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20 May 1920: Graduated from the Army Intendance School.

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6 August 1920: Relieved from former duty and assigned to the Adjutant's Department, Kwantung Army.

29 November 1920: Passed by the Intendance Officer Selection Board in accordance with Art. 20 of the Army Replacement Regulations.

25 December 1920: Commissioned an Intendance Officer, 3rd Class, and assigned to the 6th Infantry Regiment.

- 20 January 1921: Conferred with the 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 13 December 1921: Relieved from former duty and assigned to the Intendance Section, 3rd Division.
- 15 December 1923: Promoted to Intendance Officer, 2nd Class.
- 1 March 1924: Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
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- 30 May 1925: Ordered to study at the Army Intendance School.
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- 11 January 1938: Assigned to the Intendance Section, China Expeditionary Forces, and concurrently to the Intendance Section, 13th Army.
- 6 April 1940: Appointed an attache to the Ambassador Plenipotentiary dispatched to the Republic of China.
- 29 April 1940: Decorated with the Small Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident.
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- a. Not stated.

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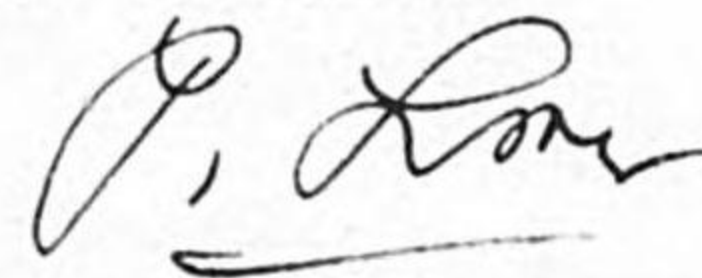
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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Partially Completed</u>	<u>Fully Completed</u>
1. Information in the hands of the Investigation Division.	_____	<u> X </u>
2. Statement in application for subpoena as to subject of witness's testimony.	_____	<u> X </u>
3. Examination of case file, if any.	_____	<u> X </u>
4. Cross-reference file on case files in office of Investigation Division.	_____	<u> X </u>
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6. Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony.	_____	<u> X </u>
7. Preparation of summary of testimony already given by witness.	_____	<u> X </u>
8. Memorandum prepared by Mr. Lopez, dated March 11, 1947, relating to decorations awarded to defendants and their witnesses.	_____	<u> X </u>
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