

18 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Brig. R. H. Quilliam, New Zealand Division

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

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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

DEFENDANT

3 - OKA, Takasumi

SHIMADA, Shigetaro

WITNESS

Rukatome, Shigeru

Okochi, Denshichi

Onoda, Sutegiro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR WITNESS FILES

SUBJECT: ONODA, Sutegiro

REPORT BY: Richard H. Larsh, Investigator, IPS.

Records of Legal Section, SCAP, were checked and found to contain no information on the above. British Division, Legal Section, is wiring Singapore for any information British War Crimes in Singapore may have on above.

RICHARD H. LARSH,
Investigator,
Investigative Divn., IPS.

ONODA, Sutegiro

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Permanent Domicile:

No.357, Murakami-Honmachi, Iwafune-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

ONODA, Sutejiro, Captain.

Born: 15 June, 1899.

- 31 Aug. 1917: Ordered to be a student of the Naval Academy.
- 16 July 1920: Finished the whole course at the Naval Academy.
- do- Ordered to be a naval cadet.
- 1 June 1921: Appointed second sublieutenant.
- 1 Dec. 1923: Appointed sublieutenant.
- 1 Dec. 1925: Appointed first lieutenant.
- 1 Dec. 1931: Appointed lieutenant-commander.
- do- Ordered to be a first-grade student of the Naval Staff College.
- 1 Sept. 1933: Appointed staff-officer of the 3rd Squadron.
- 1 Nov. 1934: Ordered to attend the Naval General Staff Office.
- 15 Nov. 1934: Concurrently appointed member of the Naval General Staff Office.
- 1 Dec. 1936: Appointed commander.
- do- Appointed staff-officer of the 12th Squadron.
- 1 Dec. 1937: Appointed member of the Naval General Staff; concurrently instructor at the Naval Staff College.
- 11 July 1939: Appointed adjutant to war councillor; concurrently ordered to attend the Navy Department.
- do- Order^{ed} attached to Admiral Baron Sumio Osumi, war councillor.
- 12 July 1939: Ordered to proceed to Germany and Italy as an attendant upon Admiral Baron Sumio Osumi, war councillor, while he is on a trip to these countries on official business.
- 12 Dec. 1939: Appointed adjutant, the Navy Department.
- 14 Sept. 1940: Appointed member of the Naval General Staff.
- 15 Oct. 1941: Appointed captain.
- 23 Feb. 1943: Ordered to proceed to Europe on official business.
- 1 Oct. 1943: Ordered to attend the Naval General Staff Office; concurrently appointed member thereof.
- 22 Feb. 1944: Ordered to return home.
- 20 Aug. 1944: Ordered attached to the headquarters of the 2nd Squadron.
- 29 Aug. 1944: Appointed commander of the "Takao".
- 15 Jan. 1945: Concurrently appointed commander of the "Myoko".
- 22 Mar. 1945: Appointed vice-chief of the General Staff of the squadron in the 10th area; concurrently vice-chief of the General Staff of the 13th air fleet and vice-chief of the General Staff of the 1st Squadron dispatched to the south.
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ONODA, Sutejiro

Request by: SHIMADA, Shigetaro

address: Believed to be in Singapore at present
although not a prisoner of war.

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18 Feb 47

Gave copy Curriculum Vitae re subject to Commander Cole; to be returned to us.

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Translated by K. Kawai

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Domicile: No. 357, Murakamihousho, Iwafune-gun, Niigata ^{Prefecture} ~~Gov.~~

Names and Birth Dates of Family Members:

Grandmother: San; Sept. 23, 1851

Mother: Miho; Dec. 16, 1875

Elder Brother: Kentarō; Mar. 15, 1897

Younger Brother: Hidesaburō; Sept. 10, 1902

Younger Sister: Aji; Sept. 15, 1909

Younger Brother: Michigoro; Nov. 12, 1909

" : Rokuro; Oct. 18, 1912

Younger Sister: Kei; Oct. 12, 1915

" : Miya; Oct. 25, 1917

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Wife: Oki; Nov. 12, 1906.

Eldesi Daughter: Afoko; Feb. 24, 1931.

Eldesi Son: Gen; Jan. 1, 1933.

Second Son: Mineo; July 20, 1938.

1917 Aug. 31 Assigned as a student at the Naval Academy (Naval Academy).

1919 July 16 Graduated from the Naval Academy (").

Ordered as a Naval Cadet (Navy Department).

Assigned aboard the ASAMA (Navy Department).

Awarded a prize (a disk) on account of graduation with honors.

1920 Sept. 8 Sailed from BAKO for Africa and South America (for patrol).

1921 Mar. 28 Returned to FUTAMI.

Apr. 9 Relieved of the assignment ^{aboard} the ASAMA and assigned

aboard the KONGŌ (Navy Department).

1921 June 1 Promoted to Ensign (Cabinet).

Assigned aboard the KONGŌ (Navy Department).

June 20 Conferred the Senior Grade of the 8th Court Rank

(Imperial Household Department).

Aug. 19 Sailed from SASEBO for PORT ARTHUR and DAIREN.

Dec. 1 Relieved of the assignment ^{aboard} the KONGŌ (Navy

Department).

Assigned as a student in the general course of the

Naval Torpedo School (Navy Department).

1922 Apr. 8 Released from the general course of the Naval

Torpedo School on completion of the course.

Assigned as a student in the general course of the

Naval Gunnery School (Navy Department).

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1922 July 12 Released from the general course of the Naval
Gunners School on completion of the course (Navy
Department)

Assigned aboard the MUTSU (Navy Department).

