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Case No 188

4 December 1945 RE: KOICHI ONO

Status: Wending.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

The following information appeared in a SCAP press release dated 2 December 1945:

ONO, Koichi. This Major General rounded out his career in the Military Police as Chief of the General Affairs Department of the Kwantung Gendarmerie, from which he was transferred in April 1945 to the command of the 11th Division.

No active investigation is being conducted in thismatter.

LeRoy H. Barnard, Major, Inf.

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4 Dec 1945

RE : ONO Koichi.

STATUS: Pending.

BASE NO. 188

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Source: Not stated.

NIPPON TILES, #16780, 4 Dec 1945.

INFORMATION:

"OMB, Koichi. This Major General rounded out his career in the Military Police as Chief of the General Affairs Department of the Kwantung Gendarmerie from which he was transferred in April 1945 to the commande of the 11th Division."

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Raview Nippon Times "morgue" for possible further infornation.

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SERIAL NO. : 2

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RE

: ONO, Koichi, Maj. Gen.

STATUS : Pending

Memorandum for the Files:

On 4 Dec. 1945 CIS files reflect the following information on personnel indicted as War Criminals and ordered apprehended 3 Dec. 1945.

Born 1891. February 1942 Chief General Affairs Department Ewantung Gendarmerie Tai - Major General, April 1945 Commander 11th Division.

It is recommended that this high-ranking officer whose whole military career has been in the Military Police be apprehended for his part in the Kempei policies.

Me qualifies under Paragraph 7-a. of Joint Staff Basic Birective for Post Surrender MilStary Government in Japan Proper of 3 Mov., 1945.

JAMES J GAINE JE

Capt. Inf.

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RE : ONO, Koichi (Hiroichi)

Lt. General

REPORT BY: John W. Coleman

Special Agent CIC

DATE: 7 January 1946 STATUS : CLOSED

TEXT OF REPORT

A search of CIS files reveals no further information other than contained in Serial #4. ATIS records disclose that ONO was Commander of KWANTUNG Army Gendarmie (Source 551/58) and Commander of General Unit Central China Expeditionary Force. (Source: 514/710/12)

The following copy of ONO's service record was obtained from the Japanese Liaison Office of the Demobilization Ministry, Tokyo:

Born: 1 April 1891

Education: 1914 - Graduated from Military Academy.

1925 - Graduated from Military Staff College.

Official Career: Ordered the Instructor of the Military Academy.

Assigned to the Staff of the Independent Garrison.
Ordered the Instructor of the Military Academy
Aug 1937. Attached to Military Policy Unit of

Aug 26, 1943: Appointed Commander in Chief of the Military Police Unit of the Central China

Expedition Army

April 7, 1945: Appointed Commander of the 11th pivision.

Present Address: Sugamo Prison.

All available sources of information, other than a direct interrogation, have been exhausted.

Pursuant to a directive ordering his apprehension, ONO was imprisoned at Sugamo Prison on 12 pecember 1945.

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FILE NO. 188

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Fihelly

- l. A review of File No. 188 reflects that it contains information which may be of interest to the members of Group C.
- 2. This information is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

LeRoy H. Barnard Major, Infantry Executive Officer Investigation Division

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1 File C

FILE:

REPORT BY: D. L. Waldorf

RE : ONO, Koichi, Major General

DATE: 19 January 1946

STATUS: Pending

Born 1891. February 1942 Chief General Affairs pepartment Kwantung Gendarmerie Tai - Major General. April 1945 Commander 11th pivision.

It is recommended that this high-ranking officer whose whole military career has been in the Military Police be apprehended for his part in the Kempei policies.

He qualifies under Paragraph 7-a of Joint Staff Basic Directive for Post Surrender Military Government in Japan Proper of 3 Nov., 1945.

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(Counter Intelligence Justification Files reflected the above indicated information concerning subject.)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME, COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: ONO. Koichi

TO : Commanding Officer, 35th AAA Group

It is requested that the Subject be placed incommunicade to any end all persons except members of this and the Legal Section and agents of the CIC. It is desired that ONO not be allowed any mail privileges and that he be kept segregated from the other prisoners. This condition will probably not last for more than a week, and is for investigative, not disciplinary purposes.

