

ITAGAKI

The particulars with regard to him are on p. 325 of the Summary. Additional documents having special reference to him are Exhs. 1973-6, 1998, 2177A, 2178A, b. 2231, 2191-2201, 2214, 2262, 2263, 2266 and 2271. He is shown to have been one of the original planners of the Mukden Incident (Evidence of Tanaka, Record pp. 1960 and 15,853; Exhs. 2191, 2193-6) and related plots, (Exh. 2177A, p. 22), as a member of the Kwantung Army Staff, on which he remained until 1 March 1937, rising from colonel to major-general and Chief of Staff on 23 March 1936.

He took part in the appointment of Dohihara as mayor of Mukden (Exh. 2194), and in the detachment of Manchukuo from China (Exhs. 303, 2191, 2195, 2196).

He was a founder of Kye-wa-Kai, a society to create the Manchukuo state to help Japan in her fight against Anglo-Saxon and Comintern aggression (Exh. 731A).

At the time of the Marco Polo Incident he was a Lt. General on the General Staff, and became War Minister under Konoye on 3 June 1938, remaining in that office until the fall of the Firanuma Cabinet on 30 August 1939. I have dealt several times with the events of these periods, for which we submit he was responsible, and will not repeat.

Personal activities of his at the time are shown in Exhs. 856, 857, 271, 589, 612, 491, 504, and 761, all of which are included in the Summary, and 2197, 2198, 2199, 2201 and 2214, which are not. They prove what could properly be assumed without them, his active participation in the aggressive moves and preparations of his period of office.

From 7 July 1941 to 7 April 1945 he was commander of the Korean Army, and as such responsible for the illegal sending of POW to Korea for exhibition purposes (Exhs. 1173-5),

for enforcement of illegal regulations with regard to them in that area (Exh. 1976), and for illegal sentences upon them (Exh. 1998).

From 7 April 1945 until the surrender he was in command of the 7th Army in Malaya. While he held this command at the end of the war serious outrages against POW occurred. It covered Malaya, Java, Sumatra and Borneo (Exh. 2282). As an example, out of 827 POW at Sandakan camp, Borneo, on 29 May 1945 only 5 survived, the rest having been murdered or died of illtreatment or starvation.

Some other Exhibits covering POW offences in the area at this time are: 1513 A (R. 12,914), 1514 A, 1516 A, 1517 A (Itagaki's visit to camp), 1518 A, and Col. Wild's evidence (Record 5491).

We submit that there is ample evidence against him at all periods.

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REPORT BY: R. H. GILLILAND
1st Lt., Inf.

RE: ITAGAKI, Seishiro

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On 18 April 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat, were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 701.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

ITAGAKI, Seishiro

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 January 1885

RESIDENCE : Iwate Prefecture

SOCIAL STATUS: Samurai

1903 May 30 Graduated from the Central Military Preparatory School;
Appointed as a cadet, assigned to the 4th Inf. Reg.

1904 Oct 24 Graduated from the Military Academy

1904 Oct 28 Appointed as a Probationary Officer

1904 Nov 1 Commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant, attached to the recruited
battalion of the 4th Inf. Reg.

1904 Dec 8 Granted the Senior Grade of the 8th Court Rank

1906 Jan 29 Attached to the 4th Inf. Reg.

1906 Apr 1 Decorated with the 6th Class Order of the Rising Sun
with Single Ray;
Awarded the Meiji 37-38 War Medal;
Granted a sum of ¥400 as Imperial gift

1907 Dec 21 Commissioned as Lieutenant of Infantry

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1908 Mar 20 Granted the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank

1908 Oct 22 Attached to the student's company of the Military Academy

1913 May 20 Granted the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank

1913 Aug 31 Appointed as Captain, assigned as Company Commander of the
4th Inf. Reg. (Cabinet Order)

1913 Dec 13 Admitted by order to the Army College;
Graduated therefrom on November 25, 1916

1914 Feb 20 Attached to the 4th Inf. Reg.

1914 May 16 Decorated with the 5th class order of Sacred Treasure

1915 Dec 1 Relieved of present post, assigned Company Commander of the
4th Inf. Reg.

1917 Aug 6 Relieved of present post, attached to the Army General
Staff Office

1918 Jul 10 Granted the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank

1919 Apr 12 Relieved of post, attached to the Army General Staff Office;
Attached to the Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary
Forces in Central China (Army Order)

1919 Jul 25 Relieved of post; attached to the Headquarters of the
Japanese Expeditionary Forces in Central China;
Appointed Staff Officer of the Japanese Expeditionary
Forces in Central China (Army Order)