Aug. 29 Sailed from KURE for the coasts of Russian
territory (patrol).

Sept. 10 Returned to OTARU.

1923 Aug. 25 Sailed from YOKOSUKA for the China coast (patrol).

Sept. 4 Returned to ARIAKE Bay.

Dec. 1 Promoted to Sub-Lieutenant (Cabinets).

Relieved of the assignment aboard the MUTSU and
assigned aboard the IZUMO (Navy Department).

Conferred the junior grade of the 7th Court Rank

1924 Jan. 21 (Imperial Household Department).

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1924 May 1 The IZUMO The first reserve ship

June 1 The IZUMO Training fleet

Oct. 1 The form of commission was revised according to
Naval Personnel Affairs Order No. 97.

Oct. 8 The IZUMO To ~~be~~ reserve as a guard ship, too.

Dec. 1 Granted the first grade salary (Navy Department).

1925 Apr. 15 Appointed divisional officer of the IZUMO
(Navy Department).

May 15 The IZUMO Guard Ship

Sept. 21 Relieved of the current duty and appointed
fitting-out crew of the FURUTAKA.

Dec. 1 Promoted to Lieutenant (Cabinet).

Relieved of the current duty and assigned as a
student in the advanced course of the Naval

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Torpedo School (Navy Department).

1926 Jan. 15. Conferred the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank

(Imperial Household Department).

Sept. 10 Assigned as the assistant umpire for the Naval

Minor Manœuvres in 1926 (Navy Department).

Dec. 1 Appointed communications officer and concurrently

divisional officer of the YUBARI (Navy Department).

Granted the second grade salary (Navy Department).

1927 Dec. 1 Ordered to reside in France (Navy Department).

1928 Nov. 16 Received the Coronation Medal according to the

Imperial Ordinance No. 188 in 1928 (Decorations

Bureau).

1929 Nov. 1 Ordered home (Navy Department).

Nov. 30 Granted the first grade salary (Navy Department).

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1930 Jan. 10 Appointed officer on the command and concurrently
staff officer of the 3rd Division (Navy Department).

Jan. 29 Applied for marriage. Approved on Feb. 24, 1930.

Apr. 22 Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit of the
Sacred Treasure (Decorations Bureau).

Dec. 1 Appointed officer on the command and concurrently
staff officer of the 5th Division (Navy Department).

1929 Sept. 5 Granted 200 yen for ^{work} ~~the labor~~ in the disturbance
in China in 1927~28 (Navy Department).

1931 Feb. 16 Conferred the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank
(Decorations Bureau).

Dec. 1 Promoted to Lieutenant Commander (Cabinet)

Assigned as a student in class A of the Naval

Staff College.

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1932 May 14

Discipline Sentence

Lieutenant Commander ONODA, Sutejiro

The said officer was appointed officer on the command and concurrently staff officer of the 5th Division on Dec. 1, 1930 and took the position of the director of management of naval stores of the same division on Dec. 6. He took over charge of naval educational library for the 5th Division Command from the predecessor, Lieutenant Commander MIZOGUCHI, Sei and had taken custody of them since then.

By reason that the 5th Division was not to be organized in 1932, the naval stores for the command were being adjusted for return, when it happened to be found that some confidential books were missing. The books were the communication section of the Naval Terms and twelve others among (the Naval Educational Library which ~~was~~ were stored in the bookshelves in the

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Staff officers' office of the flag-ship "AOBA."

A minute investigation was made following the accident

throughout all ships of the Division and towards transferred

personnel. But we were ^(at last) obliged to admit that the books were

lost, being unable to find them ~~at~~ ^{at} that time.

When the books disappeared is not clarified. The bookshelves

were usually locked. Considering the fact that the ~~books~~

strictly confidential ^{books} all remained, it cannot be decided that

the books in question were stolen purposely. Anyhow, so many

confidential books would not have been lost without the

carelessness of the said officer in his investigation at the

time of taking over his predecessor's duty, ^{and} his charge

of taking in and out and his custody of the books.

As the aforesaid conducts of the officer come under the

Naval Disciplinary Law; he was sentenced to one
Article 9 of the day confinement according to the Articles 11
and 12 of the same Law.

May 14, 1932

The Director of the Naval Staff College

HYAKUTAKE, Gengo.

1932 Sept. 12 Assigned as the assistant umpire for the Naval
Minor Maneuver in 1932 (Navy Department).

1933 May 20 Attached to the YOKOSUKA Navy yard (Navy
Department).

Appointed officer on the command and
concurrently staff officer of the 8th Division
while the fleet was being organized for the
Special Grand Maneuvers in 1933 (Navy

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Department)

1933 May 24 Ordered aboard the flag-ship NAKA (8th

Division)

Sept. 1 Appointed staff officer of the 3rd Fleet (Navy

Department)

1934 Jan. 7 Ordered aboard the SETA (3rd Fleet)

Jan. 24 Reordered aboard the IZUMO instead of the SETA

(3rd Fleet)

(upon personnel on account of their actions)

Feb. 11 Cancelled disciplines inflicted before Feb. 11, 1934

(for the future which were)

according to the Imperial Ordinance

No. 21.

Mar. 22 Transferred ~~aboard~~ from the IZUMO to the SUMIRE

owing to substitution of flag-ships.

Mar. 24 Transferred ~~aboard~~ from the SUMIRE to the IZUMO

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1934 July 11 Cancelled the order to be aboard the IZUMO.

June 16 Ordered aboard the IZUMO.

