

NAME OF WITNESS: TANABE, Moritako

REQUESTED BY : UMEZU

DATE : 3 April 1947

Completed as to Items 1 - 5, 7 - 8.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
vs ) SS  
ARAYI, SADAO AND OTHERS )

AFFIDAVIT

TANABE, MORITAKE

I became Vice-Chief of the Army General Staff in November 1941. At that time, not only had The Supreme Command no intention whatsoever of engaging in any positive action against the USSR but on the contrary, Japan, being under constant threat of the Soviets Far Eastern Army in those days, was devoting its utmost efforts to defensive measures. Circumstances being such, we had made it our principle never to enter into a state of war against the U.S.S.R.

Especially after the outbreak of the Pacific War, we felt all the more only the need of maintaining a prudent attitude towards the U.S.S.R..

In view of the fact that the Kwantung Army under the command of General UMEZU, in compliance with the intentions of the central army authorities, had always assumed a prudent and proper attitude against the U.S.S.R., the Army authorities at Tokyo had perfect confidence in the General's leadership.

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On this 17 day of Feb, 1947

At MEDAN.

DEPONENT TANABE, Moritake (suu)

I, Honn Donald Johns hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal therto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At MEDAN.

Witness: (signed) John Donald Johns

OATH

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

TANABLE, Moritake (seal)

TANABE, Moritalo

Request by: UMEZU, Yoshijiro

Address: Believed to be P.O.W. of Netherlands forces  
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or Oct. 1939.

Location of documents - Secret Instruction File. Headquarters  
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vis-a-vis the USSR.

Personal History of TANABE, Moritake

Permanent Residence: No. 40 - 1 Bancho, Nagadobei, Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa Prefecture.

Present Residence: (Sumatora, undemobilized)

Samurai family.

TANABE, Moritake

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- November 29, 1915: Entered the Military Staff College and on December 14 relieved of post and attached to the 49th Regiment of Infantry.
- November 29, 1918: Graduated from the Military Staff College
- April 15, 1919: Ordered to serve in General Staff Headquarters
- From April 15 till November 30, 1919: Engaged in work concerned with military awards at the General Headquarters.
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- July 20, 1921: Relieved of post and ordered to staff of the 16th Div.
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- August 6 1923: Concurrently appointed instructor at the Military Staff College and on September 3rd appointed to the staff of the forces enforcing martial law in the Kwanto District.
- August 7, 1925: Appointed Infantry Major.

- June 21, 1927: Ordered to go to France. Departed on Mar. 28th and came back on Dec. 22nd.
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- December 12, 1928 Appointed member of the General Staff
- August 1, 1929: Appointed Inf. Lieutenant-Colonel
- November 28, 1931: Attached to the Army Ordnance Central Depot and ordered to section of the Mobilization Plans Bureau of the War Ministry.
- December 24th '31: Appointed member of General Staff Headquarters.
- From Sept. 19 till November 27 1931: Attended to duties dealing with the Manchurian Incident in General Staff Headquarters.
- 1932: From November 28, 1931 till June 30, 1933, attended to duties dealing with the Manchurian Incident in the Mobilization Plans Bureau of the War Ministry.
- August 1, 1933: Appointed Inf. Colonel and ordered member of the Research Department of the Army Infantry School.
- August 1, 1934: Appointed Chief of the Mobilization Section of Mobilization Plans Bureau of the War Ministry.
- March 7, 1936: Appointed chief of the 34th Regiment. Departed from the port of Shimonoseki on March 13 and landed at the port of Fuzan on the same day, passed through the frontier on March 14 and arrived at Imien-po, Chuho Province, Pinchiang Province on the 16th. Passed through Kwantung Province on the return way on May 15th, departed from the port of Dairen on May 16th and returned to the port of Ujina on the 21st.
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Affidavit

Vice Chief of Army General Staff - Nov. 1941



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and ordered adjutant of  
a battalion of the 49th

Regiment

Nov. 29th, 1915

Entered the Military Staff

College and on Dec. 14th

relieved of ~~the present~~ post

and attached to the 49th

Regiment of Infantry

Nov. 29th, 1918

Graduated from the

Military Staff College

Apr. 15th, 1919

Ordered to serve in ~~the~~

<sup>Staff Headquarters</sup>  
General Staff Office

From Apr. 15th till Nov.  
30th, 1919

Engaged in work concerned

with <sup>military</sup> ~~war~~ awards at the

General Headquarters

Apr. 9th, 1920

Appointed Inf. Captain,

member of <sup>Staff Headquarters</sup> ~~the~~ General Staff

~~Office~~ and concurrently re-

lieved of ~~the present~~ post.

