

Translated by Seiichi OHTA

Curriculum Vitae

Name: MURATA Gorō

Born: April 11, 1899

Present Address: Kajima-cho, Toyama-city, Toyama prefecture

Permanent Domicile: No. 2, 1-chome ~~the~~ Takashō-machi, Nishi-ku,

Nagoya city, Aichi prefecture

MURAYAMA CLAN

Social Status: ~~the~~ military class of Aichi prefecture.~~PLACE of Birth:~~

Born Place: No. 12, 1-chome, Fuchū-gai, Taihoku city,

Formosa

1916 Mar. 28

Graduated from Taihoku Middle School ~~established by~~ ^{ed of}Government-General's
Formosa General Office.

1920 July 11

Graduated from ~~A~~ Class ^A of the 1st Section, in ~~the~~ 8th

Higher School.

1920 Sep. 10

Entered in the political course ~~of~~ ^{at} the Law College

of Tokyo Imperial University

1922 Nov. 13 Passed the administrative ~~service~~ examination for
the higher civil service

1923 Mar. 31 Graduated
~~Finished~~ the political course at the Law College of
Tokyo Imperial University

" May 2 Appointed police inspector of ~~the~~ Toyama prefecture, ^{the} Toyama
Prefecture Government
Granted salary
~~Allowed the 6th grade salary~~

" " " Ordered to serve at the Police Affairs Section in " "
the Police Department

" Nov. 1 Concurrently Ordered to serve at the Public " "
Peace Section in the Police Department

1924 July 21 Appointed a government clerk and ^{Concurrently} police inspec- ^{the} Toyama
tor of the Toyama Prefecture Government. Allowed the 6th
Government

Granted ~~SIXTH~~
grade salary grade

" " "
1924 July 21

Ordered to serve at the Social Section in the Bureau

"
(The
Toyoama
Prefecture
Government)

~~to~~ Prefectural Administration ^{BUREAU} (as a government clerk)

" " "

Ordered to serve at the Police Affairs Section in the

"

~~Police Department~~ and concurrently at the Public Peace

Section of the Police Department (as a police inspector)

" Sep. 3

Ordered to ~~serve~~ concurrently ^{serve} (social welfare) at the Public Section

"

in the Bureau of Prefectural Administration BUREAU.

" Dec. 17

Appointed Niimi county superintendent in

Toyoama prefecture

Granted

Conferred the 7th Rank of the higher civil service

"
The
Cabinet

~~Entered~~ ^{Granted} the 9th ^{salary} ~~pay~~ grade.

The Home Office

1925 Feb. 16 ~~Conferred~~ ^{Conferred with} the Junior ^{Court Rank, 7th Grade} ~~Grade of the 7th Court Rank~~

" Dec. 21 ~~Granted~~ ^{Raised} to the 8th ^{salary} ~~pay~~ grade.

Home Office

1926 July 1 ~~Abolished~~ ^{Office} the office ^{in accordance with} ~~by~~ ^{Ordinance} The Imperial Order No. 147

" " " ~~Appointed~~ ^{Appointed} local administrator

~~Granted~~ ^{Granted} the 7th Rank of the higher civil service

The Cabinet

(1)

J. M. Wray some

		was Granted the Eighth ^{Salary} Pay Grade	Home Ministry
		Was attached to the Tokyo Prefecture	
		was attached to ^{Ordered to duty} the Tokyo Prefectural Govern-	
		ment	
March 12	1927	was Promoted to the Sixth Rank of the Higher Cabinet	
		Civil Service.	
April 15	"	was granted ^{Conferred with} the Senior ^{Court Rank} Grade of the Seventh	
		Grade Class of the Court Ranks.	
July 31	"	was Granted the Seventh ^{Salary} Pay Grade.	Home Ministry
Dec. 28	1928	was Granted the Sixth ^{Salary} Pay Grade	"
May 20	1929	was Promoted to the Fifth Rank of the	Cabinet
		Higher Civil Service.	

(2)

July 1 1929 ~~was granted~~ ^{Conferred with} Court Rank, ~~the junior Grade of the Sixth~~

~~Class of the Court Rank, Grade~~

Dec. 27 1930 ~~was granted~~ the Fifth ^{Salary} ~~Pay~~ Grade Home ministry

Feb. 29, 1932 ~~was~~ Promoted to the Fourth Rank of the Higher Cabinet

Civil Service.

June 1 " ~~was granted~~ ^{Conferred with} Court Rank, Sixth Grade ~~the Senior Grade of the Sixth~~

~~Class of the Court Rank.~~

March 31 1933 ~~was~~ Granted the Fourth ^{Salary} ~~Pay~~ Grade. Home ministry

Nov. 27 1934 ~~was~~ Appointed ^{Supervisor} ~~Inspector~~ of the Tokyo

Prefectural Industry ~~Union~~ Association.

Jan. 19 1935 ~~was~~ Appointed Secretary to the Oita Prefectural Government.

~~prefecture.~~

" " ~~was~~ Granted the Fourth Rank of the Higher Cabinet Civil Service

" " ~~was~~ Appointed Chief of the Police of ~~the~~ Home ministry
Same Prefecture.

" " ~~was~~ Granted the Sixth ^{50/104} ~~Pay~~ Grade "

Jan. 29 " ~~was~~ Ordered ~~to act as~~ [&] member of the ~~First~~ ^{First}

Health Insurance Investigation Committee

~~of~~ Oita Prefecture in accordance with

the ~~First~~ ^{one,} Item ~~of the~~ ~~First~~ ^{one,} Paragraph of

Article 106 of the Detailed Regulations

of Health Insurance Law

July 31 1935 ~~Was~~ Promoted to the Third Rank of the Higher Cabinet
Civil Service.