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Translated by
Heriko Nomura
Checked by Y. Watanabe

1934 Jun 21	Returned to SASEBO ^{board} on the IZUMO (Third Fleet)
1934 Jul 11	Transferred to the HOZU (Third Fleet)
1934 Jul 24	Transferred from the HOZU to the IZUMO (Third Fleet) owing to the change of the flagship
1934 Nov 1	Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)
"	Appointed to serve in the First Section of the First Division of the Navy General Staff (Navy General Staff)
1934 Nov 15	Appointed concurrently xx member of the Navy General Staff (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)
"	Appointed to serve in the First Section of the First Division of the Navy General Staff

(Navy General Staff)

- 1934 Nov. 17 Appointed ~~xx~~ member of the committee ^{for} ~~to~~
^{the} study of the joint operations of Navy and
 Army (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
- 1935 Feb. 14 Appointed member of the drafting committee
^{for} the continuation (part of defense) of
 the Act of Important Duties of
 Naval Engagements (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
- 1935 Mar. 28 Ordered to make an official trip to
 the South Sea area (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
- 1934 Apr. 29 Granted 230 yen for meritorious services
 during the Incident from 1931 to 1934
 (Board of Decorations)

1934 Apr 29	Granted the war medal for the 1931-
	1934 Incident (Board of Decorations)
1935 Aug 10	Appointed umpire for the second ^{phase} form
	maneuver of the ^{of the} (Grand Naval) Maneuver
	of 1935 (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
1934 Sep 8	Decorated with the Fifth Order of Merit
	of the Sacred Treasure (Board of Decorations)
1935 Oct 11	Appointed as umpire for the Naval
	Special Maneuver of 1935 (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
1935 Dec 28	Ordered to make an official trip to
	the Republic of China (Navy ^{Min.} Dept.)
1936 Apr 1	Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior
	grade (Imperial Household ^{Ministry} Dept.)

1936 Aug 10 Ordered to make an official trip to
SHANGHAI (Navy Dept. Ministry)

1936 Aug 15 Appointed umpire for the third ^{phase} ~~phase~~
of the Special Grand Manuevers of 1936
(Navy Dept. Ministry)

1936 Aug 15 Appointed umpire for the first special
manuevers of the second ^{phase} ~~phase~~
Special Grand Manuevers of 1936
(Navy Dept. Ministry)

1935 Sep 21 Received the medal conferred by the
Emperor of MANCHUKOU in commemoration
of his visit to Japan and allowed to wear it
(Board of Decorations)

1936 Sep 25	Released from ^{on duty as} the office of the empire for the first special maneuver of the second phase of the Special Grand Maneuver of
1937	1936 (Ministry Navy Dept)
1936 Dec 1	Appointed Commander (Cabinet)
"	Appointed staff officer of the 12th Squadron (Ministry Navy Dept)
"	Assigned aboard the flagship, OKISHIMA (12th Squadron)
1937 Jul 28	Appointed staff officer of the 9th Squa- dron (Ministry Navy Dept)
1937 Jul 10	Decorated with the Fourth Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure and granted 50 yen

- for meritorious services during the
 1931-1934 Incident (Board of Decorations)
- 1937 Aug 1 Assigned aboard the MYŌKŌ (Third Fleet)
- Dec 1 Appointed ~~a~~ member of the Navy General
 Staff and concurrently instructor of the
 Naval ~~the~~ ^{Staff} College (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)
- Dec 1 Ordered to serve in the Ninth Section of
 the Fourth Division (Navy General Staff)
- Dec 20 Appointed member of the Air Defence
 Committee (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)
- Dec 1 Appointed staff officer of the Imperial Navy
 Headquarters and concurrently member
 of the Naval Communications Section

Ministry
(Navy Dept.)

Dec 1 Ordered to serve in the Ninth Section of the
Communications Section and concurrently,

" " appointed member of the Army General
Staff (War Ministry
Dept.)

" " Ordered nomination committee for
scholarship winners.
~~members of general staff funds~~

Ministry
(War Dept.)

" " Appointed member of the committee
for ^{The} study of joint operations of Navy and
Army (War Ministry
Dept.)

1938 Mar 8 Ordered to make an official trip to the
Republic of China (Navy Ministry
Dept.)

1937 Dec 1 Appointed concurrently staff officer
of the Imperial Army Headquarters (War
Ministry Dept.)

1939 Feb 25 Appointed ^{to accompany the} special inspecting officer
(War Ministry Dept.)

" Mar 25 Ditto

" Jul 11 Appointed secretary to the War Council No 2
and concurrently ordered to serve in
the Navy Ministry (Navy Dept.)

" Ordered to attend ^{by the side} War Councils
Admiral Baron ŌSUMI Mineo (Navy Ministry Dept.)

" Released from the post of staff officer
in the Imperial Navy Headquarters and

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concurrently member of the Naval
 Communications Section (Navy Dept.) ^{Ministry}
 Ordered to accordance with
 " ~~Serve in~~ the instructions of the ^{Ministry}
 Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Dept.
 (Navy Minister)

July 12 Ordered to make an official trip accom-
 panying ^{and Admiral,} ~~the~~ ~~Minister~~
~~Baron~~ ~~OSUMI~~ ~~Mineo~~ ^{Admiral} while he proceeded
 to Germany and Italy on official
 business (Navy Dept.) ^{Ministry}

1938 /
 1939 July 11 Relieved of ^{the} additional post ^{a staff} ~~or~~ member
 of the Imperial Army Headquarters
 (War Dept.) ^{Ministry}

"	Relieved of the additional post as member of the Army General Staff (War ^{Ministry} Dept.)
1939 Dec 3	Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff; additional duties remained as before ^{the} (ordered to)
"	Serve in the Navy Minister's Secretariat (Navy Minister)
Dec 12	Appointed secretary ⁱⁿ to the Navy ^{Ministry} Dept. (Navy Dept.)
"	Appointed member of the information department of the Navy (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)
1940 Jan 10	Appointed as information official of the Cabinet Information Bureau (Cabinet)
1939 Dec 14	Appointed member of ^{the} Naval Affairs

Propagation Committee

~~Manager of~~ (general affairs)

Appointed committee member for the

celebration of 2600th anniversary of the

founding of the Empire

Appointed member of a selection

committee of charms and presents

(Ministry
Navy Dept.)

