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Following is a transcript of the translation:

YOSHIHIRO UMEZU

BORN: 4 January 1882 (5th year of Meiji).

FORMER LAST NAME: KORENAGA

- 1904 Mar 18 Appointed sublieutenant. Attached to the First Infantry Regiment
- 1904 May 17 Granted the Senior Grade of the Eighth Court Rank
- 1905 Jun 30 Appointed lieutenant
- 1905 Aug 18 Raised to the Junior Grade of the Seventh Court Rank
- 1906 Feb 13 Relieved of the former office and assigned to the post of adjutant of the First Infantry Brigade
- 1906 Apr 1 Decorated with the 5th class of the Order of the Golden Kite  
Decorated with the Sixth Order of Merit of the Order of the Single Rays of the Rising Sun
- 1907 Jul 20 Relieved of the former office and attached to the First Infantry Regiment
- 1907 Dec 21 Relieved of the former office and assigned to the post of adjutant of the First Infantry Brigade
- 1908 Dec 11 Ordered to enter the Military Staff College
- 1909 Jan 12 Relieved of the former office and attached to the First Infantry Regiment

- 1910 Sep 30 Raised to the Senior Grade of the Seventh Court Rank
- 1912 Mar 25 Appointed Captain (Cabinet)  
Relieved of the former office and appointed company commander of the First Infantry Regiment
- 1912 Jun 1 Relieved of the former office and assigned staff officer of the General Staff Office
- 1913 Apr 22 Relieved of the former office and ordered to reside in Germany to study military affairs (the War Ministry)
- 1913 May 31 Decorated with the Fifth Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure
- 1914 Aug 23 Appointed an officer attached to the General Staff Office
- 1914 Nov 28 Appointed commissioner for the War Prisoners Information Bureau (the War Ministry)
- 1915 Mar 1 Relieved of the same (the War Ministry)  
Relieved of the post as an officer attached to the General Staff Office, and ordered to reside in Denmark for the purpose of studying military affairs (the War Ministry)
- 1915 Oct 30 Granted the Junior Grade of the Sixth Court Rank
- 1915 Nov 7 Decorated with the Fourth Order of Merit with the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun  
A grant of money, ¥ 500  
Granted the war medal in commemoration of the War 1914-1915
- 1917 May 8 Relieved of the duty in Denmark (the War Ministry)  
Appointed a staff officer of the General Staff Office (the War Ministry)
- 1918 Feb 5 Appointed member of the State Examinations Committee for Higher Civil Service in foreign language.
- 1918 Jun 1 Appointed Infantry Major of the Army (Cabinet)
- 1918 Jul 24 Concurrently appointed a Marshal's Adjutant  
Attached to Marshal Count OKU, Yasutsuyō (the War Ministry)

- 1919 Feb 5 Ordered to make an official trip to Europe (Cabinet)
- 1919 Apr 1 Relieved of the additional post (the War Ministry)
- 1919 Jul 26 Relieved of the duty as member of the State Examinations Committee in foreign language.
- 1919 Sep 2 Relieved of the former principal duty and appointed an officer attached to the General Staff Office (the War Ministry)
- 1919 Nov 1 Relieved of the post as an officer attached to the General Staff Office  
Appointed a Military Attache to the Japanese Legation in Switzerland (Cabinet)  
Ordered to supervise resident-officers in Switzerland (the War Ministry)
- 1920 Nov 30 Granted the Senior Grade of the Sixth Court Rank
- 1920 Nov 1 Granted ¥ 2,400 as a reward for meritorious services during the war of 1915 to 1920
- 1921 Jun 13 Relieved of the former principal duty (Cabinet)  
Appointed as a staff-officer of the General Staff Office (the War Ministry)
- 1922 Feb 8 Appointed Infantry Lieutenant-Colonel of the Army
- 1922 Mar 29 Decorated with the Third Order of Merit of the Order of the Sacred Treasure
- 1923 Mar 17 Relieved of the former principal duty  
Appointed an officer of the Ordnance Bureau of the War Ministry concurrently appointed an officer of Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry and Instructor of Military Science at the Army Staff College (War Ministry)
- 1924 Dec 15 Appointed Infantry Colonel (Cabinet)  
Appointed Third Infantry Regiment Commander (War Ministry)
- 1924 Dec 27 Granted the Junior Grade of the Fifth Court Rank
- 1926 Dec 1 Relieved of the former duties and appointed Section Chief of the General Staff Office (War Ministry)
- 1927 Apr 15 Concurrently appointed Instructor of Military Science at the Army Staff College (War Ministry)