July 20th, 1921

Relieved of ~~the present~~ post

and ordered <sup>to</sup> staff of the

16th Division

Aug. 15th, 1922

Relieved of ~~the present~~  
post and appointed mem-  
ber of ~~the~~ General Staff  
~~Staff~~ Office Headquarters

Aug. 6th, 1923

Concurrently appointed  
instructor <sup>at</sup> of the Military  
Staff College and on  
Sept. 3rd appointed to a  
staff of the forces enforcing  
martial law in the Kwanto  
District

Aug. 7th, 1925

Appointed Inf. Major

Jun. 21st, 1927

Ordered to go to <sup>France</sup>~~French~~.

~~Started~~ <sup>Departed</sup> on Mar. 28th and

came back on Dec. 22nd.

Dec. 16th, 1927

Appointed battalion

chief of the 61st Regiment

of Infantry

Dec. 12th, 1928

Appointed member of

the General Staff

Aug. 1st, 1929

Appointed Inf. Lieu-

tenant - colonel

Nov. 28th, 1931

Attached to the Army

Ordinance Central Depot

and ordered ~~staff of a~~ to

section of the <sup>Mobilization</sup> ~~SEIBI KYOKU (Bun-~~

~~Plans Bureau of~~  
~~Army for good organization) of~~

the War Ministry

Dec. 24th, 1931

Appointed member of

~~the~~ General Staff Headquarters.

From Sept. 19th till

Nov. 27th, 1931

Attended to ~~the~~ duties <sup>dealing</sup> ~~about~~

<sup>with</sup>

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Appointed Inf. Colonel

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~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> Research Department  
of the ~~laboratory~~ of the

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Aug. 1st, 1934

Appointed chief of the

Mobilization Section of

Mobilization Plans Bureau  
the ~~SEIBI KYOKU~~ of the War

Ministry

Mar. 7th, 1936

Appointed chief of  
the 34th Regiment.

Departed from  
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landed at the port of Fuzan

on the same day, passed

through the frontier on

Mar. 14th and <sup>arrived at</sup> ~~got to~~

Imien-po, Chuko Province,  
~~Shimen-jo~~, ~~Shuka Pref.~~

Pinchiang  
~~Hinko~~ Province on <sup>the</sup> 16th.

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Aug. 2nd, 1937

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 ral and concurrently  
 a secretary of the Mili-  
 tary College

Curriculum Vitae of TANABE, Moritake

Permanent Domicile: Lot No. 40, ICHIBANCHO, NAGADOBEI, KANAZAWA  
City, ISHIKAWA Prefecture.

Present Residence: (SUMATRA, not yet repatriated.)

Social Rank: (Samurai)

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Date of Birth: 26 February 1889

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Translated by SATO, Seiichi.

(8 pages in total).

Checked by Y. WATANABE

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Social Status: <sup>Rank</sup> ~~Shizoku~~ <sup>Knight (SAMURAI)</sup> (Family of Samurai). <sup>(and Knight)</sup>

Name in Full: IANABE, Moritake.

Date of Birth: February 26, 22nd year of Meiji (1889).

~~December 26, 43 year of Meiji (1910):~~

1910 Dec 26

~~Promoted to~~ Infantry Sublieutenant, and appointed the  
promoted to 2nd Lt., Infantry,

officer attached to the No. 49th Infantry Regiment.

~~December 9, 2nd year of Taisho (1913):~~

1913 Dec 9

Promoted to ~~Infantry Lieutenant~~  
1st Lt., Infantry



January 13, 3rd year of Taisho (1914): -  
 1914 Jan 13 5 main

Relieved of ~~the~~ duty and appointed ~~the~~ battalion adjutant  
 of the No. 49th Infantry Regiment.

November 29, 4th year of Taisho (1915): -  
 1915 Nov 29 5 Army

Entered into the ~~Military~~ Staff College, <sup>On 14 Dec.,</sup> and relieved  
 of ~~the~~ duty and appointed ~~the~~ officer attached to the No. 49th

Infantry Regiment on 14th, December of ~~the~~ same year.

November 29, 7th year of Taisho (1918): -  
 1918 Nov 29 5 Army

Graduated from the ~~Military~~ Staff College.

April 15, 8th year of Taisho (1919): -  
 1919 Apr 15 5 Army

Ordered to be on duty in the General Staff Office,  
 and engaged in ~~the~~ service of ~~the~~ <sup>(SENKYU TAI)</sup> classification of ~~the~~ <sup>classification</sup>

of battles ~~for the said office~~ from Apr. 15 to Nov. 30 of <sup>the</sup> same year.