1940 Mar 15 Appointed committee member for the

extraordinary festival of the YASUKUNI

Shrine in April, 1940 (Ministry
Navy Dept.)

May 15 Appointed member of the committee to

investigate the ^{system} establishments ~~and arrangements~~ concerning

service and ~~general~~ livelihood. (Ministry
Navy Dept.)

- Aug 3 Appointed business affairs committee
for the special naval review for the 2600th
anniversary of the founding of the Empire
(Navy Dept. Ministry)
- Sep 14 Ordered to serve in the Navy General
Staff
- " Relieved of the post as member of the
Information Bureau of the Imperial Navy
Headquarters and ordered to serve in the
Imperial Navy Headquarters (Navy Dept. Ministry)
- " Ordered to serve in the First Division
(Navy General Staff)
- " Ordered to serve in the First Division of

the operations staff (Imperial Navy Headquarters)

Sep 24 Ordered to make an official trip to the Republic of China (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)

Sep 26 Relieved of the ^{duty as a member} ~~office of the information~~ ~~official of the Cabinet Information Bureau~~ (Cabinet)

1940 Nov 15 Additionally appointed to ^{member of} ~~the Army~~ General Staff (War ^{Ministry} Dept.)

1940 Nov 15 Additionally appointed ~~member~~ ~~staff officer~~ ^{staff officer} in the Imperial Army Headquarters (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept.)

1940 Dec 6 Appointed concurrently member of the

Information Bureau of the Imperial
Navy Headquarters (Navy Ministry
Navy Dept.)

1941 Jan 10 Appointed member of the committee to
for the of policies
study the ~~policy~~ toward China

1941 Apr 10 Appointed member of the committee to
study the policy toward the South Sea

1941 Apr 15 Conferred the Fifth Court Rank, Junior
Grade (Imperial Household Ministry
Dept.)

1941 Oct 15 Appointed Captain (Colonel)

1941 Nov 15 Relieved of ^{the} additional ^{duty} ~~post~~ as member
of the Navy Information Bureau of
the Imperial Headquarters (Navy Ministry
Dept.)

1941 Nov 15 Relieved of ^{the} additional post in the First

Section of the Information Bureau

(Imperial Headquarters)

1941 Dec Appointed vice-chief of the Southern Administrative Affairs Department (Navy Dept. Ministry)

1941 Apr 29 Decorated with the Third Order of Merit with

the ^{Middle} ~~Intermediate~~ Order of the Rising Sun

and ^{granted} 1800 yuan

for meritorious services in the China Incident (Board of Decorations)

Received the war medal for the China Incident (Board of Decorations)

1942 Jun Appointed secretary of the Army and Navy Petroleum Committee

1942 Dec 20 Received the decorations of "Vardienst

- Kronig Croster, Schwetza Adler conferred
 by the German government and was sanctioned
 to wear it (Board of Decorations)
- 1943 Feb 23 Ordered to take an official trip to Europe
- 1943 Aug 11 Received the Second Class Order of the
 granted by the Government of the Republic of China
 TUNG-KWANG, and was sanctioned to wear it
- 1943 Oct 1 Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff
 and concurrently as its member
 (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept)
- 1944 Feb 22 Ordered home (Navy ^{Ministry} Dept)
- 1940 Nov 10 Received the medal in commemoration of
 the celebration of
 the 2600th anniversary of the founding of
 the Empire. (Cabinet)

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1944 Aug 1 Assigned to the YOKOSUKA Naval Station

(Board of Decorations / must be a mistake T.N.)

Relieved of the post of staff officer in the

Imperial Navy Headquarters (Board of

Decorations / must be a mistake T.N.)

1910

Ordered to accordance with the

1944 Aug 3 ~~Naval~~ instructions of the Head of

the Navy Navigation School

1944 Aug 29 Assigned to the headquarters of the Second

Fleet (^{Ministry} Navy Dept.)

1944 Aug 29 Appointed captain of the TAKAO (Navy

^{Ministry} Dept.)

1945 June 15 Appointed concurrently captain of the

MYŌKŌ (^{Ministry} Navy Dept.)

1945 Mar 22 Appointed chief of ~~the~~ staff of the Tenth
 Area Fleet, concurrently, vice chief of
 staff of the Thirteenth Air Fleet and
 vice-chief of staff of the First South
 Expeditionary Fleet (Army ^{Ministry} Dept)

1947 May 3 The office was abolished according to
 the government decree No. 52 of
 1947

22 July 1947

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 partment).
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 June 20: Assigned aboard the KONGO (Navy Department).
 Conferred the Senior Grade of the 8th Court
 Rank (Imperial Household Department).
 Aug 19: Sailed from SASEBO for PORT ARTHUR and DAIREN.
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Nov 30: Granted the first grade salary (Navy Department).

1930 Jan 10: Appointed officer on the command and concurrently staff officer of the 3rd Division (Navy Department).

Jan 29: Applied for marriage. Approved on Feb 24, 1930.

