

KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro
Request by: OSUIMA, Hiroshi

Address: Kochi Prefecture, Kami-gun, Yamada-Mura.

This Witness was Military Attache in Berlin 1941-1945.

(1st Name)

KOMATSU, Hituhiko

Request by: OSHIMA, Hiroshi

Address: Kochi Prefecture, Kami-gun,
Yamada-mura.

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Berlin 1941-1945.

REPORT BY: RICHARD LARSH
30 Dec 46

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro
Place of Birth: KOCHI Prefecture
Date of Birth: 21 August 1895
Social Rank: Samurai (T.N. Military Class)
Name of Father: HIGUCHI, Mitsuhiro

<u>Date</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Office</u>
28 May 1915	Completed the Regular Course of the Central Military Junior Cadet School.	
" " "	Ordered a cadet and allotted to the 3d Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division	War Ministry
5 June 1915	Joined the 3d Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division.	
" " "	Granted the rank of Infantry Senior Private	The 3d Infantry Reg. of the Division
1 Aug. 1915	Granted the rank of Infantry Corporal.	"
1 Sept. 1915	Granted the rank of Infantry Sergeant.	"
28 Nov. 1915	Admitted to Military Academy.	
25 May 1917	Completed the Course of Military Academy.	
" " "	Returned to the original Unit.	
" " "	Promoted to the rank of Infantry Sergeant-Major, and ordered Probationary Officer.	
26 Nov. 1915	In accordance with the 12th Article of the Military Recruit Regulation, the Military Officers' Qualification Inquiry Committee approved.	
25 Dec. 1915	Appointed Infantry Second-Lieutenant Attached to the 3d Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division	Cabinet War Ministry

<u>Date</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Office</u>
20 Feb. 1918	Granted Senior 8th Court Rank.	
1 April 1921	Promoted to Infantry Lieutenant.	Cabinet
20 May 1921	Raised to the Junior 7th Court Rank.	
27 Dec. 1923	Ordered to enter Military Staff College.	War Ministry
15 June 1926	Raised to the Senior 7th Court Rank.	
6 Aug. 1926	Promoted to Infantry Captain. Aforesaid post relieved. Ordered Company Commander of the 3d Regiment.	Cabinet
1 March 1928	Attached to the 3d Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division. Ordered an officer attached to the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry.	War Ministry " "
16 March 1929	Ordered an officer attached to the Military Arsenary Headquarters, concurrently a section officer in the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry.	" "
8 July 1930	Granted the 6th Order of Merit and granted the Order of Sacred Treasure.	
30 Sept. 1930	Despatched to Germany as a Military Affairs Research Student.	" "
15 July 1931	Elevated to the Junior 6th Court Rank.	
8 Aug. 1932	Promoted to Infantry Major.	Cabinet
25 May 1933	Ordered Battalion Commander of the 30th Infantry Regiment.	War Ministry
23 Jan. 1934	Ordered Senior-Adjutant to the War Ministry, concurrently Private Secretary to War Minister.	" "
1 Aug. 1935	Ordered concurrently Private Secretary to the President of the Board for Manchurian Affairs.	Cabinet
1 Aug. 1935	Ordered Private Secretary to War Minister, and concurrently Senior Adjutant to War Ministry.	War Ministry

<u>Date</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Office</u>
29 April 1934	Raised to the 4th Order of Merit, and granted the Order of the Sacred Treasure in recognition of the merit concerning the incident in 1931-34.	Cabinet
15 Oct. 1941		
15 Nov. 1941	Rewarded with ¥100 in recognition of remarkable diligence in service from the Board for Manchurian Affairs.	
29 April 1943		
1 Aug. 1936	Raised to the Senior 6th Court Rank.	
23 Feb. 1943	Promoted to Infantry Lieutenant-Colonel.	Cabinet
31 March 1937	Ordered Military Tactics Professor of Military Staff College.	War Ministry
27 Feb. 1940	According to petition concurrent post relieved.	Cabinet
15 July 1938	Promoted to Infantry Colonel.	Cabinet
8 Feb. 1943 (T.N. omitted)	Ordered Enlistment Section Chief, the Personnel Affairs Bureau, War Ministry.	War Ministry
2 Mar. 1945		
1 Sept. 1938	Raised to the Junior 5th Court Rank.	
28 March 1939	Appointed Expert Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strength Investigation Committee.	Cabinet
15 Mar. 1945	/a later insertion in red T.N./ This committee was cancelled by Imperial Ordinance No. 457, 28 July 1939.	
14 Jan. 1946		
15 April 1939	Ordered Committeeman of the Military Munition Deliberation Committee.	
28 July 1939	Ordered Expert Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strength Deliberation Committee.	Cabinet
13 March 1940	Raised to the 3d Order of Merit, granted the Order of Sacred Treasure.	
15 Jan. 1939	Ordered Military Preparations Section Chief.	War Ministry
16 Dec. 1940	Ordered Expert Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strength Deliberation Committee.	Cabinet
23 Jan. 1941	Ordered a staff member attached to the Imperial Delegate to the Japanese, German and Italian Joint Expert Committee held at BERLIN.	Foreign Ministry

