

3. In April, 1942, when Tokyo was raided by American Air Forces and at the time of the trial and execution of the Doolittle fliers, I was not in the War Ministry nor even in Japan. Therefore, I knew nothing about the trial and punishment of the fliers. Naturally I never expressed an opinion, nor discussed them with General TANAKA, Ryuikichi, Chief of the Military Service Bureau, at any time. His statement to the International Tribunal that I came to see him several times relative to the Doolittle fliers is wholly untrue and without any foundation in fact.

On this 27th day of September, 1947.

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT /s/ OTSUKI, Akira (Seal)

I, KUSANO, Hyeichiro 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/ KUSANO, Hyeichiro

OATH

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

/s/ OTSUKI, Akira (seal)

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SWORN DEPOSITION (translation)

DEPONENT: OTSUKI, Akira

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I do hereby depose and say as follows:

1. I was formerly Colonel of the Imperial Army.
2. My career in the Army was as follows:

1923 (Taisho 12) - graduated from the Military Academy.

1933 (Showa 8) - graduated from War College.

March 1935 (Showa 10) - attached to the Secretariat of War Ministry.

November 1937 (Showa 12) - member of Military Affairs Bureau.

July 1938 (Showa 13) - Staff Officer of the China Expeditionary Forces.

April 1939 (Showa 14) - member of Military Affairs Bureau.

September 16, 1941 (Showa 16) - attached to the Army Section of the High Command and concurrently nominated to the professor of War College.

When the Pacific War started I was nominated as a Staff Officer of the Southern Army and in December, 1941, arrived at Saigon. In July, 1942, I arrived at Singapore, following the transfer of the Headquarters of the Southern Army. Toward the end of July, 1942, I was nominated as a Staff Officer of the 14th Division and transferred to Manila. From January, 1943, to January, 1945, I was in China. In March, 1940, I was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and in March, 1944, to a full Colonel.