For the Chief of Counsel:

JAMES J. GAINE, JR Captain, Infantry Inv. Div., IPS

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LHB/ me

Lieutement General Koichi CMO

Internat'l Pros Sect

Adjutant General GHQ. AFPAG

7 Feb 46

- l. It is highly desirable from the standpoint of investigative precedure that Lieutenant General Koichi CMO, who is presently incorcerated in Sugamo prison, be deprived of the privileges of receiving visitors or sending mail or other communications for a period of approximately one week. It is felt that should be be allowed to communicate as is normally the case, the investigation in his matter might suffer an irrepairable loss, and it is, therefore, requested that the Commandant of Sugamo prison be directed to exclude all visitors except duly authorized persons from the Counter-Intelligence Corps, Legal Section and the International Prosecution Section.
- 2. It is desired to point out that this is not a disciplinary measure, but an administrative one to serve the best interests of the United States Government.

THEODORE GOULSBY Lt Colonel, Cavalry Chief, Administrative Division

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Travel Orders

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Adjutant General, AFPAG 8 Feb 46

- 1. It is requested that travel orders be issued for Captain James R. Gaine, Jr., 0-1797116 Infantry, 28 Lt Fred H. Uyehara, 0-2030790 Infantry, and Staff Sergeent Morbert A. Halleren, 17143037, all on duty with the International Prosecution Section, to proceed to Ikeno Zentsujimachi, Tado County, Esgava Prefecture, on or about 11 February 1946 and return to Tokyo.
- 2. The requested travel is necessary in connection with War Crimes investigations, and no per diem is being requested.

THRODORE GOULSBY Lt Colonel, Cavalry Chief. Administrative Division

COPY: 1 File 188

RE: HATA, Hibosaburo

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONKI. THOMAS H. MORROWS

In compliance with your inquiry as to the current location of certain Japanese nationals the following is submitted:

HATA, Hikosaburo - File 220

Probably in Manchuria: See Serial 2: Telegram has been sent.

HONDA, Kumataro - File 198

Japanese Liaison has been directed to furnish information as to lesation.

KANISAGO, Masashichi - Pile 205

Japanese Lisison has been directed to furnish informstion as to location.

MAKAMURA, Aketo - File 193

Japanese Liaison has been directed to furnish information as to location.

CM., Koichi - File 188

In jail; see Serial 5

TADA, Hayao - File 53

Japanese Liaison has been directed to furnish information as to location.

TAKAJI, Moto - File 170

In jail; see Serial 5

USHIRLKU, Jun - File 171

See Serial A: telegram has been sent.

PAROLD NATHAN

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FILE NO. : 188

Report by: N. A. Halloran Special Agent. CIC

HE

ONO, Koichi

DATE

: 8 February 1946

STATUS: Pending

On 7 February 1946 this office received a Civil Censorship Lead sheet dated 23 January 1946 and containing the following information: Lieutenant General Koichi ONO of Sugamo prison on the 18th December 1945, sent a letter to his wife, Kayoko ONO, of Kagawa Prefecture. The following sentence was extracted from the communication by the CCD:

"Collect all the documents and be ready to send them in to Colonel OGOSHI (Chief Examiner connected with prisoners demobilization bureau) Motomuracho, Ushigomeku, Tokyo,"

On the same day, 7 February 1946, in response to Major Barnard's request that nature of this reference to documents in subject's letter be investigated, this agent interviewed General ONO at Sugamo prison.

ONO explained that in 1942 (February) he became Chief of the General Affairs Department of the Kwantung Gendarmerie Tai and in 1943 (August) Commander-in-Chief of the Military Police Unit, Central China Expeditionary Army; that the documents referred to were a record of activities, orders of instruction and orders on policy while he held the above posts throughout the Central China, North China and Manchurian campaigns. The documents also contain records of unit inspections and four or five notebooks of two kinds: (1) diary form, (2) subordinate unit actions.