<u>Date</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Office</u>
19 April 1941	Relieved of Committeeman of the Military Munition Consideration Council.	Cabinet
15 Oct. 1941	Promoted to Major-General.	"
15 Nov. 1941	Elevated to the Senior 5th Court Rank.	
29 April 1940	Rewarded with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in appreciation of the merit shown in the China Incident.	
18 Jan. 1943	Ordered Military Attache to the Imperial Embassy in Germany. Concurrently ordered Military Attache to the Imperial Legation in Slovakia.	Cabinet
8 Feb. 1940	Relieved of staff member attached to the Imperial Delegate to the Japanese, German and Italian Joint Expert Committee held in Berlin.	"
8 Feb. 1943	Ordered Imperial Delegate to the Tripartite Joint Expert Committee held in Berlin.	"
1 Mar. 1945	Promoted to Lieutenant-General. (T.H. Pressed in red with types) No publication in the Government Gazette.	
15 Mar. 1945	Elevated to the Junior 4th Court Rank.	
14 Jan. 1946	Relieved of original post together with concurrent office.	"

S. Itoh

Personal History

Name: KOMATSU Mitsuhiko.

Birth Place: KOCHI pref.

Social Rank: Samurai (T.N. Military Class)

Birth Day: 21 Aug 1895

Name of Father: HIGUCHI Mitsuhiko.

Date	History	Office
28 May 1915	Completed the Regular course of the ^{Central} Military Junior Cadet School.	
" " "	Ordered a cadet and allotted to the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division.	War m.
5 Jun "	Joined the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division.	
" " "	Granted the rank of ^{Infantry} Senior Private.	The 3rd Infantry Reg. of the Division
1 Aug "	Granted the rank of ^{Infantry} Corporal.	"
1 Sep "	Granted the rank of Infantry Sergeant.	"
28 Nov "	Admitted to Military ^{Academy} Cadet School.	
25 May 1917	Completed the Course of Military ^{Academy} Cadet School.	
" " "	Returned to the original Unit.	
" " "	Promoted to the rank of Infantry Sergeant-major, and ordered Probationary Officer.	

Date	History	Office
26 Nov 1915	In accordance with the 12th Article of the Military Recruit Regulation, the Military Officers' Qualification Inquiry Committee approved.	
25 Dec "	Appointed Granted Infantry second-lieutenant attached to the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division.	Cabinet War m.
20 Feb 1918	Granted Senior ^{8th} Court Rank.	War m.
1 Apr 1921	Promoted to Infantry Lieutenant.	Cabinet
20 May "	Raised to the junior ^{7th} Court Rank.	War m.
27 Dec 1923	Ordered to enter Military Staff College.	War m.
15 Jun 1926	Raised to the Senior 7th Court Rank.	Cabinet
6 Aug "	Promoted to Infantry Captain. Afforesaid post relieved. Ordered Company Commander of the 3rd Regiment.	Cabinet
1 Mar 1928	Attached to the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guard Division. Ordered ^{an officer} attached to the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry.	War m. "
16 Mar 1929	Ordered an officer attached to the Military Arsenal Headquarters, concurrently a section officer in the Military Affairs Bureau.	"

Date	History	Office
8 Jul 1930	of the War Ministry ^{of granted} Created the 6th order of Merit and granted the Order of ^{sacred} Treasure.	War m.
30 sept "	Despatched to Germany as a Military Affairs Research Student.	"
15 Jul 1931	Elevated to the junior 6th Court Rank	
8 Aug 1932	Promoted to Infantry Major.	Cabinet
25 May '33	Ordered Battalion Commander of the 30th Infantry Regiment.	War m.
23 Jan '34	Ordered Senior-Adjutant to the War Ministry, concurrently Private Secretary to War Minister.	"
1 Aug 1935	Ordered concurrently private secretary to the President of the Board for Manchurian Affairs.	Cabinet
1 Aug "	Ordered Private Secretary to War Minister, and concurrently Senior Adjutant to War Ministry.	War m.
29 Apr 1934	Raised to the 4th Order of Merit, and granted the Order of the Sacred Treasure in recognition of the merit concerning the incident in 1931-34.	

