

10 Sep 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: 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

Witness General

WITNESS

ISHII, Masami

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: ISHII, Masami
Date of Birth: Dec 1 1895
Domicile: CHIBA Prefecture

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May 30 1916 Graduated from the regular course of the central military preparatory school.

" A silver watch was granted to him at the time of the graduation from the Central Military Preparatory school for having an excellent scholastic record.

" Commissioned a Cadet and assigned to the KONOYE Engineer Battalion. War Ministry

Jun 6 1916 Entered the KONOYE Engineer - Battalion.

" Given the grade of superior private, engineers. KONOYE Engineer Battalion.

Aug 1 1916 Promoted to corporal, engineers. "

Sep 1 1916 Promoted to sergeant, engineer. "

Dec 1 1916 Entered the Military Academy.

May 27 1918 Graduated from the Military Academy.

" Returned to the original unit.

" Promoted to sergeant-major, engineers, and appointed a probationary officer. "

Nov 25 1918 Passed by the Officer Selection Board According to Article 12 of the Army Replacement Order.

Dec 25 Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, engineers. Cabinet
Attached to the KONOYE Engineer-Battalion. War Ministry

Feb 28 1919 Conferred the Senior Grade of the Eighth Court Rank.

Mar 6 1922 Commissioned First Lieutenant, Engineers. Cabinet

Mar 20 1922 Conferred the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.

Dec 26 1924	Ordered to enter the Army War College.	War Ministry
Mar 15 1927	Commissioned a Captain, engineers.	Cabinet
Apr 15 1927	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
Dec 16 1927	Appointed a company-commander of the KONOYE Engineer-Battalion.	War Ministry
Jan 25 1929	Ordered to serve in the General Staff Headquarters.	"
Feb 9 1929	Assigned to the KONOYE Engineer-Battalion.	"
Dec 10 1929	Appointed a member of the General Staff Headquarters.	"
Jul 11 1931	Conferred the 6th Class Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.	
Nov 16 1931	Ordered to be stationed in Germany to make a study of Military Affairs.	"
May 16 1932	Conferred the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.	
Aug 1 1933	Appointed Major, Engineers.	Cabinet
Nov 6 1933	Appointed assistant military attache to the Japanese Embassy in Germany.	"
Nov 6 1933	Relieved from post in Germany.	War Ministry
Dec 10 1934	Relieved of the present appointment.	Cabinet
Dec 10 1934	Appointed Military instructor of the Army War College.	War Ministry
Apr 29 1934	Given the Imperial Order of the Single Rays of the Rising Sun. -for distinguished service in the Incident of 1931-1934.	
Jul 1 1937	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.	
Aug 2 1937	Appointed Lieut-Colonel, Engineers.	Cabinet
Oct 12 1937	Appointed assistant Military Attache' to the Japanese Embassy in Germany.	"

Jan 11 1939	Relieved of the present appointment.	Cabinet
Mar 9 1939	Appointed Colonel Engineers.	"
Apr 1 1939	Conferred the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.	
Jan 11 1939	Relieved of post in the Army Section of the Imperial General Headquarters. Appointed Military instructor of the Army War College.	War Ministry
Dec 28 1940	Appointed concurrently a member of the Total War Research Institute. Appointed to the 3rd Grade of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
Mar 11 1941	Given the 3rd Class Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.	
Sep 26 1941	Relieved of the additional post.	Cabinet
Mar 1 1943	Appointed Major-General.	Cabinet
Mar 15 1943	Conferred the Senior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.	
Apr 29 1940	Given the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. For distinguished service in the China Incident.	

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ISHII, MASAMI,
By Mr. Freeman.

27190 * The witness identified exhibit No. 3045 as his affidavit and
27191 verified it. The affidavit stated * that the instruction attached hereto
was drafted by the witness by direction of General TERAUCHI, Commander of
the Southern Army, and Lt.-Gen. TSUKADA, his Chief of Staff, and approved
by them. On November 20 TERAUCHI called a meeting of all commanders
under his command, including Gen. KAWAGUCHI of the attached corps, and
transmitted this instruction. The commander read the instruction to them,
and had it printed and handed to them afterwards. The witness was in
attendance on the occasion.

27192 * The instruction states that TERAUCHI had been appointed
Commander of the Southern Army, and was anxious to discharge the heavy
responsibility, depending on the loyalty and bravery of his commanders
and men. Officers and men should grasp the war's true meaning, impress
their responsibility on their minds and do their best.

