

KATO, Michio

DOMICILE: Nagano Prefecture

DATE OF BIRTH: 1900, Aug. 29

1919, Apr. 23 Completed the regular course of the Central Military Preparatory School.

" Appointed a cadet, and attached to the 30th Infantry Regiment (War Ministry).

Apr. 30 Assigned to the 30th Infantry Regiment.

" Appointed Superior Private, Infantry (the 30th Infantry Regiment).

July 1 Promoted to Corporal, Infantry (the 30th Infantry Regiment).

Sept. 1 Promoted to Sergeant, Infantry (the 30th Infantry Regiment).

Dec. 1 Entered the Military Academy.

1921, July 27 Graduated from the regular course, the Military Academy.

Aug. 1 Returned to the original unit.

" Appointed Sergeant-Major, Infantry and a probational officer (the 30th Infantry Regiment).

Sept. 26 According to Article 10 of Army Replacement Regulation, the following was decided at the Officers' Selection Board.

Oct. 26 Appointed Second Lieutenant, Infantry (Cabinet)  
Assigned to the 30th Infantry Regiment (War Ministry).

Nov. 21 Invested with the 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1924, Oct. 30 Appointed First Lieutenant, Infantry (Cabinet).

Dec. 15 Invested with the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

KATO, Michio (cont'd)

- 1926, Mar. 11 Relieved from the post and appointed an instructive officer of the Toyama Military School, and additionally member of Research Section of the said school. (War Ministry)
- 1928, Dec. 24 Ordered as a student in the Military General Staff College. (War Ministry)
- 1929, Jan. 16 Appointed the 30th Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- 1930, Feb. 1 Invested with the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 1931, Mar. 11 Appointed Captain, Infantry. (Cabinet)  
Appointed a company adjutant of the 30th Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- Aug. 1 Appointed company commander of the 30th Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- 1932, Dec. 7 Ordered to serve with the General Staff Headquarters. (War Ministry)
- 1932, Dec. 17 Decorated with the 6th Order of the Sacred Treasure.
- 1933, Mar. 18 Assigned to the 30th Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
- Dec. 20 Appointed a member of the General Staff Headquarters. (War Ministry)
- 1934, Apr. 29 Decorated with the 5th Order of the Golden Kite with an annuity of ¥350.
- " Decorated with the Fifth Order of the Rising Sun with Dual Rays for his services in 1931-34 affairs.
- Dec. 10 Appointed a member of the Research Section, the Military General Staff College. (War Ministry)
- 1935, Mar. 1 Invested with the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1936, Aug. 1 Appointed Major, Infantry. (Cabinet)

KATO, Michio (cont'd)

- 1936, Aug. 1 Appointed an instructive officer in strategy at the Military General Staff College. (War Ministry)
- Dec. 1 Held an additional post as a member of the General Staff Headquarters. (War Ministry)
- 1938, July 15 Appointed Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry. (Cabinet)
- Sept, 1 Invested with the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 1939, Apr. 13 Decorated with the 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure.
- 1938, Mar. 30 Appointed a staff officer of the Kwantung Army. (War Ministry)
- 1939, Mar. 9 Discharged from a staff officer of the Kwantung Army. (War Ministry)
- " Assigned to the Military Ordinance Main Depot and assigned additionally to the War Minister's Secretariat. (War Ministry)
- Mar. 31 Appointed an adjutant of the War Ministry, and additionally a secretary to the War Minister. (War Ministry)
- Ordered as an additional post to attend to the War Ministry, the Imperial General Headquarters. (War Ministry)
- Aug. 1 Appointed additionally a secretary to President of the Manchukuo Affairs Bureau.
- Received the 4th Grade, Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet) Appointed the War Minister's Secretary, and additionally an adjutant of the War Ministry and still an attendant to the War Minister, the Imperial General Headquarters. (War Ministry)
- Mar. 9 Relieved as staff officer of the Kwantung Army.
- Attached to the military Ordinance Main Depot and, as an additional post, to the

KATO, Michio (cont'd)