1920 Apr 1 Commissioned as Major of Infantry (Cabinet Order)

1920 Jun 25 Decorated with the 4th Class Order of Sacred Treasure

1921 Apr 20 Relieved of post as Staff Officer of the Japanese
Expeditionary Forces in Central China;
Appointed Battalion Commander of the 47th Inf. Reg.
(Army Order)

1920 Nov 1 Awarded a sum of ¥550 as Imperial gift in recognition of
services in 1915-1920 War

1922 Apr 1 Relieved of present post;
Appointed member of the Army General Staff Office and
concurrently instructor of Military Science of the Army
College (Army Order)

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- 1923 Aug 6 Appointed Lt. Col. of Inf. (Cabinet Order);
Granted the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank
- 1923 Sep 3 Attached to the Kwanto District Martial Law Headquarters
(Army Order)
- 1923 Sep 8 Appointed Secretary of the Provisional Earthquake Relief
Office (Cabinet Order)
- 1923 Oct 2 Relieved of post, attached to the Kwanto District Martial
Law Headquarters (Army Order)
- 1923 Oct 16 Relieved of post as secretary of Earthquake Relief Office
(Cabinet Order)
- 1924 Jun 9 Appointed Assistant to the Military Attache of the Japanese
Legation in China (Cabinet Order);
Relieved of present and additional posts (Army Order)
- 1926 Aug 6 Relieved of present post (Cabinet Order);
Appointed member of the Army General Staff Office (Army Order);
Concurrently appointed instructor of Military Science of
the Army College (Army Order)
- 1927 Jun 30 Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of Sacred Treasure
- 1927 Sep 16 Relieved of additional posts (Army Order)
- 1928 Mar 8 Appointed Colonel, assigned as Commander of the 33rd
Inf. Reg. (Army Order)
- 1928 Apr 16 Granted the Junior Grade of the 5th Court Rank
- 1929 May 14 Appointed Staff Officer of Kwantung Army (Army Order)
- 1932 Aug 8 Appointed Major General (Cabinet Order);
Attached to the Kwantung Army Headquarters - Not Gazetted
(Army Order)
- 1932 Sep 1 Granted the Senior Grade of the 5th Court Rank
- 1934 Feb 7 Decorated with the 2nd Class Order of Sacred Treasure
- 1934 Aug 1 Attached to the Kwantung Army Headquarters (Army Order -
Not Gazetted)
- 1934 Dec 10 Concurrently appointed Military Attache of the Japanese
Embassy in Manchukuo (Cabinet Order)

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- 1934 Dec 10 Relieved of post, attached to the Kwantung Army Headquarters; Appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army (Army Order - Not Gazetted)
- 1934 Apr 29 Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of Golden Kite with an annuity of ¥700;
Decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun with Double Rays in recognition of services of 1931-1934 War
- 1936 Mar 23 Relieved of additional post as Military Attache of the Imperial Embassy in Manchukuo (Cabinet Order);
Relieved of post as Vice Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army;
Appointed as the Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army (Army Order - Not Gazetted)
- 1936 Mar 28 Appointed Japanese member of the Japan-Manchukuo Economic Joint Committee (Cabinet Order)
- 1936 Apr 28 Appointed Lt. Gen. (Cabinet Order)
- 1936 Jun 1 Granted the Junior Grade of the 4th Court Rank
- 1937 Mar 1 Assigned as Commander of the 5th Division (Cabinet Order)
- 1937 Mar 6 Relieved of post as Japanese member of Japan-Manchukuo Economic Joint Committee (Cabinet Order)
- 1937 Mar 1 Relieved of post as Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army (Army Order - Not Gazetted)
- 1937 May 8 Decorated with the 1st Class Order of the Sacred Treasure
- 1937 May 25 Attached to Army General Staff Office (Army Order - Not Gazetted)
- 1938 Jun 3 Relieved of post, attached to the Army General Staff Office (Army Order);
Appointed War Minister and concurrently President of Manchurian Affairs Bureau (Cabinet Order)
- 1938 Jun 15 Granted the Junior Grade of the 3rd Court Rank
- 1937 Jul 7 Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun for services in the 1931-1934 War
- 1939 Aug 30 Relieved of present post and additional posts at his own request (Cabinet Order)

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- 1940 Apr 29 Decorated with the 2nd Class Order of the Golden Kite
in recognition of the services in China War
- 1941 Jul 7 Appointed General (Cabinet Order);
Appointed Commander of the Korean Army (Cabinet Order)
- 1941 Aug 1 Granted the Senior Grade of the 3rd Court Rank
- 1945 Feb 1 Appointed Commander of the 17th Military District Army
and concurrently Commander of the Korean Military Area
Army (Cabinet Order - Not Gazetted)
- 1945 Apr 7 Appointed Commander of the 7th Military District Army
(Cabinet Order - Not Gazetted)

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