

Report by H. Shimogawa
1 May 1947

Memo for the file

Subject: TOTSUKA, Michitaro
Vice-Admiral

TOTSUKA is mentioned in IPS
Case file 115, USSBS #311

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
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SUBJECT : TOTSUKA Michitaro

DATE OF BIRTH : 21 April 1890, in Tokyo.

ACTIVITIES :

21 Sep 1907 Naval Cadet, Naval College.

18 Jul 1910 Graduated from the Naval College.

18 Jul 1910 Probationary Officer.

1 Dec 1911 Ensign.

1 Dec 1913 Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

1 Dec 1915 Lieutenant, Senior Grade.

1 Dec 1915 "B" Course student, Naval Staff College.

1 May 1916 Student, Special Course, Naval Staff College.

1 Dec 1916 Navigation Officer of H. I. J. M. S. KOSHU.

1 Dec 1917 Staff Officer, 3rd Squadron.

1 Dec 1918 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H. I. J. M. S. TSUSHIMA.

30 Jan 1919 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. MISHIMA.

15 Jul 1919 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. HIRATO.

1 Dec 1919 "A" Course Student, Naval Staff College.

1 Dec 1922 Lieutenant-Commander.

1 Dec 1922 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. OI.

11 Jun 1923 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. KISO.

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TOTSUKA, Michitaro--cont'd.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd) :

15 Oct 1923	Attached to Naval General Staff and concurrently appointed Staff Officer.
1 Dec 1924	Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer.
1 May 1926	Military Affairs Bureau, Naval Ministry.
1 Dec 1927	Commander.
15 Feb 1928	Attached to Naval General Staff.
15 Feb 1928	Detailed to make official tour of Europe and America.
1 Feb 1929	Staff Officer, Sasebo Naval Station.
14 Nov 1931	Commanding Officer of H.I.J.M.S. TAMA.
1 Dec 1931	Captain.
11 Jul 1932	Staff Officer, Naval General Staff.
1 Oct 1933	Chief of Section, Naval General Staff.
1 Dec 1934	Commanding Officer, H.I.J.M.S. NACHI.
16 Nov 1935	Commander of TATEYAMA Naval Flying Corps.
11 Jul 1936	Commander of 1st Naval Combined Air Squadron.
1 Dec 1936	Rear Admiral.
15 Dec 1937	Commander, Naval Flying Corps.
30 Oct 1938	Commander, 2nd Air Squadron.
1 Nov 1939	Commander, 1st Air Squadron.
10 Apr 1940	Commander, 1st Combined Naval Flying Corps.
15 Oct 1940	Vice-Admiral.
1 Feb 1942	Commander, Combined Naval Flying Training Corps and concurrently 1st Combined Naval Flying Corps.

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TOTSUKA Michitaro--cont'd.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd):

18 May 1942	Commander-in-Chief, 2nd Air Fleet.
5 Aug 1942	Commander-in-Chief, North East Area Fleet, and concurrently 2nd Air Fleet.
15 Sep 1943	Chief, Department of Naval Aeronautics.
1 May 1944	Commander-in-Chief, Naval Station, Yokosuka.
20 Nov 1944	Re-assigned to the First Reserve List.

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J. Maruyama

Curriculum Vitae

Name Michitaro Totsuka

Designation of Family SHIZOKU of Tokyo Prefecture

Date of Birth April 21st 1890

Parents Shojiro Totsuka born on Jan. 1st. 1861 (foster father)

Yone Totsuka born on April 1st. 1874 (foster mother)

DATE		APPOINTMENT & REMOVAL	Name of School & Office
Sept. 21	1907	Ordered to enter the Naval Academy	Naval Academy
July 18	1910	Graduated from the Naval Academy	"
"	"	Ordered to be Naval Cadet	Naval Department
"	"	Attached to the Asama	"
July 23	"	Sailed to China from Kagoshima	
Aug. 13	"	Reached Takeshiki (Returned home for	

		some time. On Oct. 16th sailed from	
		Yokohama for Central America.	
March 6	1911	Arrived at Yokosuka	
March 11	"	Attached to the Kurama	naval department
April 1	"	Started from Yokosuka for England	
Dec. 1	"	was appointed Sub-Lieut., 2nd class	"
		Attached to the Naniwa	
Feb 10	1912	Was conferred the Eighth Senior	
		Grade of the Court Rank	
July 31	"	Was transferred from the Naniwa	

		to the Naval Gunnery School.
Dec. 1	"	was relieved of Post.
		Was ordered to become a student of
		the Ordinary Course of the Naval Tor-
		pedo School.
May 24	1913	Graduated from the above school
		and was ordered to become a student
		of the Ordinary Course of the Naval
		Gunnery School
Dec. 1	"	was appointed Sub-Lieut., 1st Class

		Graduated from the above course of
		the above school and was relieved
		of the position of a student.
		Was ordered to be attached to the
		Kasagi.
Jan. 31	1914	Was conferred the Seventh Junior
		Grade of the Court Rank.
July 19	1915	Was transferred from the Kasagi
		to the Seventeenth Destroyer Flotilla.
Dec. 13	"	Was transferred from the above

destroyer-flotilla to the Yamakaze.

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1915

was bestowed the Sixth Order of

the Sacred Treasure and a war-medal

of 1914-1915 with a sum of 300 yen.

Translated by Seiichi OHTA

- Dec. 1, 1916 Appointed ~~a lieutenant in the navy~~ ^{the} Cabinet
First Lieutenant.
- Dec. 28, 1916 Conferred the ^{Grade of the} Senior 7th Court Rank.
- Dec. 1, 1916 Relieved of assignment to H.M.S.)
~~Dismissed a crew of "Yamakaze"~~
- Enrolled as ^{B-class}
~~ordered to be~~ student of the Naval Staff
College, ~~B class~~.
- May 1, 1917 On graduation, relieved of)
~~Dismissed~~ student of the Naval Staff Col-
lege, ~~as graduated~~ and ^{enrolled as} ~~ordered to be~~
a student of the special course of the Naval Staff
~~a post-graduate student of the same school~~
College.
- Dec. 1, 1917 On graduation, relieved of)
~~Dismissed~~ student, ~~as graduated~~
^{on board H.M.S.,}
Appointed a navigating officer of "Kōshū" —
Ministry.
~~the~~ Navy Department.
- Dec. 1, 1918 Relieved of the principal post
~~Dismissed the office up to this time~~ and

appointed staff-officers
~~ordered to be a staff~~ of the 3rd Fleet.

Nov. 28, 1919 Conferred the 5th Order of Merit ~~with~~ ^{with} the Order of
 the Sacred Treasure.

