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Date:

PMO, Tokyo

G-2, Liaison Section, GHQ, AFPAC
(Attention: Colonel Patch)

30 Sept 46

Chief of IPS, GHQ, AFPAC

1.

1. In the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of ex-Lt General Kusabe of the former Japanese Army the Provost Marshal's Office desires to question Ex-Major General Tomakatsu Matsumura and ex-Lt Colonel Ryuji Sejima who were fellow prisoners of Kusabe.

2. Colonel Baginian, Russian Army, has requested that his interview be delayed until after the two Japanese have testified at the tribunal. The date of their testimony is said to be 2 October 1946. Colonel Baginian's request is based on the fact that the two Japanese know Kusabe is dead, but do not know he committed suicide. It was felt by the Russians that this knowledge might "interfere" with their testimony.

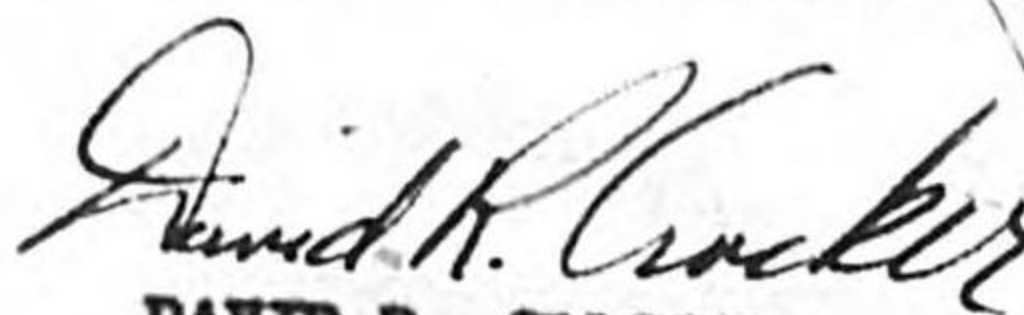
3. This office intends to grant this request for continuance because:

a. The request appears logical and based on the human probability that the entire mental attitude of the witnesses might change were they informed now as to the manner of Kusabe's death.

b. Experience has indicated Japanese military men are apt to be overly influenced by the dramatic action of their superiors. This office does not desire to be in the position of having deprived the IPS of important witnesses.

c. This office does not want to make a ruling which affects so many other agencies of a higher headquarters without complete coordination with that headquarters.

4. This report of contemplated action is forwarded for your information.



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Home of Chief OTSU

Toyama-Ken, Nishi-Tonami gun, Matsuzawa-mura, Home of Lt. Gen. SEJIMA.

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Jan 1. Tuesday Clear 83

Welcomed the new year's of newly born Japan
in KHAVDROSK, Soviet Russia

830 - 15 officers of Room #10 faced and bowed
toward the East. (First rays of the sun)

The beginning of 1946

Profound memories on the new year's of
my 5th year.

after breakfast, of Russian food, we, under

the direction of Gen. MIYA, welcomed the new year's on a foreign soil, a thing ~~which~~ never experienced ^{before,} and worshipped for the longevity of the Emperor from afar.

a new year's greeting was extended to all by Gen. YAMADA!

noon - sang "no" song, "Tsuru Kame gasho" and then played card

800/1 ^{By} Gen. NAKAO, ~~and~~ three ~~of his~~ poems on "Snow" by tomorrow morning.

1/2 poems written on rice paper posted as entry of Jan. 1.

Jan 2 Wednesday Clear $\overline{73}$

1 Poems and instructions on how to write Japanese poems. Also poems written on rice paper posted as entry of Jan. 2 /

Jan 3 Thursday Clear $\overline{19}$

1000/3 "Go" contest / T.N. Rembles checker /

1130/3 Took my first walk and saw skating



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Matsuyama-mura
Home of
Lt Gen SEJIMA~~

Next twenty pages - Russian language drill

1946 | Jan. 1 | Tuesday | clear 53
| Number | mention | of | Shabarovsk | in | the
Soviet | Union | — | New | Year | celebration
Jan. 2 | Poems | on | the | snowfall
Written | instructions | on | the | writing
of | haiku | poems | by | Lt | Gen | Makao

~~Jan 3 - Thick Clear 14~~

Oh, my first dream!
I was the Rising Sun man
^ Preparing to leave the harbor!

~~my~~ first job!
I'll begin from mending my towels.

Jan. 4 Fri. slight snowfall 14

poems

Jan 5 Sat. Clear 26

1100/- Took a new year's vote on ^{the} poems written

Jan. 6 Sun. 23 clear

/ poems /

Jan. 7 Monday 27 cold, windy, clear

morning - sent in my poems on nightingales.
spent all day repairing my trussler.

Jan 8 Tue. 28 Clear

(poems)

The snow doesn't melt!

The ^{nightingales} ~~birds~~ don't sing!

Spring in Khabarovsk!

(poems)

morning - I remember the army
for the first time.



9 Jan. Wed. 28 Clear

Burned reproaches!

(moujōmei) -
New Japan!

A horse with no ^{one} ~~one~~ inside,
Make your pillow on the grass.
No, a mountain did not move;
A bird sang.

10 Jan. Thurs. 26 Clear

From the Soviet paper:

1. 10 Jan. election for Soviet parliament.
One to be elected for every 300,000.

2. American 6th Army and 5th Corp^{to} evacuate
Kyōto.
1 poem!

Jan. 11 Fri. Clear 24

From Soviet paper
Unions strike in America

China
Recognize independence of Outer Mongolia?

The nights are cold
How is my family?
How are my friends?

1 more poems /
500 / flea inspection

Jan 12 Sat. 24 Clear
under clothing freezes,
Flea killed.
Cupid famous Naiken poems

Jan 13 Sunday 20 Clear
mend quilts
/more poems on separate rice paper/

Jan 14 Mon. 22 Clear
odes^{on} washing + scrubbing announced.
~~seungji (bamboo)~~

1000 mend towels
/instructions on how to write poems/
Jan 15 Tues. 23 Clear
Morrising and night
Soldier's breath is white.
/more poems/ + tears for the ^{difficulties(?)} pain (?)
Of the soldier carrying coal.
From the camp window
The shading of the gourd,
A moonlight night.
400 talk about Chinese cooking



Jan 16 Sun Wed. 26 Clear
Japanese army ~~since morning~~
Munitions uniforms ~~of Korea?~~

1130 Spread insecticide on winter ~~clothes~~
1200 - Talk on the rules of writing poems by ~~protection clothing~~

Jan 17 Thurs. 25 Clear
Maj. Gen. NAKAO!

{ flea and lice killing detail
spread uniforms, shirts, and blankets
in the sun

Received collar insignia from General
Yamada. Spent whole morning taking off thread
from more poems on separate rice paper!

Jan 18 Fri 24 Clear

Jan 19 Sat 18 Cloudy

200 Soviet Lt Gen. from Moscow
~~inspects~~ the P. U. Camp
Spent the ~~day~~ repairing uniforms

Jan 20 Sun 14 Clear later light
[Explanation of "go" game] snowfall

~~Wint~~

Jan. 21 Monday 78 Clear
 sent in press on the plum.
 Anti Comintern Pact 1936
 → Hirota, Arita ~~Sept 1940~~
 Axis Power Alliance Sept. 1940
 → KONOYE, Togo.
 Japanese Soviet Neutrality Pact April 1941
 → KONOYE, MATSUOKA

1030
 630 / 21 To Soviet War Election Headquarters
 Lt. Gen. Nitomi } together with
 Councillor KURUWA } 5 men
 Gen. Kita
 Lt. Gen. HATA } were questioned.

