

EXHIBIT No. 3075

(9)

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent; KOMODA, Koichi

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I was born on October 30, 1888 at No. 17, Chugencho, Kumamoto City.

My permanent residence is No. 160, Jonai Soejicho, Numazu City, Shizuoka Prefecture.

My present address is No. 682, 3-chome, Noboritocho, Chiba City.

Brief personal history:

1909. Graduated from the Military Academy.

1918. Graduated from the Military Staff College.

1935. Appointed Major General.

1937. Appointed Lieutenant General.

I was residing in the Kwangtung district as the commander of the 104th division from December, 1940 to July, 1942, and

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after that I served as commander of the division area at Seoul, Korea until the surrender of Japan.

I served as commander of the 104th division stationed in the suburbs to the north-west of Kuangtung from December, 1940 to July, 1942.

In December 1941, the Japanese army carried out almost no military operations. It exerted all its efforts toward maintaining public peace and order in the Kuangtung district. Therefore, it is hardly possible to conclude that the Japanese army occupied the walled city on December 21, 1941.

When the Great East Asia War broke out on December 8, 1941, no more than one and a half divisions were garrisoned in the Kuangtung district. At that time Yu Han-mou, who took command of a force numbering 220,000, took the offensive against my division, and my division did everything in its power to defend itself against the attacks.

Though I resided in the Kuangtung district for no less than twenty months, I have never heard of such place names as Shihuoan, Uyarchiao, Shahsia, Shairuchang, Hopienfucheng, Shuehkung-hsiencheng, Chaohsian, Feimerwai, Hsimenkou, Paisha. I am firmly confident that strict military discipline was maintained in my division. For instance, I went so far as to dispatch judiciaries twice a week to various units under my command in order to give training, aimed at the

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prevention of crimes on the part of my subordinates. Thus, we did our utmost to prevent such crimes, however slight they may be.

The strict military discipline of my division won the respect of the Chinese masses. I can say definitely that there was not a single case in which a Chinese person, male or female, young or old, was murdered by the subordinates in my division.

On this 18th day of June, 1947,  
at Tokyo.

DEPONENT /s/ KOMODA, Koichi (seal)

I, IMANARI, Yasutaro, 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/ IMANARI, Yasutaro (seal)

OATH

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

/s/ KOMODA Koichi (seal)