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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: TATSUMI, Eiichi

I, TATSUMI, Eiichi, being first duly sworn on oath, do hereby depose and say:

1. That my military career was outlined in my previous affidavits, offered in evidence in the DOHIHARA case, and will not be repeated here. I was Military Attaché to Great Britain in 1936 to 1938 and 1939 to 1942, and had been Assistant Military Attaché from 1930 to 1933. I was returned to Japan by repatriation boat in September 1942, at the time when the British Embassy Staff were repatriated to England in exchange. Mr. KAMIMURA was the Chargé d' Affaires and head of the Embassy group at the time of our return, having succeeded Ambassador SHIGEMITSU, who returned in May or June, 1941, as head of the Mission.

2. During my tour of duty as Assistant and as Military Attaché in London I was responsible directly to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and was only related to the Ambassador in matters of

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conference. Under the Japanese military system the Military Attaché is appointed, directed and supervised and removed by the military authorities and is not under the authority of the Ambassador to whom he is attached.

3. One of the major factors in the appointment of a Military Attaché to a foreign government is the language ability of the officer to be appointed. In my case my language instruction was concentrated on English and my only foreign assignments were in London.

4. At the time of the close of the Pacific War I was a Lieutenant General in the Japanese army.

/s/ TATSUMI, Eiichi

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1947.

/s/ Bernard A. Hargadon
1st Lt. Inf.
Administrative Officer

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF TATSUMI, Eiichi,
by Mr. Warren.

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* The witness identified and verified exhibit 3189 as his affidavit. * The affidavit stated that the witness was Chief of Staff to DOIHARA at the time he was in command of the Eastern Area Army, and was familiar with his policies and system for the control of POWs in the Tokyo area. At the end of the war the witness was a lieutenant general.

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The main function of the Eastern Area Army was the defense of Tokyo and adjacent territory. * As its commanding general, DOIHARA had under him several divisions, air defense units, hospitals, and others. There were literally hundreds of separate units under his command.

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There was a special arrangement regarding the handling of POW detachments in the main islands in Japan. There had been established to deal with POW affairs the POW Information Bureau and the POW Control Bureau. The chief of both was the same person, and both were directly under the War Minister. All complaints from foreign nations and others were routed to the Chief of the Information Bureau. There was also an area office in Tokyo for the centralized control of POW detachments within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Area Army. The main office was in the chain of command under the Eastern Army Commander. There were about twenty branches and detachments, with about 4,000 prisoners. * The Control and Information Bureaus were not connected with the command of the Eastern Army, whose commander had no control over them, but in accordance with the War Minister's orders or upon his own initiative the Chief of the Bureaus directed the chiefs of the POW camps in regard to control of POWs.

He or his subordinates often visited the various branches to observe and inspect and give instructions to them. The Eastern Army Commander was responsible for the control and administration of POWs within his jurisdiction, but in actual practice the activities of the Control and Information Bureaus operated to relieve him of this administrative responsibility. This permitted him to devote more time to his other duties.

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* During the time DOIHARA commanded the Eastern Area Army he received no complaints, either from superiors or subordinates, concerning the mistreatment of POWs. The witness did not mean that he received no reports, because he had received a monthly report on general conditions, but these did not refer to POW mistreatment. The witness knew that despite his many duties, DOIHARA was interested in the welfare of POWs, and visited the camps under his control. On a visit to the Naoetsu camp, DOIHARA learned there was not adequate skilled medical care and that in an emergency the camp had to depend upon the services of doctors from cities as far away as Shibata. Despite there being many units and detachments of the army and many civilian communities as devoid of medical attention as this POW camp, DOIHARA managed to make special arrangements to provide the camp with medical care by army physicians at the base hospital at Takata, nearby.

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* The policy with reference to the handling of POWs was forwarded to the Eastern Army Commander over the War Minister's signature for his compliance, and was not formulated by him.

There was no Cross-Examination of the witness, but the attention of the Court was called to pages 16258 and 14270 to 80.

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* The defense called the attention of the Court to testimony at page 14277.