~~Was~~ Granted the Fifth ^{Salary} ~~Pay~~ Grade Home
ministry

Sept 2 " ~~Was~~ ^{Amferred with} ~~Granted~~ the Junior Grade of the Fifth
Court Rank,
class of the Court Rank Grade.

April 29 1934 ~~Was~~ Granted the Sixth Order of the ^{Imperial} ~~Sacred~~
Order of the ^{in recognition of}
Treasure (due to the services rendered in
the 1931-1934 Incident.

Feb. 22 1937 ~~Was~~ Appointed Department Chief of the
Metropolitan Police Board.

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"	"	Was Promoted to the Third Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
		Was Granted the Fifth ^{50/100} Pay Grade.	Home ministry
		Was Appointed Chief of the Sanitary Department.	"
March 31	"	Was Granted the Fourth ^{50/100} Pay Grade.	"
July 8	"	Was Appointed Chief Secretary of the Metropolitan Police Board.	

H. Hattori

Granted the Third Rank

of the higher civil service

Cabinet

Granted ^{salary} from the 4th pay grade Home Ministry

Sep. 25, 1937

Appointed information Cabinet

official of the Cabinet

Information Bureau

Jan. 21, 1938 Appointed secretary

of the Welfare Ministry

Cabinet

Granted the Third Rank

of the higher civil service

Cabinet

Granted ^{salary} from the 4th pay grade

Ordered to be chief of Welfare Ministry

the Physical Culture

PRISONERS OF WAR (cont'd)

Employment of POW in Japan	14,505-11
Geneva Convention, Japan's agreement of 4 Feb 42 to abide by	12,786-88; 14,295-303
Implication of SHIGEMITSU by reason of correspondence with Swiss Government	14,823
Instructions on interrogation and disposition of	12,779-83
Torture and threats	12,779-80
Killing	12,781
Instructions to Chief of Staff, Taiwan, as to working POW	14,708-20
Instructions to impose labor on POW and noncommissioned officers	14,425-26
Instructions to newly appointed Chiefs of POW camps	14,427-28
Interrogation of TOJO in respect to complaints of mistreatment of American and British POW	14,562-606
Admission that if atrocities were true, treaties had been violated	14,563
Admits responsibility for sentences of execution on American flyers since 7 Dec 41	14,600
Believed HOMMA did what he could in the Philippines regarding prisoners	14,586
Believed treatment given prisoners was on same level as that given Japanese troops	14,597-98
Complaints were routed first to Foreign Ministry, then to Minister of War	14,563
Complaints were taken up at bi-weekly meetings	14,565
Heard rumors of mistreatment of prisoners at Bataan and action thereon	14,566-74
Inspected various camps, only asked about "main points".	14,587-91
Japanese idea about being taken prisoner is different from European or American	14,577
Justifies action taken on ground that flyers bombed non-combatants	14,600
Malnutrition and other causes of death discussed at bi-weekly meetings	14,605-06
Ordered Court Martial in connection with mistreatment of POW working on Burma- Siam Railway	14,566
Placed confidence in officers having responsibility for taking appropriate action concerning prisoners	14,581; 14,587
Placed responsibility for Bataan March on General HOMMA	14,572
Says slapping is common in Japan as a means of training	14,577-78
Letters from ITAGAKI, Seishiro to TOJO out- lining regulations governing POW in Korea	14,530-38

Section of the Physical
Strength ~~Dept.~~ Bureau.

Mar. 12, 1938

Appointed member of Cabinet
the Cabinet Information
Bureau
Committee

May 9, 1938 Decorated with the Fifth

The Imperial Order
Order of Merit with the

Order of the Sacred Treasure

Dec. 6, 1938

Appointed secretary of Cabinet
the Committee for
Committee for
the Investigation of the Do-
mestic Physical-strength
Control System

MUTO, Akira (cont'd)

Offices held, Exh 119	742
Offices held from 1926 until appointed Chief of Military Affairs Bureau	16,117-18
Prisoners turned over to North China Govt	3439
Prosecution's answer to motion to dismiss	16,871
Ten to twenty incidents reported at Nanking	3558
Was liaison between War Ministry and Army General Staff	16,141-44
Well-informed on supply and money matters for Army	16,145-46

NAGANO, Osami

Admiral and Chief of Naval General Staff in 1941	10,184
Interrogation on plans and attack of Pearl Harbor	10,461-64
Issued order to attack Pearl Harbor, 3 Nov 41	10,316-17; 10,347-50
Offices held, Exh 119	747
Opposed to Tri-Partite Alliance	10,185
Opposed to war with US	10,185
Tried to discourage Emperor on then current policies of Japan	10,185
Views opposed by KIDO, who told the Emperor NAGANO's opinion was too simple	10,186

NAKAI, Kimbei

ARAKI's speech in "Critical Period of Japan"	3191
"Critical Period of Japan" a film	3155-89
Testimony re propaganda in connection with movies	1159

NAKAMURA, Captain Shintaro

Murder of	1781-2; 3017-8
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NANKING, CAPTURE OF