1. Was not Manchukuo an offensive measure of aggression?
2. CHOKOHO } were they not a part of the
 Momonhan } plan of attack against the Soviets
3. Your views on the person responsible for the Greater East Asia War.
4. Was not the building of railroads an offensive preparation?
5. What were the methods used by the Border Command to collect intelligence against the Soviet Russia?



~~to~~ } Anti-Communism was for ^{the} purpose of improving Germany's international right to speak.

} as for the alliance Germany recommended that Soviet Russia be included in the future and it was also to avoid a war with America

The above can be proven by facts. Only it ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{that} ~~is~~ Chancellor Hitler's offensive against the Soviets was a faithless act.

Please Review this note

Jan. 22 Tuesday T6 cloudy
 900 } Together with Lt. Gen. HATA & Lt. Gen. HITOMI, went
 ↓ } to the Red Army ~~Headquarters~~ ^{Headquarters}
 630 } ~~appearance at Red Hq.~~

Jan. 23 Wed Clear T7
 900 }
 ↓ }
 200/22 } Put in appearance at Red Army
 200/23 } together with Gen. Hata and Lt. Gen. Hitomi
 200 } haircut

Jan. 24 Thurs Clear T1
 500/24 } Chief TAKEBE arrived at P.W. Camp



Jan 25 Wed. Clear 22
made Japanese clogs since morning
Went to
600 ~~Part in appearance at Soviet Army Hq.~~
26

Jan 26 Sat. Cloudy 16
800/26 } to the Far Eastern Army Hq.
↓ } together with Lt. Gen's HATA
300/27 } and Nitomi

Jan 27 Sun.
Investigation ~~started~~ really started
10 30 } called out
500 } ~~Part in appearance at Soviet Hq.~~

Jan 28 Mon. Clear 20
900/28 } went to
1 } ~~appeared at Soviet Army Hq.~~
600/29 }
900 }
300/29 }

Jan 29 Tues. Clear 20.5
11 00 } went to
600/29 } ~~appeared at Soviet Army Hq.~~

Jan 30 Wed. Clear 20
300/30 } went to
1100 } ~~appeared at Soviet Hq.~~
600/30 }

230/31 }
200/31 }

Jan 31 Thurs. Cloudy 20

4:00 / Feb 2

Entered KHAVOROSK prison together with

Chief (S) Tukeki

↓

2 miles

Feb 15

6:00 Released ^{from} prison

March 18 Clear to Monday

100/10 All personnel gave up army swords
Light and darkness are back to back
From Genki SATO's "Road to Improvement"
Living in poverty, my heart is always
~~My heart is always laid to waste~~
at ease ~~when I am among the poor.~~

Always and anywhere

~~Don't~~ hate men

~~Don't~~ lower yourself

~~Don't~~ get angry

Be ~~shining~~ cheerful (old song)

If I look well at the water mirror

in my heart,

it ~~is~~ ~~like~~ ~~me~~ myself.

March 19 Clear Tuesday

A heart that does not give way
to sentiment is as broad as the
sea.



March 20 Clear Sky.

Lt. Gen. Akaiyama has not returned since last night. Is he in prison?

Maj. Gen. Kobata }
Lt. Gen. MEMURA } to the Investigation
Lt. Gen. IWAHARA } Center

March 21 Showery Clear 10

1200/21 ~~approved~~ Went to Soviet Hq.

300/22

March 22 Dri. Clear 8

1100 ~~approved~~ went to Soviet Hq.

400/ from March 22 } 18 days

to April 8

imprisoned
in jail

in the same room
with a Russian named
LUIKOV, 48 yrs.
old and father of 6 boys
and 4 girls.

March { 23 Gen. Kitajima }
19 Lt. Gen. Akaiyama } also imprisoned
20 Lt. Gen. MIZUHARA }

~~Notes~~

April 9 } clear
10 } snow
April 11 } clear
12 } cloudy

the first
at P. M. Camp for a long time
after a long while.
Heard about Lt. Gen. UEMURA
RA committing suicide by
hanging.

In the P. M. Camp the Soviets have ~~loosened~~ ^{tightened}
~~strict about night security (?)~~
their night guard.

April 11 Thursday clear

Swan Song

I would rather die
and apologize to my country
Than to keep on living
and living in great shame.
Lt. Gen. Miki UEMURA.

協和會
Concordia

- ① Race harmony } putting into practice
Japan and Manchuria } the spirit of the
as one unit } founding of the Nation
- ② MEDA declaration } one body
Government and }
Carrying through administration
- ③ Opening of the Spiritual movement
Members } $\frac{1}{10}$ of the 40,000,000 people
equals 4,000,000
Staff 3000 people
Work for self supporting
independent people



Recently the Civil Service and staff class
 Union (because of their fault?) they have
 become an affair party which is the
 organ of government.

To the fullest extent correct the
 selfishness (?) of the Gov't Civil Servants by the
 reaction of the public will.

To --- the divergence in public opinion.

Labor | Connection with 把. 豆. 豆. 豆.

Labor movements

For substitutes for military service

o Harmony public service units / the government
 labor force

o Patriotic labor units
 advancement by education
 (?)

The Concordia is not a spy organization
 A spiritual organization to the West
 Centered about the support of public will
 and reliance upon public will

If it were responsible for espionage
 suspicions would appear; all the people would
 be at odds, and Concord would not be achieved

April 12 Fri. Clear

presenting --- against typhoid and ---

Since last night
Harada Ship Troop Command Lt. Gen. appeared at Sanit
Kawabe (?) Chief of Staff 5A Maj. Gen. Sq., called out

Since yesterday

Marakami command 3A

Maj. Gen. Nomura

Maj. Gen. Kobata

April 13 Sat. Clear

Our national character →
Symbol of national ^{view of life}
istic

Loyalty is the basis of Japanese virtue

Greater part of the national virtue → loyalty
Greater part of family virtue — piety

The Imperial Rescript says

We are ^{lords and subjects}
Our sympathies are those of father and
children.

Makes the nation one big family
social organization



April 15 Monday clear
8:30/15 had lunch } first one in the 10 days that
I have been out of prison

China / also a world revolutionary national siting.
Western nations / Nations with rights
individualism
social organization

Buddhism is supernaturalism
Hinayana Buddhism → teaches ^{peessimistic doctrine} ~~not to suppress the world~~
Mahayana Buddhism → ~~world must necessarily~~ ^{not} ~~be suppressed~~ pessimistic doctrine
life and death; that is Nirvana.

April 17 Wed. clear
9:00 (Japanese election news)

May 30 Thurs. clear
It has been 10 days since Lt. Gen. Sasaki
entered prison
- seven days since Maj. Gen. Aketani
entered prison

June 15 Sat. clear
(list of Class A war criminals gleaned
from memoirs from Japan)

July 6 Sat. Cloudy freezing(?)
LAGER

General officers sit out for (Camp) (7)

Move to summer house (villa) with

Maj. General Matsumura

A Colonel from the
Ministry (?) of Interior

Maj. Petrov


Camp commander Maj. Zenisov

} came to call

500 Lt. Col. Sejima came to the villa but

July 7 Sunday rain
arrange the house

July 8 Mon. Cloudy

200/8  (train?) Putin appearance at

? the NK B Hq.
(North Korea?)

unofficial word from the Colonel that
I would go to Tokyo with him as
a witness

500/8 Karafuta head (official?) Otsu
comes; about Mabe's four of us
July 9 Sunday Cloudy

as a witness



July 10

Wed clear

To NK B with Lt. Col. Sijima

Maj. Zenison General Officers' P.W.
Camp Commander

out out for NK B

Lt Gen. Donigian

1100/10 Maj. Gen. Matsumura part in appearance
at Hq.
Officer Otsu

540
8:30/10 Col Kotopikov (?)
Kopikov (?)

