

MORI, Tokuji

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海軍少將

モリ 本林

トクヂ 徳治

明治二十四年九月二十四日生

本籍地 福島縣伊達郡川俣町字瓦町八八番地

明治四十二年九月十一日

海軍兵學校生徒ヲ命ス

四十五年七月十七日

海軍兵學校教程卒業ヲ證ス

同日

海軍少尉候補生ヲ命ス

同日

宗谷乗組ヲ命ス

大正二年五月一日

敷島乗組ヲ命ス

二年十二月一日

任海軍少尉

同日

艦手乗組被仰付

三年五月二十七日

補第二艦隊附

三年八月七日

艦手乗組被仰付

四年三月十七日

霧島乗組被仰付

四年十二月十三日

任海軍中尉

海軍

大正四年十二月十二日	海軍砲術學校普通科學生被仰付
五年六月一日	海軍水雷學校普通科學生被仰付
五年十二月十一日	同防乘組被仰付
五年十二月十一日	補第三替隊無樣附官
七年九月二十日	補第二特務艦隊司令部附
七年十一月二日	補柏乘組艦隊第二次上海派遣陸軍部隊海上護衛
八年八月五日	補第五潛水隊附第二艦隊司令部附兼第三艦隊司令
八年十二月一日	任海軍大尉
九年十一月十五日	海軍砲術學校高等科學生被仰付
九年十二月一日	櫻乘組被仰付
十年三月二十日	橋乘組被仰付
十年四月三十日	補韓崎分隊長軍官出仕
十年十二月一日	補第十七潛水艦長
十一年一月二十日	兼補第十二潛水艦長
十二年三月十日	第三十三潛水艦長心得被仰付
十二年十月五日	佐世保鎮守府附被仰付

海軍

大正十二年十二月一日 海軍大學校甲種學生被仰付

十四年十二月一日 任海軍少佐

同 補呂號第五十七潜水艦長

昭和三年十二月十日 補海軍水雷學校教官

五年六月一日 兼補海軍通信學校教官

六年十二月一日 任海軍中佐

七年三月二日 第二艦隊及第三艦隊第二次上海派遣陸軍部隊海上護衛並

上陸掩護ニ任ル間臨時第三艦隊司令部附兼第三艦隊司令

部附被仰付

七年四月一日 補宇治艦長

七年十一月十五日 補舞鶴要港部參謀

九年一月十五日 浦塩斯德、出張ヲ命ズ

九年十月二十二日 補第三艦隊參謀

十一年三月二十日 補軍令部出仕兼海軍省出仕

十一年十二月一日 任海軍大佐

十二年九月二十七日 上海、出張ヲ命ズ

十二年九月二十日 内閣情報部情報官被仰付

十二年十月十五日 補大鯨艦長

十三年五月二十五日 補八重山艦長

昭和十三年七月二十八日

十三年十二月十五日

十五年十月二十八日

十六年九月一日

十六年九月十日

十七年五月一日

十八年五月五日

十九年八月十八日

二十一年四月三十日

兼補第十一砲艇隊司令

補大湊要港部參謀長

補攝津特務艦長

舞鶴鎮守府附被仰付

補舞鶴海軍人事部長兼舞鶴鎮守府人事長

任海軍少將

補支那方面艦隊司令部附

補上海方面根據地隊司令官

豫備役被仰付

Report by Henry A. Dolan, Jr.
IPS Investigative Division

7 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

SUBJECT: MORI, Tokuni

Search of IPS Case Files reveals no information concerning
the Subject.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE RECORD
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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF MORI, Tokuji
by Mr. Williams

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The witness stated * that he lived in Tokyo and is presently director of the shipping company and of the Oshima Industrial Company. He identified Exhibit 2575 * as his affidavit and verified it. The affidavit stated that from October 22, 1934 to March 1936 the witness was senior staff officer of the Third Fleet. At that time the Japanese gunboats which could make ocean trips were only three in number, * all attached to the Third Fleet. In November 1934 the ATAKA was in the Yangtze, the SAGA in the Swatow area, and the UJI in home waters.

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In that period no transportation of opium by Japanese gunboats could have been possible and there were no instances of guaranteeing transportation or delivery being given. If there had been such incidents the witness would have heard all about them, but he had not. He had never met such cases throughout his term of office as senior staff officer.

There was no cross-examination of this witness.

