SHIMOMURA, Sadamu

Request by: SATO, Kenryo

At present in SUGAMO Prison.

He was formerly Minister of War after the time of surrender. He attended the Geneva International War Prisoners' Conference held in 1929, As a representative of the Japanese Government. Can give relevant testimony as to reason why Japan signed the treaty adopted by this Conference but failed to ratify it.

Document Center, Stuart Building, Wash. D. C. Shipping Advice #15072 to be procured and lodged with the Registry of the Tribunal:

Crate No. 96, 51&66	Items No.	File dealing with classified war Prisoners 1942.
650	43	File of non-classified correspondence and records dealing with China Affairs (1942 (3 bundles)
166	273	Transcript of telegrams exchanged between the Chief of Staff of the China Expedition- ary Army and the Vice Minister of War on the question of executing U.S. aviators, captives while bombing Japan 25 April to 8 May 1942 (5 pages)
11	375	Mimeographed booklets, "Military Regula- tions Issued by the G.H. China Expedition- ary Army for the Punishment of Enemy Fliers" 13 Aug. 1942 (4 volumes)
?	379	File of miscellaneous correspondence and records of War Ministry 1940-1942 (one bundle) (order dated 4 Dec. 1946)
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Permanent residence and status:	KOCHI Prefecture, warrior class
Date of birth:	September 23, 1887 SHIMOMURA, Sadamu
Name:	SHIMOMORIA, Dudam
Former status:	
Former name:	
Father:	
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July 10, 1903	Graduated from NAGOYA Local Preparatory Military School.
Sept. 1, 1903	Entered Central Preparatory Military School.
May 30, 1906	Graduated from Central Preparatory Military School. Appointed cadet.
Dec. 1, 1906	Entered Military Academy.
May 27, 1908	Graduated from Military Academy. Appointed probationary officer.
Dec. 25, 1908	Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Artillery. Assigned to 14th Field Artillery Regiment.
Mar. 1, 1909	Granted senior grade of the eighth class Court rank.
Dec. 26, 1911	Commissioned First Lieutenant, Artillery, by the Cabinet.
Mar. 1, 1912	Granted junior grade of the seventh class Court rank.
Dec. 13, 1913	Ordered to matriculate in the Military Staff College. Graduated Nov. 25, 1916.

Aug. 88, 1914	Relieved of former duties and appointed a battalion adjutant of the 14th Field Artillery Regiment.
Dec. 15, 1916	Relieved of former duties and assigned to 14th Field Artillery Regiment.
Mar. 20, 1917	Granted senior grade of the seventh Court rank.
Oct. 26, 1917	Assigned to General Staff Headquarters
July 29, 1918	Commissioned Captain, Artillery by the Cabinet. Relieved of former duty; appointed officer in the General Staff Headquarters by War Ministry.
Jan. 10, 1919	Relieved of former duty. Appointed resident officer in France to study military affairs by War Ministry.
Nov. 1, 1920	Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Dual Rays of the Rising Sun. Granted 900 yen for distinguished services during the 1915-1920 war.
Apr. 20, 1922	Granted the junior grade of the sixth class of Court rank.
Sept. 1, 1922	Relieved of resident officer in France.
Sept. 1, 1922	Appointed officer in the General Staff Headquarters by War Ministry.
Sept. 29, 1922	Appointed Secretary to the War Mater- ials Procurement Committee by War Ministry.
Nov. 14, 1922	Appointed technical advisor in the Ordnance Bureau, War Ministry, by War Ministry.
Aug. 6, 1923	Commissioned Major, Artillery, by the Cabinet.
Sept. 3, 1923	Assigned to Martial Law Enforcement Headquarters for the Kwanto Region by the War Ministry.

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Oct. 2, 1923	Relieved of assignment to the Martial Law Enforcement Headquarters and appointed Staff Officer of said Headquarters by War Ministry.
Nov. 1, 1923	Relieved of duty as Staff Officer of the Martial Law Enforcement Headquarters by the War Ministry.
Nov. 22, 1923	Assigned to the Staff of the Tokyo Garrison by the War Ministry.
July 26, 1924	Appointed concurrently Staff Officer of the Tokyo Garrison by the War Ministry.
Aug. 20, 1924	Relieved of duty as technical advisor in the Ordnance Bureau, War Ministry, by the War Ministry.
Aug. 7, 1924	Relieved of regular and concurrent posts and appointed battalion commander of the 7th medium Field Artillery Regiment by the War Ministry.
Aug. 7, 1924	Relieved of duty as secretary to the War Materials Procurement Committee by the War Ministry.
Aug. 6, 1925	Relieved of former duties and ap- pointed Instructor of the Military Staff College by the War Ministry.
May 16, 1927	Granted senior grade of the 6th class of Court rank.
Nov. 29, 1927	Decorated with the 4th class of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.
Jan. 16, 1928	Appointed member of the Peace Treaty Execution Committee by the Cabinet. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Jan. 20, 1928	Assigned to General Staff Headquarters by the War Ministry.
Mar. 24, 1928	Commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, Artillery, by the Cabinet.

