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Personal History of Seizo ARISUYE

Seizo Arisuye (Born 22 May, 1895)

Permanent Domicile; No.33, Chashiuchi, Bibai-machi,
Sorachi-gun, Hokkaido.

Present Address; 139/4, Matsubara-cho, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

Schools from Which Graduated;

Military Academy graduated on 25 May, 1917.

Military Staff College graduated on 29 November, 1924.

Rank Held;

25 December, 1917; commissioned sub-lieutenant (Infantry)
1 April, 1921, promoted lieutenant (do)
1 August, 1926, promoted captain (do)
1 August 1931, promoted major (do)
1 August, 1936, promoted Lt.-colonel (do)
1 March, 1937, commissioned air Lt.-colonel
1 March, 1938, promoted air colonel.
15 October, 1941, promoted Maj.-General
1 March, 1945, promoted Lt.-general.

Service Records;

25 December, 1917; assigned to the 25th Infantry Regiment.
1 December, 1921, entered the Military Staff College.
29 November, 1924, rejoined the regiment on graduation from the college.
1 December, 1925, assigned to the General Staff Office.
1 December, 1926, appointed regular staff member of the General Staff
Office.
15 February, 1928, ordered to be stationed in Italy to prosecute the
study of military matters.
15 October, 1931, appointed Commander of the 5th Infantry Regiment.
5 September, 1932, appointed adjutant assigned to the War Office and
concurrently secretary to War Minister.

24 January, 1934, appointed secretary to the War Minister and concurrently adjutant assigned to the War Office.

1 August, 1935, appointed staff member of the Bureau of Military Affairs.

1 August, 1936, appointed Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy at Rome.

31 March, 1939, appointed Chief of the Army Affairs Section, the Bureau of Military Affairs, the War Office.

1 December, 1939, appointed staff officer of the North China District Army.

1 March, 1941, appointed Vice-Chief of Staff of the North China District Army.

1 July, 1942, assigned to the General Staff Office.

17 August, 1942, appointed Director of the 2nd Division, the General Staff Office.

Reward and Punishment:

Reward,

25 May, 1917, gifted with a silver watch by His Majesty when graduated from the Military Academy with honours.

29 November, 1924, gifted with a service-sword by His Majesty when graduated from the Military Staff College with honours.

1 August, 1921, decorated with the Sixth Class Order of the Rising Sun and granted ¥ 800 in recognition of his services during the war between 1914 and 1920.

29 April, 1940, decorated with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun and granted ¥3000 in recognition of his services in the China Incident.

30 January, 1945, decorated with the Second Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Punishment: Nil.

REPORT BY: RICHARD LARSH
30 Dec 46

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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"A member of the Japanese Central Liaison Office has told an officer of this section confidentially that there have been many inquiries to and within his own organization as to why General ARISUE "who was deeply involved in Japan's progress toward war" has not been arrested as a war criminal. He states that his habitual reply is that he has no doubt that ARISUE will be asked to join his friends at Sugamo as soon as his usefulness to GHQ in connection with demobilization has ceased."

"ARISUE belongs to the same group of high ranking officers such as General ITAGAKI (deeply involved in many phases of Tokumu Kikan activity in China, now in Singapore, where he represented Field Marshal TERAUCHI at the surrender negotiations); General KAGESA, the real creator of the WANG CHING WEI puppet government at Nanking; General TANAKA, the writer of the famous "Memorial", and General Tojo himself, in other words to the group of military leaders who forced their conception of Japanese power, conquest and rule on the Far East. ARISUE never mentions the ideas and ideals of these men, but it is clear from the way he speaks of them that he considers them the finest minds of the Japanese Army."

"There has, however, appeared a rift between these men; their apprehension at and condemnation of the attitude taken up by General TANAKA, Ryukichi. ARISUE stated, in so many words, that he considered TANAKA's attitude in providing the International Prosecution authorities with evidence against Tojo and in writing his book "GUMBATSU", dishonorable in the extreme and accuses him of being a liar and of misrepresenting and distorting for his own ends events for which Tojo will be tried but in which TANAKA himself played a leading part."

"ARISUE betrays great anxiety for Tojo and he implies that Tojo's case has been pre-judged and that, whatever the evidence, he will hang. On the other hand he is most anxious that everything possible should be done to counter TANAKA's evidence which, rightly or wrongly, he considers will provide the prosecution with their most effective weapons. In this connection he is most anxious that the defense should have available as a witness General KAGESA, and it is implied that the latter knowing how deeply implicated TANAKA was himself will be able to discredit the honesty of the evidence he is producing against Tojo. It would appear that ARISUE hopes that it might be thus possible either to make Tojo's conviction fail or, at least, to make it so difficult that it

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would appear unjust; in either case, ARISUE and the party he represents would gain a moral victory of incalculable value; In the former case the verdict of an American court finding Tojo innocent would clear the whole military clique and, in the latter case there would be such discredit cast on the same court that it would never recover its prestige."

SOURCE: C/S, Intel Section, CIS to Colonel Wall, subj: Major General ARISUE, Seizo, dtd 6 May 1946

Was a representative at the Tripartite Technical Commission which met on 15 April 1944 in the official residence of Premier TOJO.

SOURCE: FCC, Daily Report, 17 April 1944
(OSS card file)

Between 1936 and 1939 he was at the Japanese Embassy in Rome as Military Attache with the rank of Colonel, General Staff; previous to 1936 he lived in Italy and as a Captain he was attached to the 35th Infantry Regiment at Bologna (1929) and to the 26th Artillery Regiment at Ferrara (1930)

SOURCE: MID, 5 June 1944
(OSS card file)

Member of the Societa Amicia d'Italia.

SOURCE: Tokyo radio, 18 May 1943
FCC, Daily Report, 19 May 1943
(OSS card file)

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- (a) The nationality of the witness is Japanese.
- (b) Witness was Military Attache in Italy 1936 - 1939. Chief of the Second Division of GHQ 1942 - 1945, directly supervising all the Military Attaches of Japan.
- (c) Witness will testify as to the duties and functions of the Military Attache in general.

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