

20 May 1947

Memo for the files

USHIJIMA, Sadao

A report from G-2 reveals no information on this witness.

USHIJIMA

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J. Masuyama

Curriculum Vitae

Name

Sadas USHIJIMA

Date of Birth

January 1st, 1876

Social Status

SAMURAI Class.

Permanent Domicile:

~~Belong to the Class of Bushi of~~
Kagoshima Prefecture.

Date	Record	Name of government office
Dec. 26 1893	Entered the Training Corps (Kyodo-dan)	
Aug. 8 1894	Was Attached to the 23rd Regiment, Infantry.	
Nov. 8 "	Was appointed Second-class Sergeant Sergeant	
Jan. 13 1894	Went to war	
June 10 "	Was appointed First Class Sergeant Sergeant	
Nov. 18 "	According to the War	

Medal Regulations pub-

lished in 1894

~~granted~~

~~bestowed~~ the War

medal on the eighth

of December 1894

NOV. 30 1894 Due to ~~of~~ services

rendered ~~in~~ the Sino-

~~granted~~

Japanese War, the 8th

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Order of the Sacred Treasure

with a grant of fifty

yen

to Japan

June 3 1895 Returned ~~home~~, being

relieved of the duties

		of guarding Weihaiwei.	
Sept. 15	1898	Was appointed military was attached to the 23rd	
		Cadet	Regiment, Infantry.
			Completed term of
Oct. 30	"		was completed upon completion
			active service
			of time
Dec. 1	"	was enlisted in the 23rd	
			Infantry Regiment
Dec. 1	1899		Entered the Military
			Academy
Nov. 21	1900		Graduated from the above
			school
Dec. 3		Was appointed Pro-	
		bationary Officer.	

June 25	1901	Was appointed Second Lieutenant		Cabinet
			Was attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment	War Ministry
		Granted		
Oct. 10	"	Was promoted the 8th Senior Grade of the Court Rank		
		Granted		
Nov. 29	1902	Was promoted the 7th Order of the Sacred Treasure		
Nov. 18	1903	Was appointed First Lieutenant		Cabinet
		Granted		
Feb. 19	1904	Was promoted the Seventh Junior Grade of the Court Rank		
		Granted		
May 30	1905	Was promoted the Sixth		

June 27	1906	Was appointed Captain	Cabinet
Aug. 11	"	Was ^{Granted} appointed the Seventh Senior Grade of the Court Rank	
March 24	1907	Was relieved of the present post and appointed Company Commander of the 23rd Infantry Regiment	war ministry
Apr. 1	"	Was ^{Granted} bestowed the Fifth Order of the Golden Kite, and the Fifth Order of the Rising Sun with double Rays, together with the War Medal	

for the War of 1904-1905

Jan. 14 1908

~~is~~ relieved of his

present post and

appointed Company Commander

of the 1st Infantry Regiment

Dec. 3 1909

Was ordered to enter the

Military Staff College

Dec. 21 "

~~is~~ relieved of his present

post and attached to the

First Infantry Regiment

Sept. 30 1910

Granted

~~that~~ the Sixth

Junior Grade of the Court

Rank

Dec. 23	1911		was relieved of his	war ministry
			present post and appointed	
			Company Commander of the	
			First Infantry Regiment	
May 9	1913		was relieved of the present	"
			appointment and ap-	
			pointed ^{member of} in the	
			quarters of the General	
			Staff HQ	
Aug. 10	1914	was appointed Major		Cabinet
			was relieved of his	War Ministry
			present appointment	
			and appointed Battalion	

			Commander of the 54th	
			Infantry Regiment	
Jan. 30	1915	Was ^{Granted} awarded the Fourth		
			Order of the Sacred Treasure	
June 30	"		Was relieved of his ^{present} war ministry	
			Appointment and appointed	
			military Instructor of the Staff College	
Oct. 30	"	Was ^{Granted} awarded the Six		
			Senior Grade of the Court	
			Rank	
July 24	1918	Was appointed Lieut.		
			Colonel	
Sept. 30	1919		Concomitantly	
			Was appointed, in ^{war} ministry	
			^	

			Member of the	
			of the General Staff HQ	
Feb. 2	1920		Concurrently ^ appointed	Navy Ministry
			Instructor of the Naval War	
			College	
Nov. 30	"	Was conferred Granted		
			the Fifth	
			Junior Grade of the Court	
			Rank	
March 31	1922		Was relieved of his post	Navy Ministry
			Instructor of the Naval	
			War College	
April 1	"	Was appointed Colonel		
"	"			Cabinet
			Was relieved of his	War Ministry