Atrocities committed by Japanese soldiers	2560; 2575; 2578
Attempts to secure relief	4580-92
Bayoneting of civilians	2538
Burning of property	4577-9
Civilians numbering 43,000 buried	2574
Communication from GAUSS to American Embassy	4558
Communication of 3rd Secy of Embassy to American Ambassador	4560-4
Communication to Consul Gen GAUSS	4555-7
Complaints to Japanese Spec Serv Hq	2567; 2594
German reports of atrocities	4592-4604
Killing of Chinese	4568-74
Looting	2576; 4575-6
Memo of Dr. Cyril (Searle ?) BATES	4553-54
Murder	2563; 2605; 2609

Dec. 17, 1938

Appointed secretary of Cabinet

the Physical Recreation

Council

Jan. 11, 1939

Appointed secretary

of the Home Ministry

Granted the Third Rank

Cabinet

of the higher civil service

Granted salary
General the 4th ^{step} grade

Ordered to be chief of Home Ministry

the Foreign Affairs Sec

of the Police Bureau

Jan. 23, 1939

Appointed member of Cabinet
Committee

the Cabinet Information

Board
Committee

HOSHINO, Naoki

Attended cabinet meeting as secretary to determine war with US	15,967
Attended Cabinet where final report on US-Japanese negotiations was made and war was declared	15,970-71
Attended every cabinet meeting from beginning of TOJO's Cabinet until 8 Dec 41. Attended Privy Council meeting in Emperor's presence when war was declared on US	15,968-69
Attended Privy Council meeting when declaration of war was submitted and knew Pearl Harbor had been attacked	15,971-72 5120-82
Chief of General Affairs Bureau	15,965-66
Did not oppose Tri-Partite Agreement at Imperial Conference	15,963-65
Economic control envisaged; planned economy	4021-30
Exploiter of industry in Manchuria	15,976
Helped compile declaration of war	4021-30
Industrial exploiter in Manchuria	15,962-76
Interrogation of	15,973
Knew on 26 or 27 Nov that war with US was almost unavoidable	15,963
Made economic plans for Japan for submission to Cabinet	15,963
Member of Cabinet Planning Board in Second KONOYE Cabinet	15,963
Motion to dismiss	16,361
Offices held, Exh 109	710
Present at meeting of GNA Nations which declared policy of liberation from British-American domination	12,098-101
Prosecution's answer to motion to dismiss	16,977
Recommends Co-Prosperity Sphere	15,954-61
Relations with Kwantung Army	5128; 5143-4
Views re Tripartite Pact	6369
Was closest advisor in Cabinet to TOJO	15,972

HOSPITAL SHIPS ATTACKED

Netherlands hospital ships attacked	15,065-75
Protests of Netherlands concerning detention of hospital ship which was attacked	15,077-87
Protests of US Government	15,062-64

HOTEN CAMP NEAR MUKDEN

Malnutrition, improper treatment of prisoners	14,188; 14,192-93
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HO-UMEZU AGREEMENT

GOETTE, John, testimony of	3746; 3805-11; 3849-50
TANAKA, Ryukichi, testimony re	2145-6

Mar 31, 1937		Granted Given the 3rd ^{salary} pay grade	Home Ministry
Sep. 8, 1939	Appointed secretary of the Fukuoka Prefectural Govt.		
	Granted the 3rd Rank of the higher civil service		Cabinet
Sep. 8, 1939		Granted Given the 3rd ^{salary} pay grade	
		Appointed chief of the Executive Dept.	Home Ministry
Apr. 10, 1940	Appointed secretary of the Home Ministry		
	Granted the 3rd Rank of the higher civil service		Cabinet
		Granted Given the 3rd ^{salary} pay grade	

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26904 On document No. 2 there is a piece of paper affixed bearing blue pencil writing. * This paper states that if the moves against Chiang Kai-shek could be carried out without using his army, this would be the best way. He had investigated about these notes on the documents, but was unable to find out who put them on. On document No. 3, outside the border of it, there is a signature YAMAMOTO, and there is a mark signifying that it is finished. The same seal and name
26905 YAMAMOTO appears on the fourth document. * It appears that he was Chief of the East Asia Bureau.

His affidavits related only to documents 1 and 2, and not to 3 and 4. It also appears that a name like KITA is on the document, and he could not recall the name, and the seal is somewhat smeared. He believed that the YAMAMOTO referred to is YAMAMOTO, Kumaichi, who testified a few days before.

The attention of the Tribunal was called to exhibit No.
26907 * 2344, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2830, and 651.

		Ordered to be chief of Home Ministry
		the Development Sec
		of the Local Affairs
		Bureau
Apr. 17, 1940		Appointed secretary of Cabinet
		the City Planning
		the Central Committee
		for City Planning.
May 9, 1940		Appointed secretary Cabinet
		of the Material Utili-
		zation Committee
June 30, 1940		Granted ^{salary} given the 2nd ^{pay} grade Home Ministry
Jul. 5 1940		Appointed ^{secretary} manager of Cabinet
		of the Agriculture

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26917 His chief stated it was not a question of going to war because they were sure of success or staying out of it because they were not. * They had to be ready for any eventuality for the sake of self-defense. They were not prepared for a war of their choice.

Following this warning, they prepared military operational plans for a self-defensive war, assuming it might occur. About the beginning of September, a month after occupation of South FIC, they began to formulate plans with a view to a possibility of conflict with the four powers, which ultimately developed into the Pacific War.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SHIMANOCHI,
Counsel for OSHIMA.

26919 * Asked whether he was connected with drafting operations plans of the Navy General Staff, the witness said he was principally in charge of air operations, but in modern warfare there were hardly any operations that did not include air operations, and he was therefore associated with all operations of every type.