Apr 22: Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure (Decorations Bureau).

Dec 1: Appointed officer on the command and concurrently staff officer of the 5th Division (Navy Department).

1929 Sept 5: Granted 200 yen for work in the disturbance in China in 1927-28 (Navy Department).

1931 Feb 16: Conferred the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank (Decorations Bureau).

Dec 1: Promoted to Lieutenant Commander (Cabinet). Assigned as a student in class A of the Naval Staff College.

1932 May 14: Discipline Sentence.
Lieutenant Commander ONODA, Sutejiro.
The said officer was appointed officer on the command and concurrently staff officer of the 5th Division on Dec 1, 1930 and took the position of the director of management of naval stores of the same division on Dec 6. He took over charge of naval educational library for the 5th Division Command from the predecessor, Lieutenant Commander MIZOGUCHI, Sei, and had taken custody of them since then.

By reason that the 5th Division was not to be organized in 1932, the naval stores for the command were being adjusted for return, when it happened to be found that some confidential books were missing. The books were the communication section of the Naval Terms and twelve others among the Naval Educational Library which were stored in the bookshelves in the staff officers' office of the flagship "AOBA".

A minute investigation was made following the accident throughout all ships of the Division and towards transferred personnel. But we were at last obliged to admit that the books were lost, being unable to find them at that time.

When the books disappeared is not clarified. The bookshelves were usually locked. Considering the fact that the strictly confidential books all remained, it cannot be decided that the books in question were stolen purposely. Anyhow, so many confidential books would not have been lost without the carelessness of the said officer in his investigation at the time of taking over his predecessor's duty, his charge of taking in and out and his custody of the books. As the aforesaid conducts of the officer come under Article 9 of the Naval Disciplinary Law, he was sentenced to one day confinement according to the Articles 11 and 12 of the same law.

May 14 1932 The Director of the Naval Staff College
 1932 Sept 12: HYAKUTAKE, Gingo
 Assigned as the assistant umpire for the Naval Minor Maneuver in 1932 (Navy Department).
 1933 May 20: Attached to the YOKOSUKA Navy Yard (Navy Department).
 Appointed officer on the command and concurrently staff officer of the 8th Division while the fleet was being organized for the Special Grand Maneuvers in 1933 (Navy Department).
 1933 May 24: Ordered aboard the flagship NAKA (8th Division).
 Sept 1: Appointed staff officer of the 3rd Fleet (Navy Department).
 1934 Jan 7: Ordered aboard the SETA (3rd Fleet).
 Jan 24: Reordered aboard the IZUMO instead of the SETA (3rd Fleet).
 Feb 11: Cancelled disciplines for the future which were inflicted upon personnel on account of their actions before Feb 11, 1934 according to the Imperial Ordinance.
 No 21.
 Mar 22: Transferred from the IZUMO to the SUMIRE owing to substitution of flagships.
 Mar 24: Transferred from the SUMIRE to the IZUMO owing to the substitution of flag ships.
 1934 July 11: Cancelled the order to be aboard the IZUMO.
 June 16: Ordered aboard the IZUMO.

1934 June 21: Returned to SASEBO on board the IZUMO (Third Fleet).
 1934 July 11: Transferred to the HOZU (Third Fleet).
 1934 July 24: Transferred from the HOZU to the IZUMO (Third Fleet) owing to the change of flag ships.
 1934 Nov 1: Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff (Navy Ministry).
 Appointed to serve in the First Section of the First Division of the Navy General Staff (Navy General Staff).
 1934 Nov 15: Appointed concurrently member of the Navy General Staff (Navy Ministry).
 Appointed to serve in the First Section of the First Division of the Navy General Staff (Navy General Staff).
 1934 Nov 17: Appointed Member of the Committee for the study of the joint operations of Navy and Army (Navy Ministry).
 1935 Feb 14: Appointed member of the drafting committee for the continuation (part of defence) of the Art of Important Duties of Naval Engagements (Navy Ministry).
 1935 Mar 28: Ordered to make an official trip to the South Sea area (Navy Ministry).
 1934 Apr 29: Granted 230 yen for meritorious services during the Incident from 1931 to 1934. (Board of Decorations).
 1934 Apr 29: Granted the war medal for the 1931-1934 Incident (Board of Decorations).
 1935 Aug 10 : Appointed umpire for the second phase of the Naval Grand Maneuver of 1935 (Navy Ministry).
 1934 Sept 8: Decorated with the Fifth Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure (Board of Decorations).
 1935 Oct 11: Appointed as umpire for the Naval Special Maneuver of 1935 (Navy Ministry).
 1935 Dec 28: Ordered to make an official trip to the Republic of China (Navy Ministry).
 1936 Apr 1: Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade (Imperial Household Ministry).
 1936 Aug 10: Ordered to make an official trip to SHANGHAI. (Navy Ministry).
 1936 Aug 15: Appointed umpire for the third phase of the Special Grand Maneuver of 1936 (Navy Ministry).
 1936 Aug 15: Appointed umpire for the first special maneuver of the second phase of the Special Grand Maneuver of 1936 (Navy Ministry).
 1935 Sept 21: Received the medal conferred by the Emperor of Manchukuo in commemoration of his visit to Japan and allowed to wear it (Board of Decorations).

1936 Sept 25: Released of duty as the umpire for the first special maneuver of the second phase of the Special Grand Maneuver of 1936 (Navy Ministry).