		<p>Post of</p> <p>the Military Staff College</p> <p>and attached to the</p> <p>military Staff College.</p>
May 31	1922	<p>Awarded</p> <p>was bestowed the Third</p> <p>Order of the Sacred Treasure.</p>
Aug. 6	1923	<p>was relieved of post War Ministry</p> <p>attach ment to</p> <p>the Military Staff College</p> <p>and appointed Com-</p> <p>mander of the 3rd</p> <p>Infantry Regiment.</p>
Dec. 15	1924	<p>was relieved of his War Ministry</p>

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[Translated by Seiichi OHTA]

Dec. 28, 1925	^{Granted} Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank	
Dec. 20, 1926	Appointed major-general	The Cabinet The Cabinet
" " "	Appointed commander of Hōyo fortress	The War Ministry The War Ministry
March 5, 1927	^{Relieved of his present post} Dismissed the office up to the time and appointed commander ^{commander} of the 29th Infantry Brigade, and ^{director and} instructor ^{instructor} of the Military Staff College	The Department of War War Ministry
Sep. 5, 1929	^{Awarded} Conferred the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred the Sacred Treasure.	
	Given 4 9 30 ^{in recognition} by being recognized of his services in the China Incident	
Dec. 22, 1930	Appointed president of the Military Staff College	War Ministry War Ministry
	The Department of War	

Jan. 16, 1931 ^{Granted} ~~Conferred~~ the Junior 4th Court Rank

Aug. 1, 1931 Appointed lieutenant-general ——— the Cabinet

March 18, 1933 ^{Relieved of his present post} ~~Dismissed~~ the office up to this time ——— ^{War Ministry} ~~the Department of War~~

" " " Appointed commander of the 19th Division ——— the Cabinet

Apr. 1, 1933 ^{Granted} ~~Conferred~~ the Senior 4th Court Rank

Apr. 15, 1935 Ordered to await orders ——— ^{War Ministry} ~~the Department of War~~

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Mar. 30, 1935 Ordered to be placed on the reserve list ——— ^{War Ministry} ~~the Department of War~~

~~Was~~

Apr. 25, 1935 Elevated one grade of the court rank by His Majesty's
by act of grace from the Throne; Awarded Junior 3rd
~~special grace~~ ——— ~~Conferred the Junior 3rd Court~~

Court Rank

Apr. 29, 1934 ^{Awarded} ~~Conferred~~ the 1st Order of Merit and the ~~Order of the~~

Order of Two

Sacred Treasure — for his services in the Incident of 1931

to 1934.

Sep. 10, 1937 Appointed commander of the 18 Division — the Cabinet

(Not published in the official gazette)

July 7, Ordered to serve at the General Staff ^{HQ} ~~Office~~ — ^{War Ministry} ~~the~~

Department of War (Not published on the official gazette)

Apr. 1, 1939 Transferred to the second reserve

Apr. 29, 1940 Decorated with the second-class Order of the Golden Kite and

^{awarded}
~~conferred~~ with the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of

the Rising Sun — for his services in the China Incident

Oct. 31, 1942 Appointed director ^{of Army} ~~for the~~ administration ~~work~~ and~~granted the rank~~ Civil Service rank
~~conferred~~ the 1st grade of high official — the Cabinet

June 1, 1944 Relieved of ~~this~~ post at his own request — the Cabinet

May 9, 1945 Appointed a part-time member of the conference on the

National Volunteer ^{Units} ~~part-time~~ of the nation — the Cabinet

SECRET

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

APC 500
4 Aug 1947

SUBJECT : USHIJIMA Sadao

DATE OF BIRTH : 30 January 1876.

PLACE OF BIRTH : Kumamoto-ken.

PRESENT ADDRESS : 779, 1-chome, Nishita-machi, Suginami-ku, Tokyo.

CAREER :

26 Dec 1893 Entered school for non-commissioned officers (KYO-DO-DAN).

8 Aug 1894 Attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment.

1 Nov 1894 Sergeant.

13 Jan 1895 Departed for the front.

10 Jun 1895 Master Sergeant.

8 Jun 1896 Returned to Japan (relieved, garrison at WEIHAIWEI).

15 Sep 1898 Officer candidate; attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment.

30 Oct 1898 Completed compulsory service.

1 Dec 1898 Assigned to the 23rd Infantry Regiment.

1 Dec 1899 Entered the Military Academy.

21 Nov 1900 Graduated from the above.

8 Dec 1900 Probationary Officer.

25 Jun 1901 2nd Lieutenant; attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment.

18 Nov 1903 1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

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USHIJIMA Sadao--cont'd.

