

Curriculum Vitae of TERASHIMA Ken

- 1882 - Born in Wakayama ken
- 1900-1903 - Attended KAIGUN HEI GAKKO (Naval Academy) at Etajima
- 1903 - Appointed midshipman
- 1904 - Midshipman aboard battle ship "Shikishima". Appointed ensign
- 1905 - Midshipman aboard destroyer "Yayoi". Appointed lieutenant junior grade and transferred to Outfitting Division of Yokosuka Naval Arsenal. Subsequently toured Belgium, France and Germany as member of party sent to London to take delivery of battleship "Kashima", constructed in England
- 1906 - Appointed Acting Division Commander at Toyohashi Naval Arsenal; concurrently attached to Outfitting Division, Yokosuka Naval Arsenal
- 1908 - Promoted to Lieutenant Senior Grade; assigned to Submarine #6 as commanding officer
- 1909 - Appointed Commanding officer of Submarine #8, and subsequently transferred to cruiser "Azuma"
- 1910 - Attended KAIGUN DAIGAKU (Naval College), Tokyo (B-course)
- 1910 - Married OMOTO Etsuko
- 1911 - Attended KAIGUN DAIGAKU (Naval College), Tokyo (Navigation Course); appointed navigation officer of cruiser "Tsushima", flagship of the 3rd Squadron, and subsequently a staff officer of the 3rd Squadron.
- 1912 - Appointed navigation officer of cruiser "Chitose", and subsequently attended KAIGUN DAIGAKU (Naval College), Tokyo (A-course)
- 1913 - Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander
- 1914 - Assigned to Naval General Staff
- 1915 - Commanded Naval Squadron in South Seas and subsequently appointed assistant naval attache to Japanese Embassy to France
- 1918 - Assigned to cruiser "Hirato"; later promoted to Commander and assigned to the French Division of the Intelligence Bureau, Naval General Staff
- 1920 - Became senior staff officer of 3rd Squadron
- 1921 - Toured Europe with 3rd Squadron as senior staff officer of Crown Prince Hirohito; later assigned as instructor of naval strategy at KAIGUN DAIGAKU (Naval College), Tokyo
- 1922 - Appointed Shipbuilding and Ordnance Inspector of Naval General Staff; promoted to Captain and ordered to France as Naval Attache
- 1923 - Appointed member of Peace Treaty Enforcement Committee of International Naval Conference, Brussels and London
- 1924 - Appointed adjutant to Navy Minister
- 1927 - Appointed commanding officer of training ship "Yamashiro"; later promoted to rear-admiral and assigned to 2nd Fleet as Chief of Staff

Curriculum Vitae of TERASHIMA Ken (contd)

- 1928 - Appointed to concurrent position as Chief of Staff of Combined Fleet
- 1930 - Became Director of Training Bureau, Navy Ministry
- 1932 - Appointed Director of the Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry and member of the Board of Admirals; promoted to vice-admiral
- 1933 - Assigned to Training Squadron as commanding officer
- 1934 - Retired from navy; appointed president of Uraga Dockyards Ltd.
- 1937 - Became president of Uraga Dockyards' newly formed subsidiary DAI NIPPON HEIKI KOGYO K.K. (Dai Nippon Ordnance Mfg. Co. Ltd.)
- 1941, 16 Oct - Became Minister of Railways and Minister of Communications in TOJO Cabinet
- 2 Dec - Replaced as Minister of Railways
- 1943, 8 Oct - Resigned as Minister of Communications
- 1944, Oct - Appointed member of House of Peers
- 1945, May - Appointed advisor to Ministry of Transportation and Communications
- 1945, 16 Sep - Interned in Omori Stockade and transferred to Sugamo in December

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Extract from "Japanese Government Officials 1937 - 1945", published by  
Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., 21  
July 1945.

"Vice Admiral Ken TERASHIMA (TERAJIMA) (Retd.): Former Cabinet Minister.

1882 Sept Born Wakayama Prefecture. Son of Tomomichi Omoto  
and adopted by Terashima family.  
Educated Naval Academy and Naval Staff College.  
Captain, H.I.M.S. Yamashiro. Chief of Staff,  
Combined Fleet. Director, Education Bureau of  
Navy Ministry. Director, Naval Affairs Bureau,  
Navy Ministry. On duty Naval General Staff.  
1934-41 President, Uraga Dockyards, Dai Nippon Ordnance Manu-  
facturing Company.  
1941 Oct-Dec Railways Minister in Tojo Cabinet.  
1941 Oct-1943 Nov Communications Minister in Tojo Cabinet  
1942 Head of Japanese Maritime Federation.  
1944 May Appointed advisor to Transportation and Communications  
Ministry, Tojo Cabinet.

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Evaluation of TERASHIMA Ken  
at time of arrest, December 1945

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Evaluation of TERASHIMA Ken at time of arrest, December 1945.

"TERASHIMA Ken, Vice Admiral (Retired)

Born 1882, TERASHIMA retired from the Navy in 1934 and entered business as President of the Uraga Dockyards Ltd. and the Dai Nippon Ordnance Mfg. Co. Ltd. (1934-1941). He became concurrently Railway Minister and Communications Minister in October 1941. He resigned the former post in December 1941 but continued in the latter until November 1943. He was appointed advisor to the Transportation and Communications Ministry in May 1944.

It is suggested that TERASHIMA be retained in custody as one of the long-time members of TOJO's cabinet--from before Pearl Harbor until late 1943."

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER

Tokyo, Japan, December 15, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Thorpe, OCCIO

Reference underlying memorandum from Major Davis to General Thorpe (CI 383.7), December 10, 1945, it would seem that with the arrival of Mr. Keenan any future war crimes arrests should be in accordance with principles which he establishes. The following comments, offered in ignorance of Mr. Keenan's plans, particularly whether he intends to try the Pearl Harbor or entire TOJO Cabinet en bloc, should be considered in the light of those plans as they are announced.

Examination of the individual records of the six Japanese recommended for arrest immediately or in due course in our opinion so far fails to reveal evidence sufficient to warrant the apprehension and individual trial under the Jackson formula of HATTA, YUZAWA, YAMAZAKI, ISHIWATA and SHIGEMITSU. In the event, however, that Mr. Keenan decides to try the TOJO Cabinet en bloc, we would concur in their arrest and also that of NOMURA, Naokuni.

As to their individual records, HATTA's is that of a successful railway executive, YUZAWA's and YAMAZAKI's those of successful bureaucrats, and ISHIWATA's that of a government financial expert. SHIGEMITSU earned a reputation as an opponent of the military policies. All these men accepted important posts after Pearl Harbor when it had become the patriotic duty of every Japanese to take the part for which he was selected in the war effort. Their pre-war records, on the basis of the biographic data available to us, in our opinion fail to show that they played an active and dominant role in the initiation and execution of Japan's plans of aggression. The case of NOMURA is very similar except for the report that he played a leading role in Germany in connection with Japan's entrance into the Tri-Partite Pact. If there is good evidence that this report is correct, we would concur in his apprehension.

George Atcheson, Jr.  
American Minister  
Acting U. S. Political Adviser

Enclosure:

Memorandum (EI 383.7)

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