

WAR DEPARTMENT

Exhibit # 22

Case # 121

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*Pencil notes taken by Capt
B. H. Lennings, Jr in the interrogation
of Adm. Shigeoyoshi Inoue*

B. H. Lennings

1st Lt Col

4 Dec 1945

Q. What is your name please?
A. Shigeyoshi Inoue

Retired 15th Oct 1945

Admiral

Member of Japanese Supreme War Council

Became Admiral 15th May 1945

At which time promoted to Vice Admiral

Vice Minister of Japanese Navy Dept.
5th of Aug 1944

Pres. of Etajima Naval College
1 Nov. 1942

C-in-C 4th Fleet

10th Aug 1940

At that time was Vice Admiral.

Graduated from Etajima Naval College

Naval Academy Navigation Course

Graduated from Naval War College

Completed a section of Naval War College
2 year course

Factories and strategy and admin
at that time.

1. Nagai, Machi 5078
Yokosuka City
Kanagawa Prefecture.

57 in Japanese way Not yet
56 in American way.

Absent from games

When was he in Sept 1941

In South Pacific Truck
Cruiser, Kashima Flag Ship
of 4th Fleet.

I know nothing about parts taken
in war games.

Doesn't know who was there.

5. How long was your flat in Truck
Middle of Aug. Remained until

Nov. 1942.
I was in Truk when war broke out.

Came to Japan homeland once in 1941
that was ^{about} November, about the 10th maybe
few days before or a few days after. Was at
Iwakuni Air Base.

What was purpose of visit at Iwakuni
Air Base.

"made to understand the preparations
for war."

All of the Commanders in Chief of the
Grand Fleet. Ad. Yamamoto, Chief
Admiral Kondo, C-in-C 2nd Fleet;
V. Ad. Takahashi C-in-C 3rd Fleet;
myself C-in-C 4th Fleet; Admiral
Hosogaya C-in-C 5th Fleet, V. Ad.
Shimizu C-in-C 6th Fleet
(All the Chiefs of staff were present.)
V. Ad. Nagumo C-in-C 1st Air Fleet
V. Ad. Takahara C-in-C 11th

Air Fleet V. Ad. Takasu C-in-C - 1st Fleet

I don't remember many of the low ranking officers.

Capt Kurushima was present.

I am not sure whether Ad. Ito was present.

I can't remember who was there from General Staff. I don't think anyone was there from General Staff.

Meeting was at Iwakuni Air Field near Hiroshima. I did not go on board the Nagato.

I am quite sure that no one was there from Navy Dept.

No one was there representing the Foreign Minister.

Army had representative there. Major General Maeda Ch of Staff but don't remember what rank. There were two or three of lower rank, but I don't remember their names. I think there

were one or two other general officers but
I'm not sure I recall Gen. Maeda
because I knew him personally.

Ad. Yamamoto presided.

Everything that happened

"1. There is a possibility of war
between Japan and U.S. & H
and therefore the Navy must prepare
It was the main gist of the
whole meeting.

2. An Kurusu has gone to U.S. to
do everything possible to avoid
the conflict. However in
the case a war should break out
the Navy must prepare.

3. The work of Grand Fleet will
extend from Hawaii to as far
west as the Malay or Indonesia
It was the overall plan for the
entire fleet. So far as my
fleet was concerned, in the event

of a conflict I want to take over the
defense of the ^{and to take} mandated islands of Guam and
Wake islands.

Every preparation for conflict will be
made. However if war does not
break out such preparations would be
cancelled.

Yerther plan was put in print.

I saw the printed plan. It was
mimeographed by Combined Fleet
at the Hq. on the Negoto.

I do not remember how the Order was
designated.

I read it over just once for
my fleet. I don't know how
many were made. I don't remember
the date or the order.

General plans on Pearl Harbor were
included.

No details
No date was set.

Date was not specified but it was
designated as ~~X~~ Day.

How much time was given to
prepare fleet for attack

Thinking back now it was one
month.

What was plan to become effective
that would be "coming later"

Was the effective date referred to as
as of day. No I don't recall a day

On 7th or 3rd of Dec. info was
received that there most likely
would be war.

When did you leave Truk

I didn't leave Truk.
When did you get the fleet leave Truk
Fleet was divided into several elements
When did the element which took to Guam
and Wake leave Truk
Only flag ship was at Truk
Elements were elsewhere
Where were they?

Element in Vic of Japan
" " " " Kwajalein
" " " " Bonina
They left on the 8th of Dec. ~~That is~~
~~to get to the~~ the morning.
What is sailing time between Japan
and Guam. Around four
When did attack on Wake and Guam
begin.