- 1939, Mar. 9 War Minister's Secretariat.. (War Ministry)
- 1940, Nov. 18 Discharged from the additional post.  
(Cabinet)
- Nov. 20 Held an additional post as a staff officer  
of Base Force in Shanghai. (Navy Ministry)
- 1941, July 7 Discharged from an additional post as a  
staff officer of Base Force in Shanghai.  
(Navy Ministry)
- Aug. 25 Appointed Colonel. (Cabinet)
- Sept. 15 Invested with the 5th Court Rank, Junior  
Grade.
- 1940, Apr. 29 Decorated with the Intermediate Cordon of  
the Third Order of the Rising Sun for his  
services in the China Affair.
- 1945, June 10 Appointed Major-General. (Cabinet)
- Aug. 1 Invested with the 5th Court Rank, Senior  
Grade.

2 June 1947

To: Mr. Smith N. Crowe  
From: Henry A. Dolan, Jr., Inv. Div.  
Subject: KATO, Michio

Pursuant to your request under date of 14 May 1947 the following information is submitted:

1. There is no possibility that the subject may be confused with KATO, Hakujiro, or with KATO, Rimpei.
2. Subject was never a "Kempei Tai" commander.
3. Document 2203 was never "issued," but was rather compiled by GHO, Katsumi of the Foreign Ministry, who relied principally on his memory and from, in the case of official personnel, on documents related to the matter.
4. Attached herewith please find translation of Curriculum Vitae of subject.

  
HENRY A. DOLAN, JR.  
Investigator  
IPS Investigation Div.

29 April 1947

**KATO, Michio (Major General)**

**Requested by Hata**

**Nationality - Japanese**

**Address - believed to be a prisoner of war of the Russians.**

**He was secretary of War Ministry when petitioner was War Minister. He will testify as to the actions and utterances of petitioner when petitioner was War Minister.**

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Requested by: HATA, Shunroku

Address: Now believed to be a POW of the Soviet Union.

Former Major General in the Japanese Army.

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Documents:

See court paper No. 579, which disposes of Paper No. 516 in part only, for list of 13 groups of documents, such as daily issues of three Japanese Newspapers published in Shanghai, China, during the period 1 Feb 1938 to 20 Dec. 1938 and 1 March 1941 to 22 Nov. 1944.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal history of KATO, Michio

Name: KATO, Michio

Date of Birth: -29 August, 1900

Permanent Domicile: Nagano prefecture

April 23.	1919	Graduated from the regular course, of the central military preparatory school.
April 23.	1919	Appointed an officer candidate and attached to the 30th Infantry Regiment.
April 30.	1919	Joined the 30th Infantry Regiment.
April 30.	1919	Given the rank of infantry superior private.
July 1.	1919	Promoted to the rank of infantry corporal.
September 1.	1919	Promoted to the rank of infantry sergeant.
December 1.	1919	Entered the military academy.
July 27.	1921	Graduated from the regular course of the military academy.
August 1.	1921	Returned to the original unit.
August 1.	1921	Promoted to the rank of infantry sergeant-major and appointed a probational officer.
October 26.	1921	Appointed infantry second lieutenant.
October 26.	1921	Attached to the 30th infantry regiment.
November 21.	1921	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 8th Court Rank.
October 30.	1924	Appointed infantry first lieutenant.
December 15.	1924	Raised to the Junior Grade of 7th Court Rank.
March 11.	1926	Relieved of post and appointed a instructor at Toyama military school concurrently a member of Research Department of the same school.

December 24.	1928	Ordered to enter the Military Staff College.
January 16.	1929	Attached to the 30th infantry regiment.
February 1.	1930	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.
March 10.	1931	Appointed infantry captain.
March 10.	1931	Appointed company adjutant in the 30th infantry regiment.
August 1.	1931	Appointed company commander in the 30th infantry regiment.
December 7.	1932	Ordered attached to the General Staff Office.
December 17.	1932	Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.
March 18.	1933	Attached to the 30th infantry regiment.
December 20.	1933	Appointed a member of the General Staff Office.
April 29.	1934	Decorated with the 5th Class Order of the Golden Kite. Received an annuity of 350 yen. Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit with the cordon of the Rising Sun.
December 10.	1934	Appointed a member of the Research Department of the Military Staff College.
March 1.	1935	Raised to the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.
August 1.	1936	Appointed infantry major. Appointed instructor of Military science at the Military Staff College.
December 1.	1936	Appointed concurrently a member of the General Staff Office.
July 15.	1938	Appointed infantry lieutenant-colonel.
September 1.	1938	Raised to the senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.
April 13.	1939	Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.
March 30.	1938	Appointed to the Staff of the Kwantang Army.