~~April 9, 9th year of Taisho (1920): -~~  
1920 Apr 9<sup>15</sup>

Promoted to Infantry Captain, and, <sup>being</sup> relieved of ~~the~~ duty, and appointed ~~the~~ staff officer of the <sup>(IN)</sup> General Staff Office.

~~July 20, 10th year of Taisho (1921): -~~  
1921 Jul 20<sup>6</sup>

Relieved of <sup>main</sup> ~~the~~ duty and appointed ~~the~~ staff officer of the No. 16th Division.

~~August 15, 11th year of Taisho (1922): -~~  
1922 Aug 15<sup>5</sup>

Relieved of ~~the~~ duty and appointed ~~the~~ staff officer ~~in~~ the General Staff Office.

1923 Aug 6  
~~August 6, 12th year of Taisho (1923): -~~

Appointed <sup>Concurrently</sup> ~~the additional post as the ~~Strategy~~~~  
Army Instructor of the ~~Military~~ Staff College; and was on Sept. 3

appointed ~~the~~ staff officer of enforcing martial law, in KWANTO area, on September 3 of same year

~~This martial law was enforced upon the gravely threatened public welfare caused from the unprecedented quake.~~

~~August 7, 14th year of Taisho (1925) :-~~  
1925 Aug 7

Promoted to ~~Infantry~~ Major, Infantry

~~January 21, 2nd year of Showa (1927) :-~~  
1927 Jan 21 Ordered ~~(to go)~~ to France.

~~Sent to French :-~~ <sup>Disit out</sup> started on March 28 and returned to Japan on December 22 of same year.

Appointed ~~the~~ battalion commander of the No. 61st Infantry

Regiment on December 16 of <sup>the</sup> same year.

~~December 12, 3rd year of Showa (1928):—~~

1928 Dec 12

Army

Appointed ~~the~~ staff officer of the <sup>Army</sup> General Staff Office.

~~August 1, 4th year of Showa (1929):—~~

1929 aug 1

Promoted to ~~Infantry Lieutenant-colonel.~~  
Lt. Colonel, Infantry

~~November 28, 6th year of Showa (1931):—~~

1931 Nov 28

Appointed ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> attached officer of the Military Ordnance Central Depot and ~~the~~ <sup>concurrently appointed</sup> ~~additional post as the~~ <sup>member of</sup> the Army Mobilization Plans Bureau of the War Ministry

Dec 24; ~~and~~ <sup>←</sup> appointed ~~the~~ staff officer of the Army General

~~the General Staff Office on December 24 of same year.~~

WHILE ON THE GENERAL STAFF DID

~~Served in the Manchurian Incident attending~~

WORK CONNECTED WITH THE MANCHURIAN INCIDENT <sup>P. 6.</sup>  
~~to the General Staff Office~~ from September 19 to  
November 27 of <sup>the</sup> same year.

~~7th year of Showa (1932):~~ —

1932 PERFORMED DUTIES CONNECTED WITH THE  
~~engaged in the Manchurian Incident~~ <sup>WHILE</sup> ~~service~~ ~~at~~  
~~the~~ <sup>(in)</sup> the Army Mobilization Plans Bureau from

November 28, of ~~6th year of Showa (1931)~~ to

June 30, of ~~8th year of Showa (1933)~~.

~~August 1, 8th year of Showa (1933):~~ —

1933 Aug 1

Promoted to Infantry Colonel and appointed  
<sup>Army</sup>  
a member of the Research ~~Section~~ <sup>Section</sup> of the ~~Military~~.

Infantry School.

~~1934 Aug 1~~  
~~August 1, 9th year of Showa (1934):~~ —

1934 Aug 1 Appointed ~~the~~ Chief of the Mobilization Section  
of the Army Mobilization Plans Bureau, ~~of~~ the  
War Ministry.

~~March 7, 11th year of Showa (1936):-~~  
1936 Mar 7

Appointed ~~the~~ Regimental Commander of the No. 34<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry Regiment: ~~the~~

Started on March 13<sup>th</sup> from SHIMONOSEKI and  
landed ~~at~~ FUSAN ~~on~~ the same day, <sup>crossed</sup> passed the  
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May 21 of <sup>the</sup> same year.

~~August 2, 12th year of Showa (1937):-~~  
1937 Aug 2 5

Promoted to Major General, and appointed ~~the~~  
(DIRECTOR) ~~Chief~~ <sup>Arranging</sup>  
secretary of the Military Academy.

REPORT BY: LT. JOHN A. CURTIS  
17 January 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: TANABE, Moritake

Former Lt Gen; Commanding Officer of the  
25th Army in Sumatra.