- 1927 Apr 21 Concurrently appointed member of the Research Department of the Army Communications School (War Ministry)
- 1927 Aug 23 Appointed a councilor of the Army Technical Council (Cabinet)
- 1928 Aug 14 Appointed an official of the Coronation Ceremonies (Commissioner of the Coronation)  
Ordered to serve in the Ceremonies Department (Commissioner of the Coronation)
- 1927 Oct 12 Ordered to make an official trip to Kyoto prefecture (Commissioner of the Coronation)
- 1928 Oct 29 Ordered to accompany the Emperor to the Coronation Ceremony (Cabinet)
- 1928 Dec 28 Decorated with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun (a reward for services during the enthronement ceremonies)
- 1928 Oct 10 Appointed Chief of the Military Affairs Section, Bureau of Military Affairs, War Ministry, without change with regard to the former additional post as member of the Research Department of the Army Communications School (War Ministry)
- 1929 Jan 15 The Office of the Commissioners of Coronation abolished (in red ink)
- 1930 Feb 1 Granted the Senior Grade of Fifth Court Rank
- 1930 Aug 1 Appointed a major-general (Cabinet)  
Appointed commander of the First Infantry Brigade (War Ministry)
- 1930 Aug 9 Relieved of the former office of councilor of the Army Technical Council (Cabinet)
- 1931 Aug 1 Appointed Chief of the General Affairs Department of the Army General Staff Office (War Ministry)
- 1932 Oct 6 Appointed a temporary member of the Horse Administration Investigations Commission (Cabinet)
- 1933 Aug 1 Attached to the General Staff Office (War Ministry)
- 1933 Sep 4 Decorated with the Second Order of Merit of the Order of the Sacred Treasure

- 1933 Sep 25 Relieved of the post of temporary member of the Horse Administration Investigations Commission at his own request (Cabinet)
- 1934 Mar 5 Appointed Commander of the Army stationed in China (War Ministry)
- 1934 Aug 1 Appointed Lieutenant-General (Cabinet)
- 1934 Sep 1 Granted the Junior Grade of the Fourth Court Rank
- 1935 Aug 1 Relieved of the former post (War Ministry)  
Appointed Commander of the Second Division (Cabinet)
- 1934 Apr 29 Decorated with the Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun as a reward for meritorious services during the Incident (1931-1934)
- 1936 Mar 23 Relieved of his principal office (War Ministry)  
Appointed Vice-Minister of War  
Promoted to the 1st rank of the higher civil service (Cabinet)
- 1936 Mar 23 Appointed Chairman of the Army Munitions Investigations Council (Cabinet)
- 1936 Apr 8 Appointed a councilor of the Manchurian Affairs Bureau  
Appointed a member of the Central Statistics Commission  
Appointed a member of the National Resources Investigation Council  
Appointed a member of the North-Eastern Districts Development Investigation Council (Cabinet) (Abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 176 - 1938)
- 1936 Apr 14 Appointed a member of the Steel Industries Investigation Commission (Cabinet)  
Appointed a member of the Council for the Peers' School (Ministry of the Imperial Household)
- 1936 Apr 18 Appointed a member of the Home Products Encouragement Commission  
Appointed a member of the Weight and Measure System Investigation Commission (Cabinet)
- 1936 Apr 22 Appointed acting Chief of the Army Arsenal (War Ministry)

- 1936 Apr 30 Appointed a member of the Temporary Romaji Investigation Committee (Cabinet)  
Appointed member of the 2600th Year Anniversary Celebrations Preparation Commission (Abolished 1 July 1936)
- 1936 May 2 Appointed Government Commissioner in charge of War Ministry Affairs (during the 69th session of the Diet) (Cabinet)
- 1936 May 4 Appointed a member of the State Property Investigation Commission (Cabinet)  
Appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee for the Construction of the Central Government Buildings (Cabinet)  
Appointed a member of the Investigation Committee for Horse Administration (Cabinet)
- 1936 May 12 Appointed member of the Council for Educational Reform (Cabinet)
- 1936 Jun 30 Appointed a member of the Engineer's Conference (Cabinet)
- 1936 Jul 1 Appointed a member of the Committee for the Celebration of the 2600th Anniversary of the Founding of the Empire (Cabinet)
- 1936 Jul 1 Appointed a member of the Information Committee (Cabinet) This was abolished by Imperial Edict No. 519 issued in 1937
- 1936 Jul 13 Appointed a councilor of the Information Bureau (Cabinet)  
Appointed councilor of the Cabinet Investigation Bureau
- 1936 Jul 30 Appointed a member of the Committee for the Establishment of the Formosan Colonization Company Ltd. (Cabinet)
- 1936 Sep 9 Appointed a member of the Automobile Manufacturing Business Commission (Cabinet)
- 1936 Aug 1 Relieved of the post of Acting President of the Army Arsenal (War Ministry)
- 1936 Nov 28 Relieved of the post of member of the Committee for the Establishment of the Formosan Colonization Company, Ltd. (Cabinet)

