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NAGAI, Yatsuji

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Address: No. 776 Ichome, Kamiyama-machi, Setagaya-ku,  
Tokyo

Since 1938 June in Mil. Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry.

Sub Chief Sect. 4 of the Kwantung Army.



Personal History of NAGAI YATSUJI

Date of Birth 1901, Jan. 20.

Previous Domicile No. 32, Tana-machi, Mito, IBARA GI-Prefecture

Present Domicile No 1-776, Kamiima, Setagaya-ku,  
Tokyo-Prefecture

Last School Graduated From

1921 July, 27 Graduated from the military academy.

Chronology of Rank and Salary

1921, Oct. 26, Appointed First Lieutenant, Infantry

1924. Oct 30 Appointed Second Lieutenant, Infantry

1927 Apr. 11 Granted the 1st grade salary.

1930 Aug. 1 Appointed Captain, Infantry

1933 Aug 10 Granted ~~the~~ 2nd grade salary.



- 1935 Aug. 3. Granted ~~the~~ 1st Grade Salary
- 1936 Aug. 1. Appointed Major, Infantry
- 1938 July 15. Appointed Lieut. Colonel, Infantry
- 1940 Sep. 15. Appointed Lieut. Colonel
- 1941 Mar. 1. Appointed Colonel
- 1945 Mar. 1. Appointed Major-General
- " Dec. 1. Appointed ~~Asst~~ First Demobilization Official.

" Received 2nd Rank of Higher Civil Service.  
 granted annual salary, ¥5000.

Positions Held.

- 1921 Oct. 26. Assigned to the 25th Infantry Regiment.
- 1926 Sep. 3. Assigned to the cadet unit, the regular course of the Military Academy.
- 1928 Dec. 24. Entered the Army General Staff College.
- 1929 Jan. 16. Assigned to the 25th Infantry Regiment.
- 1930 Aug. 1. Appointed Battalion adjutant of the said regiment.



- 1931 Nov 28 Appointed Company Commander of the said  
regiment.
- " " Graduated from the Army General Staff  
College
- 1932 Dec. 7 Ordered to serve with War Service Bureau  
of Army Ministry.
- 1933 Jan. 25 Appointed Battalion Adjutant of the 25th  
Infantry Regiment.
- " Dec. 20 Assigned to Air Headquarters, concurrently  
appointed a member of War Service Bureau  
of Army Ministry.
- 1934, Jan. 18 Appointed Executive Officer of  
Manchurian and Mongolian Committee.
- " June 2 Attached to ~~the~~ General Staff Headquarters.
1936. Aug. 1 Attached to the Kwantung Army Headquarters.



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- 1937 Sep 1. Appointed an attendant of Imperial Commissioner at the Manchurian Colonization Committee.
- Nov. 1. Appointed Staff Officer of the Kwantung Army.
- 1938 July 15. Assigned to the Ordnance Main Depot, Concurrently appointed a member of War Service Bureau of Army Ministry.
- " Appointed official of the Bureau of Manchurian Affairs.
- " July 16. Appointed to compilation committee of History of the Manchukuo Incident.
- 1939 Jan 25. Appointed to compilation committee of History of the China Incident.
- 1939 Feb. 3. Appointed an attendant of the War Minister, the Imperial General Headquarters.
- " Feb. 25. Appointed Executive Officer of the Investigation Committee of Damage done



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by China Incident.

1939 Mar. 3. Appointed a secretary of Asia Establishment Bureau.

Dec. 1. Appointed a member of the Investigation Bureau.

Dec. 16. Appointed Intelligence Officer of the Information Bureau, Cabinet.

1941 Mar. 1. Concurrently assigned to War Service Department of Army Ministry.

" June 19. Appointed a staff officer of the China Expeditionary Forces.

1943 July 12. Appointed Section Chief of the General Staff Headquarters.

Appointed Staff Officer of the Imperial General Headquarters.



1943 Nov 25 Appointed a member of the General Staff Headquarters.

Held the main post as staff officer of the Imperial General Headquarters as before.

1945 Feb. 20 Appointed chief of the war service section, war service bureau, the war ministry.

1945 Mar. 10 Appointed a government commissioner of business under the jurisdiction of the Army Ministry at the 86th Session of the Imperial Diet.

" Mar 12 Appointed ~~for arrangement committee of Proclamation of martial law~~ <sup>Martial Law Preparation Committee</sup>

" Apr. 23 Appointed chief of the 12th section, Imperial General Staff Headquarters, concurrently appointed an attendant of the War Ministry, the Imperial General Headquarters.

" Aug. 13 Assigned to the Eastern District Army Headquarters.