26920 * He stated that between January and May, 1941, the Operations Section of the Navy Staff did not draft plans for soon carrying out attacks on Singapore, Hong Kong, and the Philippines, and was not making preparations for them.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. COMYNS-CARR.

26921 The attention of the Tribunal was called to exhibits 527 and 528, 552, 576, 536, 537, and 809. * The witness stated that it was not until after the Imperial Conference of December 6 that plans for preparations were made against the U. S., Britain, and the NEI.

26922 * He had no clear recollection that in January, 1941, there was an aerial reconnaissance and map prepared of the coast of northeast Malaya, including Kotabharu. His recollection was a very faint one, about some aerial reconnaissance having been conducted, but he did not recollect any map being made. In the past, the Navy had no operation plans for defense against Britain, and for that reason data for such operations were extremely incomplete. Peacetime defense plans against Britain were studied from about November 1940, as part of an over-all defense plan. 26923 * Asked whether he called invasion of a distant country a defensive plan, he stated that if the British establish a super naval base close to Japan and come into Japanese home waters and that if Japan's line of communications with the south were cut off, that would be a very serious question.

and Forestry Planning

Committee

Jul. 13, 1940

Appointed secretary Cabinet
Prefectural Grant
of the Shiko Bango
TAX Commission
Zei Committee

Sept. 16, 1940 Conferred with
the Senior Court
Rank, Fifth Grade.
Grade of the Fifth Court

Rank

Oct. 31, 1940 Concurrently (Appointed)
Secretary

of the Planning Board

Cabinet

Granted the 3rd Rank

of the higher civil service

Ordered to serve in Cabinet

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To prevent this, the only possible, although not desirable way, is to get ahead of the other powers by sending troops to South FIC. There is no alternative. France will surely welcome the idea of defending her possession in East Asia jointly with Japan, to prevent it from becoming a second Syria.

26914

When the witness took office, he found that the Navy was on guard against Japan being involved in World War II. It was consistently opposed to the German-Italian Alliance, * lest it would cause friction with the U. S. and Britain and imply danger of being embroiled in war. After the conclusion of the pact, the Navy took special care so it would not unnecessarily impose fighting obligations. It refrained from referring to any idea of joint military operations with Germany and Italy, for it dreaded that if it talked about such a possible agreement with Germany and Italy would take the Navy to be disposed to join in the war, and would try to compel them to fight Germany's battle.

26915

This precautionous attitude was kept up to the time immediately before the outbreak of the Pacific War. Before the opening of the war, there was no joint operational agreement between Germany, Japan, and Italy. * When the military move to south FIC was launched, the responsible staff officers had no mention for war in the Pacific, or any plans or operations prepared for it. It can thus be seen that the Japanese advance was not a preliminary step for the Pacific War.

When the witness first made arrangements for the advance, he was annoyed to find there was no adequate military information about the place. There was no data about the airfield other than that collected by civilian interests, and it was from such data that he got general ideas. The subsequent fact-finding survey on the spot revealed numerous errors.

26916

Immediately before the advance to South FIC, U. S., Britain, and Holland, almost simultaneously, * cut off economic relations and banned oil exports. Japan tried to ease the situation, but there was no prospect of success. Things went from bad to worse. The outcome was the September 6 decision of national policy.

Following this decision, his Section Chief ordered that the government had decided to prepare for war that might break out any moment with the A B C D front, and that the operation officers should without delay begin study to formulate plans of campaign. This appeared a sheer absurdity to the witness, to try to fight against the four powers when the single China Affair was too much. He told his Section Chief that with the poorly equipped air force they could not wage war on the four powers with confidence of success.

the Archives Section
Secretariate to the
of the directors of

of the Planning Board,

Secretariate and con:

currently in the 1st

Sec. of the Planning Board

Dec. 17, 1940 Concurrently ^{appointed} secretary

of the Minister of State

Cabinet

Granted the 3rd Rank

of the higher civil service

Ordered to be attache Cabinet

to the Minister of

State Mr. Hiranuma

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF MIYO, TATSUKICHI.

26908 * The witness identified exhibit No. 3020 as his affidavit,
and after making certain corrections verified it. The affidavit stated
26910 * that from November 1939 to December 1942, the witness was in the
Operations Section, Navy General Staff, in charge of affairs relating
to aerial operation, and he learned the following information about the
advance of Japanese forces to South FIC.

At the time he took office, it was the consistent policy of
the Navy and the nation to try to affect the speediest possible settlement
of the China Affair. Japan's deadlocked land operations in China required
enforcement of an economic blockade as an important factor in solving the
Incident.

26911 * The advance to South FIC was prompted by economic and political
necessity. To those concerned with military operations, the most
* imperative reason was to avert a collapse of Japan's national defense
and to bring the China Affair to an early end by an over-all economic
blockade.

In June, 1941, the First Department Chief of the Staff, while
ordering them to prepare for the proposed move, told them the reason
why the step was inevitable. He stated that Anglo-American aid to Chiang
Kai-shek in southwest China was growing. The U. S., Britain, China, and
Holland had formed the so-called A B C D Line, and were pushing on with
steady war preparations and hardening economic pressure. The failure of
the NEI negotiations was one of the outstanding cases.

26912 * He further stated that this evil influence was now reaching
FIC and Thailand, and that there were signs that DeGaulist and other
Anti-Japanese elements in FIC, together with the British, were inducing
all FIC to go over to the U. S.-British camp. This might become another
Syria, and it was ten to one that Thailand would be won over to that
group, in view of her domestic and foreign relations. If this happens
the A B C D front would be invincibly fortified, completely isolating
Japan and shattering the blockade of China. If this happened, with
Japan excluded from U. S. and British trade and the negotiations having
failed, Japan would suffer an economic collapse and be forced to fall
on her knees before this pressure, to say nothing of settling the China
Affair.

