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Lt. Gen. Torashiro KAWABE - Vice-Chief of the Army General Staff.

KAWABE was born 1890 in Toyama-ken. In 1912 he graduated from the Military Academy, where he specialized in artillery. He served as commanding officer of a field artillery regiment of the Imperial Bodyguard Division, and in 1937 he was a section chief in the General Staff, concurrently attached to the Navy General Staff. KAWABE was transferred to the Air Corps and in July 1938 was promoted to major general. He then served on the Shanghai front as chief of staff to General Hasekura HATAI. Later in 1938 KAWABE was sent to the embassy in Berlin as military attache. He was promoted to lieutenant general in July 1941, at which time he was chief of the General Affairs Section of the Army Air Headquarters. He became chief of the General Affairs Section of the Army Air Inspectorate General in December 1941. He was appointed deputy inspector general of military aviation and vice-chief of Military Aviation Headquarters in August 1944. On 7 April 1945 KAWABE was appointed vice-chief of the Army General Staff.

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