Date	History	Office
	Rewarded with 1/100 in recognition of remarkable diligence in service from the Board for Manchurian affairs.	
1 Aug 1936	Raised to the Senior 6th Court Rank.	
" " "	Promoted to Infantry Lieutenant-Colonel.	Cabinet
31 Mar '37	Ordered Military Tactics Professor of Military Staff College.	War m.
" " "	According to petition concurrent post-relieved.	Cabinet
15 Jul 1938 ^{T.N.} (omitted)	Promoted to Infantry Colonel. Ordered Enlistment Section Chief, the Personnel Affairs Bureau, War Ministry.	Cabinet War m.
1 Sept 1938	Raised to the Junior 5th Court Rank	
28 Mar '39	^{Appointed} Ordered Expert Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strength Investigation Committee. ^{T.N.} (a later insertion in red) } This Committee was cancelled by Imperial Ordinance No. 457, 28 Jul 1939.	Cabinet
15 Apr "	Ordered Committeeman of the Military Munition Deliberation Committee.	
28 Jul "	Ordered ^{Expert} Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strength Deliberation Committee.	Cabinet

Date	History	Office
13 Mar 1940	Promoted to the 3rd Order of Merit, granted the Order of Sacred Treasure.	
15 Jan 1939	Ordered Military Preparations Section Chief.	War M.
16 Dec 1940	Ordered Expert Committeeman of the Civilian Body-Strengths Deliberation Committee.	Cabinet
23 Jan '41	Ordered a staff member attached ^{to} the Imperial Delegate to the Japanese German and Italian Joint Expert Committee held at BERLIN.	Foreign M.
19 Apr 1941	Relieved of Committeeman of the Military Munition Consideration Council.	Cabinet
15 Oct "	Promoted to Major-General.	"
15 Nov "	Elevated to the Senior 5th Court Rank.	
29 Apr 1940	Rewarded with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun in appreciation of the merit shown in the China Incident.	
18 Jan 1943	Ordered Military Attaché to the Imperial Embassy in Germany. Concurrently ordered Military Attaché to the Imperial Legation in Slovakia.	Cabinet
8 Feb "	Relieved of a staff member attached to the Imperial Delegate to the Japanese	

Date	History	Office
	German and Italian Joint Expert Committee held in Berlin.	cabinet
8 Feb 1943	Ordered Imperial Delegate to the ^{Triplicate} Joint Expert Committee held in Berlin.	cabinet
1 Mar '45	Promoted to Lieutenant-General. (T.N. Pressed in red with types) No publication in the Government Gazette.	
15 Mar "	Elevated to the Junior 4th Court Rank	
14 Jan 1946	Relieved of original post together with concurrent office.	cabinet
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PERSONAL HISTORY OF KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro

Name: KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro

Date of Birth: 20 August 1895

Permanent Residence: Kochi Prefecture

28 May 1915: Graduated from the regular course of the Central Military Preparatory School.

" " " Appointed a cadet and assigned to the Imperial Guards 3d Infantry Regiment.

5 June 1915: Enlisted in the Imperial Guards, 3d Infantry Regiment.

" " " Given the rank of Superior Private, Infantry.

1 Aug. 1915: Promoted to the rank of Corporal, Infantry.

1 Sept. 1915: Promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Infantry.

28 Nov. 1915: Entered the Military Academy.

25 May 1917: Graduated from the Military Academy.

" " " Rejoined his former Regiment.

" " " Promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major and made a probationary officer.

26 Nov. 1917: Passed by the Officer Selection Board in accordance with Art. 12 of the Army Replacement Regulations.

25 Dec. 1917: Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, and assigned to the Imperial Guards, 3d Infantry Regiment.

20 Feb. 1918: Conferred with the Senior Grade of the 8th Court Rank.

1 April 1921: Promoted to First Lieutenant, Infantry.

20 May 1921: Conferred with the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.

27 Dec. 1923: Ordered to enter the Army Staff College.

15 June 1926: Conferred with the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.

6 Aug. 1926: Promoted to Captain, Infantry, and relieved from former duty. Appointed a company commander of the Imperial Guards, 3d Infantry Regiment.

1 March 1928: Assigned to the Imperial Guards, 3d Infantry Regiment, and ordered to duty with the Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry.

