

23 Sep 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Crowe  
FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
Investigative Division, IPS  
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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

DEFENDANT

HATA

WITNESS

OIKAWA, Koshiro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Info from Shimada request  
G-2 Report  
CID Report  
Curriculum Vitae

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

Incl  
(Described above)

*EPM*  
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN



OIKAWA, Koshiro

Request by: SHIMADA, Shigetaro

Address: Believed to be in Tokyo

He was former Navy Minister preceding the accused Shimada.

His testimony is considered relevant to Counts 7, 20 and 39 of the Indictment.



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

SUBJECT: OIKAWA, Admiral Koshiro

Appointed Chief of the Navy General Staff; succeeds Admiral Shigetaro SHIMADA. Formerly Chief of Staff of the Navy Station of Kure; Commander of the Naval Air Arm; and in 1938 Commander of the Japanese Fleet in Chinese waters; in 1940 he took over the command of the Yokosuka Naval Station and was Naval Minister in 1940 and 1941; he was a member of the Supreme War Council.

SOURCE: Tokyo, Japanese Home and Empire Service.  
FCC, Daily Report, 2 Aug. 1944. (OSS Card File).

Chief of the Naval General Staff. Was visited by Chen KUNG PO, acting President of the Nanking Government on 14 Dec. 1944.

SOURCE: Tokyo Radio  
FCC, Daily Report, 15 Dec. 1944. (OSS Card File)

Said in the Diet before Pearl Harbour that: "The Imperial Navy is fully prepared for the worst, and measures are being taken to cope with U. S. Naval expansion." A naval extremist.

SOURCE: (OSS Card File)



Admiral Koshiro OIKAWA: Member Supreme War Council. Former Chief Naval General Staff.

1883 Jan.	Born Niigata Prefecture; e.s. of Ryogo Oikawa. Married Taka, e.d. of Chujun Komamine.
1905	Graduated Naval Academy
*	Graduated Naval Staff College
After 1912	Aide de Camp to the Crown Prince (now H.I.M. Hirohito); Captain of Tama; Chief 1st Secretary of Naval Staff College; Chief of Staff Kure Naval Station; on Naval General Staff.
1932	Commander 1st Naval Air Corps
1933	Director of Naval Academy
*	Commander in Chief of Third Fleet
1936	Director Naval Aviation Department of Navy Ministry.
1938 Apr.- 1940 May	Commander in Chief China Seas Fleet
1940 May- 1940 Sept.	Commander in Chief Yokosuka Naval Station
1940 Sept- 1941 Oct.	Minister of Navy in 2nd and 3rd Konoye Cabinets.
1943-44	Member Supreme War Council
1944 Aug. 1945 May	Chief Naval General Staff
1945 May	Reappointed member Supreme War Council

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One of ablest Japanese naval officers, Oikawa is reportedly without strong political leanings. He is conservative in outlook, quiet by nature, conscientious, slow-moving and cautious. (88) A strict disciplinarian. In 1938 reported as able to get along with foreigners fairly well. (163) A member of a well to do family, his naval career began as a hobby. He is a great reader, interested particularly in history, philisophy and religion, and an authority on Chinese affairs. (88)



CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: OIKAWA, Koshiro (formerly Admiral).  
Date of Birth: 8 February 1883.  
Permanent Domicile: No. 1939, Daini-chiwari, Yahyo, Tsuchizawacho,  
Waka-gun, Iwate Prefecture

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17 Dec 1900	Entered the Naval Academy.
14 Dec 1903	Completed the course of the Naval Academy; appointed Naval Cadet.
10 Sep 1904	Appointed Ensign.
5 Aug 1905	Appointed Lieutenant Junior Grade.
25 Sep 1908	Appointed Lieutenant.
1 Dec 1914	Appointed Lieutenant Commander.
13 Dec 1915	Commissioned as Aide-de-Camp to H.I.H. the Crown Prince.
1 Dec. 1919	Appointed Commander.
1 Dec. 1922	Commissioned as Commander of the 15th Destroyer- Flotilla.
1 Dec. 1923	Appointed Captain; commissioned as Captain of the Kinu.
10 Jan. 1924	Commissioned as Captain of the Tama.
1 Dec. 1924	Commissioned as Staff-officer of the Naval General Staff.
1 Dec. 1926	Commissioned as Assistant <sup>P</sup> rincipal and concurrently Superintendent of the Naval Academy.
10 Dec. 1928	Appointed Rear Admiral; commissioned as Chief of the Staff of the Kure Naval Station.
18 June 1930	Commissioned as Staff-officer of the Naval General Staff.
15 Nov. 1932	Commissioned as Commander of the 1st Plane-Carriers' Squadron.
3 Oct. 1933	Commissioned as <sup>P</sup> rincipal of the Naval Academy.



15 Nov. 1933 Appointed Vice Admiral.

2 Dec. 1935 Commissioned as Commander-in-chief of the 3rd Fleet.

1 Dec. 1936 Commissioned as Director of the Naval Air Service Headquarters.

25 Apr. 1938 Commissioned as Commander-in-chief of the China Sea Fleet.

15 Nov. 1939 Appointed Admiral.

1 May 1940 Commissioned as Commander-in-chief of the Yokosuka Naval Station.

5 Sep. 1940 Appointed Minister of the Navy.

18 Oct. 1941 Commissioned as Supreme Military Councillor.

10 Oct. 1942 Commissioned concurrently as President of the Naval Staff College.

15 Nov. 1943 Commissioned as Commander-in-chief of the Marine Protection Corps and additionally Supreme Military Councillor.

2 Aug. 1944 Commissioned as Chief of the Naval General Staff.

29 May 1945 Commissioned as Supreme Military Councillor.

5 Sep. 1945 Placed on the reserve list at own request.

15 June 1946 The Ordinance Relating to the Status of Naval Officers was abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 322 of 1946.