1936 Dec 1: Appointed Commander (Cabinet).
Appointed staff officer of the 12th Squadron (Navy Ministry).
Assigned aboard the flag ship OKISHIMA (12th Squadron)

1937 Jul 28: Appointed staff officer of the 9th Squadron (Navy Ministry).

1937 July 10: Decorated with the Fourth Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure and granted 50 yen for meritorious service during the 1931-1934 Incident (Board of Decorations).

1937 Aug 1: Assigned aboard the MYOKO (Third Fleet).
Dec 1: Appointed member of the Navy General Staff and concurrently instructor of the Naval Staff College (Navy Ministry).

Dec 1: Ordered to serve in the Ninth Section of the Fourth Division (Navy General Staff).

Dec 20: Appointed member of the Air Defence Committee (Navy Ministry).

Dec 1: Appointed staff officer of the Imperial Navy Headquarters and concurrently member of the Naval Communication Section (Navy Ministry).

Dec 1: Ordered to serve in the Ninth Section of the Communications Section and concurrently appointed member of the Army General Staff (War Ministry).
Ordered nomination committee for scholarship winners (War Ministry).
Appointed member of the committee for the study of Navy and Army joint operations (War Ministry).

1938 Mar 8: Ordered to make an official trip to the Republic of China (Navy Ministry).

1937 Dec 1: Appointed concurrently staff officer of the Imperial Army Headquarters (War Ministry).

1939 Feb 25: Appointed to accompany the special inspecting officer (War Ministry).

Mar 25: Same as entry of Feb 25, 1939.

July 11: Appointed secretary to the War Councillor and concurrently ordered to serve in the Navy Ministry (Navy Ministry).

July 11: Ordered to be the Aide to War Councillor Baron Admiral OSUMI, Mineo (Navy Ministry). Released from the post of staff officer in the Imperial Navy Headquarters and concurrently member of the Naval Communications Section (Navy Ministry).
 Ordered to serve in accordance with the instructions of the Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry (/Navy/ Minister).

July 12: Ordered to make an official trip accompanying Baron OSUMI, Mineo, War Councillor and Admiral, while he proceeded to Germany and Italy on official business (Navy Ministry).
 Relieved of the additional post as a staff member of the Imperial Army Headquarters (War Ministry).
 Relieved of the additional post as member of the Army General Staff (War Ministry).

1939 July 11: Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff; the additional duties remained as before.
 Ordered to serve in the Navy Minister's Secretariat (/Navy/ Minister).

Dec. 3: Appointed secretary in the Navy Ministry (Navy Ministry).

Dec. 12: Appointed member of the information department of the Navy (Navy Ministry).

1940 Jan 10: Appointed as information official of the Cabinet Information Bureau (Cabinet).

1939 Dec. 14: Appointed member of the Naval Affairs Propagation Committee.
 Appointed committee member manager of general affairs/for the celebration of /2600th/ anniversary of the founding of the Empire./
 Appointed member of a selection committee of charms and presents (Navy Ministry).

1940 Mar 15: Appointed committee member for the extraordinary festival of the YASUKUNI Shrine in April 1940 (Navy Ministry).

May 15: Appointed member of the committee to investigate the system and establishments concerning service and livelihood (Navy Ministry).

Aug 3: Appointed business affairs committee for the special naval review for the 2600th anniversary of the founding of the Empire./ (Navy Ministry).

Sept 14: Ordered to serve in the Navy General Staff.
 Relieved of the post as member of the Information Bureau of the Imperial Navy Headquarters and ordered to serve in the Imperial Navy Headquarters (Navy Ministry).

Sept 14: Ordered to serve in the First Division (Navy General Staff).
 Ordered to serve in the First Division of the Operations Staff (Imperial Navy Headquarters).

Sept 24: Ordered to make an official trip to the Republic of China (Navy Ministry).

Sept 26: Relieved of the duty as a member of the Cabinet Information Bureau (Cabinet).

1940 Nov 15: Additionally appointed member of the Army General Staff (War Ministry).

1940 Nov 15: Additionally appointed staff officer in the Imperial Army Headquarters (Navy Ministry).

1940 Dec 6: Appointed concurrently member of the Information Bureau of the Imperial Navy Headquarters (Navy Ministry).

1941 Jan 10: Appointed member of the committee for the study of policies towards China.

1941 Apr 10: Appointed member of the committee for the study of the policy towards the South Sea.

1941 Apr 15: Conferred the Fifth Court Rank, Junior Grade (Imperial Household Ministry).

1941 Oct 15: Appointed Captain (Cabinet).

1941 Nov 15: Relieved of the additional duty as member of the Navy Information Bureau of the Imperial Headquarters (Navy Ministry).

1941 Nov 10: Relieved of the additional post in the First Section of the Information Bureau (Imperial Headquarters).

1941 Dec 6: Appointed vice-chief of the Southern Administrative Affairs Department (Navy Ministry).

1940 Apr 29: Decorated with the Third Order of Merit with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun and granted 1800 yen for meritorious services in the China Incident (Board of Decorations).
 Received the war-medal for the China Incident. (Board of Decorations).

1942 June 5: Appointed Secretary of the Army and Navy Petroleum Committee.

1942 Dec 28: Received the decoration of "Verdienst Kreuz Erster Schuetze Adler" conferred by the German Government and was sanctioned to wear it (Board of Decorations).

1943 Feb 23: Ordered to take an official trip to Europe.

1943 Aug 11: Received the Second Class Order of the TUNG-KWANG granted by the government of the Republic of China and was sanctioned to wear it.