March 9.	1939	Discharged from the staff of the Kwantang Army. Attached to the Military Ordinance Central Depot concurrently attached to the War Ministers secretariate.
March 31.	1939	Appointed adjutant at the War Ministry concurrently war minister's confidential secretary. Appointed the attendant of war minister at Imperial Headquarters.
August 1.	1939	Concurrently appointed secretary of the director of the Manchurian Affairs Bureau. Raised to the 4th rank of the higher civil service.
September 18.	1940	Relieved of the additional duty.
September 20.	1940	Concurrently on the staff of base unit in the Shanghai district.
July 7.	1941	Relieved of additional duty on the staff of base unit in the Shanghai district.
August 25.	1941	Appointed colonel.
September 15.	1941	Raised to the junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.
April 29.	1940	Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with the middle cordon of the Rising Sun.
June 10.	1945	Appointed major-general.
August 1.	1945	Raised to the senior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.

Personal history of Michio KATO

~~Translated by  
T. H. BOYD  
checked  
by Boyd~~

Permanent domicile Nagano prefecture

Michio KATO

Born August 29, 1900.

April 23 1919

graduated from the regular course of  
~~the~~ central military preparatory school

April 23 1919

~~Appointed~~ <sup>Candidate</sup> ~~ordered~~ an ~~probational~~ officer and  
attached  
posted to the 30th Infantry Regiment

April 30 1919

~~Joined~~ ~~enlisted~~ in the 30th Infantry Regiment

April 30 1919

Given ~~the~~ <sup>infantry</sup> rank of superior private

July 1 1919

Promoted to ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> rank of infantry  
corporal

September 1, 1919

Promoted to ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> rank of infantry  
sergeant

- December 1 1919 Entered the military academy
- July 27 1921 Graduated from the regular course  
of the military academy
- August 1 1921 ~~Returned~~  
~~come back~~ to the original  
regiment unit
- August 1 1921 Promoted to ~~the~~ rank of  
infantry sergeant-major and  
~~ordered~~ <sup>appointed</sup> a probational officer
- October 26 1921 Appointed infantry ~~sub~~<sup>second</sup> lieutenant
- October 26 1921 ~~Appointed~~ Attached to the 30th  
infantry regiment
- November 21 1921 Raised to the Senior Grade of the

8th Court Rank

October 30 1924 Appointed infantry <sup>first</sup> lieutenant

December 15 1924 Raised to the Junior Grade of

7th Court Rank

March 11 1926 Relieved of post  
~~Discharged from profession~~ and

appointed a instructor <sup>at</sup> of Toyama

<sup>militaire</sup> school concurrently a member

of Research Department of the

same school

December 24 1928 Ordered to enter the Military

Staff College

January 16 1929 ~~Appointed~~ attached to the 30th

infantry regiment

February 1 1930 Raised to the Senior Grade of  
the 7th Court Rank

March 10 1931 Appointed infantry captain

March 10 1931 Appointed ~~the~~ company adjutant  
of the 30th infantry regiment

August 1 1931 Appointed ~~the~~ company comman-  
der of the 30th infantry regiment

December 17 1932 Ordered attached to the General  
Staff Office

December 17 1932 Decorated with the 6th Order  
of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

March 18 1933

~~Appointed~~ Attached to the

30th infantry regiment

December 20 1933

Appointed a member of the

General Staff Office

April 29 1934

Decorated with the 5th

class Order of the Golden Kite

Received an annuity of <sup>350</sup>~~500~~ yen.

Decorated with the 5th Order

of Merit with the cordon.

of the Rising Sun.