Dec. 1, 1919 Relieved of the principal post
~~Dismissed the office up to this time~~ and appoin-
 ted ~~a~~ navigating officer and ^{concurrently} ~~a~~ ^{officer} divisional ~~one~~
 on board H.M.S. "
 "Tsushima"

Jan. 30, 1920 Relieved of the principal and
~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~
 posts
~~one up to this time~~ and appointed ~~a~~
 navigating officer and ^{concurrently} ~~a~~ ^{officer} divisional ~~one~~
 on board H.M.S. "
 "Mishima"

July 15, 1920 Relieved of the principal
~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~
 posts
~~one up to this time~~ and appointed ~~a~~ navigating

Concurrently, officer on board H.M.S.,
 officer and a divisional ~~of~~ "Hirato" —

~~the~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Dec. 1, 1920 Relieved of the principal and ^{posts}
~~Dismissed the main office and the additional one up to~~

~~this time~~ — ~~the~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Dec. 1, 1920 Enrolled as A-class,
 Ordered to be a student of the Naval Staff College

~~A class~~ — ~~the~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Nov. 1, 1920 Conferred the 4th Order of Merit ^{with} ~~and~~ the Small Cordon

of the ~~Imperial Order~~ of the Rising Sun ~~given~~
 granted a sum of

¥ 900 ~~for the services from~~ 1915 to 1920
 in recognition of the distinguished services in the 1915-20 War.

Feb. 10, 1922 Conferred the ^{Grade of the} Junior 6th Court Rank

Dec. 1, 1922 Appointed Lieutenant-commander — ~~the~~ Cabinet
 on graduation, relieved of A class)

Dec. 1, 1922 ~~Dismissed a~~ student of the Naval Staff College

~~A class as graduated~~ and appointed

on board H.M.S. ^{concurrently} navigating officer and ~~divisional~~ officer

"Qi" — ~~the~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Jun. 11, 1923 Relieved of the principal and ^{posts} ~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~

and appointed a navigating officer and a

^{concurrently} ^{on board H.M.S.} divisional officer of "Kiso" — ~~the~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Oct. 15, 1923 Relieved of the principal ^{posts..} ~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~

Assigned to ~~and ordered to serve at~~ the Naval General

Staff and appointed a staff officer — ~~the~~ Navy

Ministry.
~~Department~~

Translated by AZUMA

Dec. 15, 1923

Concurrently ordered ~~the~~ member

of ^{the} Technical Department, Technical

Council. — Navy Ministry

Dec. 1, 1924

Relieved of main post and ~~the~~

concurrent post, Appointed

Navigating Officer and Division

Officer of IWATE. — Navy Ministry

April 20, 1926

Relieved of ~~the~~ main post and

concurrent post, Appointed

to take his post in Naval General

Staff and Navy Ministry. — Navy Ministry

May 1, 1926

Relieved of main post and concurrent post,

Appointed member of the Bureau
of Naval Affairs and, ^{concurrently member of} ~~the~~ Technical
Department, Technical Council.

— Navy Ministry

Dec. 25, 1926 Ordered official of the commissioner
of the Imperial funeral. — Cabinet

Dec. 30, 1926 Ordered member of the Department
of Ceremony. — Commissioner of
the Imperial funeral

Feb. 4, 1927 Ordered retinue of the hearse of
Imperial Taisho. — Cabinet

March 8, 1927 Ordered to attache to ~~Extraordinary~~
the inspector-general. — Navy Ministry

March 1, 1927. Conferred the Senior 6th Court Rank.

April 11, 1927. Relieved of official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.
— Cabinet

Dec. 1, 1927. Was appointed commander. — The Cabinet.

Feb. 15, 1928. Was ordered to serve at the Naval General Staff. — The Navy Ministry.

July 30, 1928. Was decorated with the Third Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.

Feb. 1, 1929. Concurrently was appointed staff member of the Sasebo Fortress. —

The War Ministry
ditto. Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Naval Station. — The Navy Ministry

Nov. 14, 1931. Was relieved of the additional post. — The War Ministry.

Was appointed captain of the Tama. — The Navy Ministry.

Dec. 1, 1931. Was appointed captain.

Jan. 15, 1932. Was raised to the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank. — The Cabinet.

July 11, 1932. Was appointed staff member of the Naval General Staff and concurrently member of the Technical Conference of the Navy. — The Navy Ministry.

Dec. 2, 1932. Was appointed member of the specialists' commission of the Natural Resources Bureau. — The Cabinet.

Feb. 24, 1933. Was ordered to be
attached to the special
inspectorate. ~~of~~ — The Navy Ministry.

Oct. 5, 1933 - Relieved of post as
non-regular temporary member
of the Natural Resources Bureau
- the Cabinet.

Oct 1, 1933 Appointed the section commander of the Naval General Staff
and a member of the Naval Technical Conference —
the Navy Department

Feb. 1, 1935 Improved the official organizations by the Imperial
Order No. 8 in the 10th year of Showa (1935)

Feb. 1, 1935 Appointed additionally to be a member of the
Naval Technical Conference — the Navy Department

March 27, 1935 Ordered an inspector-general — the Navy Department

Dec. 2, 1935 Appointed a captain of "Nachi" — the Navy Department

Apr. 25, 1934 Conferred the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order
of the Rising Sun for the services of the incidents
from 1931 to 1934

Nov. 16, 1936 Ordered (to be) a commander of the Tateyama Flying Corps. — the Navy Department

Feb. 15, 1937 Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank

July 12, 1937 Ordered (to be) a commander of the 1st Combined Flying Corps. (?)

Dec. 1, 1937 Appointed a rear-admiral — the Cabinet

Aug 13, 1938 Conferred the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure

Dec. 15, 1938 Appointed a commander of the Yokosuka

Navy Flying Corps and a member of the

Navy Technical Conference

Oct. 20, 1934 Appointed a commander of the 2nd Flying Corps

— the Navy Department

Nov. 1, 1940 Appointed a commander of the First Flying Corps

— the Navy Department

Oct. 15, 1941 Commissioned Vice-Admiral - Cabinet

Nov. 1, 1941 Conferred Junior Grade of the 4th
Count Rank.

April 29, 1940 Decorated with the 2nd class Order
of the Golden Kite and awarded

the Order of the Double Rays of the

Rising Sun, for services in the China Incident

May 11, 1943 Conferred 1st Class Order of Merit with
the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

May 16, 1943. Ordered Commander ^{in Chief} of the 12th Air Corps.
(not reported in Official Gazette) - Cabinet.

Aug. 5, 1943. Ordered Commander in Chief of the
Northeastern Area Fleet, and
concurrently Commander in
Chief of the 12th Air Corps.
(Not Gazetted) - Cabinet.

Nov. 15, 1943. Conferred Senior Grade of the
4th Court Rank.

Oct. 11, 1944. Ordered member of the
Research Mobilization Committee
- Cabinet.

May 1, 1945 - Ordered Commander in Chief of the
YOKOSUKA Naval Base,
(Not Gazetted) - Cabinet.

March 16, 1946 - Ordered temporary member
of the War Investigation Committee
- Cabinet.

Dec. 14, 1945 - Promoted one Grade as
an act of Grace from the
Throne.

Conferred the Junior Grade
of the 3rd Career Rank.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD
 MAY 2, 1947.
 DEFENSE - Direct Examination TOTSUKA,

Direct Examination of TOTSUKA, Michitaro
 by Mr. Roberts

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The witness stated that he lived in Tokyo. He identified Exhibit 2529 as his affidavit. The affidavit stated * that the witness was Commander of the First Combined Air Corps in July, 1937., stationed in Taihoku, Formosa and Quelpart Island.