1943 Oct 1: Appointed to serve in the Navy General Staff and concurrently as its member (Navy Ministry).

1944 Feb 22:
1940 Nov 10: Ordered home (Navy Ministry).
Received the medal in commemoration of the celebration of the 2600th anniversary of the founding of the Empire. (Cabinet)

1944 Aug 1: Assigned to the YOKOSUKA Naval Station (Board of Decorations/must be a mistake T.N/).
Relieved of the post of staff officer in the Imperial Navy Headquarters (Board of Decoration / must be a mistake T.N./).

1944 Aug 3: Ordered to serve in accordance with the instructions of the Head of the Navy Navigation School.

1944 Aug 20: Assigned to the Headquarters of the Second Fleet (Navy Ministry).

1944 Aug 29: Appointed Captain of the TAKAO (Navy Ministry).

1945 Jan 15: Appointed concurrently Captain of the MYOKO (Navy Ministry).

1945 Mar 22: Appointed chief of staff of the Tenth Area Fleet, concurrently vice chief of staff of the Thirteenth Air Fleet and vice-chief of staff of the First South Expeditionary Fleet (Navy Ministry).

1947 May 3: The office was abolished according to the government decree No. 52 of 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR: **Mr. Sutton; Mr. Wiley; Cmdr. Cole**
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

Oka, Takasumi

WITNESS

ONODA, Zeiitiro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Report by Mr. Lambert

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

Report by:
J.G.Lambert
9 July 1947

ONODA, Zeiitiro

Requested by: Oka, Takasumi

There is no reference to this witness in the IPS Investigative files.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Sutton

FROM: British Division

SUBJECT: FUKUTOME and ONODA (Proposed defence witnesses)

13th June, 1947.

British Minor War Crimes Liaison Section has passed the following confidential information to us with regard to the above two witnesses.

In August 1945, an American Investigator made enquiries into the disappearance of 22 American Airmen in the Singapore Area during 1945. These enquiries produced no leads and it was not until June 1946, as a result of a Japanese informer's statement, that it was discovered that the 22 Airmen had in fact been executed in February and July, 1945, at No. 10 Special Navy Base, Seletar. As a result Vice-Admiral Isumura Isami Commander of 10 Navy Base and Lt. Com. Okamoto Toshio Engineering Staff Officer, 10 Navy Base, were interrogated. Both denied any knowledge of the affair except that each spoke of four Airmen having been sent to Japan for interrogation some time in 1945. Subsequent investigation has proved their sworn statements taken at this time to be entirely false and both have been arrested. Lt. Com. Okamoto has now made an unreserved admission of the executions, which he states were carried out on orders received from GHQ 10 Zone Fleet, Singapore. The attached interrogation report of Okamoto relates how at the end of the war Admiral FUKUTOME, Shigeru, Commander in Chief, 10 Zone Fleet, Vice Admiral ASAGURA, Bunji, Chief of Staff, 10 Zone Fleet and other Fleet Staff Officers, including Cap. ONODA and Officers of 10 Navy Base, met to discuss how the bodies of the executed remains might be disposed of and how the facts might be concealed from the Occupying Allied Forces.

W. G. B.

Copy to BMWC.

The following statement was made by OKAMOTO Toshio on oath.

I, OKAMOTO Toshio, make oath and say as follows:-

I have been duly warned that I am not obliged to make any statement, but that whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence. I wish to state voluntarily as follows:-

I will now tell everything I know of the executions of PW at SELETAR in 1945.

In the early part of Jan 45 a formation of B29 aircraft attacked SELETAR Base and one of the aircraft was shot down - four of the crew being captured.

They were kept at 10 Naval Base HQ in the Naval prison close to the Navy Club. They were interrogated by me and written interrogation reports were sent to Fleet HQ. The PW were kept by the Land Duty Company for 20 - 25 days.

All discussion on these PW took place between the Senior Adjutant (Captain SAITO Yakichi) and myself representing 10 Special Base and either Commander INO Eiji or Vice Admiral ASAGURA (Chief of Staff) of 10 Zone Fleet HQ. Interrogation was completed in about one week.

At the beginning of Feb 45 10 Allied Prisoners were brought to the Base by the TOSHI MARU and detained with the PW captured earlier. They were guarded by the Land Duty Company.

I am not sure how the PW were captured by the TOSHI MARU - a mine-sweeper. They were American crew of I think a B29 which had been shot down. They were confined in the same Jail near the Naval Club and I interrogated only one. The aircraft was I believe based at CALCUTTA.

I made no written report as I did not interrogate him in detail. I gave a short verbal report to Vice Admiral IMAMURA who did not I think make out a report to Fleet HQ.

When the men were originally captured Fleet HQ ordered them to be confined with the four previously imprisoned.

After the men had been at the Base about 25 days the O.C. Land Duty Company (Lieut MIYAWAKI) asked what should be done with them. I am not certain if I telephoned Fleet HQ, or personally requested instructions, but I contacted Staff Officer INO. I said "what shall we do with the prisoners - we should like your instructions". One or two days later I heard from Captain SAITO that an order had come from either Commander INO or Vice Admiral ASAGURA that the prisoners should be executed. It seems that at the time I approached INO on the matter, Captain SAITO had also requested instructions from the Chief of Staff.

The orders were verbal and not explicit and did not say how the men were to be executed. Captain SAITO, on receipt of these instructions, relayed them to Admiral IMAMURA Isamu (O.C. 10 Special Base) who passed them to O.C. Land Duty Company (Lieut MIYAWAKI) through Captain SAITO.

All 14 prisoners were taken to the NEE SOON firing range but I did not know who carried out the execution, or in what manner it was performed. I do not remember clearly whether it was MIYAWAKI or one of his subordinates who was in charge. I heard that the bodies were after buried at the range.