CAREER (cont'd) :

27 Jun 1905	Captain, Infantry.
24 Mar 1906	Company Commander, 23rd Infantry Regiment.
14 Jan 1908	Company Commander, 1st Infantry Regiment.
3 Dec 1909	Entered the General Staff College.
23 Dec 1909	Attached to the 1st Infantry Regiment.
23 Dec 1910	Company Commander, 1st Infantry Regiment.
9 May 1913	Staff member, Headquarters, General Staff.
10 Aug 1914	Major. Battalion Commander, 54th Infantry Regiment.
30 Jun 1915	Instructor of Military Science, General Staff College.
24 Jul 1918	Lt. Colonel, Infantry.
30 Sep 1919	Staff member, Headquarters, General Staff.
2 Feb 1920 - 31 Mar 1921	Instructor, Naval Staff College.
1 Apr 1921	Colonel, Infantry; attached to General Staff College.
6 Aug 1923	Relieved from General Staff College and appointed commanding officer, 3rd Infantry Regiment.
15 Dec 1924	Section Chief, Headquarters, General Staff.
20 Dec 1926	Major General. Commanding General, HOYO Fortress.
5 Mar 1927	Commanding General, 29th Infantry Brigade.
1 Aug 1929	Director and concurrently Instructor, General Staff College.
22 Dec 1930 - 18 Mar 1933	Commandant, General Staff College.

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USHIJIMA Sadao --Cont'd.

CAREER (cont'd) :

1 Aug 1931	Lt. General.
18 Mar 1933	Commanding General, 19th Division.
30 Mar 1935	Placed on the Reserve list.
10 Sep 1937	Commanding General, 18th Division.
7 Jul 1938	Attached to Headquarters, General Staff.
1 Apr 1939	Placed in the 2nd Reserves.
31 Oct 1942 - 1 Jun 1944	Army Civil Administrator.
Apr 1943	Director, Visayan Branch, Japanese Military Administration in the Philippines.
Aug 1943	Councillor, Imperial Rule Assistance Association.
1 Jun 1944	Vice-chairman, Reservists Association.
9 May 1945	Member, National Patriotic Corps Council. (KOKUMIN GIYU TAI KYOGI KAI).
Sep 1945	Official, Executive Council, Political Rule Assistance Society (TAISEI YOKUSANKAI).

REMARKS :

Subject is reported to have been an intimate friend and classmate of Premier KOISO.

He was deemed a key Japanese War Criminal by the United Nations War Crimes Commission, List #3, Sep 1945.

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14 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton

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

Witness General
Testified May 8

WITNESS

USHIGIMA, Sadao

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

CURRICULUM VITAE

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

Name: SADA0, USHIJIMA
Date of Birth: January 1st. 1876
Social Status: Samurai Class
Permanent Domicile: Kagoshima Prefecture

Dec 26 1893		Entered the Training Corps. (Kyodo-dan)
Aug 8 1894		Attached to the 23rd Regiment, Infantry.
Nov 8 "	Appointed Second-class Sergeant.	
Jan 13 "		Went to war.
Jun 10 "	Appointed First Class Sergeant.	
Nov 18 "	According to the War medal Regulations published in 1894. Granted the War medal on the eighth of Dec. 1894	
Nov 30 "	Due to services rendered in the Sino-Japanese War, granted the 8th Order of the Sacred Treasure. With a grant of fifty yen.	
Jun 3 1895	Returned to Japan being relieved of the duties of guarding Weihaiwei.	
Sep 15 1898	Appointed Military Cadet.	Attached to the 23rd Regiment Infantry.
Oct 30 "		Completed term of active service.
Dec 1 "		Enlisted in the 23rd Infantry Regiment.
Dec 1 1899		Entered the Military Academy.