26913 * If the British and others move into FIC, the DeGaulist and
other anti-Japanese would likely work together and provoke Japanese
forces in North FIC to a clash which would lead to serious consequences.

Dec. 23, 1940	Appointed secretary ^{administrator}		
	of the Home Ministry		
	Granted the 2nd Rank		Cabinet
	of the higher civil service		
Jan. 13, 1941		Appointed information	Cabinet
		official of the Informa-	
		tion Bureau	
Dec. 23, 1940		Granted ^{salary} Given the 2nd pay grade	
		Ordered to be ^{Director} Chief Finance Minis-	try
		of the Public Peace Sec.	
		of the Police Bureau	
Feb. 4, 1941		Appointed government Cabinet	
		Committee ^{for the affairs} of the 76th	
		Under the jurisdiction	

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Asked whether it was a coincidence that the place of reconnaissance was the precise spot of invasion on December 8, 1941, he stated that there were not many appropriate points for landing operations, and if an aerial reconnaissance was conducted over the east coast of Malaya then there would be in that place an appropriate place for landing.

26924

* He did not mean to state that they had the reconnaissance because they thought it an appropriate place for landing. The purpose of the reconnaissance was to find out if there were any appropriate places, and it so happened that in the particular area over which the reconnaissance was conducted an appropriate landing place was found, and that could occur as a natural matter. He did not know whether after the reconnaissance, the hydrographic office set to work to make a complete map that was completed in July 1941, because he was not connected with such matters.

26925

Asked whether if the results did not come to him in the Staff and thus enable him to issue a detailed map in October, 1941, he stated that they in their operational studies would ask for necessary data from the Third Division, Naval General Staff, handling intelligence. * Any such demand or order might have been issued, but he did not know how the Third Division placed its orders or requests.

He stated that with respect to naval personnel in the invasion of the Philippines, the personnel did not come from Manchuria. He did not know whether the navy convoyed the troops from Manchuria, because he was not in direct association with the matter. He did not know the training for the operation took place in Manchuria since July 27, 1941.

26926

* He stated his recollection was very faint with regard to the war games in July and August, 1941. He stated he knew nothing about them. He had not participated in the War Games at Saiki and Kagoshima. He stated that war games were not held in the Naval War College after transfer from Tokyo. During the month of August, chart maneuvers were conducted at the Naval War College, and the witness did participate in those games.

26927

* Asked whether these included a complete rehearsal of the Pearl Harbor Operation, he stated whether it could be called complete would be difficult to say, but a private draft plan of such operations was incorporated. He denied that the maneuvers took place in August and the final stage began on September 2. It was conducted in the middle of September. It was attended by umpires from the Staff and Navy Ministry. He thought the commander of the games was the Chief of Staff of the Combined Fleet. He had no recollection that one team was called the "N" team. He had the feeling that it might have been called the "Blue".

of the Home Ministry for
the 76th
session of the Imperial

Diet, for affairs under

the jurisdiction of the

Home Ministry

Feb. 8, 1941 Decorated with the
Fourth Order of ^{the Imperial} ~~Honor~~

with the Order of

the Sacred Treasure

Oct. 20, 1941 Appointed Governor

of Quana Prefecture

Granted the 2nd Rank

of the higher civil service

Granted salary
Given the 3rd pay grade Home Ministry

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* Generally, he thought there was another team supposed to represent the British Commonwealth. He did not know who commanded this force. He thought there was a third team representing the U. S. He stated he did not believe there was any elaborate plans in the games for the invasion, with carefully worked out schedules, for occupying Malaya, Burma, NEI, Philippines, Solomons, the Central Pacific Islands and Hawaii. The purpose was generally to study fleet movements. There was nothing included in them about landing operations or ground fighting.

The fleet does play an important part in landing operations. It was difficult to umpire anything pertaining to ground fighting. Landing operations is considered to be unnecessary in the study. They were only concerned with operations at the time up to the point of landing operations and where they would take place. After that the navy officers were not familiar with the matter, and they did not consider it necessary to go into details. He did not recollect ever stating that they went into detail on the naval part of the operations. At that time the witness was one of the umpires for aerial operations, and there were two or three besides himself. He definitely umpired the Pearl Harbor Operations. He was asked to umpire certain phases of other operations, * but did not remember ever serving as umpire for over-all operations.

26930

He thought he was connected with the Philippine Area Operation. He did not know how long before the games the preparations had been going on. He did not think it was for a long time. The plans for the games were drawn up by the Combined Fleet, and he was unable to give a clear answer. He had no particular basis for making his statement that the Tokyo games began in the middle of September instead of the 2nd of September. He spoke only from memory.

26931

* He denied that in the middle of September the staff officers went to Iwakuni to report results to the army staff. It is a fact that they went to Iwakuni, but they did not report results of the games. They met the army staff officers, but he had no recollection who headed them. The Pearl Harbor Operations were not discussed at that time.

26932

He decided to make a correction by stating that they met at Iwakuni on November 15, * and not in the middle of September.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BLEWETT.

26933

* The witness stated he acted as umpire in the naval maneuvers after September 6.

MAY
~~Oct.~~ 31, 1943

Granted salary
~~Given~~ the 2nd pay grade Home Ministry

Apr. 22, 1943 Appointed vice-chief

Cabinet

of the Information Bureau

Granted the 1st Rank

of the higher civil service

Granted salary
~~Given~~ the 2nd pay grade

Ordered to be acting

chief of the 1st and

2nd Divisions of the

Information Bureau

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF HIGASA, KEN.