1945 Aug. 18. Ordered to serve with the war service Bureau, the war ministry

" Nov. 10 Appointed Chief of Material Section

Nov. 30 Discharged from the post.

Dec. 1 Placed on Reserve list

" Appointed Chief of Material Section, Secretariat of the 1st Demobilization Minister.

1946, June 15, Appointed part-time official of the 1st Demobilization Bureau

1947. Apr. 30 Retired from the post.

Reward none.

Punishment.

1944 Aug. 24 Placed in <sup>strict</sup> domiciliary confinement for



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seven days, because the men under his command were careless in control and guidance and also the measures for propaganda which he took was not pertinent.



June 18, 1947

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF NAGAI, YATSUJI,  
by Mr. Cunningham.

- 24578 \* The witness stated he lived in Tokyo. He  
24580 identified exhibit No. 2747 as his affidavit and  
verified it. The affidavit stated \* that since June  
1938, he served in the Military Affairs Bureau of the  
War Ministry. In February, 1941, when MATSUOKA decided  
to go to Europe, the witness was ordered to accompany.  
The witness received no special instructions from the  
army, but simply was told to go and see Europe. The  
Chief of Staff requested of MATSUOKA that he make no  
operational or strategic commitment to Germany, and the  
witness was specifically reminded by the chief to assist  
MATSUOKA on this point to the best of his ability and  
to see to it that the operational activities of the army  
in the future would not be shackled.
- 24581 When SUGIYAMA, Chief of Staff, \* came to see  
MATSUOKA off on the night of March 12, he again reminded  
the witness of this. On this matter, the witness had an  
intimate talk with MATSUOKA on the boat, and MATSUOKA  
stated that he knew the intention of the army and would  
give no commitment whatever, and this was natural  
considering the purpose of the trip. They were met by  
Stahmer on the station at the German-Russian border.
- The witness never personally attended the con-  
ference between MATSUOKA, Hitler, Ribbentrop, and Goering.  
MATSUOKA, however, spoke of the conversation at times in  
an informal manner. He remembered that MATSUOKA stated  
that although Germany had raised the question of Singapore,  
he could be assured that MATSUOKA had made no commitment.  
On returning to Tokyo, the witness reported this to TOJO  
24582 \* and SUGIYAMA.
- OSHIMA, so far as he could remember, attended  
only the first courtesy call on Hitler and Ribbentrop.  
Whether he knew beforehand or afterwards of MATSUOKA's  
conversations at conferences he did not attend, the witness  
did not know. The relations between MATSUOKA and OSHIMA  
in Berlin were rather cold. The witness had several  
conversations with OSHIMA in Berlin, and heard only  
information on Germany and the European war. OSHIMA  
never expressed opinions with respect to political and  
military measures to be taken by Japan in connection  
therewith. THERE WAS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE  
WITNESS, but the attention of the Court was called to  
exhibit No. 569.



20 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT

Witness General

WITNESS

NAGAI, Yatsuji

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Curriculum Vitae

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

Incl  
(Described above)

*E. P. M.*  
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN



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| 1936, Aug. 1  | Appointed Major, Infantry                 |
| 1938, July 15 | Appointed Lieut. Colonel, Infantry        |
| 1940, Sep 15  | Appointed Lieut. Colonel                  |
| 1941, Mar. 1  | Appointed Colonel                         |
| 1945, Mar. 1  | Appointed Major General                   |
| 1945, Dec. 1  | Appointed First Demobilization Official   |
| 1945, Dec. 1  | Received 2nd rank of Higher Civil Service |
|               | Granted annual salary, ¥5,000             |

### Positions held:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1921, Oct. 26 | Assigned to the 25th Infantry Regiment   |
| 1926, Sep. 3  | Assigned to the cadet unit, the regular course of the Military Academy                               |
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Positions held: (cont'd)

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1934, June 2  | Attached to General Staff Headquarters  |
| 1936, Aug. 1  | Attached to the Kwantung Army Headquarters  |
| 1937, Sep. 1  | Appointed an attendant of Imperial<br>Commissioner at the Manchurian<br>Colonization Committee  |
| 1937, Nov. 1  | Appointed Staff Officer of the<br>Kwantung Army   |
| 1938, July 15 | Assigned to the Ordnance Main Depot,<br>concurrently appointed a member of<br>War Service Bureau of Army Ministry                             |
| 1938, July 15 | Appointed official of the Bureau of<br>Manchurian Affairs.  |
| 1938, July 16 | Appointed to compilation committee of<br>History of the Manchukuo Incident  |
| 1939, Jan. 25 | Appointed to compilation committee of<br>History of the China Incident  |
| 1939, Feb. 3  | Appointed an attendant of War Minister,<br>the Imperial General Headquarters  |
| 1939, Feb. 25 | Appointed Executive Officer of the<br>Investigation Committee of Damage done<br>by China Incident   |
| 1939, Mar. 3  | Appointed a secretary of Asia<br>Establishment Bureau   |
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Positions held: (cont'd)