- Nov 21 1900 Graduated from the above school.
- Dec 3 Appointed Probationary Officer.
- Jun 25 1901 Appointed Second Lieutenant. Attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment. War Ministry
- Oct 10 " Granted the 8th Senior Grade of the Court Rank.
- Nov 29 1902 Granted the 7th Order of the Sacred Treasure.
- Nov 18 1903 Appointed First Lieutenant. Cabinet
- Feb 19 1904 Granted the Seventh Junior Grade of the Court Rank.
- May 30 1905 Granted the Sixth.
- Jun 27 1906 Appointed Captain.
- Aug 11 " Granted the Seventh Senior Grade of the Court Rank.
- Mar 24 1907 Relieved of the present post and appointed company commander of the 23rd Infantry Regiment. War Ministry
- Apr 1 " Granted the Fifth Order of the Golden Kite, and the Fifth Order of the Rising Sun with Double Rays, together with the War Medal for the War of 1904-1905.
- Jan 14 1908 Relieved of his present post and appointed company Commander of the 1st Infantry Regiment. War Ministry
- Dec. 3 1909 Ordered to enter the Military Staff College.

Dec 21 1909		Relieved of his present post and attached to the First Infantry Regiment	
Sep 30 1910	Granted the Sixth Junior Grade of the Court Rank.		
Dec 23 1911		Relieved of his present post and appointed company commander of the First Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
May 9 1913		Relieved of the present appointment and appointed member of the General Staff HQ.	"
Aug 10 1914	Appointed Major		Cabinet
		Relieved of his present appointment and appointed Battalion Commander of the 54th Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
Jan 30 1915	Granted the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure.		
Jun 30 "		Relieved of his present appointment and appointed Instructor of the Military Staff College.	"
Oct 30 "	Granted the Six Senior Grade of the Court Rank.		
Jul 24 1918	Appointed Lieut.-Colonel.		
Sep 30 1919		Concurrently appointed member of the General Staff HQ.	"
Feb 2 1920		Concurrently appointed Instructor of the Naval War College.	Navy Ministry
Nov 30 "	Granted the Fifth Junior Grade of the Court Rank.		

Mar 31 1922	Relieved of his post Instructor of the Naval War College.	Navy Ministry
Apr 1 "	Appointed Colonel.	Cabinet
"	Relieved of his present post and attached to the Military Staff College.	War Ministry
May 31 1922	Awarded Third Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Aug 6 1923	Relieved of Attachment to the Military Staff College and appointed Commander of the 3rd Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
Dec 15 1924	Relieved of his present post and appointed Section Chief of the General Staff HQ.	War Ministry
Dec 28 1925	Granted the Senior 5th Court Rank.	
Dec 20 1926	Appointed Major-General.	Cabinet
"	Appointed commander of Hoyo fortress.	War Ministry
Mar 5 1927	Relieved of his present post and appointed commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade, and director and instructor of the Military Staff College.	"
Sep 5 1929	Awarded the 2nd Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure. Given ¥930 in recognition of his services in the China Incident.	"
Dec 22 1930	Appointed president of the Military Staff College	"
Jan 16 1931	Granted the Junior 4th Court Rank.	
Aug 1 1931	Appointed lieutenant-general.	Cabinet
Mar 18 1933	Relieved of his present post.	War Ministry

Mar 18 1933	Appointed commander of the 19th Division.	Cabinet
Apr 1 "	Granted the Senior 4th Court Rank.	
Apr 15 1935	Ordered to await orders.	War Ministry
Mar 30 1935	Ordered to be placed on the reserve list.	"
Apr 25 1935	Elevated one grade of the court rank by set of same from the throne; Awarded Junior 3rd Court Rank.	
Apr 29 1934	Awarded the 1st Order of Merit and the Order of the Sacred Treasure ---- for his services in the Incident of 1931 - 1934.	
Sep 10 1937	Appointed commander of the 18 Division. (not published in the official gazette)	Cabinet
Jul 7	Ordered to serve at the General Staff HQ. (not published on the official gazette)	War Ministry
Apr 1 1939	Transferred to the second reserve.	
Apr 29 1940	Decorated with the second-class Order of the Golden Kite and awarded the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. --- for his services in the China Incident.	
Oct 31 1942	Appointed director of Army administration and granted the 1st grade of Civil Service rank.	Cabinet
Jun 1 1944	Relieved of his post at his own request.	Cabinet
May 9 1945	Appointed a part-time member of the conference on the National Volunteer Units.	Cabinet

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD
May 8, 1947
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USHIJIMA - Direct

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF USHIJIMA, Sadao
by Mr. Logan

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The witness stated he lived in Tokyo. He identified Exhibit 2566 as his affidavit and verified it. The affidavit stated that the witness became commander * of the 18th Division in September 1937 and went on active service for the China incident. In November he landed at Hangchow and entered the city in December.