7 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Crowe

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

MORI, Tokuni

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)

EPM
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal history Rear Adm. MORI, Tokuji

Born: 24 Sep 1891

Permanent residence: No. 88 AZAKAWADA-MACHI, KAWAMATA-CHO, DATE-GUN,
FUKUSHIMA Prefecture.

- 11 Sep 1909 Appointed a student of the Naval Academy.
- 17 Jul 1912 Furnished proof of graduation from the course at
the Naval Academy.
- " Appointed a candidate for Ensign.
- " Appointed a member of the crew of the SOYA.
- 1 May 1913 Appointed a member of the crew of the SHIKISHIMA.
- 1 Dec 1913 Commissioned an Ensign.
- " Assigned to serve aboard the IWATE.
- 27 May 1914 Assigned to serve with the Second Fleet.
- 7 Aug " Assigned to serve aboard the IWATE.
- 17 Mar 1915 Assigned to serve aboard the KIRISHIMA.
- 13 Dec 1915 Promoted to Lieutenant (j. g.)
- " Appointed an ordinary science student at the Naval
Gunnery School.
- 1 June 1916 Appointed an ordinary science student at the Naval
Torpedo School.
- 1 Dec 1916 Assigned to serve aboard the SUWO.
- 1 Dec 1917 Assigned to serve with the Third Army Transport
Submarine Fleet.
- 10 Sep 1918 Assigned to serve with the Headquarters of the Second
Special Duty Fleet.

- 1 Nov 1918 Assigned to serve aboard the KASHIWA.
- 5 Aug 1919 Assigned to serve with the 11th Submarine Division.
- 1 Dec " Promoted to Lieutenant.
- " Appointed an advanced science student at the Naval Gunnery School.
- 1 Dec 1920 Assigned to serve aboard the SAKURA.
- 1 Mar 1921 Assigned to serve aboard the TACHIBANA.
- 30 Apr 1921 Appointed a Division Commander aboard the KANZAKI.
- 1 Dec 1921 Appointed Commanding Officer of Submarine No. 17.
- 20 Jan 1922 Given concurrent appointment as Commanding Officer of Submarine No. 12.
- 10 Mar 1923 Temporarily appointed Commanding Officer of Submarine No. 33.
- 20 Oct 1923 Assigned to service with the SANEBO Naval Station.
- 1 Dec 1923 Appointed a Class "A" Graduate Trainee student at the Naval War College.
- 1 Dec 1925 Promoted to Lieut. Commander.
- " Appointed Commanding Officer of "RO" Type Submarine No. 57.
- 10 Dec 1928 Appointed an instructor at the Naval Torpedo School.
- 1 June 1930 Given concurrent appointment as an instructor at the Naval Communications School.
- 1 Dec 1931 Promoted to Commander.
- 2 Mar 1932 Given special appointment to serve with the Headquarters of the Second Fleet and concurrently with the Headquarters of the Third Fleet during the period when he was ordered to form the Surface Escort for, and furnish protection for landing operations to, the Second and Third Fleets and the Second SHANGHAI Expeditionary Forces.
- 1 Apr 1932 Appointed Commanding Officer of the UJI.

15 Nov 1932 Appointed a staff officer of the MAIZURU Naval Port.

15 Jan 1934 Ordered on a business trip to VLADIVOSTOK.

22 Oct 1934 Appointed a staff officer with the Third Fleet.

20 Mar 1936 Ordered to serve in the Naval General Staff and concurrently in the Navy Ministry.

1 Dec 1936 Promoted to Captain.

27 Sep 1937 Ordered on a business trip to SHANGHAI.

25 Sep 1937 Appointed an information officer of the Cabinet Information Bureau.

15 Nov 1937 Appointed Commanding Officer of the TAIGEI.

25 May 1938 Appointed Commanding Officer of the YAEYAMA.

28 Jul 1938 Given concurrent appointment as commander of the 11th Gunboat Division.

15 Dec 1938 Appointed Chief of Staff of the OMINATO Naval Port.

28 Nov 1940 Appointed Commanding Officer of the special duty ship SETSU.

1 Sep 1941 Assigned to serve with the MAIZURU Naval Station.

10 Sep 1941 Appointed Chief of the MAIZURU Naval Personnel Department and concurrently Personnel Officer of the MAIZURU Naval Station.

1 May 1943 Assigned to serve with the Headquarters of the CHINA Area Fleet.

30 Apr.1946 Placed in the First Reserve.

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15 January 1934: Ordered on a business trip to VLADIVOSTOK.
22 October 1934: Appointed a staff officer with the Third Fleet.
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1 May 1942: Promoted to Rear Admiral.
5 May 1943: Assigned to serve with the Headquarters of the CHINA Area Fleet.
30 April 1946: Placed in the First Reserve.

