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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: TATSUMI, Eiichi

I, TATSUMI, Eiichi, being first duly sworn on oath, do hereby depose and say:

1. That my military career was outlined in my previous affidavits, offered in evidence in the DOHIHARA case, and will not be repeated here. I was Military Attaché to Great Britain in 1936 to 1938 and 1939 to 1942, and had been Assistant Military Attaché from 1930 to 1933. I was returned to Japan by repatriation boat in September 1942, at the time when the British Embassy Staff were repatriated to England in exchange. Mr. KAMIMURA was the Chargé d' Affaires and head of the Embassy group at the time of our return, having succeeded Ambassador SHIGEMITSU, who returned in May or June, 1941, as head of the Mission.

2. During my tour of duty as Assistant and as Military Attaché in London I was responsible directly to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and was only related to the Ambassador in matters of



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conference. Under the Japanese military system the Military Attaché is appointed, directed and supervised and removed by the military authorities and is not under the authority of the Ambassador to whom he is attached.

3. One of the major factors in the appointment of a Military Attaché to a foreign government is the language ability of the officer to be appointed. In my case my language instruction was concentrated on English and my only foreign assignments were in London.

4. At the time of the close of the Pacific War I was a Lieutenant General in the Japanese army.

/s/ TATSUMI, Eiichi

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1947.

/s/ Bernard A. Hargadon  
1st Lt. Inf.  
Administrative Officer