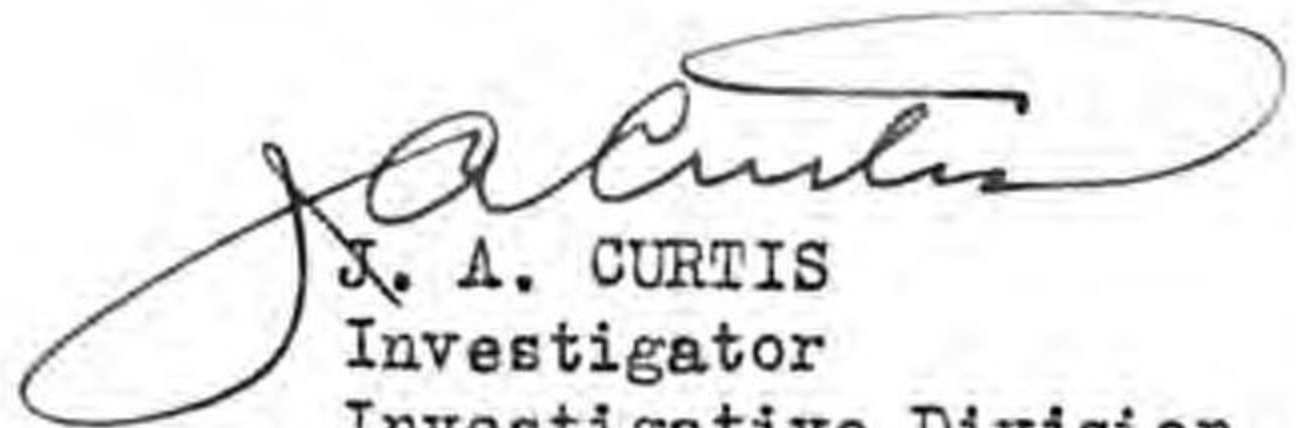
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Smith N. Crowe
FROM : Lt. J. A. Curtis
SUBJECT : Witness - China Phase

In reference to your memorandum request of 30 April 1947, the following information is submitted:

1. A sworn statement by General Sawada has been located after a thorough search of our files in Vol. III of the Public Trial of United States of America vs. Shigeru Sawada, Yusei Wako, Ryuhei Okada, and Sotojiro Tatsuta, in evidence on page 213. The statement concerning Tojo appears on page two of the second statement presented to the court. The record of this trial is IPS Document #2972.

2. As the diary referred to in paragraph two of your request was compiled from the papers sent from units all over China to the War Ministry, it is impossible to say who wrote the book. However, it may be possible to find out the author of a specific portion of the diary, or at least the Translation Section would be able to identify the unit from which that certain portion was received.

3. Upon inquiry at the First Demobilization Bureau, I am quite confident that HARADA Mitsuo is not the same person as HARADA Kumakichi. It is improbable that one man would have two names and these first names are definitely two different names. Furthermore, as he was quite a prominent man, the former officers working at the First Demobilization Bureau would, in all probability, have heard of the name Mitsuo or Michio.


J. A. CURTIS
Investigator
Investigative Division
International Prosecution Section
Room 379-B

Sawada, Shigeru

00-264, ~~11-55-204~~

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IPS loc. no 2972-2976

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Subject of Testimony. ~~is~~

Facts to be proved: Policies, utterances, actions of the accused Hata during the time in which he is charged by the indictment.

Relevance: ~~is~~ Witness was ~~associated~~ associated with the accused Hata in various capacities at time charged in the indictment. Tends to establish that the accused Hata took no part in any of the conspiracies charged to him, and was not connected with planning, initiation, or waging of wars of aggression.

REPORT BY: H. SHIMOJIMA
5 Feb 47

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: SAWADA, Shigeru

Address: Unknown

Formerly a Lt. General. Subject was tried in Shanghai for atrocities committed against Gen. Doolittle's flyers.

SAWADA is ^{MENTIONED IN} ~~subject~~ of IPS Case File No. 187.

COPIES: 3 File 187
1 Mr. Newbill

SAWADA, Shigeru

Request by: HATA, Shunroku

Address: Not given

He was formerly a Lt. General in the Japanese Army.

SAWADA, Shigeru

witness for the accused HATA, Shinroku

1887 born

1918 attached to the HQs, Japanese Expeditionary Force at Vladivostok,
in Russia.

1933-38 Liaison Officer at Harbin, military attache to Greece, Poland,
Rumania, Division Commander in northern Manchuria.

Sept 1939 Lt. Gen., Vice Chief of the General Staff

Dec 1940 Commander in Chief of the Central China Expeditionary Forces.