Major Investigator Officer
Milov Investigator
Asst Camp Comd'r Rogel
(LAGER?)

5 min Otsu Matsumura
Sijima and
appiar(?)
4 min
and side

{ Supper together; friendly talk
as witness in the matter of
National (International) Court

July 11

Thurs. Clear

conscience Spend evening reading and
writing

The Soviet occupation of the BARUTO (Baltic)
three nations and Karafuto

Outline of program of banks, heavy industries

1. In each specialty first place men, study
successively, don't miss the sign; ^{make} single eye

2.



July 18 Thurs. Clear novel
Officer Otter had deathbed
last night ----- ↓

Whether the people of the world consider
love to be the fountainhead of
happiness or not, in reality it is the
source of suffering. [Roses were plums and
flowers bloom conceal sharp thorns.]
As time passes, the thorns dry up and
harder and are sharper than
the serpent's fang.

Love is anguish, and devotion, and
sacrifice.

Responsibility for War Preparations

If the preparations are not in accord
with the military group's strategic
plans, can one expect perfect security
for the national defense? In peace time
it was [soldiers in spite of politics]
the policy decided on was, was the government's
policy. Rests on the decision of such things as
politicians and Diets.

Railroads ~~are not~~ ^{only} are not for national defence ^{against Monong + Joint (?)}, but are related to politics and economics, and there are many instances where they did not proceed according to plan. (?)

Especially during Taisho and Showa the parties and politicians increased the waves of the current tide of anti militaristic thought and of liberalism.

The planning and the direction of the war are separate problems having to do with Japan's organizational structure.

It was not permitted to touch anything in the 軍機密 Secret (classified) of plans.

The 1940 London Conference { due the Supreme-Command - independent current of thought and in politics } { Honjirichi Cabinet, Affair of dismissal (?) of many Chief of Staff } Kato

As regards differences (?) between our country, which is a dictatorship of men, and Germany, which is a dictatorship of men.

The politics of our country do not move in the way which the General Staff (?) would like them to; they do within the War Ministry.



Already
It is already true between the War and
Navy Ministers and their strategy is
identical. But once it comes to metals
money, differences of opinion are often
unavoidable.

National defence expenditure is
necessary for the safety of the nation
continued to be denied. Recurrence of the
influence of the Treaty era.

Armament reduction

300 / 700 / B. M. Cony Condit. Zenison came
swimming together in the river

July 19 ^{rain} rain

Armament reduction non-treaty

Law
A confrontation of the armaments of
all the countries of the world at a
time when the struggle for the existence of
the race was hottest.

Manchurian construction necessarily emphasized national defense nation Japan and Manchuria one unit, and the establishment of a self sufficiency sphere

The railroad as its backbone, each year for a ten-year period displayed 400% of new fixtures (?) equipment (?).

North Manchuria
On the basis of this crisis the unfeeling opposition (of powers) ^{and} the Japanese - American relations prolonged and --- the China incident.

July 20 Sat. rain Clear from
Beijing at the top evening end ^{two to three}
What does this blind ~~blind~~ body know about the movement at the center?

A central gov't is necessary
prepared
to apply the force of law and order to
this crisis.
this case.

As well aware of the way to live peacefully as England, America, Soviet Russia, and China are (?) persisted in armed neutrality on the Soviet Manchurian border for more than ten years



July 21 Sunday rain

from my reading

☐ Combatants do not hate their
opponents. Hatred is a Germanization^(?)
which has built the cause for these
atrocities. And they found it on the
gullible people. It is the leader.]

Concerning L --- 's wounds

{ All history is a current of blood. How
can we live vainly spending time
crying on its shore?

☐ Mankind will fight forever. That
too is the essential nature of mankind.

☐ The gods (God) decide so-called wars
and if we compare all earthly matters
with eternity can they be decided truly
and (finally(?)).

☐ To respect the individuality of others
is the beginning of virtue!

From the novel the End of the World

(read, selected omitted)

The men who established peace today
are the men who started the following
war.

July 27 Sat. rain afternoon clear

Modern military action is built upon the heights of sacrificial feeling which each man has toward his task and upon the ^{solidarity} of units in a disciplined war. (from the works of ^{Mr.} Curtiss Meyer)

July 28 Sunday (rain)

General military service is the complete
duration of the individual to the state.

It was formerly intolerable
compulsion to any Englishman. They
used to try to pursue a normal
life and private interests even in
wartime.

No matter what the ability, ^{at the same time} it should
be trained in its duty to the totality.
German

from English history



(could) sum England history

July 29 Monday rain cloudy

But, for the interests of England
Ireland, which had to finish, as
a slave subordinate state, is left
given up to distress and degradation
in an organizational sense.

1840 8,000,000-odd population
1911 4,000,000-odd population

Leaving their families without
a head, they drifted overseas.

July 30 Tues. Clear

Maj. Zensow came

July 31 Wed. Clear

The strong points of Red soldier,
looking at the soldiers in the P.W. camp

(All the soldiers are strong in the will
to be representatives of the Soviet
Union fatherland)

The will of the higher officers
carries through to small things.
Should they decide that this person is
important from that day on they subject
every effort, thorough going even down to the housemaid
helper.

^{un}
(The strength of the 20 years
of education by the Stalin regime)

Philippine President Laurel said
Ambassador Murata to
At one time Spain gave the Philippine
religion; America gave her culture.
What can Japan give her?

Comparison to this, Japan?

August 2 Friday clear

200/2 Appointed NK WB in company
of Officer Ochi and Maj Gen. Matsumura

200/2 Aug. 4 clear

Maj. Zencov come

Aug. 6 Tues. clear

400/6 Col. Zapikov come
move to P.W. Camp (by the river?)
(Kawabe P.W. Camp?) Memorica of
one month

Aug. 7 Wed clear

400 Bath at Matsumoto Unit
Get tomatoes

Aug 8 Thurs. cloudy rain
are here

Aug. 9 Fri. rain
One whole year of broken relations between
Japan and U.S.A. Rain leaks in; plaster dropping
from the ceiling. 26

From "Tales of Manchurian rights"

1939 / Showa 19 / is the 250th year of the
Nerchinsk Treaty.

Recalling the traces of ^{Emperor} Kang Hsi.

It was a case where a simple Man-
churian dispoised of the sly Hans and
studying morality deeply, he devoted
himself to administering the welfare
and peace and order of the people of
the 400 and some odd provinces for
60 years.

With morality and power, he estab-
lished the new order of the Orient and the
coalition of the various races in the Central
Plain of China.

The great achievements of the Great
Ching Dynasty are the manifestation
of morality and philosophy.

Men such as Napoleon and others
are not / examples / of the selfish aggression
of ^{Western Europe,} heroes, but the pathetic plea to enable
the nations to gain their respective place

in the world and save the world and the people.

Aug 10 Saturday Rain

Life in Manchuria.

Within the hard life of the agrarian people living close to the soil exist real life.

However, being modernized, they are working the farmers at cheap wages for capitalism. There is business in Manchuria, but no real life. Behind this dismal aspect of the materialistic institutions, my heart is desolate.

Generally speaking, wherever the social phenomenon called modernization passes by, real human life dies up and the functions become business-like.

Among the Japanese working in Manchuria, how many have really settled down to live there? It is not

a trail of success. Only it is a question of human spirit, and whether there was sincerity or not.

Those with the spirit of sincerity are not without substance.

We need to reflect. But ~~in~~ the mountains and rivers of Manchuria, which, ^{in a word,} can be said to be desolate, are seen the trails of sincerity of many men and in the scenes and things enriched by precious blood, sweat and tears lies their souls.

