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INSTRUCTIONS

By His Majesty the Emperor, I, Waichiro, such as I am, have now been appointed to the responsible post of commanding the 11th Army which has hitherto distinguished itself by meritorious services. I esteem it the greatest honor and impression to be entrusted with such an important duty.

It is three years since the outbreak of the Holy War, and now, in the significant 2600th year of the Imperial reign, is the time when a rapid progress in the future situation of the war should be expected by harmony and co-operation between both tactics of the government and army. At this moment, our Army, stationed at the foremost front of the whole Japanese army, directly bear the brunt of the enemy to smash their attempts of resistance. Really important is the mission of our Army. I, trusting wholly to loyalty and bravery of the officers and men under my command, have determined to meet the Imperial desire by concentrating our energies on fulfilling the entrusted duty of importance.

I earnestly desire that you officers and men, complying with my wish, with inexhaustible perseverance and harmonious co-operation, shall better maintenance of the military discipline, raise the martial spirit, bring the traditional power of our Army into full play with perfect unity of the Army

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and make sincere efforts to overcome hardships, in order to shed still more lustre on the brilliant war career of our Army.

March 17 in the 15th year of Showa (1940)

Commander of the "IX" Group

SONOBE, Waichiro

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, who occupied the post of the then Staff-officer of the 11th Army, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, printed in Japanese consisting of 1 page and entitled "The Instructions" is a document compiled by the Headquarters of 11th Army on March 17, 1940.

certified at Tokyo,

on this 27th day of Feb., 1947

(signed) AMANO, Shoichi (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

at the same place,

on the same date

Witness: (signed) MORIYAMA, Toshio (seal)