16 March 1929: Assigned to the Army Central Ordnance Depot and concurrently made a member of a section of the Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry.

8 July 1930: Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, Sixth Class.

30 Sept. 1930: Ordered to be a resident-officer in Germany for the study of military matters.

15 July 1931: Conferred with the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.

8 Aug. 1932: Promoted to Major, Infantry.

25 May 1933: Appointed a battalion commander of the Third Infantry Regiment.

23 Jan. 1934: Appointed Adjutant of the War Ministry, and concurrently Private Secretary to the War Minister.

29 April 1934: Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, for services in the 1931-34 Incident.

1 Aug. 1935: Given additional post of private secretary to the President of the Manchurian Affairs Board.

1 Aug. 1935: Appointed private secretary to the War Minister and concurrently Adjutant of the War Ministry.

16 Dec. 1937: Granted ¥100 for exceptional diligence in former duty.

1 Aug. 1936: Conferred with the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.

" " " Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, Infantry.

31 March 1937: Appointed Military Instructor in the Army Staff College.

" " " Released from the concurrent post upon his own instance.

15 July 1938: Promoted to Colonel, Infantry.
Appointed Chief of the Conscription Section, Personnel Bureau, War Ministry.

1 Sept. 1938: Conferred with the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.

15 Jan. 1938: Appointed Chief of the Military Preparations Section, the Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry.

28 March 1939: Appointed technical advisor to the Committee for Investigation of the Administration of National (Physical) Strength which was abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 497, issued on July 28, 1939.

15 April 1939: Appointed a member of the Army Munitions Investigation Committee.

28 July 1939: Appointed technical advisor to the Committee for Investigation of National (Physical) Strength.

15 March 1940: Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3d Class.

29 April 1940: Decorated with the Medium Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident.

16 Dec. 1940: Released from the appointment of technical advisor to the Committee for Investigation of National (Physical) Strength.

19 April 1941: Released from appointment as a member of the Army Munitions Investigation Committee.

15 Oct. 1941: Promoted to Major-General.

15 Nov. 1941: Conferred with the Senior Grade of the 5th Court Rank.

18 Jan. 1943: Appointed Military Attache of the Imperial Embassy in Germany and concurrently Military Attache of the Imperial Legation in Slovakia.

8 Feb. 1943: Released from appointment as attache to the Imperial delegates of the Japan-Germany-Italy Joint Specialists Conference held at Berlin.

" " " Appointed an Imperial delegate of the Japan-Germany-Italy Joint Specialists Conference held at Berlin.

- 1 March 1945: Promoted to Lieutenant-General.
- 15 March 1945: Conferred with the Junior Grade of the 4th Court Rank.
- 14 January 1946: Released from regular and additional offices.

~~translated by H. CHIKAZUMI~~

Personal History of KOMATSU, MITSUHIKO

Permanent residence:

~~ARTICLE~~ Kochi Prefecture

/ NAME / KOMATSU, MITSUHIKO

Born: August 20, 1895.

May 28, 1915: Graduated from the regular course of
The Central Military Preparatory School.

" " " : Appointed ~~to~~ cadet and assigned to
Imperial 3rd
The ~~Imperial~~ Guards, Infantry Regiment.

June 5, 1915: Enlisted ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ The ~~Imperial~~ ^{Imperial} Guards, ~~Imperial~~ ^{3rd} Infantry
Regiment. ~~Appointed to~~

" " " : Given the rank of Superior Private, Infantry.
~~Private.~~

August 1, 1915: Promoted to ~~Private~~ ^{The rank of} Corporal, Infantry.

September 1, 1915: Promoted to ^(the rank of) ~~Major~~ Sergeant, Infantry.

November 28, 1915: Entered the Military Academy.

May 25, 1917: Graduated from the Military Academy.

" " " : Rejoined his former ~~assigned to the above-mentioned~~ Regiment.

" " " : Promoted to ^(the rank of) Sergeant-Major, and ~~made~~ ^{made a}

probationary officer.

November 26, 1917: Passed ^{by} the ~~selection of~~ Officer Selection Board in accordance with ~~according to~~ art. 12 of the Army

Replacement ~~Regulations~~ Regulations.

December 25, 1917: Commissioned a ^{Second Lieutenant, Infantry} ~~Officer~~ ~~and assigned~~ and assigned to the ^{Imperial} ~~Imperial~~ ^{3rd} ~~3rd~~ Guards, Infantry Regiment.