August 14, 1937, the Chinese Air Corps carried out an attack on the cruiser "Izumo" in Shanghai harbor as well as the Marine Headquarters. In retaliation the Japanese bombed the Chinese Air Base in Nanking on August 15, 1937. In early September 1937, the Chinese air strength was moved southward to Canton and they bombed the Japanese cruiser "YUBARI" on the South China coast.

Japan therefore bombed the Canton air base to try to wipe out the Chinese Air Force. Subsequently they undertook destruction of railways and communications after receiving reports that the Chinese were moving northward.

Instructions and orders came from the Third Fleet, as to objectives to be bombed - only airfields, arsenals, military installations, munition dumps, military schools, and other military targets. At no time were they to bomb any city or town indiscriminately without military objectives in view.

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The Air Corps had reconnaissance planes to bring in reports and they consulted maps for objectives using aerial photographs to bomb accurately. Of course on occasions they did not succeed in directly hitting the target and some unavoidable incidents occurred. At times Chinese anti-aircraft was extremely effective and they were forced to fly at high altitudes over their objectives. When they bombed they took photographs and studied the results of the bombing to achieve greater accuracy. They never intentionally bombed

non-military objectives. When they did however damage some non-military installation they were warned by the General Staff to exercise more care. The witness constantly instructed pilots to exercise caution. On occasion, even though they suspected the Chinese of using the flag of a third Power, they refrained from bombing to be doubly sure.

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In August, 1938, the Chinese were fleeing from Hankow, and just as the planes were about to bomb, the French flag was hoisted on the ship on which they were * and the Japanese planes returned without bombing. There were similar other cases. The men were instructed to refrain from bombing because of the possibility of being mistaken.

In some instances they did not use the bomb sight but resorted to the hand operated device and a stop watch to make certain of the target before releasing the bombs. Pilots were furnished maps by the General Staff to determine military objectives and the general location of third Powers' installations. Maps based on information furnished by third Powers were distributed for guidance.

2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Edwards

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT - General

WITNESS

TOTSUKA, Michitaro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Memo for the file

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

Report by H. Shimojima

2 May 1947

Memo for the File -

SUBJECT: TOTSUKA, Michitaro, Vice-Admiral

TOTSUKA is mentioned in IPS case file 115, USSBS #311

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

*Justified
5/2/47*

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: TOTSUKI, Michitaro
born: April 21st, 1890
No. 17 NAKA-Machi NAKANO-ku, Tokyo

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:

I was appointed Commander of the Third Combined Air Corps in July 1937. The above mentioned air corps was stationed in Taihoku, Formosa and QUELPAIT ISLAND.

On August 14, 1937, the Chinese Air Corps carried out an attack on the cruiser "IZUMO" in Shanghai Harbor as well as the Marine Headquarters. In retaliation, we bombed the Chinese Air Base in Nanking on August 15, 1937. In the early part of September 1937, the Chinese air strength was transferred southward to Canton and they bombed the cruiser "YUBARI" on the South China coast. We therefore bombed the Air Base in Canton in an attempt to wipe out the Chinese Air Force.

Subsequently we undertook the destruction of railways and communications after receiving reports that the Chinese Army was moving northward.

We received instruction and orders from the Third Fleet as to the objectives to be bombed. Those instructions were to bomb only airfields,

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arsenals, military installations, munition dumps, military ^Cschools, and other military targets. At no time did we bomb any city or town indiscriminately without a military objective in view.

The air corps had reconnaissance planes bringing in reports and we consulted our maps for objectives to be bombed. We made use of aerial photographs in an effort to bomb accurately.

Of course, on occasion we did not succeed in scoring a direct hit on our targets and some unavoidable accidents occurred. At times the Chinese anti-aircraft was extremely effective and we were forced to fly at high altitudes over our objectives. As soon as we bombed, we took photographs and studied the results of our bombing for the purpose of achieving greater accuracy. We never at any time intentionally bombed non-military objectives or installations. On any occasion when we failed to achieve accurate bombing and damaged some non-military installations, we were warned by the General Staff to exercise more care. I constantly instructed the pilots and commander to exercise caution in their bombing missions. On some occasions, when we saw a ship displaying the flag of a third power, we refrained from bombing in order to be doubly sure. Giving an example here, in August 1938 when the Chinese soldiers were fleeing up the Yangtze River from Hankow, and just as our planes were about to bomb, a French flag was hoisted on the ship which we knew for sure they were on, therefore our planes returned without bombing. There were other cases similar in nature and although we knew the Chinese ^{were} hiding behind a foreign flag, our men were instructed to refrain from bombing because of the possibility of being mistaken.

In some instances of our bombing missions, we would not use the bomb

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sight, and resorted to the hand-operated device and a stop watch in order to make certain of our target before releasing the bombs.

The pilots were initially furnished maps by the General Staff for the purpose of determining military objectives and showing general location of the third power ^{installation.} ^{maps} indicating installations of the third powers based on informations, ~~which~~, furnished directly by the third powers were distributed later for our guidance. Therefore, it greatly aided us in directing our attacks on enemy positions and installation only.

On this 15th day of April 1947

at Tokyo

DEPONENT TOTSUKA, Michitaro (seal)

I, INAGAWA, Tatsuo, 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) Tatsuo Inagawa

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

TOTSUKA Michitaro

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Translation Certificate

I, KENJIRO Akune , of the Defense, hereby certify that the attached translation of Affidavit of TOTSUKA, Michitaro is, to the best of my knowledg, and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

Kenjiro Akune

Tokyo, Japan

Date 17 April 1947

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1 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Edward

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

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Incl
(Described above)

E P M
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Curriculum Vitae

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Designation of Family SHIZOKU of Tokyo Prefecture

Date of Birth April 21st, 1890

Parents Shojiro Totsuka born on Jan. 1st, 1861 (foster father)
Yone Totsuka born on April 1st, 1874 (foster mother)

Date	Appointment and Removal	Name of School and Office
Sept. 21, 1907	Ordered to enter the Naval Academy	Naval Academy
July 18, 1910	Graduated from the Naval Academy	"
" "	Ordered to be a Naval Cadet	Naval Department
" "	Attached to the Asama	"
July 23, "	Sailed to China from Kagoshima	
Aug. 13, "	Reached Takeshiki (Returned home for sometime.) On Oct. 16th sailed from Yokohama for Central America.	
March 6, "	Arrived at Yokosuka	
March 11, "	Attached to the Kurama	Naval Department
April 1, "	Started from Yokosuka for England	
Dec. 1, "	Was appointed Sub-Lieut., 2nd class	"
	Attached to the Naniwa	
Feb. 10, 1912	Was conferred the Eighth Senior Grade of the Court Rank	
July 31, "	Was transferred from the Naniwa to the Naval Gunnery School.	
Dec. 1, "	Was relieved of Post.	
	Was ordered to become a student of the Ordinary Course of the Naval Torpedo School.	
May 24, 1913	Graduated from the above school and was ordered to become a student of the Ordinary Course of the Naval Gunnery School.	