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Sworn Deposition

Deponent : -TATSUMI, Yeichi

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.

I, TATSUMI, Yeichi, of lawful age, being first duly sworn in accordance with the custom in my country, depose as follows:

I have been asked if I know anything about Gen. DOHIHARA's attitude towards prisoners of war during the time he was Commanding General of the Eastern Area Army of Japan, which position he held from May, 1943, until March, 1944. I have also been asked if I know anything concerning the control of prisoners of war in the Tokyo area during that period of time. I served as Chief of Staff to Gen. DOHIHARA for the entire period of time that he was in command of the Eastern Area Army and consequently am familiar with his policies and with the system for the control of prisoners of war in the Tokyo area.

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The main function of the Eastern Area Army was the defense of Tokyo and adjacent territory, which was by far the most important place of defense of Japan proper. As Commanding General of the Eastern Area Army Gen. LOHIHARA had under his direct command several divisions, air defense units, hospitals and other special units. In short, there were literally hundreds of separate units under his command.

With reference to the handling of prisoner of war detachments throughout the main islands of Japan and occupied territories, there was a special arrangement. There had been established for the purpose of dealing with the affairs of prisoners of war two separate bureaus, one known as the prisoner of War Information Bureau, and the other as the Prisoner of War Control Bureau. The Chief of both of these units was the same person, and both organizations were set up directly under the Minister of War. All complaints received from foreign nations, and other outside sources, were routed to the Chief of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau just mentioned. In addition to these two bureaus, there was set up in the City of Tokyo an area office for the centralized control of prisoner of war detachments within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Area Army. This main office was in the official chain of command under the Commanding General of the Eastern Area Army. Its branches and detachments numbered about twenty with a total of some 4,000 prisoners. The Prisoner of War Control Bureau and the Prisoner of War Information Bureau just referred to were in no manner or wise connected with the

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connected with the command of the Eastern Area Army, and the Commanding General of the Eastern Area Army had no control whatsoever over these two organizations. However, in accordance with the orders of the Minister of War, or upon his own initiative, the Chief of these two bureaus directed the Chiefs of the prisoner of war camps throughout Japan in regard to the control of the prisoners of war, and he or his subordinate officers often paid visits to the various branches and detachments scattered throughout the various parts of Japan for the purpose of observation and inspection or for the purpose of giving directions to them. As explained, the Commander of the Eastern Area Army, according to the official chain of command, was responsible for the control and administration of prisoners of war within his territorial jurisdiction. However, in actual practice the activities of the Prisoner of War Control Bureau and Prisoner of War Information Bureau operated to relieve the administrative responsibility for prisoners of war from him, which permitted him to devote much more time to the manifold duties which he had to perform.

I know personally that during the time Gen. DOHICHIWA was Commander of the Eastern Area Army he never received a single complaint, either from his superior officers or from his subordinate officers, with reference to the mistreatment of prisoners of war. I do not mean he did not receive any reports on prisoners of war, because he did receive a monthly report on general conditions, but they did not refer to the mistreatment of prisoners of war.

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I know that despite the many duties which Gen. DOHIHARA was compelled to perform he was interested in the welfare of prisoners of war and would take occasion to visit the camps under his control. On one visit to the Naoetsu camp Gen. DOHIHARA learned that the camp was not adequately provided with skilled medical care, and that in an emergency it had to depend upon securing the services of doctors from cities as far away as Shibata. Despite the fact that there were many units and detachments of the Japanese Army, and many civilian communities, as devoid of medical attention as this prisoner of war camp, Gen. DOHIHARA managed to make special arrangements to provide the camp with medical care by Army physicians stationed at the Base Hospital at Takata, only a short distance away.

The policy with reference to the handling of prisoners of war was forwarded to the Commander of the Eastern Area Army over the signature of the Minister of War for his compliance and was not formulated by such commanding officer.