February 20, 1918: ^{Conferred with} ~~Conferred with~~ the Senior Grade of

the 8th Court Rank.

April 1, 1921: ~~promoted to First Lieutenant~~ Promoted to ~~First Lieutenant~~ Lieutenant, Infantry.

May 20, 1921: ~~promoted to~~ Conferred with ~~rank~~ to the junior grade of the 7th

Court Rank.

December 27, 1923: Ordered to enter the ~~Army~~ Staff College.

June 15, 1926: ~~promoted to~~ Conferred with ~~rank~~ to the senior grade of the 7th

Court Rank.

August 6, 1926: ~~promoted to~~ Promoted to Captain, Infantry, and relieved from former duty.

~~The above mentioned officer~~ Appointed a company commander of the ~~Imperial~~ ^{Imperial} Guards,

3rd Infantry Regiment.

March 1, 1928: Assigned to the ~~Imperial~~ ^{Imperial} ~~3rd~~ ^{3rd} Guards, Infantry

and ordered to duty with
 Regiment, ~~in the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 Bureau,
~~Bureau~~ of the military affairs, ~~the~~ War
 Ministry.

March 16, 1929: Assigned to the ^{Army} central ^{Ordnance Depot and} ~~the~~
 concurrently made a section of
 member of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the Military
 Bureau,
 Affairs, ~~the~~ War Ministry.

July 8, 1930: Decorated ^{Imperial} ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 with the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

~~with the~~ Order of the Sacred Treasure,
 Sixth Class.

September 30, 1930: Ordered to ^(as a resident-officer) ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ in Germany for the

study of military ~~matters~~ matters.

July 15, 1931: ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 Conferred with
 the Junior Grade of the 6th
 Court Rank.

August 8, 1932: Promoted to ~~Major~~ Major, Infantry.

May 25, 1933: Appointed a battalion commander of
the ^{Infantry} Third Regiment. ~~XXXXXX~~

January 23, 1934: Appointed ~~an~~ Adjutant ^{of the} War Ministry,
(private)
and concurrently ~~the~~ secretary to ^{the} War
minister.

April 29, 1934: ^{Decorated} ~~honored~~ with the ^{Imperial} ~~Order of the Sacred Treasure~~ ~~XXXXXX~~

~~the~~ Order of the Sacred Treasure, ~~the~~
for ~~XXXXXX~~ services in the ~~XXXXXX~~ 1931 ~~XXXXXX~~

1934 ~~XXXXXX~~ Incident.

Given additional post of private secretary to the
August 1, 1935: ~~Appointed~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ President
of the Manchurian Affairs Board.
~~of Manchurian Affairs Board~~

private

" " " : Appointed ~~secretary~~ ^{secretary} to the War Minister and concurrently Adjutant of the War Ministry.

December 16, 1937: ^{Granted} ~~awarded~~ 100 yen for ^{exceptional diligence} ~~meritorious services~~ in former duty.

August 1, 1936: ^{Conferred with} ~~awarded~~ the Senior Grade of the 6th Court

Rank.

" " " : Promoted to ~~major~~ ^{appointed} Lieutenant-Colonel, Infantry.

March 31, 1937: Appointed ^{military} Instructor ~~in the War Ministry~~

ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{Army} ~~War Ministry~~ Staff College.

" " " : Released from ^{the} concurrent ^{post} ~~office~~ upon his own instance.

July 15, 1938: Promoted to ~~major~~ ^{Colonel} ^{Infantry}

Appointed ~~to~~ ^{the} Chief of Conscription Section,

~~the~~ Personnel ~~War Ministry~~ Bureau,

September 1, 1938: ^{Conferred with} ~~awarded~~ the Junior Grade of the 5th Court ~~War Ministry~~.

Rank.

January 15, 1938: Appointed Chief of ^{the} Military ^{Preparations} ~~Section~~

Section of the ~~War~~ Military Bureau, ~~War~~ War Ministry.

March 28, 1939: Appointed ^{Technical advisor to the} ~~Member~~ of the Committee for Investigation of the ~~State~~

Administration of National (Physical)

Strength ~~Commission~~ which ~~was~~ was abolished by ~~the~~ the Imperial

Ordinance No. 497, issued on July 28,

1939.

April 15, 1939: Appointed ^{a member of the Army} ~~Member~~

Investigation Committee.

Munitions ~~Committee~~

July 28, 1939: ~~Appointed~~ ~~Technical~~ ~~adviser~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~for~~ ~~Investigation~~ ~~of~~ ~~National~~ ~~(Physical)~~ ~~Strength~~.
Appointed technical adviser to the Committee for Investigation of National (Physical) Strength.

