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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: HASEGAWA Kiyoshi

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 am HASEGAWA, Kiyoshi. My address is No. 1032, YOYOGI OYAMA-MACHI, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO-TO. My brief history is:

Graduated from Naval College in December, 1903

Appointed rear-admiral in December, 1927

Appointed Admiral in April, 1939

Placed on the Flag-ship IZUMO, as the Commander-in-Chief of the third Fleet, from December 1936 to April, 1939, and stayed chiefly in Shanghai.

The Headquarters of the third Fleet was placed in Shanghai and its duty was to guard the coast of China. That is, protect the lives and property of Japanese residents on the

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coast of China and also to guard the vested rights of our Empire.

On or about 9th July in 1937, the third Fleet was to practise manoeuvres off Penghu Islands, in cooperation with the Formosa Army. Therefore I went to Formosa at the head of the third Fleet and on the 7th of July, 1937 was at the harbour of TAKAO. I was informed there on the evening of the 17th July, of a conflict between Japan and China at the Marco Polo Bridge in North China, and although I thought it might not become serious, according to the duty of the third Fleet, I stopped the Manoeuvres and went back to Shanghai on 8th, July. The Marco Polo Bridge Incident was quite an unexpected event to me, in my capacity of Commander-in-Chief of the third Fleet.

On this 24th day of April, 1947,
at Tokyo

Deponent: /S/ HASEGAWA, Kiyoshi (seal)

I, SUZUKI, Isamu, 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/ SUZUKI, Isamu (seal)

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OATH

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

/S/ HASEGAWA, Kiyoshi (seal)

TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, William E. Clarke, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ William E. Clarke

Tokyo, Japan

Date 5th May 1947.