Even ~~in~~ the castle wall, which I am looking at without any thought has once been soiled by the precious blood of my seniors.

Small graves for numerous combatants, who, escaping from the arms of oppression, have died one after the other during the past several weeks, have been dug.

1100/10 Governor OTSU . Lt. Col. SESHIMA
AT. NKW

Aug 11 Rainy Cloudy

The Manchuria reflected in the eyes
of the Japanese was a place of "rough
work" mm

The holy land after the war - This
point of view led the management of
the continent into difficulties.
Who's responsible?

30 years of living in Manchuria after
the battle of Mukden.

By Rev. Christy

To the soldiers who have been eva-
cuated to the areas adjacent to the
railroad after the military occupation
by the Japanese troops and ^{to} the low
class Japanese!

Japan has been given the opportu-
nity to show to the farmers of Manchuria
30

④ There is an urgent need to clarify spiritually the tower of flame of continental construction.

Victorious Japan ~~has been~~ ^{was} given the opportunity to enter into a lasting and unchanging friendship with the farmers of Manchuria, who have thought much of the brotherly love and righteousness of the Japanese army only and have welcomed the Japanese as their compatriots and saviors, and many desired this. However, the Japanese, in general, did not possess the ability to ~~grasp~~ ^{hold} ~~grasp~~ this situation. They came ^{not as saviors, but} with a superiority complex as the victorious and the victors and handled the Chinese with a feeling of contempt.

There are numerous points in the mental attitude of the Japanese in Manchuria toward construction and in their attitude of life which should be reconsidered. (X) (insert here)

With the coming of peace, masses of low class Japanese and undesirable

came and continued to trouble the Chinese. ~~The~~ violence of the troops can be ~~justified~~ forgiven, because they know what their own Chinese troops are like, but why should the Chinese be unjustly coerced by the low class Japanese who remained after the war.

Dislike toward the Japanese, suspicion toward their motive and the tendency to be unwilling to work together with them have been stirred up in the heart of the Chinese and it has become very difficult to stamp this out.

Aug. 17. Monday Cloudy
Britain's Mission in China:

The China of 100 years ago is a history of various aggression and exploitation done by Britain.

The Opium War.

From Eric Knight's "If that is not bad"

"The feeling that the army has betrayed the Japanese in Manchuria."

From about 1936, the Manchurian defense line was advanced to the border. Settlers were sent into the interior and installations at the border were strengthened. Toward the close of Greater East Asia War — still, as year-time footing. Suddenly, today of last year, we were attacked by Soviet Russia. The preparations of the first line units were not complete, and they were overrun by the tanks of Soviet Russia.

After the termination of war — The Japanese residents wandered about with only the clothes they had on and they were

assaulted and oppressed everywhere. Who
in the world brought about this?

At that time { Scenes at Mukden and Harbin.
Heikyo - still reflects a
gloomy picture clearly.

All the 600,000 officers and men of the
Kwantung Army in Siberia all evacuated
families?

Since they are being exposed to the
extreme cold in only summer clothing, I
am concerned about their welfare since?

Who led us to these mistakes?

The army, which was responsible for the
protection of the Japanese residents, must
bear the responsibility.

Who was the one handling diplomacy
and military administration the past
several years?

After all, these ^{are} ^{all} attributable to the
successive authorities concerned since
the Manchurian Incident.

What we have tried to acquire
with the hearts blood of numerous seniors
of ours ever since the Sino-Japanese and

The Russo-Japanese Wars have all collapsed.

○ The administrators should be held responsible and accountable toward the Japanese residents of Manchuria.

For a long period after this defeat, the masses will be faced with starvation.

Aug 13 Tuesday Rain.

Commander 13th. 12th. Clear.

1st anniversary since transferred to MUI-HOKOW.

Headquarters established

Opposition between reasoning power and belief.

My reasoning power directs that this war with a distorted and unclear purpose be stopped, but my belief orders that we should fight in a manner that England is not defeated / etc /

My reasoning power and my feelings are fighting with my body as the battle-field.

7³⁰/13 Left the internment camp on
the bank of KRASNAYA-RECHKA.
9⁰⁰ Arrived at Khabarovsk

Col. TOPIKOV 5 non-coms.
Medical major, Together with Maj.
Gen. MATSUMURA.
Lt. Col. SESHIMA

Aug 14 Clear Wednesday
9⁰⁰ arrived at UGORINA / Phonetic /
11³⁰/14 To UGORINA Naval Barracks [A]

Aug 15, Thursday } Remained, because of
" 16, Friday } indication of storm.
" 17, Saturday }
" 18, Sunday }

19th - Was scheduled to leave, but
weather turned bad.

Aug 20 Clear Tuesday
Remained

6⁰⁰/20 Left UGORINA Depot
To Vladivostok on 58. Two hours.

Aug 21 Rain Wednesday
3:40/21 Transferred to hotel
ABEDO 1:1 drank liquor with
the captain.

Aug 22 Clear, Thursday
Hair cut and disposed of laundry

Aug 23 Friday Clear

Aug 24 Saturday Rainy & Windy.
11:00/24 Took a bath

Aug 25 Sunday Rained heavily

Aug 26 Monday Clear, later raining
Got rid of bed-bugs in my room.

Aug 27 Tuesday Rainy
50th anniversary of my mother's death
33rd " " father's "

Aug 28 Wednesday
4:00-5:00 Swimming. Very clear. Rained

temporarily.

Aug 29 Thursday Clear
arranged baggage. Becoming cold

Aug 30 Friday Clear
Became warm again
600/30 Took a walk

Aug 31. Saturday Clear
300/31 Took a bath
800/31 Saw news reel of '5 year Plan'

Sept 1 Sunday Clear
There was a propaganda broadcast for
the coming three day celebration of Soviet Russia's
victory over Japan.

Sept 2 Monday Clear
1st day of holiday of Soviet Russia's victory
over Japan.

Sept. 3 Tuesday Cloudy & Raining
2nd day of holiday. Awakened by artillery
38

salute

1100/3 Saw cabaret and music.
200/3

Sept 4 Wednesday Clear

Sept 5 Thursday Clear

Cold autumn weather increasing. Arranged
personnel affects

500/5 Had 10 minute sun-bath

Sept 6 Friday Clear

Cold autumn weather.

1st anniversary of arriving at KHAVOROSK on
the bank of Ragera /phonetic/ River.

Given additional ration of wine and food.

Sept 7 Saturday Clear.

1000 Haircut

500 Took a bath.

Sept 8 Sunday Clear

Took a sun-bath

Sept 9 Monday Rain

Anniversary of the presentation of ensigns

of the 11th and 4th Infantry

The strengthening of Soviet Russia's counter-offensive strength after having lost $\frac{1}{2}$ of her national strength at the Moscow - Stalingrad line and the gradual decadence of Japan following the loss of Guadalcanal.

The speed of America's counter-offense was half a year earlier than expected.

Reconsideration of Japan's strategy against this.

① shortening of China front and consolidation of Manchuria

② concentration of fighting strength in the Philippines.

Advance the appointment of Gen. YAMASHITA in August, 1944, to half a year earlier and transfer the fighting strength from Burma - China to the Philippines.

The operations of 6th Area Army (I.N. 6 Ho A) in the WUZHANG - HANKOW area should be shortened quickly after the occupation of HENGYANG.

Sept 10 Tuesday Clear

Time is power. Japan propagandized

that her aim is for a protracted war during the later half period of the Great East Asia War, but her production power gradually declined. All this because of the loss of shipping.

100/10 Took sun-bath

Sept 11. Wednesday

When the hardships of the HYAKUTAKE and ADACHI units in Rabaul, New Guinea, are considered, the discomforts of internment life are a blessing.