March 15, 1940: ~~Decorated~~ with the ~~Imperial~~ ~~Order~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Sacred~~ ~~Treasure~~, ^{3rd class.}

April 29, 1940: ~~Decorated~~ with the Medium Order of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun.
Decorated with the Medium Order of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for ~~his~~ services in ^{the} Chinese Incident.

December 16, 1940: Released from ~~the~~ ~~appointment~~ ~~of~~ ~~technical~~ ~~adviser~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~for~~ ~~Investigation~~ ~~of~~ ~~National~~ ~~(Physical)~~ ~~Strength~~.
Released from the appointment of technical adviser to the Committee for Investigation of National (Physical) Strength.

April 19, 1941: Released from ~~the~~ ~~Army~~ ~~Investigation~~ ~~Committee~~.
Released from the Army (appointment as a member of the) Investigation Committee.

Munitions ~~Committee~~

October 15, 1941: ~~Promoted~~ to Major-General.

Conferred with

November 15, 1941: ~~Released from~~ the senior grade of the 5th Court Rank.

January 18, 1943: Appointed military attaché of the Imperial Embassy ~~resident~~ in Germany and concurrently military attaché of the Imperial Legation ~~resident~~ in Slovakia.

February 8, 1943: Released from ^{appointment as attaché to} ~~the~~ Imperial delegates ^{of} the Japan - Germany - Italy Joint Specialists Conference ~~and special committee~~ held at Berlin.

" " " : Appointed ^{an} Imperial delegate of the Japan - Germany - Italy ^{Joint} ~~special~~

Specialists Conference)

~~held~~ held at Berlin.

Promoted to
 March 1, 1945; ~~Major~~ Lieutenant General.

Conferred with
 March 15, 1945; ~~the~~ the Junior Grade of the 4th

Court Rank.

January 14, 1946: Released from ~~regular and additional~~
~~regular and additional~~

offices.

KOMATSU, Mitsuhiko - Kochi Prefecture, Kami-gun, Yamada-mura

Request by OSHIMA, Hiroshi

- (a) The nationality of the witness is Japanese.
- (b) Military Attache in Berlin 1941 to 1945. The witness will testify concerning lack of collaboration between Japanese and German armed forces and the relations between the two armies. The witness will further testify as to the extent of information held at Berlin concerning the plans for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

REPORT BY: RICHARD LARSH
30 Dec 46

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: KOMATSU, Mitsuhiko

Address: Kochi Prefecture, Kami-Gun, Yamada-Mura

He was Military Attache in Berlin 1941 to 1945.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al



AFFIDAVIT OF
KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro

I, KOMATSU, Mitsuhiro, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is No. 1086 Yamada-machi, Kami-gun, Kochi Prefecture.

2. I was appointed in the winter of 1940 the Assistant Military Attache and concurrently the Assisting Member of the Tripartite Mixed Commission Japan-Germany-Italy in Berlin. I arrived in Berlin via Siberia together with Ambassador OSHIMA in February 1941. I was appointed the Military Attache and concurrently the member of the above mentioned Commission at the beginning of 1943 succeeding Lt. General Banzai and stayed on my post until the end of the war. During the tour of my duty in Berlin I was at first Major General, and later Lt. General.

3. Japanese members of the Tripartite Mixed Commission in Berlin based on the Tripartite Pact were Ambassador OSHIMA for the General, Lt. General Banzai and Vice Admiral Nomura for the Military and Minister Matsushima for the Economic Commission. These commissions were never convened until the outbreak of the Pacific War. Even after its outbreak they met only two or three times, and were never convened after the beginning of 1943 when I became a member of the Military Commission succeeding Lt. General Banzai. I heard from Lt. General Banzai that during the meetings there were only propagandistic reports on the past war situation by the German side.

4. Shortly after the outbreak of the Pacific War, the Military Agreement between the three countries of Japan, Germany, and Italy was concluded in January 1942. This was a purely Military Agreement concerning matters of the High Command. As far as I know and heard from late Military Attache Banzai, Ambassador OSHIMA was in fact not at all connected with this matter.

5. Ambassador OSHIMA told and consulted the military and naval attaches and other higher Embassy officials whenever he received instructions from Tokyo or had talks with German leaders. He was often telling us that because very little information was received from the Japanese Government, it was regrettable that he could not know the policy of the Japanese Government, and that he could not talk serious matters with the German side as especially he did not know the future plan of Japan. What