June 24, 1929	Appointed a member of the Japanese Delegation to the International Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, for the revision of the Treaties concerned with the improving the
	treatment of the sick and wounded troops and the establishment of a legal code concerning Prisoners of War. Order issued by the Cabinet.
July 25, 1930	Relieved of duty as member of the Peace Treaty Execution Committee by the Cabinet. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Aug. 1, 1930	Appointed officer of the General Staff Headquarters by the War Ministry.
Nov. 27, 1930	Assigned to General Staff Headquarters by the War Ministry.
Apr. 10, 1931	Assigned to the Central Ordnance Depot by the War Ministry.
Aug. 31, 1931	Commissioned Colonel, Artillery, by the Cabinet.
Sept. 15, 1931	Granted junior grade of the 5th class of Court rank.
Dec. 9, 1931	Appointed an officer-in-attendance to the Japanese Plenipotentiary to the Disarmament Conference at Geneva by the Cabinet.
Dec. 15, 1933	Relieved of duty as an officer-in- attendance to the Japanese Pleni- potentiary to the Disarmament Conference at Geneva by the Cabinet.
Dec. 20, 1933	Appointed Commander of the 1st Heavy Field Artillery Regiment, by the War Ministry.
Mar. 15, 1935	Appointed Staff Officer of the KWANTUNG Army by the War Ministry. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Dec. 2, 1935	Appointed Superintendant of the Research Section of the Military Staff College and concurrently Instructor of the same college, by the War Ministry.
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Dec. 2, 1935	Relieved of duty as Staff Officer of the KWANTUNG Army by the War Ministry.
Apr. 29, 1934	Decorated with the 3rd Class of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure for the services during the 1931 to 1934 Incident.
Mar. 7, 1936	Commissioned Major General by the Cabinet.
May 1, 1936	Granted the senior grade of the 5th class of Court rank.
Aug. 1, 1936	Appointed Chief of the 4th Section, General Staff Headquarters by the War Ministry.
Nov. 2, 1937	Appointed an extraordinary member to the House Administration Investi- gation Committee by the Cabinet.
Feb. 14, 1938	Relieved of duty as extraordinary member of the House Administration Investigation Committee by the Cabinet.
Sept. 23, 1938	Appointed a Commander of the Tokyo Bay Fortified Zone. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Jan. 12, 1937	Relieved of duties as a member of the Merits Investigation Committee and as a member of Fortification Construction Executive Committee, by the War Ministry.
Mar. 9, 1939	Commissioned Lieutenant-General by the Cabinet.
May 15, 1939	Granted the junior grade of the 5th class of Court rank.
May 17, 1940	Decorated with the 2nd Class of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Apr. 29, 1940	Decorated with the 3rd class of the Imperial Order of the Golden Kite and the 2nd class of the Imperial Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun for services in the China Incident.
Oct. 8, 1942	Appointed Commander of the 13th Army. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Nov. 16, 1942	Granted the senior grade of the 4th class of the Court rank.
Mar. 22, 1944	Appointed Commander of the Western District Army by the Cabinet. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Nov. 15, 1944	Decorated with the 1st class of the Imperial Orders of the Sacred Treasure.
Nov. 22, 1944	Appointed Commander of the North China Area Army by the Cabinet. Not published in the Official Gazette.
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May 5, 1945	Commissioned General by the Cabinet.
June 1, 1945	Granted the junior grade of the 3rd class of Court rank.
Aug. 25, 1945	Appointed Inspector-General of Military Education by the Cabinet. Not published in the Official Gazette.
Aug. 23, 1945	Appointed War Minister by the Cabinet.
Nov. 30, 1945	Relieved of duty by Order issued by the Cabinet.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-VS-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

AFFIDAVIT

SHIMOMURA SADAMU

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

After General Anami, the then Minister of War, committed suicide with a sword on 15 August 1945, the Fremier assumed the portfolio for a time and subsequently I was appointed as War Minister on 23 August and assumed office on that same day.

I learned first after my appointment of the execution of American pilots in Japan Proper, without trial or by sentence of the courts martial. I thought it my responsibility as Minister of War to punish these violations strictly, and so informed the Chief of the General Staff, General Umezu. He was very much surprised, and agreed with my opinion, saying about as follows: "Until this moment I did not know of these facts at all. Even if "Until this moment I did not know of indignation over indiscrimithese violations were the result of indignation over indiscrimithese bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quite unjust to punish the nate bombing by American planes, it is quit

He added his hope and opinion as follows: "We must be most fair when we give up our arms to the Allied forces after the surrender. We should most carefully control any illegal manipulation of arms, such as concealment or damage, etc., and we must bring our Army to a successful end, carrying out faithfully the conditions of the surrender. I hope you will exercise strict conditions of the surrender. I hope you will exercise strict control." His opinion about this matter being quite the same as control. His opinion about this matter being quite the same as control. I exerted my best efforts to supervise and regulate things mine, I exerted my best efforts to supervise and regulate things



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

Shimomura Sadamu (seal)

On this 30th day of April, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent: Shimomura Sadamu (seal)

I, Ikeda Sumihisa, 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 Tokyo

Witness: Ikeda Sumihisa (seal)

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

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Tokyo 7 May 1947

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sutton; Lt. Col. Mornare

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Information in the form of a Staff Study compiled by G-2 has been included in the Investigative Case Files of the International Prosecution Section and is now available on the following witness.

SHIMOMURA, Sadamu

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN Chief, Investigative Section