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Photostat of report of Lt - Col. T.  
Kawabe, mil. attache to the Japanese  
Embassy at Moscow 14 July 1932.

Kawabe wrote that a Russo-Jap.  
war was inevitable and that while  
it would be advisable to make war  
with her as soon as possible "we are  
now facing the great task of  
the exploitation of Manchuria and  
Mongolia, it is better to wait  
abidit". Advises measures to be  
taken in the meantime.

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File 459-25, ~~Q~~ From 1932-34 he was attached in Moscow. Studied Russian attitude toward Manchuria and conclusion was that Russia had no positive plan concerning Manchuria nor positive ideological activities in mind. He generally denied operational offensive plans for use against Russia. Deals mostly with activities while in Moscow 1932-1934 and who came there and what they did. He stated to the Russian interrogator that he ~~did~~ made no recommendation to General H Qs at the time the USSR made the proposal of the Jap-Russ non-aggression pact. He was confronted with <sup>4 April 1934</sup> communication <sup>Gen Staff</sup> to G H Q in Tokyo and then admitted that at the time he had said Japan should not commit herself.

File 459-26 - He advised aggression as well

in his report re the Russo-Jap. non-  
aggression Pact. In 1932 he received  
a report ~~that~~ from the Gen. Staff  
HQs that preparations for war against  
Russia would be completed by 1934.  
Asked the purpose of war on Russia -  
answer was couldn't say, ~~definitely~~  
~~but~~ Believed ~~the~~ the plans meant that  
in the nature of the situation Japan  
and Russia would "come together" and  
starting from an incident in Manchuria,  
Japan would attack Russia."

File 459-27 - Re espionage plans received  
by him in Moscow in 1934. No details  
given, all Gen. Staff records destroyed  
by fire after surrender. No one particularly  
responsible.

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Member river group - 102-11

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~~File 437~~ x Petrov -

~~Ex 818, 1047~~

~~File 159, 20, 2427~~

~~File 313, 106~~

~~58, 147~~

~~378, 19, 196~~ x

~~247, 19, 119~~

Waldorf  
Pignatelli  
will return 328 to file (see)  
not here  
of present time

~~250, 38~~

~~257, 189~~

~~250, 6~~ x Lopez

~~257, 43~~ x

~~165~~

~~176, 17~~ x

~~313, 177~~ x

~~58-147~~ Kamei statement

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Man. card index checked - no refer.

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April 29, 1934 - Intermediate Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun. Recommended by War Ministry for achievement in Man-incident.

April 29, 1940. Order of 'Compound Light' Rising Sun. Recommended by War Min. for Ach. in China incident.

May 9, 1934. - Manchukuo Decoration, Ching Yuan Chang, 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Rec. by For Min. for Japan-Manchukuo Amity.

Oct. 16, 1940. Verdienst Kreuz mit dem Stern Adler. Rec. by For Min. for Japan-German Amity.

File 234. ~~00~~-43 - Kawabe was present  
at a meeting of Bureau Chiefs in early  
May, 1942 in which Tojo decided that  
the Geneva Treaty was to be ignored  
and prisoners of war were to be made  
to labor compulsorily. Kawabe, at the  
time, was Chief, Army Aeronautical  
General Affairs Dept.

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In File 250-38-4, reference is made to an article appearing in the November 1945 issue of Shinsei Magazine entitled "Leaders who sponsored Militarism" by Masayuki SHIROKI. This article traces the history of militarism in Japan, naming the incidents which occurred, historically speaking, and the Japanese who were responsible for these incidents or for the aggressive attitude of the Japanese nation. The article refers to the "Control Party", which party came in conflict with the Imperial Way Party on the issues of military discipline and control of the military. The article said "the control party identified itself with the Tetsuzan Nagata clique which was involved in the foregoing two affairs, or in other words, Kanji Ishiwara, Hideki Tojo, Yoshijiro Umezumi, Koreiku Anami, Akira Muto, Shin-ichi Tanaka, Torashiro Kawabe, Sumihisa Ikeda and Chu Katakura were the soldiers who constituted the brain trust of the Army from the time of the China Affair until the War of Greater Asia, and they placed themselves in the position of war leaders."

File 165-1 -- KAWABE was on one of the delegation of surrender which went to Manila in August 1945.

File 303-106-2 -- An interrogation was had of KAMAI, Ken-ichiro. The latter stated that at the time of the Chinese Incident, General ISHIHARA and General MUTO were placed on the Army General Staff and the Chief of the Second Section of the General Staff was KAWABE, Torashiro. He then continued - "KAWABE is a witness to the fact that ISHIHARA opposed the sending of troops into China but MUTO pushed through his will to send the expedition with the collaboration of the War Minister, General SUGIYAMA and General KAGESA, Teisho, Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Military Affairs Department." *Same info file*

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WITNESS PROGRESS REPORT

KAWABE, Torashiro

Date: 3 April 1947

Completed as to Items Numbers 1, 2, 7 & 8.

Partially completed as to Items Numbers 3 & 4 & 6.

Item 9: NONE

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SUBJECT: KAWABE, Torashiro (Lt. Gen.)

1934 Aug-- Assigned to the KWANTUNG Army and detailed as a Staff Officer.

1936 Mar

1940 Sep--

1941 Jul

1941 Dec--

1943 Apr

Assigned as Commander of the 7th AIR BRIGADE in Manchuria.

Subject was chief of the General Affairs Section of the Army Bureau of Aeronautics. After which he was re-assigned as Commander of Air Forces in Manchuria until Aug. 1944.

1934 Apr 29

Decorated with the 3rd Order of the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in recognition of subject's services in the MANCHURIAN INCIDENT.