On this 15 day of Jun, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent /S/ Yeichi, Tatsumi

I, Kinjiro Ohta, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date,

At Tokyo

Witness: /S/ Kinjiro Ohta (seal)

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth
withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ Yeiichi Tatsumi (seal)

SECRET

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

APO 500
31 July 1947

SUBJECT : TATSUMI, Eiichi

BIRTHPLACE : Saga Prefecture.

ACTIVITIES : Graduated from the Military Academy.
Graduated from the War College.
Member, Department of the Inspector of Education.
Went to Europe for Military research.
Staff member, Kwantung Army.
Instructor of Military science, War College.
Section Chief, General Headquarters.

Dec 1939 Attache, Japanese Embassy, London.

1942 Returned to Japan on the Exchange ship TATSUTA MARU.

Jul 1942 With Kisaburo ANDO, placed in charge of reclaiming
used steel throughout Japanese-dominated areas,
which were made a part of the Eastern and Central
Defense Plan and placed under strict military rule.

Feb 1945 Chief of Staff, Eastern Army District.

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16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lopez; Capt. Robinson USN Att: Cmdr. Cole;
Mr. Edwards; 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

ITAGAKI

WITNESS

TATSUMI, Seiichi

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)

EP M
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Curriculum Vitae

Permanent residence and status: SAGA Prefecture

Date of Birth: 19 January 1887

Name: TATSUMI, Eiichi

Former status:

Former name:

- 25 Mar 1912 Graduated from SAGA Prefectural Middle School.
- 1 Dec " Appointed a cadet and assigned to the 21st Infantry Regiment by the War Ministry.
- " Enrolled into the 21st Infantry Regiment and given the rank of First Class Private by the 21st Infantry Regiment.
- 1 Jun 1913 Promoted to the rank of Superior Private, Infantry, by the 21st Inf. Regt.
- 1 Aug " Promoted to the rank of Corporal, Infantry, by the 21st Inf. Regt.
- 1 Sep " Promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Infantry, by the 21st Inf. Regt.
- 1 Dec " Entered the Military Academy.
- 25 May 1915 Graduated from the Military Academy.
- 14 June " Returned to his former regiment.
- " Promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major, Infantry, and made a probationary officer by the 21st Inf. Regt.
- 5 Nov 1915 Passed by the Officer Selection Board in accordance with Article 12 of the Army Replacement Regulations.
- 25 Dec " Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry. Assigned to the 21st Inf. Regt.
- 20 Mar 1916 Conferred with the 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 15 Apr 1919 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, by the Cabinet.
- 20 Jun " Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

- 10 May 1921 Relieved of current duty and assigned to the 4th Infantry Battalion of the Independent Garrison by the War Ministry.
- 24 Jan 1922 Relieved of current duty and assigned to the 4th Infantry Battalion of the Independent Garrison by the War Ministry.
- " Relieved of current duty and assigned to the Instruction Regiment of the Army Infantry School by the War Ministry.
- 14 Dec 1922 Ordered by the War Ministry to enter the Army General Staff College.
- 23 Jan 1923 Relieved of current duty and assigned to the 21st Infantry Regiment by the War Ministry.
- 15 Aug 1924 Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 27 Jan 1925 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class.
- 7 Aug " Promoted to Captain, Infantry, by the Cabinet. Relieved of current duty and appointed a company commander in the 21st Inf. Regt. by the War Ministry.
- 17 Dec 1926 Ordered to serve with the Inspectorate-General of Military Education by the War Ministry. Relieved of current duty and assigned to serve with the 21st Infantry Regiment by the War Ministry.
- 16 Dec 1927 Appointed a member of a section of the Inspectorate-General of Military Education by the War Ministry.
- 1 Oct 1929 Conferred with the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 15 Jan 1930 Ordered to residence in England for the study of Military affairs by the War Ministry.
- 1 Aug 1930 Promoted to Major, Infantry, by the Cabinet.
- 5 Sep 1929 For services in the CHINA Incident, decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, 330.
- 9 Jan 1931 Relieved of assignment to residence in England by the War Ministry.

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- 26 Sep 1942 Relieved of current duty by the Cabinet.

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