26936 * The witness stated he lived in Tokyo. He identified exhibit
26937 No. 3021 as his affidavit, and verified it. * The witness stated that
in the summer of 1941, he was a staff officer of Imperial General
Headquarters. At the conclusion of the pact with FIC, he was sent to
aid the spot negotiations which were carried out by General SUMITA at
Hanoi. SUMITA was informed from General Headquarters that the negotia-
tions on the co-defense of FIC was concluded in France on July 21, between
Darlan and Ambassador KATO, and that the exchange of official statements
was made on July 22. At the same time he was informed of the arrangement
of military expansion and cooperation, exhibit No. 651. He was informed
of its contents before July 29, when it was executed.

26938 SUMITA immediately opened negotiations. * At that time,
relations between the Japanese and the FIC government office was very
friendly and close, and the spot agreement proceeded smoothly and
speedily. The witness, with the Navy and Foreign Office representatives,
witnessed the signing between SUMITA and the Governor-General. In
addition to the Governor-General, there were present the Chief Secretary
and other persons. SUMITA, at the signing, asked the French whether the
notice from France contained the same contents as exhibit 651, and
received an affirmative answer. The date of the agreement was July 23,
1941.

26939 The contents of the agreement was for enforcing details in
compliance with the official statement. It is composed of detailed,
concrete measures, such as * movement of Japanese forces, their landing
point and date, their course, occupation regions, billeting and supply
facilities for the forces, removal of breach mechanisms from the French
guns to avoid collisions between the two forces, the gist and region of
withdrawal of the FIC forces from the beach where the Japanese planned
to land, and the establishment of land marks visible from the air at the
stationed areas of FIC forces. The telegram sent from headquarters and
the agreement cannot be found.

26940 He flew by air to Hainan Island the day after the conclusion
of the agreement, and informed the supreme commanders of the Japanese
Army and Navy of the course up to the conclusion, and the contents of
the agreement. They talked about minute arrangements for preventing
* accidental collision.

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1943	May	1	Relieved of Acting Chief of the 1st Dept. of the Information Bureau	Cabinet
1943	May	11	Appointed Councillor of the Planning Board	
			Appointed ^{Secretary} Manager of the ^{National} State General Mobilization Council	
			Appointed ^{Secretary} Manager of the Greater East Asia ^{establishment.} Construction Council	Cabinet
1943	May	13	Appointed member of the National Savings Encouragement ^{Commission.} Committee	"
1943	May	11	Ordered member of the Investigation and Research Council	" not recorded in the official gazette.

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1943 May 17 Appointed Councillor of the Technical Board Cabinet

1943 May 22 Appointed ^{member} committee ^{Funeral of the} for the Late Fleet-Admiral, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto
Funeral "

1943 May 31 Appointed member of the Liaison Committee of the Greater East Asia Ministry "

1943 Jun 7 Relieved of ^{member} committee ^{Funeral of the} for the Late Fleet-Admiral, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto
Funeral "

1943 Jun 9 Decorated with the 3rd Order of ^{the Imperial} ~~Merit~~
with the Order of the Sacred Treasure

- 1943 Jun. 15 Appointed Government Committee for the 82nd session of the Imperial Diet. Cabinet
- 1943 Jun. 23 Appointed Councillor of the Totalitarian War Institute. "
- 1943 Jun. 24 Appointed Councillor of the Price Bureau. "
- 1943 Oct. 1 Conferred ^{with} the Junior ^{Court Rank,} Grade of the ^{4th Rank} ~~4th Rank~~ ^{Grade.}
- 1943 Oct. 2 Appointed member of the Preparation Committee for compiling and revising the National History. "
- 1943 Oct. 25 Appointed Government Committee for the 83rd session of the Imperial Diet

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- 1943 Nov. 1 Relieved of Acting Chief of the 2nd Department of the Information Bureau ^{Cabinet}
- 1943 Dec. 24 Appointed Government Committee for the 84th session of the Imperial Diet "
- 1944 Jan. 27 Appointed member of the Religious Culture Measure Committee "
- 1944 Mar. 11 Appointed Councillor for the ^{Enterprise Control} Headquarters Office of Enterprise Control. "
- 1944 Mar. 18 Appointed member of the ^{Council on the Training} Greater East Asia Personnel Training Committee ^{of necessary} in Greater East Asia. "
- 1940 Apr. 29 Decorated with the ^{Imperial Order of the} Double Rays of the Rising Sun. in recognition of distinguished services in the China Incident,

1944	Jun. 30	GRANTED raised to the 1st ^{salary} grade.	Cabinet
1944	Jun. 30	Appointed Councillor of the Munitions Ministry.	"
1944	Jul. 28	Relieved of current post at own request	"
1944	Aug. 25	Promoted in Rank by one grade as an act of grace from the Throne.	Household Ministry
"	"	Conferred ^{with} the Senior Grade of the 4th ^{Court Rank, 4th Grade.}	
		Rank	Cabinet

Oct. 3 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

MURATA, Goro

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)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : MURATA, Goro
Born : April 11, 1899
Present Address : Kajima-cho, Toyama-city, Toyama Prefecture
Permanent Domicile: No. 2, 1-chome, Takasho-machi, Nishi-ku,
Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture
Social Status : Military class of Aichi Prefecture Inuyama Clan
Place of Birth : No. 12, 1-chome, Fuchu-gai, Taihoku City, Formosa