8 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Crowe

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

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Report by Henry A. Dolan, Jr.
IPS Investigative Division

7 May 1947

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SUBJECT: MORI, Tokuni

Search of IPS Case Files reveals no information concerning
the Subject.

Wilhelm Mori

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. D. N. Sutton
FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe

Pursuant to your memorandum of 1 May 1947 I report the following:

1. A routine examination of material relating to the nine (9) witnesses named in your memorandum reveals no pertinent information regarding them.
2. The witnesses OHKI, IKEDA, YOSHIBASHI and OGAWA will testify regarding atrocities in the city of Hankow in October 1938.

In the testimony of A. A. Dorrance, beginning on record page 3390, occurrences at Hankow in October 1938 are set down. The following excerpts appear in the direct examination of Dorrance:

"At the customs wharf the Japanese collected, oh, several hundred Chinese war prisoners, or rather soldiers and I presume they were war prisoners. They were held up alongside the customs house there and picked -- well, more or less herded there.

At that time, as you are probably aware, in the Yangtse River the water is extremely low, and they use gangplanks that run maybe a quarter, half mile from the solid ground out into the river. The soldiers, the Japanese soldiers, who were at the head of this gangplank would occasionally walk up to this crowd of Chinese soldiers -- well, Chinese people, most of whom were soldiers according to their dress, would select at random three or four of them and apparently with no personal selection, just more or less point for three or four to walk on down." * * *

"Arriving at the water's edge where the water was deep, the soldiers would kick these Chinese into the water and shoot them when their heads appeared above the water."

* * * "and I recall particularly in the ex-German concession,

on the street corners -- oh, I saw probably six or seven on different corners -- I saw Chinese men dressed in Chinese gowns with their hands wired behind them, and they had been shot on the corner."

3. The witness, NAKAMURA, will testify that Japanese destroyers did not escort the ships containing opium cargoes in December of 1939. The proof in our evidence in this matter is a report of the U. S. Treasury Attache at Shanghai dated December 15, 1939. This was introduced in evidence as Exhibit 427 and states that a steamer with Persian opium aboard would not proceed from Colombe for fear of German submarines. The Japanese authorities dispatched two steamers to bring her to Shanghai.

4. The witness, MORI, will testify regarding the carriage of opium by Japanese gunboats in 1934 - 1936.

Though I have found no evidence already in the Record regarding those particular years there is evidence in the Record relative to the carrying of narcotics by Japanese ships in other years.

On record page 4837 a report of the Secretary of State of the United States to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated March 11, 1940, was introduced in evidence as Exhibit 413. In this report the following statement is found on record page 4841:

"It is said that the first direct shipment from Persia was brought by the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA from Persia to Shanghai and there trans-shipped to Canton by military transport in January 1940."

A report of the U. S. Treasury Attache at Shanghai, dated April 1, 1939, was introduced in evidence as Exhibit 417 at record page 4866 and reads as follows:

"It has been ascertained from local opium merchants that the Japanese ship which carried Persian opium from Dairen to Shanghai and arrived at the Jukong Wharf near the Civic Center on February 26 was the Zinyu Maru No. 3. This ship brought 800 chests of opium, being part of the 3,700 chests previously reported. The other ship which arrived on February 28 was the Tangshan Maru."

DEF. DOC. #1340

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, etc.

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: MORI, Tokuji

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

On this 21 day of April, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT (signed) MORI, Tokuji (seal)

I, MORI, Tokuji hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: (signed) SUZUKI, Isamu (seal)

OATH

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

(signed) MORI, Tokuji (seal)

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From October 22nd 1934 till March 1936 I was senior staff officer of the 3rd Fleet and participated in the movements of war-ships of that fleet.

At the time, Japanese gun-boats capable of making ocean trip were only three, the ATAKA, SAGA and UJI, all three attached to the 3rd Fleet.

The locations of the above three warships around November 1934 were: ATAKA in the Yang-tze area, the SAGA in the Swatow area and the UJI in home waters.

Consequently, in the above period no transportation of opium by Japanese gun-boats could have been possible as claimed in Prosecution documents No. 9507--3. Further there were no instances of guarantee of transportation or delivery being given.

If such incidents had taken place, I as senior staff officer would have heard all about them, but I never heard of such instances.

Further, I never encountered such cases throughout my term of office as senior staff officer of the same Fleet.