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- HATARI Takonshiro (用意文) w mtl), formerly a Japanese infantry colonel, is chief of the Historical Materials Section of the Demobilisation Bureau. He lives in Setagaya-ku, Tokyo. Not only has be served with the Demobilisation Bureau since the end of the war, but he was ordered by 0-2 GHQ in 1945 to assist in writing and gditing a history of the Pacific war under the superintendence of DE) ARAKI Nitsutaro.
- HATTORI's military career began with his graduation from the Military Acodemy in 1922. He was graduated from the War College in 1930 and in Acodemy in 1922. He was graduated from the War College in 1930 and in 1934 was sent to France to study; he was an observer in Ethiopia during the Italian invasion. After his return to Japan in 1936, he was assigned to the Hobilisation and Organization Section of JIGS. In 1939, as an operations officer with the Evantung Army Headquarters, he participated in the Homonhan Incident. He was for a time an instructor in the Infantry School.
- 3. In 1940, for several months, he was a member of the Army Education Section, then moved to the Orientions Section of JIGS. From 1941 until December 1942, he was chief of the Operations Section, but he resigned when his immediate superior, (Lisutemant General TAMAKA Shinichi ( W Y (\$ ), resigned because of a difference of opinion with War Minister TOJO over the Guadaloanal operations. Following his resignation, December 1942 to July 1944, HATCHI was secretary for TOJO, under whom he had worked in 1932-1933 when the latter was phisf of the JIGS Mobilisation and Organisation Section. According to HAYASHI Saburo, TOJO chose him as secretary because of the high opinion he had formed of HATCRI's ability and perseverance in the earlier association. In July 1944, HATCRI was recalled to JIGS at the request of the chief, General UNEZU, as chief of the Operations Section.
  - TOJO's dictatorial policy had prevented factionalism in JIE, but after his fall in 1944 no one else in the organization rose to a dominant position, and JTOS itself lost prestige. The War Ministry, particularly the Military Affairs Bureau, became the leading influence in the Japanese army. Under Colonell ARAO Yoko (or Okinari) ( 7 7 7),

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it opposed Japanese surrender. HATTORI, although he remained outside the JIGS internal controversies, still meddled in personnel matters as chief of the Operations Section. According to HATASHI Saburo, this interference brought upon him the displeasure of Major General SHIBATA Icabiso, chief of the JIGS General Affairs Section, and he requested HATTORI's transfer. HATTORI was placed in command of a regiment in China in April 1945 and remained there until the end of the war.

- 5. Shortly after the end of the war, HATTORI told a former JIGS colleague that he believed the Japanese army would have to be recreating within a few years. He therefore planned to remain in the Demohilisation Bureau as long as it was possible to do so, in order to keep in touch with capable Japanese officers with a view to future reorganisation. He collected around him in the bureau the most capable of his former colleagues and subordinates for this purpose. When the inclusion of field grade officers in the Mational Police Reserve was started in August 1951, HATTORI was appealed to along with MITANA Joso (September 1951), while of the Demohilisation Bureau, for recommendations on suitable candidates and supplied to TATSUMI Bitchi for the MPR chief.

  MASUMARA the names of the persons with whom he had been in touch.
  - 6. HATTORI's closest friends and acquaintances include the following:
    - a.) TSUJI Massmobu ( M. K. (), to whom he has been close since 1939, when TSUJI was his subordinate in the Momenhan Incident and became his ardent admirer. He was instrumental, in 1949, in having TSUJI cleared from British charges of war crimes.
    - b. YNISHITEA Susmin ( 语 漢 ), his classmate and colleague from the Military Academy through JICS and a number of the HATTORI Organisation (Kikan).
    - c. (HURIBA Kasuo (地 場, 一 本), his classmate and colleague from the Military Academy through JIGS.
    - d. MOTO Emma ( # \* 1 8 ), a colleague in JIGS, member of the HATTORI Organisation, and employee of the Demohilisation.

      Bureau.
    - e. ARAKI Mitsuko (表 大 子), widow of Dr. ARAKI Mitsutaro, with whom he became acquainted when he was TOJO's secretary, since she was a close friend of TOJO.

    - g. TATSUMI Elichi, a post-wer acquaintance, was asked for advice and assistance by HATTORI at the time of the HFR faux pas.

      TATSUMI reinstated HATTORI in the good graces of G-2, and since then the relationship has continued close between the two.

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- TAMANOTO Bin (4 A ), a close friend since their association in 1937 on organization of the Toluma Eiken in Manehuria. Acquaintense was maintained throughout the war, and afterwards. About September 1950, when G-2 saled HATTERI to form an intelligence network to operate against the USSR, he appealed to TAMANOTO for assistance, and the latter worked out a plan for him to submit to G-2. Although visits bruseen the two in 1951 were few in master because both wished to avoid publicity, they occasionally conferred on confidential matters.
- HATTORI is described by TANNAPTO as very intelligent and level-headed and a capable operations officer.

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