Case File 399 on subject contains only brief curriculum vitae and two document analysis.

Information contained in cross-reference file:

File 20, Serial 73; Former Vice Chief of Army Staff; attended liaison conference preceding Imperial Conference of 1 December 1941.

File 239, Serial 89; Request for interrogation. Chief of Staff, North China Army, March to November 1941.

File 378, Serial 78; Was Vice Chief on Army General Staff in 1941; Memo requesting presence for interrogation.

File 378, Serial 84; Re interrogation of above is at present in Sumatra as Commander of the 25th Army.

COPIES: 3 File  
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- 1936 Mar. 7 Appointed Commander of the 34th Infantry Regiment. Started on 13 March from SHIMONOSEKI and landed at FUSAN the same day, crossed the frontier on 14 March and arrived at I-MIEN CHENG, CHU-HO-Prefecture, PIN-CHIANG-Province on 16 March; passed through KWANTUNG Province en route to Japan on 15 May, left DAIREN on 16 May, and arrived at UJINA on 21 May of the same year.
- 1937 Aug. 2 Promoted to Major General, and appointed Director of the Military Academy.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Full Name: TANABE Morinobu  
Social Rank: Samurai family of Ishikawa Prefecture  
Born: 24 Feb. 1889

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1908 May 30 Graduated from Central Military Preparatory School  
Appointed officer candidate and assigned to 1st  
Infantry Regiment.

1908 Dec 1 Entered Military Academy.

1910 May 28 Graduated from Military Academy.  
Appointed Probational officer.

1910 Dec 26 Appointed 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry. Cabinet  
Attached to 49th Infantry Regiment.

1911 Mar 10 Conferred 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

1913 Dec 9 Promoted to 1st Lieut. Infantry. Cabinet

1914 Jan 13 Relieved of the said duty, and appointed battalion  
adjutant of 49th Infantry Regiment. War Ministry

1914 Feb 10 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

1915 Nov 29 Ordered to enter Army Staff College. "

1915 Dec 14 Relieved of the above duty and attached to 49th  
Infantry Regiment.

1919 Mar 20 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

1919 Apr 15 Attached to Army General Staff. "

1919 Dec 18 Appointed examiner for the Preparedness of Uniforms  
and foodstuffs for combat.

1920 Apr 9 Promoted to Captain; Infantry.  
Relieved of the main duty and appointed member of  
Army General Staff. "

" Nov 1 Decorated with 5th Order of Merit with Double Payered  
Rising Sun.  
Granted the sum of ¥1,100 for the service in 1915-1920  
Incident.

1921 Jul 20	Relieved of main duty and appointed Staff Officer of 16th Division.	War Ministry
1922 Aug 15	Relieved of the above duty. Appointed member of Army General Staff.	"
1923 Aug 6	Concurrently appointed instructor on strategy at Army Staff College.	
1923 Sep 3	Appointed Staff officer for the Martial Law over the Kwanto district.	War Ministry
1923 Oct 2	Relieved as Staff Officer for the martial law over the Kwanto district.	"
1924 May 15	Conferred 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1925 Aug 7	Promoted to Major.	Cabinet
1926 Apr 14	Assigned to Special Inspection Mission.	War Ministry
1927 Nov 11	Relieved of the concurrent duties.	"
1927 Nov 29	Decorated with 4th Order of Merit with Sacred Treasure.	
1927 Dec 16	Appointed battalion commander of 61st Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
1928 Dec 12	Appointed member of Army General Staff.	"
1924 Feb 28	Assigned to 2nd Special Inspection Mission.	"
1929 July 1	Conferred 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	
1929 Aug 1	Promoted to Lt. Colonel, Infantry.	Cabinet
1931 Nov 28	Attached to Army Ordnance Central Report and concurrently appointed member of the Equipment Bureau of War Ministry.	War Ministry
1931 Dec 24	Appointed additionally member of Army General Staff.	War Ministry
1933 Aug 1	Promoted to Colonel, Infantry.	Cabinet
1933 Aug 1	Appointed Instructor at Infantry School and concurrently member of Research Section of the School.	War Ministry

