

WHO'S WHO MONTHLY SUPPLEMENT

TOHARA, Kenji

b. Okayama, Japan, 14. 1883.

Graduated (1st in class) Military Academy; Grad. Military Staff College.
Speaks fluent Chinese.

1931: Mayor of Mukden during Manchurian incident; reported to have started riots and then occupied Mukden and Manchuria with troops.
Reported to have caused the train wreck on Chinese-Manchurian railway at Mukden in 1931, and thus furnished excuse for Japan to invade Manchuria under accusation that track was caused by Chinese terrorists.
Fought as the former Emperor of China and kept him in Japanese possession until he was freed, to make him puppet emperor of Manchukuo.

1932: Promoted to Major General.

1936: became Chief Special Service Section of Kwantung Garrison in Mukden and Helian.

1937: became Commander of the 14th Division.

1942: Commander in Chief of the Japanese Air Force.

Credited with originating policy of dividing north China Provinces from South China thus to weaken and take all of China.

One of the "Big Four" (along with Tojo, Sugiyama, Yamada) who control Japan's destinies and were behind the attack on U.S. and U.K.

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