

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

OGOSHI KENJI

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:

1. I served in the 5th Section of the staff of the Kwantung Army from September 1941, and subsequently, after Major-General Ikeda was removed from his position as Chief of the 5th Section in July 1942, I succeeded him and was the Chief of the Section until March 1943.
2. The 5th Section was newly established in September 1941. The duty of the section was to study how to make easier the operations of troops by arranging the rear areas of army according to the operation of an army. In the past, in the army the military supply organization was to take charge of the administration of occupied zones. The system and methods of administration were not studied in peace-time; but it is quite necessary to study the administration of occupied areas in peace-time, parallel with the drawing up of the plans of operation. Thus, I was told, the study came to be carried out.
3. In September 1941, an instruction was given by the General Staff to the Kwantung Army to the effect that the study of administration of occupied zones was to be made and that plans should be presented accordingly. Then the studies were put under way. This instruction was kept in the headquarters of the Kwantung Army; after the surrender, however, I do not know what became of it. The main purpose of these studies was investigation of measures necessary to be taken to maintain public peace and order in the rear of the operational armies and to smooth their operations. The tentative plan was accomplished around March 1942, as the result of the study. Since the plan was not a complete one, it was sent to the operations section of the Kwantung Army and for reference to the General Staff. We did not obtain the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army, since it was not complete.
4. At the same time I left the section the section was abandoned.

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OATH

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

Ōgoshi Kenji (seal)

On this 8th day of January, 1948
At Tokyo

Deponent: Ōgoshi Kenji

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 (seal)

Tokyo
8 January 1948

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供 述 者 大 越 兼 二

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私ハ昭和十六年九月ヨリ關東軍參謀トシテ第五課ニ勤務シ翌七月前任課長池田少將ノ轉出ニ依リ私ハ第五課長トナリ昭和十八年七月迄其ノ職ニ在リマシタ。

第五課ハ昭和十六年九月ニ新設リレマシタ。其ノ任務ハ軍ノ作戰ニ伴ヒ軍ノ後方地帯ヲ整理シ軍作戰ヲ容易ナラシムルコトヲ研究スルニ在リマシタ。占領地ノ行政ニ關シテハ從來陸軍ニ於テハ兵站機關ガ擔當スルコトニナツテ居リマシタガ其ノ組織ヤ行政ノ遣リ方ニツイテハ平時同等ノ研究ガアリマセンデシタ。然ルニ平時カラ作戰計畫ノ立案ト併行シテ之ガ研究ヲナシテオク必要ガアルト云フコトデ此ノ研究ヲスルコトトナツタト聞イテ居リマス。

昭和十六年九月參謀本部カラ關東軍ニ對シ之ガ研究ヲ行ヒ一案ヲ提出セヨトノ指示ガアリマシタノデ其ノ研究ニ着手シマシタ。其ノ命令ハ關東軍司令官ニ保存シテアリマシタガ終戦後ドウナツタカ知リマセン。

研究ノ重點ハ作戰軍ノ後方ノ治安ヲ安定シ其ノ作戰ヲ容易ナラシムル爲探ルベキ措置ノ原則的究明ニ在リマシタ。

研究試案ガ昭和十七年三月頃出來マシタ。完全ナモノデアリマセンデシタノデ資料提供ノ意味デ軍ノ作戰課及參謀本部ニ送附シマシタ。未ダ完全ナモノデアリマセンカラ軍司令官ノ承認ハ受ケマセンデシタ。私ガ轉出スルト同時ニ第五課ハ廢止サレマシタ。

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）月 日 於 東京

供述者 大越兼二 印

右ハ常立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓ソリツテ名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス

同日於

立會人 池田純久 印

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