Towns entered and found to be in devastation due to extreme destruction and pillaging were often the result of outrageous looting and arson by Chinese forces prior to Japanese occupation. When a battle turned out unfavorably to them, the Chinese would change into civilian clothes and commit illegal acts by intermingling with innocent civilians. They would conceal themselves and threaten the Japanese in the rear. They were called guerrilla troops.

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In various places in China unregistered vagrants banded together, calling themselves destitutes. These people braved danger during battle to search corpses for money and goods and broke into evacuated houses * and plundered the property.

Although the witness went through a great deal of fighting, he exerted his utmost efforts to enforce strict discipline among his men. He believed there was nobody in his command who committed an illegal act. Since he believed they could not lose the war with China, there was no need to worry about the issue. He frequently instructed that they should be mindful of the pride of the army and act with tenderness and benevolence to the Chinese.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent: USHIJIMA, Sadao

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.

1) I was born on 30 January 1876 (the 9th year of Meiji), at No. 1376 Oaza-naka Tamana-machi, Kumamoto-Prefecture, which is my permanent domicile. My present address is No. 779 1-chome Nishida-machi, Suginami-ku, Tokyo-Prefecture.

2) I was appointed Commander of the 18th Division in September 1937, (the 12th year of Showa), and went on active service for the China Incident. In November of this same year I landed at Hangchow Bay, and entered the walled city of Hangchow in December.

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3) I was assigned to the YANAGAWA Army Group on 5 November 1937, (12th year of Showa), and took part in the Hangchow-Bay opposed landing as Commander of the 18th Division. Then, we advanced through Chiashan, Chiahsing, Huchow, Kuang-te Wouhu, and then reversing our direction passed through Yuhang from Kuang-te, and entered the walled city of Hangchow on 24 December of the same year.

Some parts of the city of Chiashan might have been destroyed as a result of the rather tough battle, which took place; but in the other towns there was hardly any fighting. And yet, nearly all the towns were found to be in ruins, owing to the looting and destruction inflicted by the Chinese Forces. However, I was surprised, upon entering Hangchow, to find the whole city with the normal appearance of a pre-war city, and as if the place had never been occupied by Chinese Forces. There were no looting, destruction and arson there. More than 40 per cent, of the residents still remained in the city, and it differed

from the towns, I have seen after the Chinese had retreated. At that time I thought it was extremely strange, but later I thought that may be the Chinese forces in retreat did not pillage and put the torch to the city because the relations between General Chiang Kai-shek and this city was very close. Hangchow was originally the stronghold of the

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so-called CHE Hany Zaibatsu (Financial clique), and the financial backer
of General CHUNG-Kaishek and ^{an} investigation brought to light that fact
that the Hangchow Chamber of Commerce had offered an enormous ^r sum ^{to} the
Chinese forces to prevent the city from being looted and destroyed upon
their retreat, and had entreated him to refrain from committing such
acts.

4) Towns entered by the Japanese and found to be in devastation due to extreme destruction and pillaging were often the result of outrageous, looting and arson committed by the Chinese forces prior to the occupation of the place by Japanese forces. Whenever a battle turned out to be disadvantageous to them, the Chinese would immediately change into civilian clothes and commit illegal acts by intermingling with innocent civilians. They would conceal themselves and theater us in the rear. We called them the guerrilla troops and always found great difficulty in dealing with them.

5) Moreover, in various places in China unregistered vagrants without homes banded together calling themselves destitutes. There were many of these particular in habitants who braved danger during battle to search corpses for money and goods, and broke into houses, evacuated by the towns folk who had taken refuge from the horrors of war, and nonchalantly plundered their property.

6) Though I went through a great deal of fighting in various places as division commander, I used to exert the utmost efforts to enforce strict military discipline among my men. Therefore I firmly believe that there was absolutely no one in my command, who committed an illegal act.

Since it was my belief that we couldn't lose in the war with China, there was no need to worry about the issue. I frequently gave instructions to the effect that we should only be mindful of the pride of our

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Imperial Army and to act with benevolence and tenderness towards the Chinese people. I carefully bore in mind the following poem written by Emperor Meiji.

Our Fatherland reminds us
That even no mercy be shown
In fighting those against ^{us},
Benevolence over, be acted upon.

on the 7th day of April
at Tokyo.

1947 (the 22nd year of Showa)

I hereby certify the above was sworn, signed and sealed in the presence of the Witness.

AT the same place, on the same date.

Witness: /s/ IMANARI, Yasutaro (seal)

Oath

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth to with hold nothing and to add nothing.

/s/ USHIJIMA, Sadao (seal)

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