Dec. 1, 1913	Was appointed Sub-Lieut., 1st Class	
	Graduated from the above course of the above school and was relieved of the position of student.	
	Was order to be attached to the Kasagi.	
Jan. 31, 1914	Was conferred the Seventh Junior Grade of the Court Rank.	
July 19, 1915	Was transferred from the Kasagi to the Seventeenth Destroyer Flotilla.	
Dec. 13, "	Was transferred from the above destroyer-flotilla to the Yamakaze.	
Nov. 7, 1915	Was bestowed the Sixth Order of the Sacred Treasure and a war-medal of 1914-1915 with a sum of 300 yen.	
Dec. 1, 1916	Appointed First Lieutenant	Cabinet
Dec. 28, 1916	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
Dec. 1, 1916	Relieved of assignment to H.M.S. "Yamakaze"	
	Enrolled as B-class student of the Naval Staff College.	
May 1, 1917	On graduation, relieved of student of the Naval Staff College and enrolled as a student of the special course of the Naval Staff College.	
Dec. 1, 1917	On graduation, relieved of student.	
	Appointed navigating officer on board H.M.S. "Koshu".	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1918	Relieved of the principal post and appointed staff-officer of the 3rd Fleet.	
Nov. 28, 1919	Conferred the 5th Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Dec. 1, 1919	Relieved of the principal post and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Tsushima".	

Jan. 30, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Mishima".	
July 15, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Hirato"	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1920	Enrolled as A-class student of the Naval Staff College.	Navy Ministry
Nov. 1, 1920	Conferred the 4th Order of Merit with the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun. Granted a sum of ¥900 in recognition of the distinguished services in the 1915-20 War.	
Feb. 10, 1922	Conferred the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank	
Dec. 1, 1922	Appointed Lieutenant Commander	Cabinet
Dec. 1, 1922	On graduation, relieved of A-class student of the Naval Staff College and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Oi"	Navy Ministry
Jun. 11, 1923	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Kiso"	Navy Ministry
Oct. 15, 1923	Relieved of the principal additional posts. Assigned to the Naval General Staff and appointed staff officer	Navy Ministry
Dec. 15, 1923	Concurrently ordered member of the Technical Department, Technical Council.	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1924	Relieved of main post and concurrent post, Appointed Navigating Officer and Division Officer of IWATE.	Navy Ministry
Apr. 20, 1926	Relieved of main post and concurrent post Appointed to take his post in Naval General Staff and Navy Ministry	Navy Ministry
May 1, 1926	Relieved of main post and concurrent post, Appointed member of the Bureau of Naval Affairs and concurrently member of Technical Department, Technical Council.	Navy Ministry

Dec. 25, 1926	Ordered official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.	Cabinet
Dec. 30, 1926	Ordered member of the Department of Ceremony.	Commissioner of the Imperial Funeral.
Feb. 4, 1927	Ordered retinue of the hearse of Imperial Taisho.	Cabinet
Mar. 8, 1927	Ordered to attache to the inspector-general.	Navy Ministry
Mar. 1, 1927	Conferred the Senior 6th Court Rank.	
Apr. 11, 1927	Relieved of official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.	Cabinet
Dec. 1, 1927	Was appointed commander.	Cabinet
Feb. 15, 1928	Was ordered to serve at the Naval General Staff.	Navy Ministry
July 30, 1928	Was decorated with the Third Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.	
Feb. 1, 1929	Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Fortress	War Ministry
" "	Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Naval Station.	Navy Ministry
Nov. 14, 1931	Was relieved of the additional post.	War Ministry
	Was appointed captain of the Tama.	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1931	Was appointed captain.	
Jan. 15, 1932	Was raised to the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.	Cabinet
July 11, 1932	Was appointed staff member of the Naval General Staff and concurrently member of the Technical Conference of the Navy	Navy Ministry
Dec. 2, 1932	Was appointed member of the specialists' commission of the Natural Resources Bureau.	Cabinet

Feb. 24, 1933	Was ordered to be attached to the special inspectorate.	Navy Ministry
Oct. 5, 1933	Relieved of post as non-regular temporary member of the Natural Resources Bureau	Cabinet
Oct. 1, 1933	Appointed the section commander of the Naval General Staff and a member of the Naval Technical Conference	Navy Department
Feb. 1, 1935	Improved the official organization by the Imperial Order No. 8 in the 10th year of Showa (1935)	
Feb. 1, 1935	Appointed additionally to be a member of the Naval Technical Conference	Navy Department
March 27, 1935	Ordered an inspector-general	Navy Department
Dec. 2, 1935	Appointed a captain of "Nachi"	Navy Department
Apr. 25, 1934	Conferred the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for the services of the incidents from 1931 to 1934.	
Nov. 16, 1936	Ordered (to be) a commander of the Tateyama Flying Corps.	Navy Department
Feb. 15, 1937	Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank	
July 12, 1937	Ordered (to be) a commander of the 1st Combined Flying Corps.	
Dec. 1, 1937	Appointed a rear-admiral	Cabinet
Aug. 13, 1938	Conferred the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure	
Dec. 15, 1938	Appointed a commander of the Yokosuka Navy Flying Corps and a member of the Navy Technical Conference.	
Oct. 20, 1934	Appointed a commander of the 2nd Flying Corps	Navy Department
Nov. 1, 1940	Appointed a commander of the First Flying Corps	Navy Department
Oct. 15, 1941	Commissioned Vice-Admiral	Cabinet
Nov. 1, 1941	Conferred Junior Grade of the 4th Court Rank.	

Apr. 29, 1940	Decorated with the 2nd class order of the Golden Kite and awarded the Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident	
May 11, 1943	Conferred 1st Class Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
May 18, 1943	Ordered Commander in Chief of the 12th Air Corps (not reported in Official Gazette)	Cabinet
Aug. 5, 1943	Ordered Commander in Chief of the Northeastern Area Fleet, concurrently Commander in Chief of the 12th Air Corps (Not Gazetted)	Cabinet
Nov. 15, 1943	Conferred Senior Grade of the 4th Court Rank.	
Oct. 11, 1944	Ordered member of the Research Mobilization Committee	Cabinet
May 1, 1945	Ordered Commander in Chief of the YOKOSUKA Naval Base (Not Gazetted)	Cabinet
Mar. 16, 1945	Ordered temporary member of the War Investigation Committee	Cabinet
Dec. 14, 1945	Promoted one Grade as an act of Grace from the Throne. Conferred the Junior Grade of the 3rd Court Rank.	

Report by H. Shimoguma
1 May 1947

Memo for the file

Subject: TOTSUKA, Michitaro
Vice-Admiral

TOTSUKA is mentioned in IPS
Case file 115, USSBS #311

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMLAND
Operations, CIS, G-2
Compilation Branch

APC 500
1 Aug 1947

SUBJECT : TOTSUKA Michitaro

DATE OF BIRTH : 21 April 1890, in Tokyo.

ACTIVITIES :

21 Sep 1907 Naval Cadet, Naval College.

18 Jul 1910 Graduated from the Naval College.

18 Jul 1910 Probationary Officer.

1 Dec 1911 Ensign.

1 Dec 1913 Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

1 Dec 1915 Lieutenant, Senior Grade.

1 Dec 1915 "B" Course student, Naval Staff College.

1 May 1916 Student, Special Course, Naval Staff College.

1 Dec 1916 Navigation Officer of H. I. J. M. S. KOSHU.

1 Dec 1917 Staff Officer, 3rd Squadron.

1 Dec 1918 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H. I. J. M. S. TSUSHIMA.

30 Jan 1919 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. MISHIMA.

15 Jul 1919 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. HIRATO.

1 Dec 1919 "A" Course Student, Naval Staff College.

1 Dec 1922 Lieutenant-Commander.

1 Dec 1922 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. OI.

11 Jun 1923 Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer of H.I.J.M.S. KISO.

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TOTSUKA, Michitaro--cont'd.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd) :

15 Oct 1923	Attached to Naval General Staff and concurrently appointed Staff Officer.
1 Dec 1924	Navigation Officer and concurrently Division Officer.
1 May 1926	Military Affairs Bureau, Naval Ministry.
1 Dec 1927	Commander.
15 Feb 1928	Attached to Naval General Staff.
15 Feb 1928	Detailed to make official tour of Europe and America.
1 Feb 1929	Staff Officer, Sasebo Naval Station.
14 Nov 1931	Commanding Officer of H.I.J.M.S. TAMA.
1 Dec 1931	Captain.
11 Jul 1932	Staff Officer, Naval General Staff.
1 Oct 1933	Chief of Section, Naval General Staff.
1 Dec 1934	Commanding Officer, H.I.J.M.S. NACHI.
16 Nov 1935	Commander of TATEYAMA Naval Flying Corps.
11 Jul 1936	Commander of 1st Naval Combined Air Squadron.
1 Dec 1936	Rear Admiral.
15 Dec 1937	Commander, Naval Flying Corps.
30 Oct 1938	Commander, 2nd Air Squadron.
1 Nov 1939	Commander, 1st Air Squadron.
10 Apr 1940	Commander, 1st Combined Naval Flying Corps.
15 Oct 1940	Vice-Admiral.
1 Feb 1942	Commander, Combined Naval Flying Training Corps and concurrently 1st Combined Naval Flying Corps.

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TOTSUKA Michitaro--cont'd.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd):

18 May 1942	Commander-in-Chief, 2nd Air Fleet.
5 Aug 1942	Commander-in-Chief, North East Area Fleet, and concurrently 2nd Air Fleet.
15 Sep 1943	Chief, Department of Naval Aeronautics.
1 May 1944	Commander-in-Chief, Naval Station, Yokosuka.
20 Nov 1944	Re-assigned to the First Reserve List.

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J. Maruyama

Curriculum Vitae

Name Michitaro Totsuka

Designation of Family SHIZOKU of Tokyo Prefecture

Date of Birth April 21st 1890

Parents Shojiro Totsuka born on Jan. 1st, 1861 (foster father)

Yone Totsuka born on April 1st, 1874 (foster mother)

DATE	APPOINTMENT & REMOVAL	Name of School & Office
Sept. 21 1907	Ordered to enter the Naval Academy	Naval Academy
July 18 1910	Graduated from the Naval Academy	"
" "	Ordered to be Naval Cadet	naval Department
" "	Attached to the Asama	"
July 23 "	Sailed to China from Kagoshima	
Aug. 13 "	Reached Takeshiki (Returned home for	

		<p>sometime. On Oct. 16th sailed from Yokohama for Central America.</p>	
March 6	1911	Arrived at Yokosuka	
March 11	"	Attached to the Kurama	naval department
April 1	"	Started from Yokosuka for England	
Dec. 1	"	was appointed Sub-Lieut., 2nd class	"
		Attached to the Naniwa	
Feb. 10	1912	Was conferred the Eighth Senior Grade of the Court Rank	
July 31	"	Was transferred from the Naniwa	

		to the Naval Gunnery School.
Dec. 1	"	was relieved of Post.
		Was ordered to become a student of
		the Ordinary Course of the Naval Tor-
		pedo School.
May 24	1913	Graduated from the above school
		and was ordered to become a student
		of the Ordinary Course of the Naval
		Gunnery School
Dec. 1	"	was appointed Sub-Lieut., 1st class

		Graduated from the above course of
		the above school and was relieved
		of the position of a student.
		Was ordered to be attached to the
		Kasagi.
Jan. 31	1914	Was conferred the Seventh Junior
		Grade of the Court Rank.
July 19	1915	Was transferred from the Kasagi
		to the Seventeenth Destroyer Flotilla.
Dec. 13	"	Was transferred from the above

destroyer-flotilla to the Yumakaze.

Nov. 7 1915 was bestowed the Sixth Order of

the Sacred Treasure and a war-medal

of 1914-1915 with a sum of 300 yen.

Translated by Seiichi OHTA

Dec. 1, 1916 Appointed ~~a lieutenant in the navy~~ ~~the~~ Cabinet
First Lieutenant.

Dec. 28, 1916 Conferred the Senior 7th Court Rank.
^{Grade of the}

Dec 1, 1916 Relieved of assignment to H.M.S.)
~~Dismissed a crew of "Yamakaze"~~

Enrolled as ^{B-class}
~~ordered to be~~ student of the Naval Staff

College, ~~B class~~

May 1, 1917 On graduation, relieved of)
~~Dismissed~~ student of the Naval Staff Col-

lege, ~~as graduated~~ and ^{enrolled as} ~~ordered to be~~
a student of the special course of the Naval Staff
~~a post-graduate student of the same school.~~
College.

Dec. 1, 1917 On graduation, relieved of)
~~Dismissed~~ student, ~~as graduated~~

^{on board H.M.S.)}
Appointed a navigating officer of "Kōshū" -

Ministry.
~~the~~ Navy ~~Department~~

Dec. 1, 1918 Relieved of the principal post
~~Dismissed the office up to this time~~ and

appointed staff-officer
~~ordered to be a staff~~ of the 3rd Fleet.

Nov. 28, 1919 Conferred the 5th Order of Merit ~~and~~ ^{with} the Order of
 the Sacred Treasure.

Dec. 1, 1919 Relieved of the principal part
~~Dismissed the office up to this time~~ and appoin-
 ted ~~a~~ navigating officer and ^{concurrently} ~~a~~ ^{officer} divisional ~~one~~
 on board H.M.S. ^{of} "Tsushima".

Jan. 30, 1920 Relieved of the principal and
~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~
 posts ~~one up to this time~~ and appointed ~~a~~
 navigating officer and ^{concurrently} ~~a~~ ^{officer} divisional ~~one~~ of
 on board H.M.S. ["] "Mishima".

July 15, 1920 Relieved of the principal
~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~
 posts ~~one up to this time~~ and appointed ~~a~~ navigating

concurrently officer and a divisional ~~officer~~ officer on board H.M.S. "Hirato" —

~~the~~ Navy ~~Department~~ Ministry

Dec. 1, 1920 Relieved of the principal and ~~posts~~ ~~Dismissed~~ the main office and the additional ~~one up to~~ posts

this time — ~~the~~ Navy ~~Department~~ Ministry

Dec. 1, 1920 Enrolled as A-class, Ordered to be a student of the Naval Staff College

A class — ~~the~~ Navy ~~Department~~ Ministry

Nov. 1, 1920 Conferred the 4th Order of Merit ~~and~~ with the Small Cordon

of ~~the~~ ~~Imperial~~ ~~Order~~ of the Rising Sun ~~five~~
granted a sum of

¥ 900 ~~for the services~~ from 1915 to 1920 in recognition of the distinguished services in the 1915-20 War.

Feb. 10, 1922 Conferred the ^{Grade of the} Junior 6th Court Rank

Dec. 1, 1922 Appointed Lieutenant-Commander — ~~the~~ Cabinet
on graduation, relieved of A class

Dec. 1, 1922 ~~Dismissed~~ a student of the Naval Staff College

~~A class as graduated~~ and appointed

on board H.M.S. ^{concurrently} navigating officer and ~~divisional~~ ~~officer~~

"Qi" — ~~The~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Jun. 11, 1923 Relieved of the principal and ~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~ ^{posts} ~~one~~

and appointed ~~the~~ navigating officer and ~~the~~ ^{concurrently} ^{on board H.M.S.} ~~divisional~~ officer of "Kiso" — ~~The~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Oct. 15, 1923 Relieved of the principal ~~Dismissed the main office and the additional~~ ^{posts..} ~~one~~

Assigned to ~~and ordered to serve~~ at the Naval General

Staff and appointed ~~the~~ staff officer — ~~The~~ Navy ^{Ministry} ~~Department~~

Translated by AZUMA

Dec. 15, 1923

Concurrently ordered ~~to~~ member

of ^{the} Technical Department, Technical

Council. — Navy Ministry

Dec. 1, 1924

Relieved of main post and

concurrent post, Appointed

Navigating Officer and Division

Officer of IWATE. — Navy Ministry

April 20, 1926

Relieved of ~~the~~ main post and

concurrent post, Appointed

to take his post in Naval General

Staff and Navy Ministry. — Navy Ministry

May 1, 1926

Relieved of main post and concurrent post,

the inspector-general. — Navy Ministry

Appointed member of the Bureau
of Naval Affairs and, ^{concurrently member of} ~~the~~ Technical
Department, Technical Council.

— Navy Ministry

Dec. 25, 1926 Ordered official of the commissioner
of the Imperial funeral. — Cabinet

Dec. 30, 1926 Ordered member of the Department
of Ceremony. — Commissioner of
the Imperial funeral

Feb. 4, 1927 Ordered retinue of the hearse of
Imperial Taisho. — Cabinet

March 8, 1927 Ordered to attache to ~~Extraordinary~~
the inspector-general. — Navy Ministry

March 1, 1927. Conferred the Senior 6th Court Rank.

April 11, 1927. Relieved of official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.
— Cabinet

Dec. 1, 1927. Was appointed commander. — The Cabinet.

Feb. 15, 1928. Was ordered to serve at the Naval General Staff. — The Navy Ministry.

July 30, 1928. Was decorated with the Third Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.

Feb. 1, 1929. Concurrently was appointed staff member of the Sasebo Fortress. —

The War Ministry
ditto. Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Naval Station. — The Navy Ministry

Nov. 14, 1931. Was relieved of the additional post. — The War Ministry.

Was appointed captain of the Tama. — The Navy Ministry.

Dec. 1, 1931. Was appointed captain.

Jan. 15, 1932. Was raised to the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank. — The Cabinet.

July 11, 1932. Was appointed staff member of the Naval General Staff and concurrently member of the Technical Conference of the Navy. — The Navy Ministry.

Dec. 2, 1932. Was appointed member of the specialists' commission of the Natural Resources Bureau. — The Cabinet.

Feb. 24, 1933. Was ordered to be
attached to the special
inspectorate. ~~of~~ — The Navy Ministry.

Oct. 5, 1933 — Relieved of post as
non-regular temporary member
of the Natural Resources Bureau
— the Cabinet.

Oct 1, 1933 Appointed the section commander of the Naval General Staff

and a member of the Naval Technical Conference —

the Navy Department

Feb. 1, 1935 Improved the official organizations by the Imperial

Order No. 8 in the 10th year of Shōwa (1935)

Feb. 1, 1935 Appointed additionally to be a member of the

Naval Technical Conference — the Navy Department

March 27, 1935 Ordered an inspector-general — the Navy Department

Dec. 2, 1935 Appointed a captain of "Nachi" — the Navy Department

Apr. 25, 1934 Conferred the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order

of the Rising Sun for the services of the incidents

from 1931 to 1934

Nov. 16, 1936 Ordered (to be) a commander of the Tateyama Flying Corps. — the Navy Department

Feb. 15, 1937 Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank

July 12, 1937 Ordered (to be) a commander of the 1st Combined Flying Corps. (?)

Dec. 1, 1937 Appointed a rear-admiral — the Cabinet

Aug 13, 1938 Conferred the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure

Dec. 15, 1938 Appointed a commander of the Yokosuka

Navy Flying Corps and a member of the

Navy Technical Conference

Oct. 20, 1934 Appointed a commander of the 2nd Flying Corps

— the Navy Department

Nov. 1, 1940 Appointed a commander of the First Flying Corps

— the Navy Department

Oct. 15, 1941 Commissioned Vice-Admiral - Cabinet.

Nov. 1, 1941 Conferred Junior Grade of the 4th
Count Rank.

April 29, 1940 Decorated with the 2nd class Order

of the Golden Kite and awarded

the Order of the Double Rays of the

Rising Sun, for services in the China Incident

May 11, 1943 Conferred 1st Class Order of Merit with

the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

May 16, 1943. Ordered Commander ^{in Chief} of the 12th Air Corps.
(not reported in official Gazette) - Cabinet.

Aug. 5, 1943. Ordered Commander in Chief of the
Northeastern Area Fleet, and
concurrently Commander in
Chief of the 12th Air Corps.
(Not Gazetted) - Cabinet.

Nov. 15, 1943. Conferred Senior Grade of the
4th Court Rank.

Oct. 11, 1944. Ordered member of the
Research Mobilization Committee
- Cabinet.

May 1, 1945 - Ordered Commander in Chief of the
YOKOSUKA Naval Base,
(Not Gazetted) - Cabinet.

March 16, 1946 - Ordered temporary member
of the War Investigation Committee
- Cabinet.

Dec. 14, 1945 - Promoted one Grade as
an act of Grace from the
Throne.

Conferred the Junior Grade
of the 3rd Career Rank.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD
MAY 2, 1947.
DEFENSE - Direct Examination TOTSUKA,

Direct Examination of TOTSUKA, Michitaro
by Mr. Roberts

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The witness stated that he lived in Tokyo. He identified Exhibit 2529 as his affidavit. The affidavit stated * that the witness was Commander of the First Combined Air Corps in July, 1937., stationed in Taihoku, Formosa and Quelpart Island.

August 14, 1937, the Chinese Air Corps carried out an attack on the cruiser "Izumo" in Shanghai harbor as well as the Marine Headquarters. In retaliation the Japanese bombed the Chinese Air Base in Nanking on August 15, 1937. In early September 1937, the Chinese air strength was moved southward to Canton and they bombed the Japanese cruiser "YUBARI" on the South China coast.

Japan therefore bombed the Canton air base to try to wipe out the Chinese Air Force. Subsequently they undertook destruction of railways and communications after receiving reports that the Chinese were moving northward.

Instructions and orders came from the Third Fleet, as to objectives to be bombed - only airfields, arsenals, military installations, munition dumps, military schools, and other military targets. At no time were they to bomb any city or town indiscriminately without military objectives in view.

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The Air Corps had reconnaissance planes to bring in reports and they consulted maps for objectives using aerial photographs to bomb accurately. Of course on occasions they did not succeed in directly hitting the target and some unavoidable incidents occurred. At times Chinese anti-aircraft was extremely effective and they were forced to fly at high altitudes over their objectives. When they bombed they took photographs and studied the results of the bombing to achieve greater accuracy. They never intentionally bombed

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non-military objectives. When they did however damage some non-military installation they were warned by the General Staff to exercise more care. The witness constantly instructed pilots to exercise caution. On occasion, even though they suspected the Chinese of using the flag of a third Power, they refrained from bombing to be doubly sure.

21,376 In August, 1938, the Chinese were fleeing from Hankow, and just as the planes were about to bomb, the French flag was hoisted on the ship on which they were * and the Japanese planes returned without bombing. There were similar other cases. The men were instructed to refrain from bombing because of the possibility of being mistaken.

In some instances they did not use the bomb sight but resorted to the hand operated device and a stop watch to make certain of the target before releasing the bombs. Pilots were furnished maps by the General Staff to determine military objectives and the general location of third Powers' installations. Maps based on information furnished by third Powers were distributed for guidance.

2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Edwards

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT - General

WITNESS

TOTSUKA, Michitaro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Memo for the file

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

Report by H. Shimojima

2 May 1947

Memo for the File -

SUBJECT: TOTSUKA, Michitaro, Vice-Admiral

TOTSUKA is mentioned in IPS case file 115, USSBS #311

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

*Justified
5/2/43*

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: TOTSUKI, Michitaro
born: April 21st, 1890
No. 17 NIKAI-Machi NAKANO-ku, Tokyo

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:

I was appointed Commander of the Third Combined Air Corps in July 1937. The above mentioned air corps was stationed in Taihoku, Formosa and QUELPAIT ISLAND.

On August 14, 1937, the Chinese Air Corps carried out an attack on the cruiser "IZUMO" in Shanghai Harbor as well as the Marine Headquarters. In retaliation, we bombed the Chinese Air Base in Nanking on August 15, 1937. In the early part of September 1937, the Chinese air strength was transferred southward to Canton and they bombed the cruiser "YUBARI" on the South China coast. We therefore bombed the Air Base in Canton in an attempt to wipe out the Chinese Air Force.

Subsequently we undertook the destruction of railways and communications after receiving reports that the Chinese Army was moving northward.

We received instruction and orders from the Third Fleet as to the objectives to be bombed. Those instructions were to bomb only airfields,

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Judge says wants + explanation

arsenals, military installations, munition dumps, military ^oschools, and other military targets. At no time did we bomb any city or town indiscriminately without a military objective in view.

The air corps had reconnaissance planes bringing in reports and we consulted our maps for objectives to be bombed. We made use of aerial photographs in an effort to bomb accurately.

Of course, on occasion we did not succeed in scoring a direct hit on our targets and some unavoidable accidents occurred. At times the Chinese anti-aircraft was extremely effective and we were forced to fly at high altitudes over our objectives. As soon as we bombed, we took photographs and studied the results of our bombing for the purpose of achieving greater accuracy. We never at any time intentionally bombed non-military objectives or installations. On any occasion when we failed to achieve accurate bombing and damaged some non-military installations, we were warned by the General Staff to exercise more care. I constantly instructed the pilots and commander to exercise caution in their bombing missions. On some occasions, when we saw a flag even though we suspected the Chinese were displaying the flag of a third power, we refrained from bombing in order to be doubly sure. Giving an example here, in August 1938 when the Chinese soldiers were fleeing up the Yangtze River from Hankow, and just as our planes were about to bomb, a French flag was hoisted on the ship which we knew for sure they were on, therefore our planes returned without bombing. There were other cases similar in nature and although we knew the Chinese ^{were} hiding behind a foreign flag, our men were instructed to refrain from bombing because of the possibility of being mistaken.

In some instances of our bombing missions, we would not use the bomb

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sight, and resorted to the hand-operated device and a stop watch in order to make certain of our target before releasing the bombs.

The pilots were initially furnished maps by the General Staff for the purpose of determining military objectives and showing general location of the third power ^{installation.} ^{maps} indicating installations of the third powers based on informations, ~~which~~, furnished directly by the third powers were distributed later for our guidance. Therefore, it greatly aided us in directing our attacks on enemy positions and installation only.

On this 15th day of April 1947

at Tokyo

DEPONENT TOTSUKA, Michitaro (seal)

I, INAGAWA, Tatsuo, 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) Tatsuo Inagawa

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

TOTSUKA Michitaro

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Translation Certificate

I, KENJIRO Akune , of the Defense, hereby certify that the attached translation of Affidavit of TOTSUKA, Michitaro is, to the best of my knowledg, and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

Kenjiro Akune

Tokyo, Japan

Date 17 April 1947

1 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: **Mr. Sutton; Mr. Edward**

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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WITNESS

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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

Curriculum Vitae

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Designation of Family SHIZOKU of Tokyo Prefecture

Date of Birth April 21st, 1890

Parents Shojiro Totsuka born on Jan. 1st, 1861 (foster father)
Yone Totsuka born on April 1st, 1874 (foster mother)

Date	Appointment and Removal	Name of School and Office
Sept. 21, 1907	Ordered to enter the Naval Academy	Naval Academy
July 18, 1910	Graduated from the Naval Academy	"
" "	Ordered to be a Naval Cadet	Naval Department
" "	Attached to the Asama	"
July 23, "	Sailed to China from Kagoshima	
Aug. 13, "	Reached Takeshiki (Returned home for sometime.) On Oct. 16th sailed from Yokohama for Central America.	
March 6, "	Arrived at Yokosuka	
March 11, "	Attached to the Kurama	Naval Department
April 1, "	Started from Yokosuka for England	
Dec. 1, "	Was appointed Sub-Lieut., 2nd class	"
	Attached to the Naniwa	
Feb. 10, 1912	Was conferred the Eighth Senior Grade of the Court Rank	
July 31, "	Was transferred from the Naniwa to the Naval Gunnery School.	
Dec. 1, "	Was relieved of Post.	
	Was ordered to become a student of the Ordinary Course of the Naval Torpedo School.	
May 24, 1913	Graduated from the above school and was ordered to become a student of the Ordinary Course of the Naval Gunnery School.	

Dec. 1, 1913	<p>Was appointed Sub-Lieut., 1st Class</p> <p>Graduated from the above course of the above school and was relieved of the position of student.</p> <p>Was order to be attached to the Kasagi.</p>	
Jan. 31, 1914	Was conferred the Seventh Junior Grade of the Court Rank.	
July 19, 1915	Was transferred from the Kasagi to the Seventeenth Destroyer Flotilla.	
Dec. 13, "	Was transferred from the above destroyer-flotilla to the Yamakaze.	
Nov. 7, 1915	Was bestowed the Sixth Order of the Sacred Treasure and a war-medal of 1914-1915 with a sum of 300 yen.	
Dec. 1, 1916	Appointed First Lieutenant	Cabinet
Dec. 28, 1916	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
Dec. 1, 1916	<p>Relieved of assignment to H.M.S. "Yamakaze"</p> <p>Enrolled as B-class student of the Naval Staff College.</p>	
May 1, 1917	On graduation, relieved of student of the Naval Staff College and enrolled as a student of the special course of the Naval Staff College.	
Dec. 1, 1917	<p>On graduation, relieved of student.</p> <p>Appointed navigating officer on board H.M.S. "Koshu".</p>	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1918	Relieved of the principal post and appointed staff-officer of the 3rd Fleet.	
Nov. 28, 1919	Conferred the 5th Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Dec. 1, 1919	Relieved of the principal post and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Tsushima".	

Jan. 30, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Mishima".	
July 15, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Hirato"	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1920	Relieved of the principal and additional posts	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1920	Enrolled as A-class student of the Naval Staff College.	Navy Ministry
Nov. 1, 1920	Conferred the 4th Order of Merit with the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun. Granted a sum of ¥900 in recognition of the distinguished services in the 1915-20 War.	
Feb. 10, 1922	Conferred the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank	
Dec. 1, 1922	Appointed Lieutenant Commander	Cabinet
Dec. 1, 1922	On graduation, relieved of A-class student of the Naval Staff College and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Oi"	Navy Ministry
Jun. 11, 1923	Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed navigating officer and concurrently divisional officer on board H.M.S. "Kiso"	Navy Ministry
Oct. 15, 1923	Relieved of the principal additional posts. Assigned to the Naval General Staff and appointed staff officer	Navy Ministry
Dec. 15, 1923	Concurrently ordered member of the Technical Department, Technical Council.	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1924	Relieved of main post and concurrent post, Appointed Navigating Officer and Division Officer of IWATE.	Navy Ministry
Apr. 20, 1926	Relieved of main post and concurrent post Appointed to take his post in Naval General Staff and Navy Ministry	Navy Ministry
May 1, 1926	Relieved of main post and concurrent post, Appointed member of the Bureau of Naval Affairs and concurrently member of Technical Department, Technical Council.	Navy Ministry

Dec. 25, 1926	Ordered official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.	Cabinet
Dec. 30, 1926	Ordered member of the Department of Ceremony.	Commissioner of the Imperial Funeral.
Feb. 4, 1927	Ordered retinue of the hearse of Imperial Taisho.	Cabinet
Mar. 8, 1927	Ordered to attache to the inspector-general.	Navy Ministry
Mar. 1, 1927	Conferred the Senior 6th Court Rank.	
Apr. 11, 1927	Relieved of official of the commissioner of the Imperial funeral.	Cabinet
Dec. 1, 1927	Was appointed commander.	Cabinet
Feb. 15, 1928	Was ordered to serve at the Naval General Staff.	Navy Ministry
July 30, 1928	Was decorated with the Third Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.	
Feb. 1, 1929	Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Fortress	War Ministry
" "	Was appointed concurrently staff member of the Sasebo Naval Station.	Navy Ministry
Nov. 14, 1931	Was relieved of the additional post.	War Ministry
	Was appointed captain of the Tama.	Navy Ministry
Dec. 1, 1931	Was appointed captain.	
Jan. 15, 1932	Was raised to the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.	Cabinet
July 11, 1932	Was appointed staff member of the Naval General Staff and concurrently member of the Technical Conference of the Navy	Navy Ministry
Dec. 2, 1932	Was appointed member of the specialists' commission of the Natural Resources Bureau.	Cabinet

Feb. 24, 1933	Was ordered to be attached to the special inspectorate.	Navy Ministry
Oct. 5, 1933	Relieved of post as non-regular temporary member of the Natural Resources Bureau	Cabinet
Oct. 1, 1933	Appointed the section commander of the Naval General Staff and a member of the Naval Technical Conference	Navy Department
Feb. 1, 1935	Improved the official organization by the Imperial Order No. 8 in the 10th year of Showa (1935)	
Feb. 1, 1935	Appointed additionally to be a member of the Naval Technical Conference	Navy Department
March 27, 1935	Ordered an inspector-general	Navy Department
Dec. 2, 1935	Appointed a captain of "Nachi"	Navy Department
Apr. 25, 1934	Conferred the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for the services of the incidents from 1931 to 1934.	
Nov. 16, 1936	Ordered (to be) a commander of the Tateyama Flying Corps.	Navy Department
Feb. 15, 1937	Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank	
July 12, 1937	Ordered (to be) a commander of the 1st Combined Flying Corps.	
Dec. 1, 1937	Appointed a rear-admiral	Cabinet
Aug. 13, 1938	Conferred the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure	
Dec. 15, 1938	Appointed a commander of the Yokosuka Navy Flying Corps and a member of the Navy Technical Conference.	
Oct. 20, 1934	Appointed a commander of the 2nd Flying Corps	Navy Department
Nov. 1, 1940	Appointed a commander of the First Flying Corps	Navy Department
Oct. 15, 1941	Commissioned Vice-Admiral	Cabinet
Nov. 1, 1941	Conferred Junior Grade of the 4th Court Rank.	

Apr. 29, 1940	Decorated with the 2nd class order of the Golden Kite and awarded the Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident	
May 11, 1943	Conferred 1st Class Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
May 18, 1943	Ordered Commander in Chief of the 12th Air Corps (not reported in Official Gazette)	Cabinet
Aug. 5, 1943	Ordered Commander in Chief of the Northeastern Area Fleet, concurrently Commander in Chief of the 12th Air Corps (Not Gazetted)	Cabinet
Nov. 15, 1943	Conferred Senior Grade of the 4th Court Rank.	
Oct. 11, 1944	Ordered member of the Research Mobilization Committee	Cabinet
May 1, 1945	Ordered Commander in Chief of the YOKOSUKA Naval Base (Not Gazetted)	Cabinet
Mar. 16, 1945	Ordered temporary member of the War Investigation Committee	Cabinet
Dec. 14, 1945	Promoted one Grade as an act of Grace from the Throne. Conferred the Junior Grade of the 3rd Court Rank.	