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Admiral SHIMADA Reports on War Conditions to the Throne  
Honoured With Gracious Imperial Message Approving His Merits  
Vice Admiral TAKAHASHI and others Also Proceeded to the Imperial Palace

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Admiral SHIMADA, Shigetaro, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese area Fleet, sparkling with distinguished military services, triumphantly returned to the Tokyo station, at 9:10 A.M. of the 15th, together with Vice-Admiral TAKAHASHI, Koremochi, who had been holding an important post on the sea.

At the station, he had the honour to hear the Emperor's gracious words conveyed by the Aide-de-camp to His Majesty, SAMEJIMA, who was sent there by the Throne and was welcomed by many persons, including Navy Minister OIKAWA, Chief of Naval General Staff NAGANO, Vice Chief of Naval General Staff ITO, Supreme War Councillors, HYAKUTAKE and YOSHIDA, etc. Then he proceeded to the Imperial Palace from the front main gate in the carriage furnished by the Imperial Household Ministry and guarded a military escort of a cavalry unit under the command of Lieutenant SHIRAISHI, Isamu, of the 4th Unit of the Eastern District.

Following him, Vice Admiral TAKAHASHI also entered the palace from Nijyu /Double/ Bridge on the carriage despatched by the Imperial Household Ministry.

At 10 A.M. on this day, His Majesty, attended by Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty HASUNUMA and others appeared in the Imperial front chamber in an imposing military costume wearing the attached decoration of the Grand Order, and ordered to grant an audience to Admiral SHIMADA, Shigetaro and also to Navy Minister OIKAWA and Chief of Naval General Staff NAGANO who were to be present there. The Admiral, after expressing the greetings of his return when he prudently approached to the Throne, made a detailed report to His Majesty about those war conditions during his one year and half service such as the Chinese coastal blockade operations, the Navy "eagles" /T.N. pilots/ bombing of Chungking and the hinterlands of China, the occupation of French

Indo-China, the morale of the officers and men in the front, and so forth, to which His Majesty, while standing all the while, eagerly listened and condescendingly granted him a gracious Imperial Message approving his merits. His Majesty thus rewarded him for his meritorious services.

Then His Majesty ordered to grant an audience to Vice Admiral TAKAHASHI, Koremochi, and listened to his report on war conditions; further His Majesty gave audience to each of the Rear Admirals, SOEJIMA, Taisuke, ONO, Ichiro, MATSUNAGA, Jiro, HARA, Kenzaburo, MATSUNAGA, Teiichi, NAKAMURA, Toshihisa, and each of the Captains IMAMURA, TAKENAKA and OGATA who had previously returned. Then His Majesty entered into the inner palace. Following this, Admiral SHIMADA, Vice Admiral TAKAHASHI and the other nine were granted audience at the Household of the Empress by Her Majesty the Empress, and extending the greetings of their return, they retired from the presence of Her Majesty.

Further, His Majesty graciously attended the Homeiden Imperial Hall at noon of same day, and His Highness Prince KUNI also ---- /T.N. nothing follows/

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