December 10 1934

Appointed a member of the

Research Department of the



Military Staff College.

March 1 1935

Raised to the Junior Grade of  
the 6th Court Rank.

August 1 1936

Appointed infantry major.

Appointed instructor of Military

science ~~of~~ the Military Staff

College.

December 1 1936

Appointed concurrently a mem-  
ber of the General Staff office

July 15 1938

Appointed infantry lieutenant-colonel

September 1 1938

Raised to the senior Grade of

the 6th Court Rank

April 13 1939 Decorated with the 4th Order  
of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

March 30 1938 Appointed <sup>to</sup> the staff of the Kwantang  
Army

March 9 1939 Discharged from the staff of  
the Kwantang Army.

~~Appointed~~ Attached to the Military  
Ordnance Central Depot con-  
currently attached to the War  
Minister's secretariate

March 31 1939 Appointed ~~the~~ adjutant <sup>at the</sup> War  
Ministry concurrently war

<sup>confidential</sup>  
minister's secretary

appointed the attendant of

war minister <sup>at</sup> of the Imperial

Headquarters

August 1 1939

~~the~~ secretary of

Concurrently appointed, the director

of the Manchurian Affairs

Bureau, Raised to the 4th

rank of the higher civil service

September 18 1940

Relieved of the additional ~~office~~ <sup>duty</sup>

September 20 1940

Concurrently <sup>on</sup> the staff of base

~~unit~~ <sup>unit</sup> company in <sup>the</sup> Shanghai district

July 7 1941

Relieved of ~~the~~ additional ~~office~~ <sup>duty</sup>

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REPORT BY: LT. JOHN A. CURTIS  
17 Jan 47

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: KATO, Michio

Former Secretary of the War Ministry.

No further information concerning the above is  
contained in the files.

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He was secretary of War Ministry when petitioner was  
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1 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. DAVID H. SUTTON  
FROM : DOUGLAS L. WALDOFF, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS  
SUBJECT : Defense Witnesses

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witnesses subpoenaed by the Defense:

DEFENDANT - HATA, Shunroku

<u>Witness</u>	<u>List of Material Available</u>
<u>KATO, Michio</u>	1. Subpoena
EGLEY, (FNU)	1. Subpoena
KAWAMURA, Saburo	1. Subpoena
JAQUINOT, Father	1. Subpoena

2. In the event that this is not complete, the remainder of the data will be forwarded to you without delay as soon as it is received by this office.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

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(Described above)

DOUGLAS L. WALDOFF  
Chief, Investigative Division  
IPS



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KATO

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

19 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. D. N. Sutton  
FROM : Lt. K. Steiner

Your attention is invited to IPS Document 2656 which is a file of telegrams and reports relating to the establishment and recognition of the new Chinese Government (Wang Ching Wei) and particularly to the following items thereof:

Item 20: This is a telegram from KATO, Michio, (a Defense witness assigned to Mr. Sutton) to ARITA (a Defense witness assigned to Mr. Dunigan) which states that in spite of Japanese declarations to the contrary, there is no hope of freedom for the new China regime of Wang Ching Wei so that its attraction for the Chinese people may prove very feeble.

Item 96: "An Outline for Guiding Diplomatic Principles of the New Central Government" dated 9 February 1940.

Item 135: A telegram from ARITA to Japanese ambassadors in various countries, dated 19 June 1940, in which he declares that the original Japanese policy of fostering the Wang Ching Wei Regime may become more difficult of achievement if the new regime does not succeed in winning popularity at least in the Nanking and the Shanghai areas.

Lt. K. Steiner

cc: Mr. Dunigan

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

19 May 1947

Memorandum

To : Files  
From : D. N. Sutton  
Subject: Defense Witness KATO, Michio

See item 20 of IPS Document No. 2656, a telegram from Consul General KATO to Foreign Minister Arita dated 28 March 1940. Excerpts from the analysis sheet would indicate that this witness is of the opinion that the freedom of the new regime in China was hopeless and that its attractive for the Chinese people would be very feeble.

D. N. Sutton,  
Assistant Counsel.