- 1936 Dec 24 Appointed Government Commissioner in Charge of War Ministry Affairs during the 70th session of the Imperial Diet (Cabinet)
- 1937 May 10 Appointed part-time Special member of the Temporary Price Control Commission (Abolished 3 December 1937)
- 1937 May 14 Became Councilor of the Cabinet Investigation Bureau (Abolished according to Imperial Ordinance No. 192 issued in 1937)
- 1937 Jul 1 Appointed temporary member of the Central Economic Society (Cabinet) (Abolished according to Imperial Ordinance No. 85 issued in 1938)
- 1937 Sep 16 Appointed member of the Temporary Committee for the Regulation of Funds (Cabinet)
- 1937 Sep 18 Appointed a member of the Establishment Committee for the Imperial Fuel Industries Company, Ltd. (Cabinet)
- 1937 Sep 25 Appointed a member of the Cabinet Information Bureau (Cabinet)
- 1937 Oct 1 Appointed a member of the Shipping Control Committee (Cabinet)
- 1937 Nov 16 Appointed a member of the Central Air Defense Committee (Cabinet)
- 1937 Nov 26 Appointed a councilor in the Planning Board (Cabinet)
- 1937 Dec 10 Appointed a member of the Education Research Society (Cabinet)
- 1938 Jan 15 Appointed a member of the Commission for the Protection of Sick Wounded Soldier (Cabinet)
- 1938 Jan 20 Relieved of the post of member of the Establishment Committee for the Imperial Fuel Industries Company, Ltd. (Cabinet)
- 1938 Jan 25 Appointed a member of the Liquid Fuels Commission (Cabinet)
- 1938 Feb 16 Appointed a member of the Central City Planning Committee (Cabinet)
- 1938 Feb 19 Appointed a member of the Planning and Research Committee (Cabinet)

- 1938 Apr 15 Appointed a member of the Science Research Committee (Cabinet)
- 1936 Jul 10 Decorated with the First Order of Merit of the Order of the Sacred Treasure as a reward for meritorious services during the Incident 1931-1934
- 1938 Apr 22 Appointed a member of the Central Price Control Commission (Cabinet)
- 1938 Apr 30 Appointed a member of the Establishing Committee for the North China Development Company and the Central China Development Company, Ltd. (Cabinet)
- 1938 May 18 Appointed a member of the Estimating Committee Regarding Government Investments in the North China Development Company and the Central China Development Company, Ltd. (Cabinet)
- 1938 May 25 Appointed a temporary member of the Electric Power Research Society (Cabinet)
- 1938 May 30 Relieved of his principal office at his own request (Cabinet)  
Appointed Commander of the First Army (Cabinet)  
(Not recorded in the Official Gazette)  
Automatically relieved as member of the Peer's School Council because of his being relieved of the post of Vice-War Minister at his own request
- 1938 Jun 3 Relieved of his post of Chairman of the Army Munitions Investigations Council (Cabinet)
- 1938 Jun 15 Decorated with the 4th Court Rank of the Senior Grade
- 1939 Jul 11 Decorated with the Order of the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun
- 1938 Nov 2 Granted a set of silver cups for his service rendered in concluding German-Japanese Anti-Comintern Pact
- 1939 Sep 7 Appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary (Cabinet)  
Ordered to reside in Manchukuo (Cabinet)  
Appointed Commander of the Kwantung Army (Cabinet)  
(Not recorded in the official gazette)  
Relieved of his principal office



- 1940 Aug 1 Promoted to General
- 1940 Aug 8 Decorated with the 3rd court rank of the Junior Grade
- 1940 Apr 29 Decorated with the 2nd class merit of the Order of the Golden Rite for services in the China Affair
- 1942 Oct 1 Appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army (Not recorded in the Official Gazette (Cabinet))
- 1943 (Sep 1 Decorated with the 3rd Court Rank of the Senior Grade
- 1944 Jul 18 Relieved of his additional offices (Cabinet)  
Appointed Chief of the Army General Staff (Cabinet)  
(Not recorded in the Official Gazette)
- 1945 Oct 15 Appointed Supreme War Councilor (Cabinet) (Not recorded in the Official Gazette)