

10 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: **Maj. General Vasiliev; Col. Woolworth; Mr. Sutton**
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 **UMBU**

The attached information has been taken from the compiled report prepared by MIS. The report was previously classified secret however this classification has been cancelled and at the present time does not carry any classification. It will be noted that much of this information has been furnished in curriculum vitae obtained from the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

WITNESS

YAMADA, Otozo

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Info from MID report

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

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General Otozo YAMADA: Former member Supreme Military Council; Commander in Chief Kwantung Army.

1881 Nov.	Born Nagano Prefecture. Son of Kaku Ichikawa and adopted by Yamada Family. Married Sume, daughter of Itsuki Kuraoka.
1903	Graduated Military Academy.
1905	Participated Russo-Japanese War.
1912	Graduated Army Staff College; Captain, Cavalry.
1913	Staff Officer of Chosen Army.
1918	Major, Cavalry.
1922	Lt. Colonel.
1925	Colonel, Commander 26th Cavalry Regiment.
1927	Section Chief of Army General Staff, Staff member of Research Department of Army Communication School and concurrently military instructor at Army Staff College.
1930	Major General. Director of Training Department, Army Cavalry School.
1932	Commandant, Army Communication School and member of War Supplies Investigation Commission.
1933	Chief, Third Bureau, Army General Staff Headquarters.
1934	Lt. General, Chief, General Affairs Bureau, Army General Staff Headquarters.
1935	Commandant, Military Academy.
1937	Commander, 12th Division in Manchuria.
1939 Jan.	Commander in Chief of Japanese Expeditionary Forces in Central China.
1939 Oct.- 1944 July	Inspector General of Military Training and concurrently member of Supreme Military Council.
1940 Aug.	General.
1944 July	Commander in Chief of Kwantung Army; concurrently Ambassador to Manchukuo.

An excellent organizer, General Yamada is known as an expert in training and communications and for his reform of the education of cadets following the 15 May 1932 Incident. In 1939 he was appointed Commander in Chief Japanese Expeditionary Forces in Central China where a major problem was the control of younger officers. (72) As Commandant of the Military Academy and Inspector General of Military Training, Yamada bore the burden of training the army for the Greater East Asia War.

Yamada, although favoring the young officers' clique, is reported to lean towards the conservative. (10)

NAME OF WITNESS: YAMADA, Otozo

REQUESTED BY : UMEZU

DATE : 3 April 1947

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