1933 Sep 1	Conferred 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1934 Mar 9	Decorated with 3rd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
1934 Aug 1	Appointed Chief of Mobilization Section, Equipment Bureau war Ministry.	War Ministry
1934 Aug 1	Appointed Chief Examiner of reserved Automobiles.	"
1934 Aug 24	Appointed Secretary to Oil Industry Committee.	Cabinet
1934 Aug 30	Appointed member of Army Munitions Inquiry Council	"
1934 Sep 20	Appointed concurrently member of Research Section at Army Automobile School.	War Ministry
1935 Mar 26	Assigned to 2nd Special Inspection Mission.	"
1934 Apr 29	Decorated with Order of Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun for service in the 1931-1934 Incident.	
1936 Mar 7	Relieved as Chief Examiner of reserved Automobiles.	War Ministry
1936 Mar 7	Appointed commander of 34th Infantry Regiment.	"
1936 Apr 16	Relieved as member of Army Munitions Inquiry Council.	Cabinet
1936 Apr 18	Relieved as secretary to Oil Industry Committee.	
1937 Aug 2	Promoted to Major - General.	Cabinet
1937 Aug 2	Appointed Secretary to Military Academy. (Not gazetted)	War Ministry
1937 Sep 1	Conferred 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	
1937 Nov 1	Relieved of main duty. (Not gazetted)	Cabinet
1939 Oct 2	Promoted to Lt.-General. Appointed Commander of 4th Division. (Not gazetted)	"
1939 Oct 16	Conferred 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1939 Nov 13	Decorated with 2nd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
1940 Apr 29	Conferred 3rd Clan Order of the Golden Kite and 1st Order with the grand Cordon of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident.	

1943 Apr 8 Appointed Commander of 25th Army. (Not gasetted) Cabinet  
1943 May 1 Conferred 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade.  
1945 June 1 Conferred 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

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- Defendants -



A F F I D A V I T

TANABE Moritake

Having first duly sworn on oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

I was appointed Vice-Chief of the General Staff on 6 November 1941, and attended the Liaison Conferences held after the latter part of that month. Besides, I and Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff Itō once called on Foreign Minister Tōgō and consulted about the time of the delivery of the notification to the United States of 8 December, about which my memory is as follows:

On 3 December, or thereabouts, 1941, it was decided at the Liaison Conference that the notification of the termination of the negotiations should be delivered to the Government of the United States of America at 12:30 PM on 7 December (Washington time) at Washington. Thereafter, however, the Navy found it necessary to postpone the time of notification to 1:00 PM on 7 December (Washington time), and the High Command of the Army agreed thereto. Thereupon, I and Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff Itō called on Foreign Minister Tōgō on 5 December and requested him to agree to that alteration of the time.

As to this request, Foreign Minister Tōgō asked whether that time left some length of time prior to the opening of hostilities, and on receiving an affirmative reply from Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff Itō, he acceded thereto. I learned in the evening of the 7th that the result of the consultation mentioned above was reported to the Liaison Conference held on the 6th, and obtained its approval.

In the interview, Admiral Itō did not inform Minister Tōgō where the acts of hostilities would be commenced.

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

Tanabe Moritake (seal)

On this 17th day of February, 1947

At Medan

DEPONENT TANABE Moritake (seal)

I hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Medan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February, 1947, at Medan, Sumatra, N.E.I.

David W. Parsons, Capt. Inf.  
Investigating Officer  
Defense Section  
International Military Tribunal for  
the Far East

John Donald Johns  
Interpreter, Netherlands War Crimes Court  
Medan, Sumatra, N.E.I.

TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko

Tokyo  
5 November 1947



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AFFIDAVIT

TANABE, MORITAKE

I became Vice-Chief of the Army General Staff in November 1941. At that time, not only had The Supreme Command no intention whatsoever of engaging in any positive action against the USSR but on the contrary, Japan, being under constant threat of the Soviets Far Eastern Army in those days, was devoting its utmost efforts to defensive measures. Circumstances being such, we had made it our principle never to enter into a state of war against the U.S.S.R.

Especially after the outbreak of the Pacific War, we felt all the more keenly the need of maintaining a prudent attitude towards the U.S.S.R..

In view of the fact that the Kwantung Army under the command of General UMEZU, in compliance with the intentions of the central army authorities, had always assumed a prudent and proper attitude against the U.S.S.R., the Army authorities at Tokyo had perfect confidence in the General's leadership.

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On this 17 day of Feb, 1947

At MEDAN.

DEPONENT TANABE, Moritake (seal)

I, Hohn Donald Johns 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 MEDAN.

Witness: (signed) John Donald Johns

OATH

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

TANABE MORITAKE (seal)

TANABE, Moritake

TANABE, Moritalo

NOT CONFIRMED IF  
THE ABOVE ARE THE  
SAME PERSON.

NAME OF WITNESS: TANABE, Moritalo

REQUESTED BY : UMEZU

DATE : 3 April 1947

Completed as to Items 1 - 5, 7 - 8.