SOURCE:

Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat, Interrogation Report, KAWABE, T. (Lt. General). by International Prosecution Section, 8 April 1946.

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1938

HATA's Chief of Staff when commander of Shanghai front immediately after MATSUI.

SOURCE:

Japanese Personal Intelligence, July 10, 1945, Office of War Information, OBSF.  
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**Request by: ITAGAKI, OKAWA, MINAMI, UMEZU, HOSHINO**

**Address: c/o Mr. Teiso Takano, No.2, Nichome Higashi  
Sotoboricho, Higashiku, Nagoyashi, Japan.**

**Facts to be proved - He was a staff officer attached to the General Staff office at Tokyo, at the time of the incident, and later served as a staff officer of the Kwantung Army, and will be able to testify the attitude of the general staff office at the time of the incident, and towards North China and Inner Mongolia.**

**Relevancy - The reasons why Kwantung Army resorted to arms in Manchuria and their activities in North China and Inner Mongolia.**

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: KAWABE, Torashiro.

Date of Birth: 25 September 1890.

Permanent Domicile: 45 Minamicho, Aoyama, Akasakaku,  
Tokyo Metropolis.

Present Address: c/o Takano, Teizo 2, 2-chome Higashi Sotoboricho,  
Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture.

28 May 1912: Graduated from Military Academy.

31 May 1912: Appointed Probational Officer.

24 Dec. 1912: Appointed Sublieutenant of Artillery.  
Assigned to 3rd Field Artillery Regiment.

25 Dec. 1915: Promoted to Lieutenant of Artillery.

15 Dec. 1918: Ordered to enter Military Staff College.

23 Aug. 1920: Promoted to Captain of Artillery.  
Relieved of Principal Office and appointed  
Battery Commander of 3rd Artillery Regiment.

15 Aug. 1922: Relieved of Principal Office and assigned to 3rd  
Field Artillery Regiment.

5 Dec. 1922: Assigned to Military General Staff Office.

6 Aug. 1923: Relieved of Principal Office and assigned to  
be Staff of Military General Staff Office.

5 Oct. 1923: Appointed concurrently Staff of Naval General Staff  
Office.

18 Jun. 1925: Relieved of concurrent Office.  
Relieved of Principal Office and ordered to stay in  
Poland for Studies in Military Affairs.

26 Jul. 1927: Promoted to Major of Artillery.

12 Dec. 1928: Appointed Instructor of Strategy at Military Staff  
College.

11 Mar. 1931: Appointed concurrently Staff of Naval General Staff  
Office.

1 Aug. 1931: Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery.

28 Jan. 1932: Appointed Military Attache of Embassy in USSR.  
Relieved of concurrent Office.  
Relieved of Principal Office.  
Ordered to supervise Personnel stationed in USSR.

5 Mar. 1934: Relieved of Principal Office.  
Assigned to Military General Staff Office.  
Appointed Staff Officer in Kwantung Army.

1 Aug. 1935: Promoted to Colonel of Artillery.

28 Mar. 1936: Relieved of Office of Staff Officer in Kwantung Army.  
Appointed Commander of Guards Field Artillery Regiment.

1 Mar. 1937: Appointed Chief of a Section General Staff Office.

1 April 1937: Appointed concurrently Staff of Naval General Staff Office.  
Appointed Chief of a Section, General Staff Office and  
concurrently Instructor of Strategy at Military Staff  
College.

2 Aug. 1937: Concurrently appointed Instructor of Strategy at Military  
Staff College.

20 Nov. 1937: Concurrently appointed Naval Staff Officer in Imperial  
Headquarters.

23 Dec. 1937: Appointed Member of Deliberative Committee on War Supplies.

1 Mar. 1938: Relieved of Office of Military Staff Officer in  
Imperial Headquarters.  
Appointed Instructor at Hamamatsu Military Flying  
School and concurrently appointed Member of Post  
Graduated Course of above school.

16 April 1938: Relieved of Membership of Deliberative Committee on War  
Supplies.

15 Jul. 1938: Promoted to Major General.

8 Oct. 1938: Appointed Attache of Embassy in Germany.  
Relieved of Principal Office.  
Concurrently appointed Officer stationed in Germany  
for Military Technical Central Depot.  
Appointed Supervisor stationed in Germany for Military  
Air Central Depot and Ordered to supervise Personnel  
stationed in Germany.  
Assigned to Military Department of Imperial Headquarters.

1 Aug. 1939: Concurrently appointed Military Attache of Legation in Hungary.

1 Dec. 1939: Relieved of Assignment to Military Department of Imperial Headquarters.  
Relieved of concurrent Officership stationed in Germany for Military Technical Central Depot.  
Appointed Supervisor stationed in Germany for Military Air Central Depot.  
Assigned to General Staff Office.  
Relieved of Principal and concurrent Office.

9 Mar. 1940: Assigned to Shimoshizu Military Flying School.

25 Aug. 1941: Promoted to Lieutenant General.

18 April 1942: Appointed Counsellor in Fuel Bureau.

20 April 1942: Appointed Member of Aerial Navigation Deliberative Committee.

1 May 1943: Appointed Commander of 2nd Air Division.

19 May 1943: Appointed Commander of 2nd Air Army.

10 Jul. 1943: Relieved of Membership of Scientific and Technical Deliberative Committee.

25 Aug. 1943: Relieved of Membership of Aerial Navigation Deliberative Committee.

17 Mar. 1945: Appointed Member of Study Mobilization Committee.

18 Aug. 1945: Appointed Delegate to be despatched to Supreme Commander for Allied Powers in Manila.

15 Aug. 1945: Relieved of Membership of Study Mobilization Committee.