27193 Both the Army and Navy have always been on good terms and in
close cooperation, and should prove their true strength and accomplish the
aim of the present campaign in the shortest time, never losing the belief
that Japan can never lose the war. They should appease and enlighten
innocent local peoples by showing the virtues and dignities of the
Japanese army through their behavior, and should refrain from violence.
They should especially exercise self-restraint and fight bravely in view
of the hot climate and prevailing * pestilence at the front.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY COLONEL MORNANE.

27194 * The witness stated that he was a colonel, and staff officer
in the Southern Army. The authority of the Commander of the Southern
Army extended over FIC, Siam, Malaya, Sumatra, Java, NEI, British Borneo,
and the Philippines. General YAMASHITA was then Commander of the 25th
Army, which was part of the Southern Army.

27195 * The work of the witness involved operations. In the course
of his duty he never learned that 5,000 Chinese had been arrested in
Singapore about February 21, 1942, nor had he ever heard it. At that
time he was in Saigon, at General TERAUCHI's headquarters.

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Exhibit No. 3046, an amendment to Article 2 of the regulations concerning POW treatment, * dated April 9, 1942, stated that Article 2 of the regulations provides that the POW Control Bureau should transact business regarding POWs and internees. The scope of such business included matters concerning general plans for treatment, such as accommodations, discipline, exchange, release, punishment and general allowances of POWs and internees, matters concerning POW labor, correspondence, punishment, and labor and correspondence of civilian internees.

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* Exhibit No. 3047, a notification from the Adjutant's Office to the POW Control Bureau, dated November 22, 1942, stated that it was sent to inform the Bureau that it had decided to entrust to the Chief of the POW Control Bureau the decision on matters of minor importance concerning * accommodation, handling, allowances, transfer, labor and punishment of POWs at the front.

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Matters concerning correspondence, relief of POWs and internees and matters of minor importance concerning granting to foreigners entry of POW camps, and military detention houses, were entrusted to them.

29 August 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. D. N. Sutton
FROM: Lt. Kurt Steiner
SUBJECT: Affidavit of ISHII, Masani
(Defense Document No. 381)

1. This Affidavit contains instructions drafted by the Deponent and approved and read to the Commanders serving under him by General TERAUCHI, Commander-in-chief of the Southern Army at the time of his appointment. (According to Exhibit 102, IPS Document 1606, he was appointed on 6 November 1941).

2. Although the above instructions were distributed to the various Commanders and printed for them (page 2 of the Affidavit), the Witness does not produce the document and apparently quotes it from memory.

3. The "instructions" are actually exhortations in the most general and abstract terms. The only sentences even remotely connected with any issue read as follows:

"Try to appease and enlighten the innocent local peoples by showing the true virtue and dignity of the Japanese Army through your own behavior and always refrain from resorting to violence. I especially wish you to exercise self-restraint and fight bravely in view of the hot climate and prevailing pestilence at the front."
(Last paragraph of the Affidavit)

4. The following is a list of areas and armies comprising the Southern Army under the command of General TERAUCHI together with references to the evidence relating to atrocities in each area. The composition of the Southern Army as indicated below is not in evidence but may be established through the Witness.

a. Menado - Celebes and surrounding islands
(2nd Area Army)

Synopsis: Ex. 1796 (page 13845); Ex. 1797 to 1816 (pages 13846 - 13927).

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- b. New Guinea (2nd Area Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1832 (page 14866); Ex. 1833 (pages 14068-14104)
- c. Ambon NEI (19th Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1817, 1818 to 1819-B (pages 13928 to 13940); Ex. 1821 to 1831 (pages 14052 to 14065) and testimony of Witness John Z. Van Noorten (pages 13943 to 14050)
- d. Singapore and Malay (7th Area Army; 20th Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1497 (page 12894); Ex. 1498 to 1533 (pages 12894 to 12962) and testimony of Witness C.F. Brian (pages 12883 to 12891)
- e. Java (16th Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1703 (pages 13603); Ex. 1704 to 1725 (pages 13607 to 13652) and testimony of Witness DeWeerd (pages 12130 to 12342).
- f. Sumatra (25th Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1766 (page 13780); Exs. 1767 to 1778 (pages 13781 to 13820); Testimonies of Witnesses C.C. Leenheer (pages 13733 to 13780) and N.C.G. Ringer (pages 13554 to 13603)
- g. Burma and Thailand (Burma Area Army; 15th Army, 28th Army, 33th Army and Thailand Garrison Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1534 to 1558 (pages 12963 to 12995); Ex. 1559 to 1588 (pages 13051 to 13111); Testimonies of Witnesses John M. Williams (pages 12996 to 13012) and John K. Lloyd (pages 13012 to 13048).
- h. Philippines (14th Area Army and Army Airforce Philippines) Ex. 1355 to 1420 (pages 12378 to 12850 and testimonies of witnesses W. O. Werff (pages 12393 to 12044);