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1916	Mar.	28	Graduated from Taihoku Middle School of Formosa Government-General's Office	
1920	July	11	Graduated from Class A of the 1st Section, 8th Higher School	
1920	Sep.	10	Entered the political course at the Law College of Tokyo Imperial University	
1922	Nov.	13	Passed the administrative examination for higher civil service	
1923	Mar.	31	Graduated the political course at the Law College of Tokyo Imperial University	
1923	May	2	Appointed police inspector of Toyama Prefecture Granted 6th salary grade	Toyama Prefecture Government
1923	May	2	Ordered to serve at the Police Affairs Section in the Police Department	"
1923	Nov.	1	Ordered to concurrently serve at the Public Peace Section in the Police Department	"
1924	July	21	Appointed a government clerk and concurrently police inspector of the Toyama Prefecture Government Granted sixth salary grade	"
1924	July	21	Ordered to serve at the Local Section in the Pre- fectural Administration Bureau (as a govt. clerk)	"

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1924	July	21	Ordered to serve at the Police Affairs Section and concurrently at the Public Peace Section of the Police Department (as a police inspector)	Toyama Prefecture Government
1924	Sep.	3	Ordered to concurrently serve at the Social Welfare Section in the Prefectural Administration Bureau	"
1924	Dec.	17	Appointed Himi county superintendent in Toyama Prefecture Granted the 7th Rank of the higher civil service Granted the 9th salary grade	Cabinet Home Office
1925	Feb.	16	Conferred with the Junior Court Rank, 7th Grade	Home Office
1925	Dec.	21	Granted the 8th salary grade	
1926	July	1	Office abolished in accordance with the Imperial Ordinance No. 147	
1926	July	1	Appointed local administrator Granted the 7th Rank of the higher civil service Granted the Eighth Salary Grade Ordered to duty at the Tokyo Prefectural Govt.	Cabinet Home Ministry "
1927	Mar.	12	Promoted to the Sixth Rank of the Higher Civil Service	Cabinet
1927	Apr.	15	Conferred with the Senior Court Rank, 7th Grade	Home Ministry
1927	July	31	Granted the 7th Salary Grade	"
1928	Dec.	28	Granted the 6th Salary Grade	
1929	May	20	Promoted to the 5th Rank of the Higher Civil Service	Cabinet
1929	July	1	Conferred with the Junior Court Rank, 6th Grade	Home Ministry
1930	Dec.	27	Granted the 5th Salary Grade	
1932	Feb.	29	Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service	Cabinet
1932	June	1	Conferred with the Senior Court Rank, Sixth Grade	Home Ministry
1933	Mar.	31	Granted the 4th Salary Grade	
1934	Nov.	27	Appointed supervisor of the Tokyo Prefectural Industrial Association	"

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1935	Jan.	19	Appointed secretary to Oita Prefectural Government	Home Ministry
1935	Jan.	19	Granted the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service	Cabinet
1935	Jan.	19	Appointed chief of the Police	Home Ministry
1935	Jan.	19	Granted the 6th Salary Grade	"
1935	Jan.	29	Ordered a member of the First Health Insurance Investigation Committee of Oita Prefecture in accordance with the Item One, Paragraph One, of Article 106 of the Detailed Regulations of Health Insurance Law	
1935	July	31	Promoted to the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 5th Salary Grade	Cabinet Home Ministry
1935	Sep.	2	Conferred with the Junior Court Rank, 5th Grade	
1934	Apr.	29	Granted the 6th Order of the Imperial Order of the Treasure in recognition of services rendered in the 1931-1934 Incident.	
1937	Feb.	12	Appointed Department Chief of the Metropolitan Police Board	
1937	Feb.	12	Promoted to the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 5th Salary Grade Appointed chief of the Sanitary Department	Cabinet Home Ministry "
1937	Mar.	31	Granted the 4th Salary Grade	"
1937	July	8	Appointed chief secretary of the Metropolitan Police Board Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 4th salary grade	Cabinet Home Ministry
1937	Sep.	25	Appointed information official of the Cabinet Information Bureau	Cabinet
1938	Jan.	11	Appointed secretary of the Welfare Ministry Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 4th Salary Grade Ordered to be chief of the Physical Culture Section of the Physical Strength Bureau	" " Welfare Ministry
1938	Mar.	12	Appointed member of the Cabinet Information Bureau Committee	Cabinet

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1938	May	9	Decorated with the 5th Order of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure	
1938	Dec.	6	Appointed secretary of the Investigation Committee for the Domestic Physical -strength Control System	Cabinet
1938	Dec.	17	Appointed secretary of the Physical Recreation Council	Cabinet
1939	Jan.	11	Appointed secretary of the Home Ministry Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 4th salary grade Ordered chief of the Foreign Affairs Section of the Police Bureau	" Home Ministry
1939	Jan.	23	Appointed committee member of the Cabinet Information Board	Cabinet
1939	Mar.	31	Granted the 3rd salary grade	Home Ministry
1939	Sep.	8	Appointed secretary of the Fukuoka Prefectural Govt. Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service	Cabinet
1939	Sep.	8	Granted the 3rd salary grade Appointed chief of the Executive Department	Home Ministry
1940	Apr.	10	Appointed secretary of the Home Ministry Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Granted the 3rd Salary grade Ordered to be chief of the Development Section of the Local Affairs Bureau	Cabinet Home Ministry
1940	Apr.	17	Appointed secretary of the Central Committee for city planning	Cabinet
1940	May	9	Appointed secretary of the Material Utilization Committee	"
1940	June	30	Granted the 2nd salary grade	Home Ministry
1940	July	5	Appointed secretary of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Committee	Cabinet
1940	July	13	Appointed secretary of the Prefectural Grant Tax Commission	"
1940	Sep.	16	Conferred with the Senior Court Rank, 5th Grade	
1940	Oct.	31	Concurrently appointed secretary of the Planning Board	