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| 1945, Mar. 12 | Appointed to Martial Law Preparation Committee   |
| 1945, Apr. 23 | Appointed chief of the 12th section, Imperial General Staff Headquarters, concurrently appointed an attendant of the War Ministry, the Imperial General Headquarters |
| 1945, Aug. 13 | Assigned to the Eastern District Army Headquarters   |
| 1945, Aug. 18 | Ordered to serve with the war service Bureau, the war ministry   |
| 1945, Nov. 10 | Appointed Chief of Material Section  |
| 1945, Nov. 30 | Discharged from the post   |
| 1945, Dec. 1  | Placed on reserve list   |
| 1945, Dec. 1  | Appointed Chief of Material Section, Secretariat of the 1st Demobilization Minister  |
| 1946, June 15 | Appointed part-time official of the 1st Demobilization Bureau  |
| 1947, Apr. 30 | Retired from the post  |

Reward:

None

Punishment:

1944, Aug. 24

Placed in strict domiciliary confinement for seven days, because the men under his command were careless in control and guidance and also the measures for propaganda which he took was not pertinent



13 June 1947

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Memo for the file

By J. G. Lambert

Referred to in IPS Investigative files:

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| 378      | "      | 191 |
| 164      | "      | 1   |



INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

United States of America, et al

-vs-

RAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition (Translation)

Deponent: NAGAI, Yatsuji

In accordance with the procedure in my country having first sworn an oath as on attached sheet, I hereby depose as follows.

I, NAGAI, Yatsuji, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is No. 776, Ichome, Kamiura-machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

I was serving since June 1938 in the Military Affairs Bureau of the War-Ministry. In February 1941, when Foreign Minister Matsuoka's visit to Europe was decided, I was ordered to accompany him. At that time I was a Colonel. On this occasion I received no special instruction from the Army, but was simply told that as I have never been to Europe, I should take this opportunity to go and see Europe by this chance.

As far as the army was concerned, the Chief of Staff made a request to Foreign Minister Matsuoka not to make any operational or strategical commitment to Germany, and I was specifically reminded by the Chief of Staff to assist Matsuoka concerning this point to the best of my ability and to see to it with utmost care that the operational activities of the army in the future would not be shackled in any respect.

*accompanied Matsuoka to  
Berlin in March 1941*

*no military commitment by  
Japan to Germany.*

*not correct  
to Japan*



When General Sugiyama, then Chief of Staff, came to the Tokyo station on the night of 12 March, 1941 to see Foreign Minister Matsuoka off, he reminded me again of this point.

In connection with this matter I had an intimate talk with Foreign Minister Matsuoka on the boat between Shimonoseki and Fusan.

At that time Foreign Minister Matsuoka told me, "Concerning this point I am also well informed of the intention of the Army, and I will give no Commitment whatsoever, and this is quite natural considering the purpose of this trip to Europe. So you need not be worried at all."

We were met by Mr. Stahmer at a station on the border of the German and Russian spheres of influence.

Concerning the question of what Foreign Minister Matsuoka told Hitler, Ribbentrop, Goering and others after the arrival in Germany, I never personally attended the conferences between them and cannot say anything with responsibility. Matsuoka, however, told us from time to time of the conversations in an informal manner. I remember that Foreign Minister Matsuoka told me on those occasions that, although the question of Singapore had been raised by the German side, I could be well assured as he had made no commitment whatsoever.

Upon my return to Tokyo I reported this fact to War Minister Tojo and Chief of Staff Sugiyama.

2. As far as I remember, Ambassador Oshima attended only the first courtesy call of Mr. Matsuoka on Hitler and Ribbentrop. Whether Mr. Oshima was consulted beforehand or informed afterwards regarding the conversations of Mr. Matsuoka which he did not attend, I do not know. I know that relation



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between Matsuoka and Oshima in Berlin were rather cold.

I had in Berlin several conversations with Mr. Oshima. What I heard from Mr. Oshima was merely various information concerning Germany and the European War, and Mr. Oshima never expressed opinion with respect to political and military measures to be taken by Japan in connection therewith.

On this 29th day of May, 22nd Year of Showa (1947).

at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, Tokyo.

Deponent: /S/ NAGAI, Yetsuji (seal)

I, SAIGO, Jugo, hereby certify that the above was signed and sealed in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date, at the same place.

Witness: /S/ SAIGO, Jugo (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ NAGAI, Yetsuji (seal)