~~On the~~ Order was issued
between 4⁰⁰ and 5⁰⁰ ^{AM} Japan time from
Truk. Dec.
Where did you get order.
From Commander Fleet by Radio
When did the radio radio

I think around 4:00 AM I Dr.
Direct

"Began the war"

Went climb Mt Niho
Copy I saw was very brief to the
effect "began the war".

It was signed Edmund Gwamato.

At the conference at Iwakuni
what was said about a declaration of
war against U.S.

I heard nothing in this regard.
In my way of thinking I always thought
that a declaration of war would be made
precisely an attack.

The conference at Iwakuni took
up only tactics and therefore I don't
think I said that such matters
were not brought up.

~~Would it not affect the tactics
to know whether the dress would~~

~~know of the attack~~
I would not the tactical planning
be affected by whether or not ~~it was~~
the enemy would know of the attack.
I thought ~~the enemy~~ we would
have the initiative but I did not
know whether it would be a surprise
or ~~to~~ not.

Yes it is a point about the
crypt that I would like to know as
a fleet commander.

Then if Japan planned to declare
war on America you should have
been told about it.

Yes immediately.

Also you told that Japan would
declare war on America.

I know about at the first time
when the documents were issued.
What document do you refer to

I do not recall to clearly, but I believe that previously there was a cable from the Combined Fleet in regards to a declaration of war.

Previous to what
Previous to Imperial Document
what Imperial Document

It is the document stating the
Dec of war
When did you get it. I don't remember
~~that it was~~ I don't remember
when. It was after the attack. I
think it came on or two days later.

What was the radio office
that came from the Combined Fleet.
What did it say.

I don't recall clearly, but I think
it say Japan is to go to war with
US and Netherlands

What were the exact words.
As an answer
"we will declare"

It said Japan had declared war.
I am not sure of exact wording.

Where did you receive that
from the morning of the 8th Dec,
but whether it came before or after
the attack I don't remember.

Sent by Yamamoto. I think
it was transmitted from Tokyo to
Yamamoto and then to my fleet.

Do you want to say that you and
all the other C-in-C of the Japanese
fleets planned a campaign
without knowing in advance
how much advance notice of the
war America would have.

I have thought nothing of that.
All that is taken care of by the
govt.

How could you plan your
attack without knowing that,
~~I was going to be met there,~~

~~from~~ I have given no thought
to that. I generally feel that
the shortest time possible would
be given.

What was said about that at the
meeting?

There was nothing said about it.

What makes you think there was a
declaration of war given before the beginning
of hostilities?

That is according to Mr. Luard
therefore I thought it had been taken
care of in that matter.

Is that the only reason you had
for thinking so?

Yes that is the only reason,
whose responsibility

The Foreign Minister.

He planned the details of the attack
by 4th Fleet.

I made them.

Did you plan to attack an alert
enemy or one who was not alert.

I was sure that they would
know.

Why were you sure they would know

Because of the dec. of war

How soon after was your attack to come

I don't remember how long, but
actually it turned out to be a
short while.

The attack took place a short time
after the declaration of war. The
attack on Wake Island was around
noon.

When you were planning did you plan
to attack at the exact moment of the
declaration of war.

Yes it was to be as close as
possible to the declaration of war. No
order to attack would be made prior

to declaration.
Did you plan to have you fleet
at place of attack at the time of
the declaration of war.

70.
Where were they to be ~~at~~ at
Kwajalein and Guam. There
was no hurry in my plans to send
out planes before declaration of
war.

I know nothing about a meeting at
Saeki after the one at Jwakuni.
I was never on the Nagata.

	Flag ship Cruiser Kashima
Chief of Staff	18th Squadron
Admiral Yano	Cruiser Tatsuta
Truce	Cruiser Tenryu
Senior Admiral	6th Flotilla
Kagisoaka	Flag Ship Cruiser Hyubari
Kwajalein 18th	2 Destroyer Groups
	8 Destroyers

Rear Adm
Marumo
6th Fl
Kwajalein

17th Sub Squadron
Flag Ship Sub depot ship Jingu
3 sub groups
9 subs in all (?)

Rear Admiral
Onishi
7th Sub
Kwajalein

One unit of land based planes
~~13~~ ~~under 30~~
10 Kwajalein
Unit of sea planes - Under 10
Saipan

Rear Admiral Kasuga
Saipan 4th Base Commander
~~3rd Base~~

Rear Adm. Nakamura
Saipan 3rd Base Commander
~~2nd Base~~ Palau

Rear Admiral Mizumoto
3rd Base Commander Truk
Capt. Remember.
6th Base Commander