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1940	Oct.	31	Granted the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service Ordered to serve in the Archives Section of the Secretariate to the director of the Planning Board, and concurrently in the 1st Section of the Planning Board	Cabinet "
1940	Dec.	17	Concurrently appointed secretary to the Minister of State Granted the 3rd Rank of the higher civil service Ordered attache to the Minister of State Mr. Hiranuma	" "
1940	Dec.	23	Appointed administrator of the Home Ministry Granted the 2nd Rank of the higher civil service	"
1941	Jan.	13	Appointed information official of the Information Bureau	"
1940	Dec.	23	Granted the 2nd salary grade Ordered Director of the Public Peace Section of the Police Bureau	Finance Ministry
1941	Feb.	4	Appointed government committee for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry for the 76th session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1941	Feb.	8	Decorated with the 4th Order of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure	
1941	Oct.	20	Appointed Governor of Gunma Prefecture Granted the 2nd Rank of the higher civil service Granted the 3rd salary grade	Home Ministry "
1943	Mar.	31	Granted the 2nd salary grade	"
1943	Apr.	22	Appointed vice-chief of the Information Bureau Granted the 1st Rank of the higher civil service Granted the 2nd salary grade Ordered acting chief of the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Information Bureau	Cabinet
1943	May	1	Relieved of Acting Chief of the 1st Dept. of the Information Bureau	"
1943	May	11	Appointed Councillor of the Planning Board Appointed secretary of the National Mobilization Council Appointed secretary of the Greater East Asia Establishment Council	"

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1943	May	13	Appointed member of the National Savings Encouragement Commission	Cabinet
1943	May	11	Ordered member of the Investigation and Research Council (not recorded in the official gazette)	"
1943	May	17	Appointed Councillor of the Technical Board	"
1943	May	22	Appointed committee-member for the funeral of the late Fleet-Admiral, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto	"
1943	May	31	Appointed member of the Liaison Committee of the Greater East Asia Ministry	"
1943	June	7	Relieved of committee-member for the funeral of the late Fleet-Admiral, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto	"
1943	June	9	Decorated with the 3rd Order of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure	"
1943	June	15	Appointed Government Committee for the 82nd session of the Imperial Diet	"
1943	June	23	Appointed Councillor of the Total War Institute	"
1943	June	24	Appointed Councillor of the Price Bureau	"
1943	Oct.	1	Conferred with the Junior Court Rank, 4th Grade	"
1943	Oct.	2	Appointed member of the Preparation Committee for compiling and revising the National History	"
1943	Oct.	25	Appointed Government Committee for the 83rd session of the Imperial Diet	"
1943	Nov.	1	Relieved of Acting Chief of the 2nd Department of the Information Bureau	"
1943	Dec.	24	Appointed Government Committee for the 84th session of the Imperial Diet	"
1944	Jan.	27	Appointed member of the Religious Culture Measure Committee	"
1944	Mar.	11	Appointed Councillor for the Headquarters of Enterprise Control	"
1944	Mar.	18	Appointed member of the Council on the Training of necessary personnel in Greater East Asia	"
1940	Apr.	29	Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Dual Rays of the Rising Sun, in recognition of distinguished services in the China Incident	"

Curriculum Vitae - MURATA, Goro (cont'd)

1944	June	30	Granted the 1st salary grade	Cabinet
1944	June	30	Appointed Councillor of the Munitions Ministry	"
1944	July	28	Relieved of current post at own request	"
1944	Aug.	25	Promoted in rank by one grade as an act of grace from the Throne	Household Ministry
1944	Aug.	25	Conferred with the senior Court Rank, 4th Grade	Cabinet

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

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DEFENSE

HIRANUMA (MURATA-direct)

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Direct Examination of MURATA, Goro
by Mr. Warren

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*The witness identified and verified Exhibit 3228 as his affidavit.

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* When shown a document the witness was asked whether it was an official government document and in what category it fit. The witness stated it was an official document of the Home Office and related to the incident of the attempted assassination of HIRANUMA and that the report was prepared between August 20 and August 25th. The document was circulated to all chiefs of police throughout the country.

(After tender the document was objected to and rejected).

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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

Deponent: MURATA, Goro

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

I, MURATA, Goro, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, in accordance with the customs and practices of my country, depose and state as follows:

My name is MURATA, Goro. I was born in Tokyo in 1899, and now live at 840 Kamiyama-cho, 1-chome, Setagayaku, Tokyo. I was graduated from the Faculty of Jurisprudence (Division of Politics and Economics), Tokyo Imperial University 1923, and entered the Ministry of Home Affairs. I was the chief of section of Public Peace of the Police Bureau of the Home Ministry in August 1941.

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prepared in the Section of Public Peace of the Police Bureau of the Home Ministry, wherein I served, with regard to the case of assassination of Minister of State HIRANUMA which occurred on the 14th August 1941.

On this 16 day of Sept., 1947

At above address

Deponent: MURATA, Goro (seal)

I, SAWA, Kunio 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 the same place

Witness: (signed) SAWA, Kunio (seal)

OATH

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

(signed) MURATA, Goro (seal)