★ postponed! To be between the 14th and 17th

Sept 12 Thursday Clear

Long light confinement!

The time while sleeping is the best.

630/12 Took a walk

Sept 13 Friday Clear

Wind is strong

My going to TOKYO is everchanging and can't be decided.

Sept 14 Saturday clear
900/14 Took a bath. Windy & rainy
in the afternoon.

Sept 15 Sunday clear
was ^{privately} informed to make preparations to
leave tomorrow.
700/15 took a walk

Sept 16 Monday clear
Prepared to leave. Checked in my bag-
gages left behind for safe-keeping.

Sept 17 Tuesday clear
900/17 Left hotel on 58
1030/17 arrived at UGORINA airfield.
Weather fine. Flight possible, though
we will be confronted with rain on the way.

100/17 Left

330 SADO Island

400 Over NIIGATA

540 Arrived at HANEDA airfield

630 Arrived at the Russian

Office in Mitsubishi Bldg.
42

stepped on the soil
of my fatherland,
cleared of the debris
of the fire, for the
first time in a war
and mine &

And was overwhelmed with emotions
on seeing her drastically changed
figure and lying at the bottom of
poverty.

Sept 18 Rain Wednesday
Although ration is two "go" ^{and} one shaken,
there is no rice. It's flour from America.
There has been no ration for the past
two months.

Shortage was most serious in May & June.
Arranged my diary
700/18, Cols. ROSENBERG and IVANOV
Talked with

Sept 19 Cloudy Thursday

When a man does not die when he should, that is more shameful than death.

With what face can I, who have been taken prisoner as an officer, return to my fatherland!

For example, the inability to help the Japanese residents in Manchuria seek refuge and ~~be~~ transported at the time the war ended was solely my responsibility as commander.

Since, I have not been able to find a place to die.

Although I rely upon the good will and friendship of Col. ^{of Soviet Russia} TOPIKOV (?) and his men, I have tried to make amends by discarding every bit of "face" as a soldier, I still cannot escape the guilt.

To my family
Reign yourselves to the fact, ^{that} there
was no alternative but for me to commit
suicide.

I want a quiet, single funeral
with only the family present.



SECRET

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

20 September 1946

MEMO TO: Chief of Counsel
(THRU: Chief, Investigation Division)

SUBJECT: Death of KUSABA, Tatsumi

FROM : Investigation Division

In accordance with the instructions of Lt Waldorf, the writer contacted Lt Colonel Crocker of the Tokyo Provost Marshal Office in regard to the sudden death of KUSABA, a witness brought to Tokyo by the Russian Delegation. Colonel Crocker called in Captain M. G. Frish, Chief of the CID, who conducted the preliminary inquiry into the matter. Captain Frish advised that at 0730, this date, three Russian officers came to the Provost Marshal Office and reported that KUSABA was found dead in his bed at 0530 this morning and made the statement that he had committed suicide by taking poison.

Captain Frish proceeded to the Mitsubishi No. 21 building where the witness was held by the Russians and examined the room where the witness was found. He stated that he did not conduct a thorough search of the premises due to the fact that he was constantly under the observation of the Russian officers, but stated that he did not find a container of any type which could have been used to hold poison. Captain Frish said that the witness apparently died violently, having vomited considerably.

The Russian officers turned over to Captain Frish a notebook, which is reported to be a diary. A brief translation of one page, apparently written very recently, is a note to the deceased's family, which says in effect, "Give up for lost -- and forced to commit suicide." Captain Frish voluntarily allowed me to borrow this notebook for translation. This is presently being done, and any pertinent information will be furnished in a later memorandum. It should be noted that the notebook was previously examined by the authorities in whose custody KUSABA was held.

The body was removed to the 42nd General Hospital, where an autopsy is being performed as a routine measure and at the order of the Provost Marshal Office at 1330 this afternoon. Colonel Crocker has promised a report of the results. It should also be noted that the Provost Marshal Office intends to turn over any further investigation to this division. No further action is being taken in the absence of further instructions.

cc: Mr. Mahoney
Lt Waldorf

ROBERT F. MAHON
Investigation Division

SECRET

23 September 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: KUSABA, Tatsumi (Lt. General)

The following is a brief biographical sketch regarding subject:

Born: 1888

Appointed Lt. General March 1939

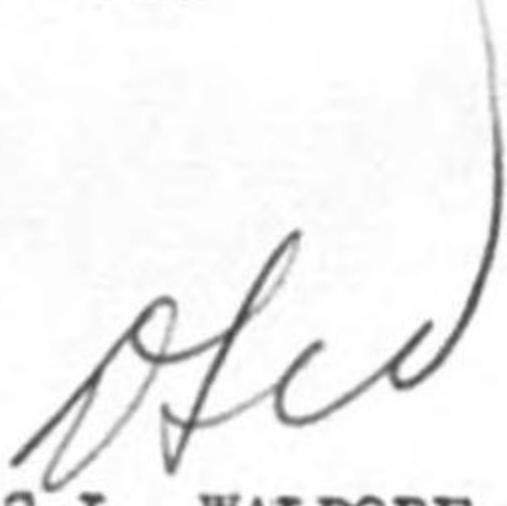
Commander of the Kwantung Army, Headquarters Mukden,
November 1941

Member of Headquarters General Staff, Tokyo,
February 1944

Retired 2 December 1944

Recalled 16 December 1944

Appointed Chief of Continental Railroad


DOUGLAS L. WALDORF
1st Lt., Inf.
Chief, Inv. Div.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject: Release for Publication of Lt. General KUSABA's
Diary

Note No.:

From: IPS, GHQ, SCAP

To: Public Relations Office,
GHQ, SCAP

Date: 8 Oct 46

1.

The International Prosecution Section has no objection to the release for publication of the contents of the diary of KUSABA, Tatsumi. However, this Section of course cannot speak for or indicate the attitude of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East on the release of any information which may have been admitted in evidence or which may later be offered in evidence or which in any manner may concern the pending prosecution.

----- J. B. *JBK* -----

Excerpts from Notebook of

KUSABA, Tatsumi

The following translation from the notebook of KUSABA, Tatsumi contains all information of possible interest to this Section. The entries are made under dates and for the most part contain brief thoughts. The first five pages are devoted to Russian language drill and there appear the following addresses immediately following:

Tokyo, Kichijoji 784, Home of KUSABA
Asabu-ku, Ryudo-machi 58, Home of Maj. Gen. MATSUMURA
Omori-ku, Denenchofu 3-74, Home of Chief OTSU
Toyama-ken, Nishi-Tonami gun, Matsusawa-mura,
Home of Lt. General SEJIMA

The next twenty pages contain Russian language drills.

1 January 1946 - Tuesday

Clear, -23°

Welcomed the New Year of newly born Japan in Khabarovsk, Soviet Russia.

0830 - 15 officers of room #10 faced and bowed toward the East. (First rays of the sun.) The beginning of 1946.

Profound memories on the New Year of my 59th year.

After breakfast, of Russian food, we, under the direction of General MIYA, welcomed the New Year on a foreign soil, a thing never experienced before and worshipped for the longevity of the Emperor from afar.

A New Year's greeting was extended to all by General YAMADA.

Noon - Sang "No" song, "Tsuru Kame Gasho" and then played cards.

2 January 1946 - Wednesday

Clear, -23°

(Poems and instructions on how to write Japanese poems. Also poems written on rice paper posted as entry of this date.)

3 January 1946 - Thursday

Clear, -19°

"Go" contest. (T.N. - Resembles checkers.)

Took my first walk and saw skating.

(Another poem)

4 January 1946 - Friday

Slight snowfall, -19°

(More poems)

5 January 1946 - Saturday

Clear, -26°

(More poems)

6 January 1946 - Sunday

-23°, clear

(Poems)

7 January 1946 - Monday

-27°, cold, windy and clear morning - sent in my poems on nightingales; spent all day repairing my trousers.

8 January 1946 - Tuesday

-28°, clear

(Poem) The snow doesn't melt!
The nightingales don't sing!
Spring in Khavoroski!

Morning - I remember the army for the first time.

9 January 1946 - Wednesday

-28°, clear

(Poem)

10 January 1946 - Thursday winter

From the Soviet papers:

1. (10 Jan) Election for Soviet Parliament - one to be elected for every 300,000.

2. American 6th Army and 5th Corps to evacuate Kyirshu.

(Poems)

11 January 1946 - Friday

Clear, -24°

From Soviet paper:

1. Unions strike in America.

2. China recognizes independence of Outer Mongolia.

The nights are cold; how is my family?; how are my friends?

(Poem)

12 January 1946 - Saturday

Flea inspection

12 January 1946 - Saturday

-24°, clear; underclothing freezes; flea killed; copies famous Haiku poems.

13 January 1946 - Sunday

-20°, clear; mended quilts; (poem).

14 January 1946 - Monday

-22°, clear

Mend towels; (instructions on how to write poems).

15 January 1946 - Tuesday

-23°, clear

(Poem) Morning and night
Soldiers breath is white
Tears for the pain
Of the soldiers carrying coal.

From the camp window
The shadow of the guard
A moonlight night.

16 January 1946 - Wednesday

-26°, clear; mended uniform since morning; spread insecticide on winter clothes; 1200 - talk on the rules of writing poems by Major General NAKAO.

17 January 1946 - Thursday

-25°, clear; flea and lice killing detail; spread uniforms, shirts and blankets in the sun.

Received collar insignia from General YAMADA. Spent whole morning taking off thread.

(Poem)

18 January 1946 - Friday

-24°, clear

19 January 1946 - Saturday

-18°, cloudy

1400 - Soviet Lt. General from Moscow inspects the P.W. Camp. Spent the day repairing uniforms.

20 January 1946 - Sunday

-14°, clear - later light snowfall.
(Explanation of "Go" game.)

21 January 1946 - Monday

-18°, clear

Anti-Comintern Pact - HIROTA, ARITA - 1936
Three Power Alliance - KONOYE, TOGO - September 1940
Japanese-Soviet Neutrality Pact - KONOYE, MATSUOKA - April 1941
(There is no indication as to the significance of the above entries.)

1030 to 1830 the following men were questioned at the Soviet Far Eastern Headquarters:

Lt. General HITOMI
Councillor KURUWA
General KITA
Lt. General HATA

1. Was not Manchukuo an offensive measure of aggression?
2. CHOKOHO)
NOMONHAN) Were they not a part of the plan of attack against
the Soviets?
3. Your views on the person responsible for the Greater East
Asia War.
4. Was not the building of railroads an offensive preparation?
5. What were the methods used by the Border Command to collect
intelligence against the Soviet Russia?

(Anti-Comintern was for the purpose of improving Germany's
international right to speak.

(As for the alliance, Germany recommended that Soviet Russia
be included in the future and it was also to avoid a war
with America.

(Prince KONOYE's death note)

[It is then stated in a footnote: "The above can be proven
by facts.]

It is thought that Chancellor Hitler's offensive against the
Soviet was a faithless act.

22 January 1946 - Tuesday

-16°, cloudy

0900 to 1830 the writer, together with Lt. General HATA and
Lt. General HITOMI went to the Red Army Headquarters.

23 January 1946 - Wednesday

Clear, -17°

2100, 22 Jan to 0200, 23 Jan - Put in appearance at Red Army
Headquarters with Lt. General HATA and Lt. General HITOMI.

1400 - Hair cut.

24 January 1946 - Thursday

Clear, -21°

Chief TAKABE arrived at P.W. Camp.

25 January 1946 - Friday

Clear, -22°

Made Japanese clogs.

1800 - Went to Soviet Army Headquarters

26 January

Cloudy, -16°

0800, 26 Jan to 0300, 27 Jan - Went to the Far Eastern Army Headquarters, together with Lt. Generals HATA and HITOMI.

27 January

Investigation really started.

1030 - called out; went to Soviet Headquarters

28 January

Clear, -20°

0900 to 1800 and 2100 to 0300, 29 Jan - at Soviet Army Headquarters.

29 January

Clear, -20.5°

1100 to 1800 - Appeared at Soviet Army Headquarters

30 January

Clear, -20°

1100 to 1800 - Appeared at Soviet Army Headquarters; 2130 to 0200, 31 Jan - again appeared at Soviet Army Headquarters.

31 January

Cloudy, -20°

[No entries appear between these dates]

2 February

Entered Khavorosk Prison, together with Chief TAKABE - 0700 - two weeks.

15 February

0600 - Released from prison.

18 March

Clear, -10°

All personnel gave up Army swords.

Light and darkness are back to back - from Giusuke SATO's
"Road to Improvement" - Living in poverty, my heart is always
at ease.

Always and anywhere
Don't hate men
Don't lower yourself
Don't get angry
Be cheerful (old song)
If I look well at the water mirror in my heart,
It is but myself.

19 March

Clear

A heart that does not give way to sentiment is as broad
as the sea.

20 March

Lt. General AKIYAMA has not returned since last night. Is he
in prison? Maj. Gen. KOBATA)
Lt. Gen. UEMURA) To the Investigation Center
Lt. Gen. IWAI)

21 March

Went to Soviet Headquarters

22 March

Clear, -5°

Went to Soviet Headquarters. From March 22 to April 8 (18 days)
imprisoned in jail in the same room with a Russian named LUIKOV,
28 years old and father of 3 boys and 4 girls. Also imprisoned
were General KITA - 23 March, Lt. General AKIYAMA - 19 March
and Lt. Gen. MIZUHARA - 20 March.

9 April - Clear)
10 April - Snow) In P.W. Camp for the first time after a long while.
11 April - Clear) Heard about Lt. General UEMURA committing suicide
12 April - Cloudy) by hanging.

In the P.W. Camp the Soviets have tightened their night guard.

11 April

Clear

Swan Song

I would rather die and apologize
to my country
Than to keep on living and living
in great shame.

Lt. Gen. Mikio UEMURA

Concordia

1. Race harmony
Japan and Manchuria
as one unit } Putting into practice the spirit of
the founding of the nation.
2. UEDA declaration
Government and one body carry through administration.
3. Opening of the spiritual movement.
Members - 1/10 of the 40,000,000 people equals 4,000,000
Staff - 3,000 people
Work for self-supporting independent people

To the fullest extent correct the selfishness of the
Government Civil Servants by the reaction of the public
will.

Labor

Connection with labor movements as substitutes for military service.
Harmony in public service units, particularly labor units.
Advancements by education.

The Concordia is not a spy organization.

A spiritual organization to the last.

Centered about the support of public will and reliance upon
public will.

If it were responsible for espionage suspicions would appear;

All the people would be at odds and concord would not be achieved.

12 April

Preventative - against typhoid and

Since last night Lt. General HARADA, Ship Troop Commander and Maj. Gen.
KAWABE, Chief of Staff 5A appeared at Soviet Headquarters.

Since yesterday MIRAKAMI - Command 3A, Maj. General NOMURA
and Maj. General KOBATA also appeared at Soviet Headquarters.

13 April

Our national character; symbol of naturalistic view of life

Loyalty is the axis of Japanese virtue.

Greater part of the national virtue - loyalty.
Greater part of family virtue - piety.

The Imperial Rescript says:

We are Lord and Subjects
Our sympathies are those of father and children
Makes the nation one big family social organization.

15 April

Had my first bath in ten days since I have been out of prison.

China - also a world revolutionary national set-up.

Western nations - Nations with rights - individualism -
social organization.

Buddhism is supernaturalism
Hinayana Buddhism - Pessimistic doctrine
Mahayana Buddhism - Not pessimistic doctrine
Life and death; that is Nirvana.

17 April

0900 - Japanese election news

30 May

It has been ten days since Lt. General SASAKI entered prison -
seven days since Maj. General IKETANI entered prison.

15 June

List of Class A war criminals gleaned from rumors from Japan

6 July

General officers set out for Camp Lager

Move to summer house (villa) with Maj. General MATSUMURA

A colonel from the Ministry of the Interior, Major Petrov and Major Zenisov came to call.

Lt. Col. SEJIMA came to the villa.

7 July

Arrange the house

8 July

Put in appearance at the NKB Headquarters.

Unofficial word from the Colonel that I would go to Tokyo with him as a witness

Karafuta head (official?) OTSU comes; that makes four of us.

9 July

As a witness

10 July

To NKB with Lt. Col. Sejima

Maj. Zenison, General officers' P.W. Camp Commander set out for NKB.

Lt. Gen. Dorigin

Major General MATSUMURA and Officer OTSU put in appearance at Headquarters.

Col. KOTOPIKOV, Major Investigative Officer, Tuilov Interpreter, Assistant Camp Commandant Ragel, OTSU, MATSUMURA, SEJIMA and another officer had dinner together - a friendly talk over the matter of appearing as witnesses at the International Military Court.

11 July

Conscience - spend evening reading and writing

The Soviet occupation of the Baruto (Baltic) three nations and Karafuto.

Outline of seizure of banks, heavy industries:

In each specialty first place men, study successively; don't rush the seizure; make seizure.

18 July

Officer OTSU had death through last night.

Whether the people of the world consider love to be the fountainhead of happiness or not, in reality it is the source of suffering. (Paths where plum and flowers bloom conceal sharp thorns.) As time passes, the thorns dry up and harden and are sharper run than the serpent's fang. Love is anguish and devotion and sacrifice.

Responsibility for War Preparations.

If the preparations are not in accord with the military group's strategic plans, can one expect perfect security for the national defense? In peace time it was "Soldiers in spite of politics". The policy decided on was the government's policy. Rests on the decision of such things as politicians and Diets.

Railroads are not only for national defense against Germany and Soviet but are related to politics and economics and there are many instances where they did not proceed according to plan.

Especially during Taisho and Showa the parties and politicians received the waves of the current tide of anti-militaristic thought and of liberalism.

The planning and the direction of the war are separate problems having to do with Japan's organizational structure.

It was not permitted to touch anything in the secret (classification) of plans.

The 1940	(In the Supreme Command)	HOFRAGUCHI Cabinet
London	(independent current of)	Affair of dismissal of
Conference	(thought and in politics)	Navy Chief of Staff KATO

In regard to differences between our country, which moves through organization and Germany, which is a dictatorship of men, the politics of our country do not move in the way which the General Staff would like them to; they do within the War Ministry. It is already true between the War and Navy Ministries and their strategy is identical. But once it comes to materials and money, differences of opinion are often unavoidable. Also, national defense expenditures necessary for the safety of the nation continued to be denied. Received the influence of the Taisho era.

Armament reduction

P.W. Camp Commandant ZENISON came swimming together in the river.

19 July

Armament reduction non-treaty era.

A confrontation of the armaments of all the countries of the world at a time when the struggle for the existence of the races was hottest.

Manchurian construction necessarily emphasized national defense nation Japan and Manchuria one unit, and the establishment of a self-sufficiency sphere.

The railroads as its backbone, each year for a ten-year period displayed 400k of new fixtures(?) equipment(?).

North Manchuria

On the brink of this crisis the unfeeling opposition (of powers) and the Japanese-American relations prolonged and - - - the China Incident.

20 July

Being at the tapering end what does this blind body know about the movement at the Center?

A prepared central government is necessary to apply the force of law and order to this crisis.

As well aware of the way to live peacefully as England, America, Soviet Russia, and China we(?) persisted in armed neutrality on the Soviet Manchurian border for more than ten years.

21 July - Sunday - rain

From my reading:

"Combatants do not hate their opponents. Hating is a Germanization(?) which has built the cause for these atrocities. And they forced it on the gullible people. It is the leaders."

All history is a current of blood. How can we live vainly spending time crying on its shore?

Mankind will fight forever. That too is the essential nature of mankind.

The gods decide so-called wars and if we compare all earthly matters with eternity can they be decided truly and finally?

To respect the individuality of others is the beginning of virtue.

From the novel "The End of the World" - (Reader's selection omitted.)

The men who establish peace today are the men who start the following war.

27 July

Modern military action is built upon the heights of sacrificial feeling which each man has toward his task and upon the virtuous solidarity of units in a dissipated war. (From the works of Mr. Everett Meyer.)

28 July

(Extract from English history)

29 July

(Additional extracts from English History)

30 July

Major ZENISON came.

31 July

The strong points of Red soldiers, looking at the soldiers in the P.W. Camp. All the soldiers are strong in the will to be representatives of the Soviet Union fatherland. The will of the higher officers carries through to small things. Should they decide that this person is important from that day on they exhaust every effort thoroughly, even going down to the housemaid and helper.

(The strength of the 20 years of education by the Stalin regime.)

Filipino President Laurel to Ambassador MURATA: "At one time Spain gave the Filipinos religion; America gave her culture; what can Japan give her?"

2 August

Appeared at NK WB in company of Officer OTSU and Major General MATSUMURA

4 August

Major ZENISOV came.

6 August

Colonel TOPIKOV came. Move to P.W. Camp (by the river?). (KAWABE - P.W. Camp?) Memories of one month.

7 August

Bath at MATSUMOTO Unit. Get tomatoes.

9 August

One whole year of broken relation between Japan and U.S.S.R.
Rain leaks in; plaster dropping from the ceiling.

From "Tales of Manchurian Nights";

1939 (Showa 19) is the 250th year of the Nerchinsk Treaty.

Recalling the traces of Emperor KANG HSI. It was a case where a simple Manchurian disposed of the sly Hans and studying morality deeply, he devoted himself to administering the welfare and peace and order of the people of the 400 and some odd provinces for 60 years.

With morality and power, he established the new order of the Orient and the coalition of the various races in the Central Plain of China.

The great achievements of the Great Ching Dynasty are the manifestation of morality and philosophy.

Men such as Napoleon and others are not (examples) of the selfish aggression of the heroes of Western Europe, but the pathetic plea to enable the nations to gain their respective place in the world and save the world and the people.

10 August - Saturday - Rain

Life in Manchuria.

Within the hard life of the agrarian people living close to the soil exists real life. However, being modernized, they are working the farmers at cheap wages for capitalism. There is business in Manchuria, but no real life. Behind this dismal aspect of the materialistic institutions, my heart is desolate.

Generally speaking, wherever the social phenomenon called modernization passes by, real human life dries up and the functions become business-like.

Among the Japanese working in Manchuria, how many have really settled down to live there? It is not a trail of success. Only it is a question of human spirit and whether there was sincerity or not. Those with the spirit of sincerity are not without substance.

We need to reflect. But in the mountains and rivers of Manchuria, which in a word can be said to be desolate, are seen the trails of sincerity of many men and in the scenes and things enriched by precious blood, sweat and tears lies their souls.

Even the castle wall, which I am looking at without any thought, has once been soiled by the precious blood of my seniors.

Small graves for numerous compatriots, who, escaping from the arms of oppression, have died one after the other during the past several weeks, have been dug.

Governor OTSU, Lt. Col. SESHIMA to NKW

11 August - Rainy - Cloudy

The Manchuria reflected in the eyes of the Japanese was a place of "rough work". . . .

The holy land after the war - - this point of view led the management of the continent into difficulties. Who's responsible?

Thirty years of living in Manchuria after the battle of Mukden.

By Rev. CHRISTY

To the soldiers who have been evacuated to the areas

adjacent to the railroad after the military occupation by the Japanese troops and to the low-class Japanese!

Victorious Japan was given the opportunity to enter into a lasting and unchanging friendship with the farmers of Manchuria, who have thought much of the brotherly love and righteousness of the Japanese Army only and have welcomed the Japanese as their compatriots and saviors, and many desired this. However, the Japanese in general did not possess the ability to grasp hold of this situation. They came, not as saviors, but with a superiority complex as the victorious and the victors and handled the Chinese with a feeling of contempt.

There are numerous points in the mental attitude of the Japanese in Manchuria toward construction and in their attitude of life which should be reconsidered. There is an urgent need to clarify spiritually the tower of flame of continental construction.

With the coming of peace, masses of low-class Japanese and undesirables came and continued to trouble the Chinese. Violence of the troops can be forgiven, because they know what their own Chinese troops are like, but why should the Chinese be unjustly coerced by the low-class Japanese who remained after the war.

Dislike toward the Japanese, suspicion toward their motive and the tendency to be unwilling to work together with them have been stirred up in the heart of the Chinese and it has become very difficult to stamp this out.

12 August - Monday - Cloudy

Britain's course in China.

The China of 100 years ago is a history of various aggression and exploitation done by Britain.

The Opium War.

From Eric Knight's "If that is not had". "The feeling that the army has betrayed the Japanese in Manchuria."

From about 1936, the Manchurian defense line was advanced to the border. Settlers were sent into the interior and installations at the border were strengthened. Toward

the close of Greater East Asia War - still, as peace-time footing. Suddenly, today of last year, we were attacked by Soviet Russia. The preparations of the first line units were not complete, and they were overrun by the tanks of Soviet Russia. After the termination of war -- the Japanese residents wandered about with only the clothes they had on and they were assaulted and oppressed everywhere. Who in the world brought about this?

At that time (Scenes at Mukden and Harbin.
(Hsingking - Still reflects a gloomy
(picture clearly.

Are the 600,000 officers and men of the Kwantung Army in Siberia all evacuated families?

Since they are being exposed to the extreme cold in only summer clothing, I am concerned about their welfare since? Who led us to these mistakes?

The Army, which was responsible for the protection of the Japanese residents, must bear the responsibility.

Who was the one handling diplomacy and military administration the past several years?

After all, these are all attributable to the successive authorities concerned since the Manchurian Incident.

What we have tried to acquire with the heart's blood of numerous seniors of ours ever since the Sino-Japanese and the Russo-Japanese Wars have all collapsed. The administrators should be held responsible and accountable toward the Japanese residents of Manchuria. For a long period after this defeat, the masses will be faced with starvation.

13 August - Tuesday - Rain

Commander 13th. 12th Clear.

First anniversary since transferred to Muikow.

Headquarters established.

Opposition between reasoning power and belief.

25 August - Sunday - Rained heavily

26 August - Monday - Clear, later rainy. Got rid of bed-bugs in my room.

27 August - Tuesday - Rainy

50th anniversary of my mother's death
33rd anniversary of my father's death

28 August - Wednesday

400-500 Swimming. Very clear. Rained temporarily.

29 August - Thursday

Arranged baggage. Becoming cold

30 August - Friday - Clear

Became warm again.
600/30 Took a walk

31 August - Saturday - Clear

300/31 Took a bath
800/31 Saw news reel of "Five-year Plan"

1 September - Sunday - Clear

There was a propaganda broadcast for the coming three-day celebration of Soviet Russia's victory over Japan.

2 September - Monday - Clear

First day of holiday of Soviet Russia's victory over Japan.

3 September - Tuesday - Cloudy and rainy

Second day of holiday. Awakened by artillery salute.

1100
200 / 3 Saw cabaret and music

4 September - Wednesday - Clear

5 September - Thursday - Clear

Cold autumn weather increasing. Arranged personal effects.

500/5 Had 10 minute sun bath.

6 September - Friday - Clear

Cold autumn weather.

First anniversary of arriving at Khavorosk on the bank of Rageru (Phonetic) River. Given additional ration of wine and food.

7 September - Saturday - Clear

1000 - Haircut
500 - Took a bath

8 September - Sunday - Clear

Took a sun bath

9 September - Monday - Rain

Anniversary of the presentation of ensigns of the 11th and 4th Infantry.

The strengthening of Soviet Russia's counter-offensive strength after having lost one-half of her national strength at the Moscow-Stalingrad line and the gradual decadence of Japan following the loss of Guadalcanal.

The speed of America's counter-offense was half a year earlier than expected.

Reconsideration of Japan's strategy against this:

1. Shortening of China front and consolidation of Manchuria.
2. Concentration of fighting strength in the Philippines.

Advance the appointment of General YAMASHITA in August 1944 to half a year earlier and transfer the fighting strength from Burma-China to the Philippines.

The operations of 6th Area Army (T.N. Ho A) shortened quickly after the occupation of Hengyang.

10 September - Tuesday - Clear

Time is power. Japan propagandized that her aim is for a protracted war during the later half period of the Great East Asia War, but her production power gradually declined. All this because of the loss of shipping.

100/10 Took sun bath.

11 September - Wednesday

When the hardships of the HYAKUTAKE and ADACHI Units in Rabaul, New Guinea, are considered, the discomforts of internment life are a blessing.

Postponed. To be between the 14th and 17th.

12 September - Thursday - Clear

Long light confinement.
The time while sleeping is the best.
630/12 Took a walk.

13 September - Friday - Clear

Wind is strong.
My going to Tokyo is everchanging and can't be decided

14 September - Saturday - Clear

900/14 Took a bath . . windy and rainy in the afternoon.

15 September - Sunday - Clear

Was privately informed to make preparations to leave tomorrow.

700/15 Took a walk.

16 September - Monday - Clear

Prepared to leave. Checked in my baggages left behind for safe-keeping.

17 September - Tuesday - Clear

900/17 Left hotel on bus.

1030/17 Arrived at Ugorina Airfield. Weather fine. Flight possible though we will be confronted with rain on the way.

100/17	Left)	
3:30	Sado Island)	
4:00	Over Niigata)	Stepped on the soil of
5:40	Arrived at Haneda Airfield)	my fatherland, cleared of
6:30	Arrived at the Russian Office)	the debris of the fire, for
	in Mitsubishi Building)	the first time in a year
)	and nine months.

Was overwhelmed with emotions on seeing her drastically changed figure and lying at the bottom of poverty.

18 September - Wednesday - Rain

Although ration is two "go" and one shaken, there is no rice. It's flour from America. There has been no ration for the past two months.

Shortage was most serious in May and June.

Arranged my diary.

700/18 Talked with Colonels ROSENBERG and IVANOV

19 September - Thursday - Cloudy

When a man does not die when he should, that is more shameful than death. With what face can I, who have been taken prisoner as an officer, return to my fatherland!

For example, the inability to help the Japanese residents in Manchuria seek refuge and transported at the time the war ended was solely my responsibility as commander.

Since, I have not been able to find a place to die.

Although I relying upon the good-will and friendship of Colonel TOPIKOV of Soviet Russia and his men, I have tried to make amends by discarding every bit of "face" as a soldier, I still cannot escape the guilt.

To my family:

Resign yourselves to the fact that there was no alternative but for me to commit suicide.

I want a quiet simple funeral with only the family present.