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S. B. Moody (pages 12578 to 12591);
F. M. Flinau (pages 12640 to
12668); A. J. Montgomery (pages
12673 to 12724) and G. Stubbs
(pages 12738 to 12775).

- i. Indo-China (Indo-
China Garrison Army) Ex. 2113 to 2156 (pages 12596 to
15422) and testimony of F.
Gabrillagues (pages 15424 to 15472)
- j. Borneo (Borneo Gar-
rison Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1687 (page 13497);
Ex. 1688 to 1702 (pages 13497 to
13527)
- k. New Britain-Rabaul
(8th Area Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1851 (page 14104);
Ex. 1852 to 1873 (pages 14105 to
14130)
- l. Solomon Islands-
Bougainville (17th
Army) Synopsis: Ex. 1874 (page 14130);
Ex. 1875 to 1886 (pages 14131 to
14153)

5. The testimonies of Witnesses A. E. Coates (pages
11403 to 11426) and Blackburn (pages 11529 to 11628) cover
more than one area under the command of the Southern Army.

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Language

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST



THE UNITED STATES AMERICA, et al

- Against -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

What year?

Affidavit of Ishii Masami (translation)

Deponent: ISHII, Masami

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I hereby depose as follows.

1. My name is Masami Ishii
2. I live at Ichigaya, Ushigome-ward, Tokyo city.
3. I was born on Dec. 1, 1895
4. My brief career is as follows:

On Sept. 19, 1941, I was appointed an attached officer of the Army Department of the Imperial Headquarters, and leaving canton, the place of my former post, arrived at Tokyo on Sept. 23, 1941.

On Nov. 6, 1941, I was appointed a staff officer of the Southern Army.

On Nov. 27, 1941, I left Moji to depart for the front.

On March, 18, 1943, I was appointed a professor of strategy in the Army Staff College. On March 22 in the same year, I left Shonan (T.N. Singapore) and returned to Tokyo.

5. The instruction attached hereto was drafted by myself according

*Object 3 of the "instructions" of 2
Is this the exact word*

to the directives given by General Terauchi, the Commander-in-chief of the Southern Army, and Lt-general Tsukada, the chief of staff of this Army, and was approved by them. On Nov. 20, Commander Terauchi called a meeting in Tokyo of all the commanders under his command, including Major-general Kawaguchi, Commander of the Kawaguchi Detached Corps and transmitted the above-mentioned instruction. The commander himself read the instruction to them, and afterwards made it printed and handed it to them. I was in attendance on the occasion.

When

Instruction

At this critical moment of our national advancement, I, Terauchi, was unexpectedly appointed to the responsible post of the Commander-in-chief of the Southern Army. Nothing is more honourable and grateful for me. I am anxious to discharge ^r the heavy responsibility now placed on me, chiefly depending on the loyalty and bravery on the part of all our commanders and their men.

All the officers and men should grasp the true meaning of the present sacred war, impress your heavy responsibilities on your minds and do your best with an indomitable will.

Both the Army and the Navy always on good terms and in close collaboration with each other should prove their true strength and accomplish the aim of the present campaign in the shortest length of time never faltering in the belief that the Japanese nation can never lose in the war.

Try to appease and enlighten the innocent local peoples by showing

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the true virtue and dignity of the Japanese Army through your own behavior and always refrain from resorting to violence. I especially wish you to exercise self-restraint and fight bravely in view of the hot climate and prevailing pestilence at the front.

Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Army Count JUKI

On the 19th day of January, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT ISHII MASAMI (seal)

I BANNO Junkichi, 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: (signed) BANNO Junkichi (seal)

Oath

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

ISHII, Masami (seal)