This was about 10 Feb. 45. About the time of the capitulation the bodies were exhumed and taken by boat into the JOHORE Straits

and dropped into the sea.

Lieut KOBAYASHI Keichiro was in charge of this operation and I think it was done on instructions of the O.C. Land Duty Company.

There was another incident in July 45 when the Ship "KAMIKAZE brought in eight crew from a PEY4.

I heard that the KAMIKAZE had shot down a PEY4 while on patrol off the coast of FRENCH INDO CHINA, according to the report made to Fleet HQ by the KAMIKAZE's Captain (Lieut Commander KASUGA Hitoshi.) I never saw or interrogated the men who were probably American. They were interrogated at SEIETAR by an Officer of 3 Air Army. As in the previous case these men were confined at SEIETAR on the instructions of Fleet HQ.

They were interrogated for about four days and remained at SEIETAR about seven days after that - in all about 2 weeks.

Lieut MIYAWAKI was away at this time and Lieut KOBAYASHI Keichiro (Deck Officer) asked me what should be done with the PW. He was constructing barbed wire fences and was so short of men that he could not provide guards for them. I first telephoned to Commander INO and then went to him personally, because he did not wish to discuss such a secret matter on the telephone. I put my request to him whereupon he got up and went out of the room. I think he went to the Chief of Staff - Vice Admiral ASAGURA for he went in the direction of his office. He returned in a few minutes and said "Execute them".

I returned to SEIETAR. I first mentioned the matter in the Staff conference room and then reported to Vice Admiral IMAMURA that I had received this order. He said "Carry out Fleet HQ orders". Captain SAITO was not at SEIETAR so I passed to Lieut KOBAYASHI the orders from Fleet HQ. I think the execution took place at the rifle range as before, and that the men were executed in the same way. Later the bodies were exhumed. I heard that of the 22 corpses some were burned at SEIETAR and some thrown into the sea. At the end of the war there were several suicides at SEIETAR - I remember W.O. MATSUMOTO Tadao who deserted and was later re-captured. About 100 personnel deserted and Ensign CHUMA Sasaki was among this number but was apprehended. I do not know if MATSUMOTO and CHUMA deserted because of the part they took in the executions. I did hear that Ensign CHUMA had been connected with the execution of Allied Airmen in the CELEBES.

Shortly after the surrender between Aug 15 and Sept 8, I attended a special conference at Fleet HQ, which was then at SEIETAR. At or after this conference Vice Admiral ASAGURA gave an order to Captain SAITO or to Capt. MATSUDA, that the bodies of the executed airmen should be disposed of in such a way as to destroy evidence of the incidents which were considered embarrassing. Among those present at the conference were:-

Admiral FUKUDOME (or Fukutome), Shigeru	(GOC 10 Zone Fleet)
Vice Admiral ASAGURA, Bunji,	(Chief of Staff 10 Zone Fleet)
Captain ONODA	(Deputy C of S 10 " ")
Captain KAWASAKI, Shohei	(Senior Staff Officer 10 Zone Fleet)
Commander INO, Eiichi	(Intelligence Staff Officer 10 Zone Fleet)

Representing 10 Special Naval Base:-

Captain MATSUDA, Gengo	(Chief of Staff)
Captain SAITO, Yakichi	(Senior Staff Officer).
Lieut Commander OKAMOTO, Toshio	(Engineering Staff Officer)

The execution and disposal of the bodies of the PW and the need for secrecy about these matters were the only subjects of discussion at this meeting. I do not remember Admiral IMAMURA being present at this conference, but the facts were reported to him after by Captain MATSUDA.

I do not know why Admiral MAMURA was not present.

In a previous interview I stated that "Commander INO gave an order at the end of January that they were to be sent back to JAPAN". I also stated when asked if the men reached JAPAN "No I heard that there was an accident on the way and that they all died in an aircrash".

This is not true and was the story that INO told me to tell. I cannot offer any reasons why I previously told this story.

In October or November 45 when all Navy personnel were at BATU PAHAT, those Staff Officer of Fleet HQ who remained in SINGAPORE, suggested that we should say that the first four airmen were sent back to Japan and that we should deny all knowledge of the remaining executions. This was agreed after discussion among the staff at SINGAPORE and was communicated to us by officers coming to BATU PAHAT on liaison visits.

Captain SAITO told me this, presumably on instructions from Fleet HQ.

In my previous interview I said, when asked if I was surprised to know that the airmen were executed, that I was "surprised and don't think it could have happened". I also swore that on this occasion I had told the whole truth and that I had never heard or seen orders directly or indirectly that a number of Allied PW were executed at SELETAR Base at the end of the war. These were all lies.

The Allied PW were not sentenced by Court Martial and were executed as a result of high feelings at the time. General factors influence the decision to kill them.

a) We could not send them back to Japan.

b) We could not guard them indefinitely.

c) Although the general policy was to send PW back to Japan or hand them over to the Army Authorities, - the orders of Fleet HQ had to be carried out. As far as I know Admiral MAMURA never objected to these orders for the execution of any of the PW, neither did Captain MATSUDA, SAITO or myself. I thought at the time that the affair was a bad thing and as a private individual thought these things were pitiful; but I could do nothing against orders from Fleet HQ.

I was not anxious to have the men disposed of. I was interested in the matter only because Lieut KOBAYASHI was unable to guard the men because of his operational duties.

SIGNED at SUGAMO Prison this eleventh day of June, 1947.

/s/ OKAMOTO TOSHIO

WILEY

Date: 4-3-47

ONODA, Autegiro

Name of Witness: ONOTA, Autegiro.

Completed as to Items Numbers: 1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

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If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted: