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GENERAL HEADQUARTER  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Operations, CIS, G-2  
Compilation Branch

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31 July 1947

SUBJECT : WATANABE, Wataru

PLACE OF BIRTH : Kamimura-mura, Kune-gun, Okayama-ken.

ACTIVITIES : Graduated from Military Staff College.  
Graduated from Army Military Academy.

1929 Attached to General Staff Office.

1937 Attached to Headquarters, Japanese forces in North China.

? Chief, Liaison Department, East Asia, Promotion Board of the General Staff Office.

1941 Staff officer, Japanese Expeditionary Forces in the Southern Regions.

May 1942 Chief Civilian Administrator for the Japanese Army in Malaya.

Jul 1942 Director-General and Chief, General Affairs Dept., Central Gov't of Malaya and Sumatra.

Mar 1943 Major-General.

May 1943 Chief, First Department, Cabinet Planning Board.

Nov 1943 Director, Planning Bureau, Mobilization Bureau, Munitions Ministry.

Dec 1944 Chief, Japanese Military Administration of Singapore.

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29 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lopez; Capt. Robinson USN Att: Cmdr. Cole;  
Mr. Edwards; Mr. Sutton  
FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
Investigative Division, IPS  
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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DEFENDANT

ITAGAKI

WITNESS

WATANABE, Wataru

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Curriculum Vitae

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*EPM*  
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: WATANABE, Wataru

Permanent Domicile: OKAYAMA Prefecture

Date of Birth: Dec. 26, 1896

May 30 1916	Finished the regular course of the Central Military Preparatory School.	
"	Commissioned Probational Officer and assigned to the 62nd Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
Jun 7 1916	Entered the 62nd Inf. Reg.	
"	Commissioned Infantry Superior Private.	62nd Inf. Reg.
Aug 1 "	Promoted to the rank of corporal Inf.	"
Sep 1 "	Promoted to the rank of Sergeant Inf.	"
Dec 1 "	Entered the Military Academy.	
May 27 1918	Graduated from the Military Academy.	
Jun 2 "	Returned to his Regiment.	
"	Promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major, and appointed Probationary Officer.	
Oct 29 "	Approved at the officers' examination council in accordance with Article 12 of the Military Replacement Ordinance.	
Dec 25 "	Appointed 2nd Lieutenant Infantry and attached to the 62nd Inf. Regiment.	Cabinet War Ministry
Feb 28 1919	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 8th Class Court Rank.	
Nov 1 1920	Conferred the 6th <sup>R</sup> rank of merit and decorated with the 6th order of the Sacred Treasure. money grant of 400 yen for his merit in the war 1915 - 1920.	
Mar 6 1922	Appointed Lieutenant Infantry.	Cabinet
" 20 "	Raised to the junior grade of the 7th class court rank.	

Aug 6 1923	Released from his Principal Office and attached to the training regiment of the Military Infantry School.	War Ministry
Dec 26 1924	Ordered to enter the Army General Staff College.	"
Jan 20 1925	Released from his Principal Office and attached to the 62nd Inf. Regiment.	"
May 1 "	Attached to the 12th Inf. Regiment.	"
Mar 15 1927	Appointed Captain Infantry.	Cabinet
	Released from his Principal Office and attached to the 12th Inf. Regiment.	
Apr 15 1927	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 7th Class Court.	
May 25 1927	Conferred the 5th rank of Merit and decorated with the 5th Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Dec 16 1927	Appointed a company commander of the 12th Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
Apr 27 1927	Ordered to serve in the General Staff.	"
Aug 1 1929	Appointed a battalion adjutant of the 12th Infantry Regiment.	"
Dec 10 1929	Appointed a member of the General Staff	"
Aug 1 1930	Appointed a staff-officer of the 2nd Division.	"
Aug 1 1931	Appointed a member of the General Staff.	
Feb 3 1932	Appointed temporarily a staff-officer of the 24th mixed brigade (not announced in the Official Gazette).	"
Apr 11 1932	Attached to the General Staff.	"

May 16 1932	Raised to the Junior Grade of the 6th Class Court Rank.	
Aug 1 1933	Appointed Major Inf.	Cabinet
Feb 7 1934	Conferred the 4th rank of Merit and decorated with the 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Mar 5 1934		Appointed a staff-officer of the 9th Division. War Ministry
Apr 29 1934	Decorated with the 5th Class Order of the Golden Kite. Granted ¥350 as an annuity.	
"	Decorated with the Minor Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.	In recognition of his service in the China Incident. "
Dec 2 1935		Attached to the Headquarters of the Kwangtung Army (not announced in the Official Gazette)
July 1 1937	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 6th Class Court Rank.	
Aug 2 1937	Appointed Lieut. Colonel of Infantry.	Cabinet
Jun 3 1938	Conferred the 3rd rank of Merit and decorated with the 3rd Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Mar 9 1939	Appointed to Col. of Inf.	"
Mar 10 "	Appointed an investigator of the China Affairs Board. Conferred the 3rd rank of the higher civil service.	"
		Granted an annual salary of 4150 yen.
		Ordered to serve in the North China Liaison Office of the China Affairs Board. "
Apr 1 1939	Raised to the Junior Grade of the 5th Class Court Rank.	

Sep 6 1940	Discharged from his service at his own request.	Cabinet
"	Attached to the General Staff.	
Oct 1 1940	Appointed member of the Total War Research Institute.	
	Conferred the 3rd rank of the Higher Civil Service.	"
	Granted an annual salary of 4150 yen.	
Jun 7 1941	Ordered to take an official trip to European countries and the United States of America.	"
Oct 15 1941	Relieved of his principal post at his own request.	"
Mar 1 1943	Appointed major-general.	"
	Attached to the Military Infantry School.	War Ministry
May 11 1943	Appointed chief of a department of the Cabinet Planning Board.	
	Conferred the 2nd rank of the higher civil service.	"
	Granted an annual salary of 5000 yen.	
	Appointed chief of the 1st department of the Cabinet Planning Board and concurrently attached to the executive office of the President's secretariate of the Cabinet Planning Board.	Cabinet
	Appointed secretary of the National General Mobilization Council.	
	Appointed member of the General	

	Mobilization Compensation Committee.	
	Appointed secretary of the Price Policy Council.	Cabinet
May 11 1943	Appointed member of the Temporary Committee on greater production, not recorded in the official gazette /in red ink/	"
	Ordered secretary of the Investigation Council. not recorded in the official gazette (in red ink)	"
May 22 1943	Appointed member of the Foreign, Currency Loans, Management Committee.	"
	Appointed councillor of the Price Bureau.	"
	Appointed secretary of the Central Price-Fixing Committee.	"
	Appointed councillor of the Metals Recovery Board.	"
May 27 1943	Appointed member of the Corporation Finance Investigation Committee.	
	Appointed a member of the Fund Accommodation Investigation Committee.	"
May 28 1943	Commissioned a member of the Currency Manufacturing Conference.	"
May 31 1943	Appointed a manager of the Extraordinary Fund-Adjustment Committee.	"
"	Appointed a councillor of the Military Protection Board.	"
Jun 1 1943	Assigned a secretary of the Committee to investigate the Establishment of the Greater East Asia.	"

Jun 15 1943		Appointed a Government commissioner of the 82nd Session of the Imperial Diet. Cabinet
Jun 16 1943		Appointed a councillor of the Air-Defense Bureau in the Home Ministry.
Jun 17 1943		Appointed a member of the liaison committee in the Home Ministry. "
Jun 24 1943		Appointed a member of the Committee to investigate penal regulations related to economy. "
Apr 29 1940	Decorated with the Intermediate Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.	Appointed a member of the Enemy-Property Custodian Committee. "
Jul 15 1943		Appointed a member of the Enterprise-Adjustment Fund Committee. Cabinet
Apr 15 1943	Raised to the senior grade of the fifth class Court Rank.	In recognition of his service in the China Incident.
Jul 27 1943		Appointed a member of the Customs Investigation Committee.
Jul 22 1943		Appointed a member of the Contribution Investigation Committee. Cabinet
		Appointed a councillor of the General Affairs Bureau in the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry.
		Appointed a temporary member of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Committee. Cabinet
		Appointed a member of the Committee to Investigate Copper Articles Specially Recovered.



Jul 31 1943	Appointed a councillor of the Planning Bureau in the Commer and Industry Ministry.	
Aug 4 1943	Appointed a councillor of the /Asiatic/ Nations Research Institute.	Cabinet
Oct 2 1943	Appointed a secretary of the Committee to Prepare for the Compilation of our National History.	
Oct 14 1943	Appointed a secretary of the Mobilization Investigation Conference.	Cabinet
Oct 25 "	Appointed a government commissioner of the 83rd session of the Imperial Diet.	"
Oct 14 "	Appointed a part-time member of the Preparatory Committee to improve the civil and penal codes.	
Nov 1 "	Appointed the chief of a department of the Munition Ministry Conferred the 2nd rank of the higher civil service.	"
Dec 10 "	Appointed a secretary of the Study Mobilization Conference.	"
Dec 27 "	Appointed a member for the Special Fund-Investigation Committee.	
Jan 17 1944	Appointed a member of the Fund-Accommodation Investigation Committee.	"
Jan 20 "	Appointed a government commissioner on matters under the jurisdiction of the Munition Ministry in the 84th session of the Imperial Diet.	
Jan 22 "	Appointed a member of the Corporation Finance Inspection Committee.	"
Jan 28 "	Appointed a member of the Price Conference.	"
	Appointed a secretary of the Central Price-fixing Committee.	Cabinet

Mar 2 1944	Appointed a member of the Enterprize-Adjustment Fund Committee.	Cabinet
May 17 "	Appointed a member of the Committee investigate the standardization of manufactured goods.	"
May 22 "	Appointed a member of the Scientific Technique Investigation Council.	"
Jun 1 "	Appointed a member of the Committee to investigate the losses of the industrial arrangements companies.	"
Jun 10 "	Appointed a part-time member of the War-time Food Conference.	the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce
Jun 30 "	Appointed an attendant of the Administration Inspector. Appointed an attendant of Suzuki, Administration Inspector.	Cabinet
Sep 6 "	Appointed a government commissioner on matters under the jurisdiction of the Muniton Ministry in the 85th session of the Imperial Diet.	
Oct 4 "	Relieved of his post as attendant of the administration inspector.	Cabinet
Nov 5 "	Relieved of his post at his own request.	"

14 July 1947

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