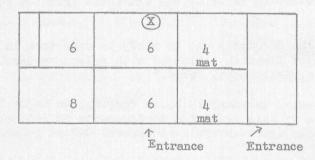
Subject stated that in saving this documentary material it had been for the purpose of submitting it to Allied officials as evidence in his behalf. When asked, if that were so, why he had sought to have documents delivered to Colonel OGOSHI instead of directly to Allied authorities, subject claimed ignorance of procedure in such matters. Subject stated that he had thought the most convenient method of bringing this evidence before the attention of SCAP was by sending it through Colonel OGOSHI.

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When asked in what way he felt these documents would shed light in his defense, ONO said, "They will explain my military aims and theories, my polices and desires on how subordinates should conduct themselves as military men, and will offer some insight into my own character."

Subject gave the exact location of these documents, stating that they were inside a "Boston" box in a 6-mat room of his house. Subject made the following diagram in which "X" indicates position of documents.

North



South

In answer to request that he declare all additional documents either in his wife's possession or elawhere, General ONO stated that he had given us complete information on everything of that nature. Subject was reminded that his premises was being searched which would verify the truth or the falsehood of his statements, and accordingly, reflect on the honesty he hoped to establish in his defense. Subject answered that he fully understood this and had withheld nothing.

Asked if he or his wife had ever destroyed or given orders to destroy any personal or military documents, subject stated that the only documents involving him which have been destroyed were those accumulated since his taking command of the 11th Division, April 1945. 11th Division documents were destroyed by ONO's subordinate officers.

AGENT'S NOTE: Although sincerity of subject could not be ascertained, it is this agent's opinion that ONO's information was reliable.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP DETACHMENT CIS - GHQ - AFPAC APO 500

23 January 1946 Exact # 307

FROM:

ONO, Koichi, Sugamo Prison, Nishi Sugamo, Toshimaku, Tokyo, Japan

TO:

ONO, Kayoko, oo Takahashi Teruko, 30021 Ikeno Zentsujimachi, Tado County, Kagawa Prefecture. Japan

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Date of Commun: 18 Dec 45

Comment by: W/L 134

Type of Commun: Letter

Language: Japanese

Disposition of Commun: Passed

COMMENT

WAR CRIMINALS:

NAME OF JAPANESE OFFICER CONNECTED WITH DEFENSE OF WAR CRIMINALS

Writer states:

"Collect all the documents and be ready to send them in to Col. OGOSHI (Chief Examiner connected with the Prisoners' Demobilization Bureau) Motomuracho, Ushigombku, Tokyo. action has been

Examiner: MP

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FILE NO. : 188 Report by J.J. Gaine, Jr.

On 13 February 1946, this officer, accompanied by Lt. Uyehara and CIC Agent Halloren, visited ONO's residence at Zentsuji, Negawa-Ken. The purpose of the visit was to obtain some documents which ONO had requested in a letter to his wife, which was obtained and translated as follows:

- (1) "As I had written in the letter, which I sent to you by Lt. Kawazawa, you will find instruction books, some unbound and others bound, inside a yellow leather bag (shaped like a sack) in the middle six-mat room on the north part of our house. Pul all of them in order.
- (2) "Take out the bound book on 'Military Discipline and Moral' from the lowest of the three boxes which have tea things in them in the four-mat room next to the entrance hall. If you cannot find it in this box, it might be in some other box, so be sure to find it.
- "Find the name-list of the personnels having relation to Manchukuo, which is in your package brought from Hoten.
- (4) "In the book-stand in the six-mat room of the entrence hall, you will find two gray name-rolls and two oblong bound replaceable (a book in which the names can be replaced) name-lists. Also have these out. Besides these also have the name-list of the students of the Chinese Staff College out.
- (I need these to find the addresses of the persons who are to be my witnesses).
- (5) In this book-stand, there is a paper-holder of deep blue, and in this you will find a paper in it with "The important Point of Review and Inspections written on it. Put this in order, leaving all the things in it. As this is also going to be an evidence, take good care of it.
- (6) "In the previously mentioned bag in which the bound instruction books are in, a small note-book with a think yellow cover with

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